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ew volume. We have now completed eight
l are determined that no stone shall be left
our part in order to make THE FREEMASON'S
every way worthy of the position it has
asonic journalism. However, as we offered a
on this matter at the close of Our Review of
1878, we shall add nothing further on this
r object in writing these few lines is to offer
d readers those hearty good wishes on the
new year which are specially seasonable.
y from the date of this number will be the
879, and we are justified, therefore, in taking
ound on the surroundings of Freemasonry as
he closing days of the year. We are not
se the ground we went over in our sketch of
are going to take a peep, so far as it is pos-
spect that awaits us. When it is impossible
oretell what a single day may bring forth,
sly be presumptuous on our part to attempt
cipatory sketch foreshadowing the probable
asonry in 1879. Yet the future may be
tain extent. Everything that might have
as been done to bring about the complete
ace in Europe. We have it on the authority
e most competent to form an opinion, that
till a necessity for watching the progress
s, there is every reason to hope that all will
t in the spring of the coming year, when
contracted by the several powers towards
, by the terms of the Berlin Treaty, be
ried out, Eastern Europe, which for
has been the scene of devastation and
nce again enjoy a condition of tranquillity.
nay be anticipated as the necessary conse-
n to order that the commercial depression
have likewise been suffering will be alle-
now, unfortunately, prevailing among all
branches of trade and commerce, a state
parallel to which we must go back to the
famine—when, however, the suffering
— or to the potato famine. The news
s most unsatisfactory now; and what
kness of demand for business to any-
arge extent, the mourning for the
and the severity of the weather, the
ng must be terrible. But as the poli-
omes brighter, the commercial, it is to be
suit. People are not prone to venture
es when there is a chance of political
d so when a way is seen to avoid the
ect a revival of confidence in trade, and
pen that the Board of Trade returns for
he event of all going well—show better
have done latterly. As regards the
nd the prospect which lurked behind it
ed in a struggle with Russia for supre-
Asia, the withdrawal of the Russian
l is a hopeful sign, while the victorious
erent columns seems likely to secure to
ontier which has been declared neces-
to security of our Indian Empire. What

earliest rumours has reached us from the Vicero
will have on our further relations with Afgh
early yet to form an opinion. The governm
country is now in the hands of the Ameer's s
Khan, but there are no means of judging of th
may pursue. He may remember gratefully
vention in his behalf with his father, when a pr
Lord Lytton invited Shere Ali to treat him w
tenderness, or being a soldier of some reputati
resolve on fighting to the last, trusting to the
culties of the country in which the contest is b
He may be encouraged to this course by th
many of the great independent tribes, whose
personal towards the Ameer, and who may yet
now that the latter has fled the country, to st
for the honour of their country. It is, we repe
to form an opinion on this matter, but, there is
that the blows we have already struck will not
their effect in convincing the new Ameer
humanly speaking, impossible to cope with our
he may be willing to make peace instead of risk
and perhaps still more disastrous defeats. On
indeed, in Asia, as in Europe, we may congra
selves on the improved prospect before us
returning peace we may expect a return likewis
mercial prosperity. We have, too, in consequ
convention with Turkey, a magnificent field o
enterprise in Asiatic Turkey. This part of
once teemed with wealth, and under the prote
of Great Britain, there is no reason it should not
Thus, both politically and commercially, it may
the outlook at the present moment is full of ho
these circumstances we may anticipate that F
has a happy new year in store for it. If all g
shall find ourselves under the same beneficent r
Reviving trade will probably lead to a more
port of our Institutions than has—by compa
understood, with 1877—been accorded them
The day of the Festival of the Royal Masonic
Institution is already fixed, and Lt.-Col.
Starkie, Prov. G. Master of East Lancashire,
consented to preside as chairman. As this is th
our Provinces, having as many as eighty-nine
may look to its exerting itself most strenuous
if possible, to eclipse the brilliant performanc
wickshire and West Lancashire in 1876, when
supported its chief, Lord Leigh, to the extent o
the Boys' School Festival, and the latter gave £
Lord Skelmersdale took the chair at the Ben
tival. Already has Provincial G. Lodge voted
some sum of five hundred guineas towards th
no doubt each Steward will make it a point o
secure as large a list as possible. The annivers
other Institutions are yet too remote, though in
the campaign may be said to have begun,
brethren have already sent in their names as S
one or other of the Festivals. In Scotland th
power are still in the hands of Sir M. R. Sha
Bart., so that the increased activity and sense
sibility exhibited by the executive may be exp
fruitful of still greater benefit, while in Irelan
Duke of Abercorn still occupying the post
Master, we may anticipate a continuance of tha
which has attended Irish Freemasonry under h
sway. We do not imagine that the course of

een from certain matters recorded in
reemasonry in 1878, that the question
ublesome one, and is oftentimes the
erence between separate and inde-
s. Grand Lodges, of a recent con-
ly, are jealous of anything which they
nst the completeness of their sovereign
is only natural. A Grand Lodge
interrupted and undisputed sway over
rict, can afford to treat with compara-
must be somewhat trying to the
the authorities of a younger sister,
ture age, or a trifle beyond that, is
nt whether her powers of attraction
hile a young and promising girl, just
od, is always exacting in her demands
he other sex. She may be content
f admirers, or she may need a host
hted or overlooked were intolerable.
d, perhaps, is at the bottom of the
between the Grand Lodges of Scot-
th one slight difference, however,
reafter. The former dates back its
1736; the latter has not completed
ing declared its independence as
nnot, therefore, afford to look on any
independence with an eye of indiffer-
Grand Lodge, though unfortunately
as dignified as its friends could have
to treat any affront, fancied or real,
nd self-possession. However, it is
nd Lodges that, as we have said, a
risen, and unless some other course
hich appears to have been adopted
son to fear that the breach, instead
row wider. Thus, a few words on
nte would seem to be not inoppor-
's season when individuals—and why
corporate?—are accustomed to en-
ce and goodwill among their fellows.
impossible to bring about a recon-
angry disputants, so that they may
The point in dispute is not so mo-
ns and fraternal discussion of its
to settle it. Non-Masons arrange
lly, and it were "hard lines," in-
dies should find insuperable diffi-
reconciliation. But the point in
e is it, and how has it caused such
? Briefly, the case stands thus.
ebec was founded in 1869, and the
olds sway was formerly within the
l Lodge of Canada, just as, in the
foundation of the latter, Canada
jurisdiction of the three Grand
Kingdom. As very many of our
time the independence of the Grand
recognised by the parent Grand
that any of the Lodges established
their allegiance, if they preferred
fortunes of the newly established
us that nothing could possibly be
sonry nothing is so desirable as
amunities of brethren, like indi-
njoy perfect freedom of action in
It would be a matter of course, as
faith, that all new Lodges in the
n should receive their warrants
ge, but it was perfectly just and
ng Lodges should have the option

they were under its authority, while Scotland, assuming, may be, that the stipulation already made would retain i force, made no fresh condition of the kind, and recognise the Grand Lodge of Quebec. Whether this omission wa a mere accident, or of set purpose for the reason we hav suggested, is a question which cannot be decided now, bu any benefit that may arise from the omission may fairl be claimed by Quebec. Nor does it seem to have bee behindhand in so doing, and that Grand Lodge has resolve that a certain limit of time shall be fixed, after which i will be necessary that the Elgin Lodge, No. 348, of Mon treal—that being the style and title of the Scotch Lodg in question—must surrender its old warrant, that is, cas off its allegiance to Scotland, and seek a new warrant fro the Grand Lodge of Quebec. It claims to do this as o inherent right, and also from no mention whatever bein made in the correspondence between the two Gran Lodges on the subject of recognition. Moreover, th Grand Master not having recommended the acceptanc by Grand Lodge of the conditional recognition by England pressure will be brought to bear on the two English Lodge at Montreal to compel them to range themselves under the banner of Quebec. The result of this is, that the Gran Lodge of Scotland has issued warrants for the constitu tion of two new Lodges in Montreal, the King Solomon No. 622, and the Argyle, No. 625, and it may well happen that, in consequence of this retaliatory measure, the breach between the two bodies will be widened instead of healed. Scotland has formally withdrawn its recognition and has created new Lodges, and Quebec, not unnaturally, perhaps, is very angry. As far as we have studied the matter, it appears to us that both have placed themselves in the wrong. It would have been far better if Quebec had left unmolested the Scotch Lodge Elgin, No. 348, even though her recog nition by Scotland contained no stipulation about Elgin retaining its freedom of action, and retaining, if it were so disposed, its allegiance to the Grand Lodge to which it owed its being. It was a single Lodge, and it is most probable that in time, when a new generation of brethren had arisen, the Lodge would voluntarily enter into the jurisdiction of Quebec, and take out a new warrant from its Grand Lodge. But even if no such contingency happened, and Elgin continued to remain under the Grand Lodge of Scotland, we see no reason whatever why the Scotch and English Lodges could not work side by side with the Quebec Lodges, just as do our Irish, Scotch, and English Lodges in other of the Colonies and dependencies of the United Kingdom. What is being done in Melbourne, in Calcutta, in Bombay, in Jamaica, cannot be impossible in Montreal. There was no necessity for disturbing arrangements which had been in existence for two-and-twenty years. True, it is argued, that men who were rejected as candidates in the Quebec Lodges were received in those owning a foreign allegiance, and, no doubt, some inconvenience and even disrepute may occasionally have resulted. These things, we fear, are constantly happening in our midst; nor do we think it less likely they would happen if the three Lodges passed into the jurisdiction of Quebec than now. If there is a laxity in admitting candidates, it will prevail to the full as much under one jurisdiction as another; whereas, if the constitutions of the several Grand Lodges are strictly followed, none but worthy persons will be received into Freemasonry. We can understand that a new Grand Lodge would prefer that all the Lodges already existing within its territorial limits should acknowledge its supremacy, but, on the other hand, it is perfectly natural that some of those Lodges may prefer the retention of their *status quo*. It is very well for a newly constituted Grand body to proclaim its absolute sovereignty over the country or district in which it is situated, and this, as regards the

are about to refer to, can we abstain from
is not circumstanced as are other independent
s. A Grand Lodge of Quebec sounds in our
ich like what a Grand Lodge of Lancashire,
Devonshire would do in this country, with
, that, having regard to the immense extent
orth America, the multiplication of Grand
its limits is not open to the same objection
in so small a country as England. We have
anything calculated to wound the self-re-
rand Lodge of Quebec, but we think it would
mething like magnanimity on her part had she
intage of the omission of all conditions from
n of her independence by Scotland, and if
as desirous of remaining as before it should
y acquiesced in the wish. What Canada
Quebec might do likewise. Canada at the
pendence was a far more important Masonic
ec is now. Modesty is not an unbecoming
masonry. When a Grand Lodge of nine
s to its neighbours, far and near, with all the
he premier Grand Lodge of the world, it is
emind it that the ties which connect it with
ld are derived from those very Grand Lodges
arrogantly. Let it govern itself accordingly,
ps, it will be respected, instead of being, as
ir butt for the ridicule of other Grand

NG, IF NOT INSTRUCTIVE.

From THE KEYSTONE.

anti-Masons often amuse us by the bugbears
which to frighten themselves and their credulous
t a monster, with eyes a-flame, with a mouth re-
of the Mississippi, with Satanic talons in place of
owels of compassion, and before this figment of
y would fain persuade "the profane" that Free-
ship. We have before us two recent issues of the
esbyterian (for 31st October and 14th November
some of these remarkable statements. The reader
ading them, that we are worse than Mohamme-
mblers or adulterers; and that we flaunt a black
hope to conquer the world. Anti-Masons would,
themselves into a Holy Office, an American In-
the days of thumb-screws and racks, so that
lsehoods from the mouths of weak, dying men,
justify themselves in their wicked delusions.
rant and passion-blind fanatics would do, if they
p the perennial flow of charity from all of our
uncils and Commanderies; stop the current of
circulates throughout the Brotherhood; stop the
cident to the hours of Masonic Refreshment;
ose simply of justifying their falsely and
ed notions of the most humane Fraternity that
earth, a Fraternity whose First Great Light
d of the one only true and living God!
hink that we exaggerate the language of these
a few sentences from the sources above in-
ks:

anly in us; would it not honour the Master
should we not in all probability be more
p his kingdom in the long run, if we should
other systems of error and forms of wicked-
y and gambling, Universalism and Mormon-
an enemy of Christ and his cause. And now
ng himself throughout the length and breadth
g captive our young men, and the godliest of
black flag in front of our churches and our

this is! What Freemason does not quail.
strike his breast, after reading it, and cry
wretched land-pirate that I am! But who,"
the fatherless and the widow when I am
oil upon the waters of religious controversy,
godly creeds into one blessed family, whose

an open enemy. But the Lodge is secret. It strikes
back. It can kill a man so quietly that he will never
hurt him.'"

If any one of our readers can corroborate this wild a
should be glad to hear from him. We have beer
for many years, and in all *our* experience, the law of lo
the only constraining power, in the Lodge and out of
Even our misrepresented oaths are Biblical. There is
Bible than there is of any other book in the world, in Ma
Mason's God is the God of the Bible, and he is taught t
of his fellow-members as his brethren. Nevertheless,
any manner required to continue to act with Masons as
body, against his will. Just as we ask no one to becor
so we prevent no one from quietly, or even boisterously
from among us, and practically being no longer of us.
no despotism, but, on the contrary, the kindest l
imaginable. Even when prodigals leave this father's h
forth, like the renegade Mason who is the author of the
have quoted, to waste their substance in riotous living
even to feeding swine (as doubtless he has done), still
truly repent, the Lodge, like a tender father, will receiv
again, overlooking their flagrant errors, and place
stomachs a piece of the fatted calf, and on their finger
forgiveness.

Now, mark you, this libeller writes as "one having au
not as the Scribes." He has been a Freemason! He
he asserts—at least he says he does, which may be ano
Hear him:—

"I am acquainted with Freemasonry, as the great
you are not; I am acquainted with its ceremonies,
teachings, principles, and practices; and no one has
question the truthfulness of this assertion. And I de
institution a sword drawn against the health, and the pe
purity, and prosperity of our churches—nay, against t
themselves, and against all the churches of the land.
Christian and as anti-Christian as Islamism or Mormo
do not hesitate to affirm that for a man understanding
the principles and teachings of Freemasonry, and be a
the same time, is as impossible as for a man to be a
Mohammedan and a Christian at the same time."

We need only reply to this bald libel, that the t
Christian ministers, and the hundreds of thousands
Church members, who are also members of the Masonic
give the lie direct to its assertions. Besides, Freemaso
nounceably unsectarian, comprehending in its members
well as Christians, besides other religionists. It is a
whose law is love. It is intended for all who ackn
fatherhood of God. This indictment against it
is a high *tribute* to its character. In the
come Jews, United Presbyterians, Episcopalians and R
lics, with many others (but the Editor of the *United*
may not be there) shall all sit together in heavenly plac
only place *on earth* that they now sit together is, *in*
Lodge.

AN EXPLANATION OF THE LETTE

Some years ago a flashily dressed individual made
ance one evening in the reception room of the Masoni
Boston and intimated his desire to visit the Lodge the
It so happened that a well-known Brother was sitting n
chatting with the Tyler, and keeping his weather eye
postors, in accordance with a habit he had acquired from
experience in keeping watch over the strong box of the G
He greeted the new-comer cordially, and invited him to be
a committee should come out and examine him.

"Oh! it's no matter about that. I'm all right," said
cant, making sundry strange passes with his hands, and
tortions of his visage.

"Oh! yes," said Brother Mc, "I've no doubt of that, b
they always examine strangers who desire to visit the Lo
mere matter of form, you know."

"Well, I'm ready for 'em," said the visitor confidently.

"Certainly," said the watchful Brother, "you're
should know that at a glance. By the way, that's a
some breastpin you have," said he, examining with gr
a large gilt letter G., which the visitor had conspicuous
on his shirt bosom.

"Ya-as, that's a Masonic pin," replied the wearer, pu
breast.

"Indeed? Letter G.? Well, now, what does that mo

"Letter G.! Why, that stands for Gerusalem—a
quarters for us Masons, you know."

The committee found their work had been performed

between Quebec and Scotland. The Coloured United States are also stigmatized there as c. And now, a New South Wales pamphlet ston, U.S., informs me that similar warfare has that the usual Masonic adjectives, such as rebel, re flying round very lively among Masons, who, n the world, ought to love each other as

I have come to the conclusion that the origin les is caused by blind belief in ancient land- blind faith in self-appointed expounders of ancient landmarks" was the cause or excuse of ncients; and "ancient landmarks" is appealed Wales secessionists; and in every dispute, each nt landmarks.

sion, our jurists persuade the Craft that it has *unwritten* Masonic laws. Now we know that going on among great lawyers about the mean- t is even claimed that "a coach and six can be t of Parliament." The Judges of the Supreme ates have more than once been at loggerheads laws meant *white* or *black*. If then it is im- written laws, how can we expect agreement and between the written and unwritten laws, nders manage some how to keep the brother-

s was ordained in the Constitution of 1721; rovincial Grand Lodges was at first done by of a G.M., but was afterwards confirmed whether a G.M. granted a mere charter to colony, or gave them a commission or deputa- ov. G.L., the Charter or Deputation may be contract between the G.L. at home and its hich both bound themselves to observe. In wever, the loyalty of the Provincials began to to the parent G.L. were sent irregularly, or ld we send money [they began to say] to Eng- hing in return?" and next, perhaps the Grand nswering a letter to the Provincials, which was rievance; and then the Provincials began to as to ancient landmarks, and then a conven- passed resolutions after the pattern of our n of Independence," winding up with "our nb each other Right Worshipfuls and Most they printed their Proceedings and sent them o, having themselves seceded at a recent or own parent Grand Lodges, could of course do lge the new G.L. as regular and orthodox.

usly at these Proceedings, I cannot help think- re in the first place guilty of breaking the con- ree to adhere; and second, as every Master th, or gave a solemn promise at his installa- the parent G.L., by taking part in the seces- em to me to commit perjury or, at least, a d pledges. To ease their conscience they may l or imaginary, on the home G.L., or excuse have done so before. But their most impor- cedents, and landmarks, which learned jurists an occasion.

home G. Lodges ought to have been sufficiently n nature to foresee that a time would come en would desire to be independent, and there- t, specifying the conditions of peaceful separa- ating the Provincials having to violate their at respect Americans act more justly towards in the territories. I do not know the precise arters, but I do know that whenever Lodges in organize a G.L., the parent G.L. throws no but, on the contrary, wish the new G.L. God

some cases in the working of Colonial Lodges, cl the home Grand Lodges to take part in the e case in New South Wales. It seems that bout fifty Lodges in that Colony, chartered nd Lodges of England, Ireland, and Scotland. formation of the new G.L. perfect concord rethren of these nationalities, and the usual e exchanged between them. Now, twelve out have organized the new G.L., and the said Lodge appealed to the G.L. of Massachusetts, n, but also to acknowledge its right to subjugate ight Lodges to its sway. And in case the said ld refuse to submit, the said G.L. of Massa-

American notion, and no one knows who originated it. In 187 W. S. Gardner, G.M. of Massachusetts, in order to invalida Prince Hall Grand Lodge (coloured G.L.) in Boston, cited the a *Three Lodge Law*, and hence, as the Prince Hall G.L. was org by only one Lodge, he therefore pronounced it, spurious, clandc illegitimate, &c. In my review of Bro. Gardner's address, I his attention to the fact that the G.L. of York was formed b Lodge, that of New Hampshire was formed by two Lodges, t Rhode Island was also formed by two Lodges. The G.L. of M chusetts in 1777 was formed by no Lodge at all, a solitary M of a dormant Lodge was the only Lodge officer then present, have since then ascertained that previous to the union of the M of English origin with those of Scotch origin, several bro belonging to the former met in convention, dubbed each other Worshipfuls and Most Worshipfuls, declared themselves an pendent Grand Lodge, and then the farce was performed of th Grand Masters acknowledging each other's legality, then they resigned, and then one of them was elected. But what I beg t particular attention to is, that the new G.L. of 1792, which the G.L. acknowledged as legal and orthodox, was also organised perfected without the presence of Lodge Officers. If then a could be legally created fifteen years after another was establi and if Grand Lodges could then be formed by less than three Lo and by no Lodges at all, why cannot the same proceduro be legal and orthodox now?

On the other hand, "exclusive Masonic jurisdiction" ma enacted as a local law, but it cannot be called a fundamental Ma law; for instance, for about sixty years two Grand Lodges exerc co-ordinate jurisdiction in England; and in 1813 each Grand L acknowledged and confessed that the other Grand Lodge was ju legal and orthodox during those sixty years as it was itself—(just same as the two Grand Lodges in Massachusetts did in 1792). Germany there are now eight Grand Lodges exercising co-ordi jurisdiction, and in France there are two such Grand Bodies. W German or French brethren travel abroad, and wish to visit Lod no Lodge would refuse them admission, because they belong to or to that G.L. The G.L. of Scotland before 1813 used to admit *ancients* and *moderns* into its Lodges, and, when the split took p near thirty years ago in the G.L. of New York, both parties delegates to the G.L. of England to plead their respective cla The G.L. of England, after hearing what each had to say, *decided to interfere*, but it extended the hand of good fellowship to b parties alike. Either of the New York parties were welcome English Lodges, *and therein the G.L. of England exercised sound common sense*, and I hope and trust that when the Ameri Coloured Mason question shall be brought to the notice of the G of England, that it will then exercise the same common sense towa the members of the American Coloured Lodges as it did towards New York brethren above referred to.

Again, there was an English Provincial Grand Lodge in Frankf on-the-Maine, as early as 1761. (See "Findel's History," pp 247 307). In 1783 the Eclectic Union G.L. was formed, which is still existence. In 1814, the brethren belonging to a Lodge at Frankf holding its charter from the G.O. of France, were ordered by Government to sever their connection with the French G.O. Christian members of the said Lodge got a charter in Germany, the Jewish members of the same Lodge could get no charter from German G.L. In this dilemma the Jewish Masons applied to Duke of Sussex, G.M. of England, who granted them the desi charter. Thereupon, says Bro. Findel, p 514:—

"The English Provincial G.L. at Frankfort appealed to the tre concluded with London, by virtue of which Lodges in her dist could only be erected by her and with her consent, and she theref protested against the conduct of the mother G.L. The latter, howev remained firm to her purpose."

We see, then, that even in Masonry "There is no rule without exception." The fact is, laws were made for Masonry, but Mason was not made for laws, and hence, when Masonic laws are based up justice, the Craft at large will respect them, but if they are bas upon local prejudices, the Craft will treat them with contem Guided by that principle, the G.O. of France, the United Gra Lodges of Germany, besides other Grand Lodges, have, in spite of t protests of American Grand Lodges, acknowledged some of o American coloured Grand Lodges. To make, therefore, Masonic la universally respected, those laws should be based upon common sen upon just principles—or, in other words, those laws must accord wit the golden rule, "Do unto others as you wish others to do unto you.

Agreeably to the above rules, I respectfully advise Grand Lodge to acknowledge the new Grand Lodge of New South Wales. Bu at the same time, it must be given to understand that the will an pleasure of the remaining thirty-eight Lodges must be respected b all parties. The said Lodges have done nothing to forfeit the rights, and there is no reason (except of so-called learned jurists) wh

ed jurists.

CORRESPONDENCE.

d ourselves responsible for the opinions of our Cor-

ertake to return rejected communications.

ust bear the name and address of the Writer, not r publication, but as a guarantee of good faith.

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CHARITY;" IS IT GIVING?

he Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

D BROTHER,—Brother Binckes has distinctly replied ve to this query. *Apropos* of the correspondence on you permit me to give an extract from a lecture by h seems to throw light on the question. Speaking of ctor says:—

that there exists in the world, and I am afraid also rethren a mistaken opinion respecting this great prin- sonry. The error arises from a superficial considera- meaning of the word Charity. Taken in its literal is sense, it is supposed to be embodied in our benevo- . (This is Bro. Binckes's opinion.) We have, how- name for the sensible and material virtue which eficially for the advantage of our widows, orphans, distress. And that is *Relief;* which constitutes one principal Point of Freemasonry. Thus, if a person at his name may appear to advantage on a subscrip- f love incite him to acts of liberality that he may nage of those amongst whom he lives—would it be nte to such a man the practice of true Masonic or y? Far from it. His benevolence is laudable, neficial. But it is not Charity—it is Relief. To y, it may be Faith; it may be Hope; but it cannot se are distinct things. An inspired writer has enu- d informed us which is the greatest.

me quality may be exercised to establish a name or ation. . . . But if our benevolence have only this short of that beautiful—that Masonic Charity which ngs, hopeth all things, endureth all things. . . . d Hope in futurity are not enough; they must be ity or the universal love of God and man; else they to draw aside the veil which conceals the Holy of ne inspection; they will fail to exalt us to that ve where the Great I Am eternally dwells amidst livided charity. This is the charity which animates reemasonry. . . . Charity is the *third step* of the its foot based on revelation, and its summit con- brilliant clouds of heaven. It consists of an d united with an unfeigned affection for all his

I am, yours fraternally,

A BROTHER.

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ditor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

BROTHER,—It is very evident that your corre- TOILES," and I have no views in common on this as we are concerned, the matter must remain as rically opposed in opinion as in practice. This, justification for a letter so illogical in its deduc- inferences, so unfair in its interpretations, as of to-day.

e Rev. Dr. Ace I pass over in silence, leaving it intain his own position, but I cannot permit the to remain unanswered.

ted, the opinion "that there is any duty resting ard *all* other outside direct Charity in favour of narity." All I did was to combat the converse In asserting this, there is nothing contradictory ng that I have often endeavored to urge upon nat our Masonic Institutions should have their established my views by arguments generally y hearers and myself.

schools near their parent's residences, and clothed would not be tolerated now; that that system cont thereafter partially to 1865, when the present bui That statement, therefore, perfectly true in it "remarkable" about it in connection with the p and I need not trouble you with any remark on trast" so prominently noticed, simply because no be found.

Again, let me remind your correspondent th £10,000, or upwards, per annum, does not nec similar expenditure, and I challenge him for proof having been, or being expended on the education, o tenance of 200 boys.

If "DEUX ETOILES" would study the annual re School before writing to the Press, he would avo jurious statements, and spare himself and others n trouble.

From the tone of the letter under consideration, that there is some risk of this controversy degen sonalities, and, therefore, I shall not pursue it. written on the subject, and I do not see that any good further ventilation. "DEUX ETOILES" may enjoy al he can possibly derive from his little jokes as to "I "authorised Binckes's ritual," the former remindi all that has been written, or said, or done, in the e honest desire, to secure additional support to our tions, of Hamlet's exclamation—

"Let Hercules himself do what he may,
The cat will mew, and dog will have his

I am, yours faithfully and fraternall

FREDI

21st December 1878.

BRO. JACOB NORTON AND "Q." DUNCKERLEY QUESTION

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRO

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have read Bro. Norto my criticisms with much interest, I may say, wi though we differ widely on many material points, sti easy, plain-spoken manner in which he treats hi courage in recording his opinions is admirable, bu cannot say as much for his accuracy. His letter enough—but what is it after all? An opinion—whi is worthy of respectful consideration, but of nothi to give his own words, "When I read the narrative p saw no reason to doubt Dunckerley was a natural s Second. When I first read the article in the *Gent* for 1795, I was puzzled as to which account was the when I finished reading the sequel, printed in 179 conclusion that if George the Third would have Dunckerley story to the judgment of such a lawyer E. J. Cockburn, Dunckerley would never have recei would never have been a Provincial G.M., would n duced amongst the *moderns* the Royal Arch, Temp and other moonshine; and would never have figured a 'Masonic Luminary.'" I say nothing against the c but as I have already urged, they are only opini humble judgment, there is nothing in them to shak him adduce evidence that will bear the minutest in then, if it is worthy of being described as *facts*, a his theory, I will at once acknowledge myself in erro

Premising that his imagination is at fault when he being "evidently *hot-headed*"—I am as *cold as ice*, riedly commit myself to an opinion on any subje believe myself capable of forming one; that I ne irritated by an article in a Masonic paper;" I alw best of my humble ability; and consequently that likely to arrive for me to "clap a wet towel on my "may read the article a second time"—I will just poi as I can, my reasons for thinking the Masonic version of analysis, and that unless we are prepared to write d as a vile impostor, who traded on his mother's adult advancement, and to suppose that George the Third, have been in intellectual power, was in the habit of g sions and allotting apartments in a Royal palace to they had some claim on the purse and favour of I result can hardly be otherwise than favourable to t sion. Is it likely that the Royal patronage would liberally dispensed in the case of an humble warra

[redacted] to whom I mentioned your
nce of heart and public virtues I know are only
ejudice), I may have possibly been in a small
of conveying to the knowledge of one of the
ces, one of the opportunities of which I be-
lighted. By whatever means it came, blessed
fers it. May you, Sir, and your family long
uch a provision.

ard, your obliged and faithful servant."

tter, I should judge from the description "a
Marquis)" was Viscount Townsend, who was
786. Now the references I find in these let-
unmerited distress," to the King's "humanity
he pride which one of the writers takes in
ll degree an instrument of conveying to the
the most generous of Princes, one of the
I believe his soul is most delighted"—surely
gratulations and encominms, and the sound and
ral Oughton to Dunckerley as to his future
een ridiculous had it been an ordinary case of
nner and teacher of "the Mathematics" on
I do not say they prove that Dunckerley was
George II., but they plainly indicate an un-
for the bestowal of such liberal patronage.
tatement, "that there is no antecedent im-
truth of the Masonic version of Dunckerley's
that Bro. Norton "*thought so too*," once, and
will yet see fit to repent him of the error of
again. Bro. Norton thinks it highly probable
e, afterwards George the Second, might have
with a servant or attendant, but what sur-
ng regard to her own and her mother's poverty,
unckerley's circumstances should have felt
dge herself the favourite of the Prince of
d for this belief is simply that "the idea of
ong the highest ladies of the land." It seems
as one person in the world from whom "a
s mother" was in duty bound to keep her sin
, the offspring of that sin. Having at her
e are told, repressed "her criminal passion,"
act of folly to have made public her shame
o very few, and might have been continued to
orldly point of view. But under any circum-
retain the respect and affection of her son it
im in entire ignorance of the irregularity of
at the point of death she made full confession
noral character, in order that her son might
parentage, and Dunckerley appears to have
having been born irregularly than if he had
. This womanly sense of shame is made
opular novel of "Percival Keene," only in
scovered in the life-time of the hero's mother.
udge of men and women. Therefore, I con-
trary to human nature" in Mrs. Dunckerley
orance of his birth. Nor is it a fact that
np "in ignorance, of nearly so." I judge
ree letters written by him to Lord Chester-
wenty-four years of age, during about four-
been subject "to the hardships of a man-of-
e, undated, will be found at pp 445-446 of
s' *Magazine*, and the second, dated "Port
Minorca, June 1, 1748," and the third, un-
nd pp 253-6 respectively, in Vol. III., of the
year 1794. These are the letters of a very in-
d man. The first was written in compliance
desire, the second is in continuation of it,
so. He may have educated himself, or been
-of-war; but these letters point to something
ng been bestowed on him before he was ap-
went to sea.
ing been under the necessity of applying a
the more this version is examined, the
ts extreme probability. That a foremost
oticed in his lifetime and after death in a
y in the order of things, but how came it
articulars of his career should have been
article in the *Gentleman's?* Again, why
l earls, and barons, and untitled gentlefolk,
terest in a mere warrant officer, even though
inary ability? Why should some among
King about him? Why so much mystery
d merely for naval services? Why, as is

all the heartiest good wishes for the coming new year, an
stating my opinion, yet I should have no feeling of diffidence in
mitting my case against his, even to so eminent a lawyer as my
Chief Justice of England, and, prejudice apart, I think the judgm
of every careful student of the circumstances will incline to
rather than to him. And saying this, I subscribe myself, not
"evidently hot-headed" brother, who must needs "clap a wet t
upon his head" when "he finds himself irritated by an article
Masonic paper,"—for I am never so irritated—but, placidly
fraternally yours, in the best of spirits,

"Q

THE PANTOMIMES.

THE Christmas of 1878, if in many respects a dull and even sorro
time of festivity as compared with many of its immediate
deceasors, has shown no falling off whatever in the amusem
which constitute the especial feature of the season. Theatr
managers have spared no expense in catering for the public,
there is not the slightest tittle of evidence that that particular f
of amusement which is known as pantomime has lost any of
popularity. On the contrary, there would seem to be more pa
mimes this year than in many that have come within our experie
and though the mimers are not exactly of the Grimaldian Sch
they succeed in evoking the applause of their audiences, which
be reckoned a fair test that their abilities are equal to the occas
Moreover, the taste for spectacular display is on the increase. E
an average company of artists will manage to get on good te
with the house, if there are some effective scenes, a good bal
and an elaborate transformation. Consequently, the record of
opening days of the present season presents us with a series
brilliant triumphs, and managers may rejoice accordingly.
must have a good hearty laugh at Christmas time, and we rejoice
say there are many theatres in London where this necessity of
Englishman's life can be satisfied

First in order comes "Old Drury," the pantomime at which ne
fails to secure an immense audience on Boxing Night. The title
the piece this year is "Cinderella; or, Harlequin and the Fa
Slipper." Into the story itself, as told by the veteran Blanchard,
need not enter. It is sufficient that the lines of the old nurs
legend are followed substantially. The drudge Cinderella, played
Miss Victoria Vokes, the Prince by Miss Jessie Vokes, the Bar
(Mr. Fred Vokes) and his valet, Kobold (Mr. Fawdon Vokes), are
principal characters, and knowing, as our readers do, the marvell
powers of the Vokes family, they may be sure that, in their han
the fun is fast and furious, and was loudly applauded by the audie
in all parts of the house. When we say that the scenery is
Beverley, that Mr. John Cormack has employed his magic wand
arranging the set pieces, and that the music is entrusted to H
Karl Meyder, while the whole has had the careful and experienc
supervision of Mr. F. B. Chatterton, it is warrant enough that
Cinderella of Drury Lane for the current season is in every resp
worthy of the house. At its great neighbour and rival, Cov
Garden, it is the Messrs. Gatti who have taken upon themselves
onerous duty of catering for the public, the title of their piece be
"Jack and the Bean Stalk; or, Harlequin the Seven Champions,
We've Christened em." Mr. Marlois presides in the orchestra,
the music throughout is admirable. Nothing has been spared
order to make this one of the most gorgeous pantomimes ever p
duced at this or any other theatre, and the enterprise of
managers, ably seconded as it has been by auth
scenic artist, ballet master, and by the whole corps
actors and actresses, has brought them unquestionably a gr
triumph. Miss Fanny Leslie plays the leading character in the op
ing part, and she plays it to perfection. The harlequinade, follow
upon a splendid transformation scene, which certainly "brought dow
the house, was effectively done, many of the tricks being highly s
cessful. At the Crystal and Alexandra Palaces, the season opened
Saturday afternoon. The title at the former is "Robinson Crus
or, Harlequin Good Man Friday and Pretty Polly Perkins." It
been produced, with the greatest care and attention to the minut
details, under the able management of Mr. Charles Wyndham, w
has been cordially supported in his efforts by all concerned.
Fenton has painted the scenery, which is highly picturesque, and
transformation, designed by Mr. William Telbin, is, as it should be,
of the features of the peace. The principal actors were Miss Em
D'Auban (Robinson Crusoe), Miss Nelly Moon (Polly Perkins),
Great Little Le Vite (Mr. William Atkins), Mr. Ross (Dame Perki
and Mr. D'Auban (Friday). The transformation scene, "The Ad
tion of Venus," must be seen to be appreciated for any attempt

ıflessrs. Douglass have provided for their patrons at the
nd, like its predecessors, it has been admirably put on the
s as admirably played by a strong and effective company.
annia, the title of the piece is, "The Magic Mule; or, the
the Princess to Win," by Mr. F. Marchant. The trans-
ene gives us "A Glance at Elysium," and with the name
Lane, lessee of the theatre, among the actresses, and
d to the success which has invariably distinguished her
rtist and caterer for the good people of Hoxton, our
rest satisfied that the entertainment is as good this year
the Grecian, as well as at the Surrey, a commencement
n Christmas Eve, the pantomime at the former being
'okey Pokey," while that at the latter, duly prepared by
Holland for his numerous friends and patrons, is the
ı of "The House that Jack Built." The management of
ra has produced "A Grand Spectacular and Musical
tled, "La Poule aux Œufs d'Or," while "Jack the Giant
been produced as an additional attraction at the Gaiety,
rising lessee, Mr. J. Hollingshead. All the places of
ainment, with but few exceptions, have programmes
fail to draw good houses, be they merely pieces which
secured the popular favour, or be they on a larger scale
et the more pressing demands of the public at Christmas
ist we pass without one word, at least, of commenda-
lent entertainment at the Egyptian Hall, where those
nists, the Messrs. Maskelyne and Cooke, still puzzle
eir numerous friends and patrons. Briefly, this part
ich has been devised for our enjoyment this season, is
est provided in recent years, and we must leave it to
ır readers to single out those which they will honour
sport. Of one thing they may be certain—that they
some difficulty in deriving other than a source of
om what they see.

PAUSES IN LIFE.

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that life should flow forth in a dull and unvarying
for much of the zest and heartiness that ought to
sent existence are lost when life is subject to no
terruptions. A man gets into the ruts, follows
one beaten path, and so becomes moody and dis-
elings as he only hears the same sounds, sees the
gs, and goes round and round in the performance of
repeat themselves with an unvarying uniformity.
once asked what was the cause of his having at-
his life, and this was the answer given by the
e:—"I am tired with taking off my shoes each
them on each morning. The monotonous demands
with it."

lose the relish for life, and in order to make the
t of what it offers, frequent pauses are requisite.
asons of rest and refreshment. There must be an
g aside from the regular courses of every day toil
iting fields that may be ranged over at will, both
d the renewed health of the soul. It follows, then,
ail and give glad welcome to those breathing spells
m time to time for such enlargement and blessing

ve come to the vacation season—the time when
ic organisations, at least in cities and large towns,
nd suspend labours for a couple of months. With
g "among the nineties," the Lodge room loses
ion; and the rehearsing of the Ritual or the per-
ic work becomes a kind of penance which even
rother seeks to avoid. It is well, under such cir-
ormal meetings and work should be intermitted—
d sound forth for brethren to go from labour to
at picnic gatherings, excursions and pilgrimages
ed for the usual routine of Masonic engagement

n, likewise, when, as individuals, pauses may be
nge of scene introduced. Every Brother who can
t sometimes to move out of his accustomed ways
hat so a fresh zest and inspiration may come into
nights of Mary and Allegheny Commanderies, who
and invited Brethren have crossed the ocean on a
d world will gain an enlargement of thought and
h much enjoyment, by their journey taken; and
but believe, with new strength and stimulus

"Beyond his native vale he never looked
And so the poor man lived and died."

It is well sometimes to obey the call that bids us
to Refreshment; well that we should sometimes inter
of toil that binds us all; well to make pauses, get
ordinary surroundings of life, that by change of th
we may be invigorated, and be better prepared for th
those labours that are demanded. Especially is
season, to go forth and look at God's works in wo
mountain or by the seaside, that by such communior
may be revived and cheered in our inmost souls, the
the moral nature being quickened by such contact.
who has recently passed on to the higher life, knew
nature to educate and bless. Thus he sings of her
tries in these familiar lines:—

"To him who in the love of nature holds
Communion with her visible forms, she
A various language; for his gayer hou
She has a voice of gladness, and a smil
And eloquence of beauty, and she glide
Into his darker musings, with a mild
And healing sympathy, that steals away
Their sharpness, ere he is aware."

May our readers make the most of the vacation ti
at hand. May they find refreshment and rest, a ren
strength by any change of scenery and surroundings
be privileged to make; and in this way may there c
fluences that shall broaden and brighten life in all its

THE THEATRES, &c

THEATRE ROYAL, COVENT GARDEN.—
YOUNG MAN. At 7.30, JACK AND THE BEANSTA

THEATRE ROYAL, DRURY LANE.—At 7.0, I
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CORNEVILLE.

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OUR WEEKLY BUDGET.

THE Queen, accompanied by Princess Beatrice, left Wind
sor on Friday for Osborne. On Sunday, and again
on Christmas-day, Her Majesty was present at Divine ser
vice, privately celebrated in Osborne House. The Prince
of Wales, Duke of Connaught, and Prince Leopold went to
Osborne on Saturday. The Prince of Wales returned on
Monday, and has rejoined the Princess and family at
Sandringham. The Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh,
with their children, left London on Saturday for Eastwell-
park, near Ashford.

A movement in Ireland to present the Duke of Con-
naught with a marriage testimonial has been very success-
ful, and meetings to promote that object have been held in
most of the large towns.

The Black Prince, ironclad, recently under the command
of the Duke of Edinburgh, was paid off on Monday, but
will be shortly re-commissioned. It is announced that the
Duke of Edinburgh, having served his sea-time, will be
promoted to the rank of Rear-Admiral.

Mr. F. W. Rowsell, Director of Navy Contracts, has
accepted the appointment of British Commissioner of the
ceded Daira lands in Egypt.

he Kuram Valley. A force has been sent to Afridi tribes, who have been attacking baggage generally the natives on the Afghan frontier dship towards the British forces. The Russian opted a conciliatory tone towards Great Brihe "courteous explanations" of Lord Beaconsbed the better feeling prevailing between the . There are rumours that a new Russian loan be offered for subscription in the European apprehensions of Nihilist conspiracies are exussian police to great activity, and numerous been made throughout the Empire. The stu- Universities are displaying an unruly spirit, easures against them are expected. The Bultion to the Commissioners in East Roumelia dified, it is believed in pursuance of further given to the Russian authorities in consethreatened withdrawal of the Commissioners. Prince Bismarck has been published in the papers, in which, after examining the financial he empire, he recommends a revision of view to obtaining increased revenue from ts. This suggestion of a return to a pro- of fiscal policy meets with considerable he Press. The French Chambers have adhe Christmas vacation. M. Gambetta was a dinner by the commercial travellers of he course of a speech in reply to a compli- he congratulated the country upon the succublic and the falsification of alarmist promarriage of the Duke of Cumberland with hyra of Denmark was celebrated at Copenurday evening. The negotiations between vernment and the Vatican are not proceedy, and at Rome doubts are cast upon the Berlin Ministry. The new Italian Ministry, epretis, has assumed its functions, but it is bable that its existence will be very prof the opposition in Parliament. In New coalition Ministry has been formed under f Sir H. Parkes.

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has been called to one or two errors which ketch of Freemasonry in North Wales and peared in these columns in the week ended (see pages 385-6, Vol. VIII.) Our corres us that Oswestry does not yet boast a pter, and that Bro. W. H. Spaull is not of the Provincial Grand Chapter. We g to correct any errors into which we may offer our apologies for having done so. e misled by the Grand Lodge Calendars 9, both which contain, in their respective Chapters the following entry:—"1432, ay Arms Hotel, Oswestry. 1st Fri." In the Fitzalan Lodge is marked with a * has a Chapter attached to it, and in the Chapters under the several Provincial ve find entered under North Wales and westry 1432." As regards the other say that in this last case—the distribu-we find under North Wales and Shropkin W. Wynn, Bart., M.P., is set down ender of the Province, having been so ick as 1859. It will be enough if we go an 1875, and in the Calendar for that r 1876, 7, 8, 9, this entry is made in two e of "Comp. W. H. Spaull, Bryntcours as Prov. G. Scribe, for the first

admit we had been informed there was n Chapter at Oswestry, and that Royal Arch travel to Shrewsbury or Welshpool in order duties of a Chapter. We must plead guilty having preferred Official announcements t tion derived from an individual. But the mi an unlikely one to make. At all events, made the only reparation in our power, by a the responsibility of our correspondent's inf Oswestry has no R.A. Chapter as yet, though several Companions for one, to be known as Chapter," No. 1432, Oswestry, was granted 1876. We thank him, also, for his courteou tion, which will doubtless have due effect in and incline those whom it may concern to b for the future in the compilation of Grand Lo

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On the 12th December the City Choral S performance of sacred and secular music School Rooms, Aldersgate Street, London, E Edwin Moss ably wielded the bâton, and wi the following artists: Miss Prince, Miss E. and Bros. Arthur Thompson and De Lacy. was a decided success, and the promoters amount realised to their conductor, Bro. Ed recognition of his valuable services to the Soc

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From one of our exchanges we extract t item—

The Leinster Marine Lodge of Australia, after we ously and successfully for fifty-five years under its held its monthly meeting, under the Grand Lodge Wales, at the Masonic Temple, Clarence Street, on M the 14th October; but owing to the excessive heat the attendance was not so large as usual, only sev being present, besides a sprinkling of visitors.

MARK MASONRY.

We are informed that the Right Honourable Lord M.W. Grand Mark Master Mason has given directions tution of two new Provinces in the Mark Degree—I Gloucestershire—and has appointed Bro. Montagne Regis, Blandford, in the County of Dorset, Provincial of the former, and Bro. the Rev. C. R. Davy, Tracy P vincial Grand Master of the latter.

Obituary.

BRO. BRYAN WORMALD.

On Thursday, the 19th instant, there was a gathering of York brethren at the Cemetery, pose of paying a last tribute to the memory Bro. Bryan Wormald, who died on the previc Bro. Wormald was raised in the York Lodge the Union Lodge), No. 236, in the year 1867, rose to the office of Warden; his failure of precluding his acceptance of the chair. He Arch, Mark, and Rose Croix Mason, and through the Preceptor's chair in the Ancien ceptory (K.T.), a degree in which he always uterest. One of his last acts was to sign honorary certificates for members of the Mary Pilgrimage who had been elected by the Prec he funeral the pall was carried by E. Sir Cooper and T. B. Whytehead, and Sir Knights berland, Keswick, Palliser and Simpson, and floral cross, bearing the motto of the Order,

; of a Federal or Supreme Grand Lodge to
r the respective Grand and other Lodges
ent, as proposed by the R.W.G.L. of Georgia, is
are impracticable;" but, it was added, that a
es from the several Grand Lodges in the
purpose of forming a more intimate union,
ular and permanent intercourse among the
ould be advantageous to the Craft, and that
nsylvania would appoint deputies to attend
the 16th August, it was resolved to hire the
Quaker's Meeting House, for the purpose of
mmittee was appointed to make the necessary
next meeting, on 6th September, a communi-
om the G. Lodge of New Jersey, enclosing a
ions, and also a letter concerning "Modern"
eferred to a Committee for report. It was
t arrangements had been made for the hire of
aker's Meeting House, for nine years, and that
with one exception, had agreed to pay their re-
ent—£75 per annum—and of the expenses of
odge contributing nothing. A letter from Bro.
f the Grand Lodge "Moderns" of England,
the meeting on the 6th December, and referred
nare an answer thereto. A Brother Hunt, who
ls cast for him in a certain Lodge into which
lmitted as a member, and had then entered the
y of conduct unbecoming a Mason, acknow-
as admonished to behave in a more Masonic

Thanks were also voted to a Bro. Burn for
pedestals to the Grand Lodge. On the 27th
lected Grand Officers were installed, but the
id Orator was postponed. Subsequently, Bro.
nted the Grand Lodge with two lights, and a
ing of the Bastille, and the thanks of G. Lodge
the minutes. On 7th March 1791, a reply
w Jersey, on the subject of Modern Masons,
rand Lodge desired to see a union of Ancients
; the proposal should be submitted to a Grand
ed to be sent. The Report of the Committee
January preceding, in which a resolution had
ngements to be made for the burial of Bro.
a Past Dep. G. Master, who had died a short
entered on the minutes. At a Special Grand
was announced that the cost of fitting up
was over £65, and steps were ordered to be
lges to pay their several shares of the expense.
ering, lately of No. 4 Lodge, then extinct,
by a Committee to return a large Masonic
of that Lodge, but now belonging to Grand
inction; but Bro. Pickering did not comply
therefore, on 6th June, he was ordered to be
nmunication until he returned the said bowl.
and Secretary of England was ordered to be

the same month a complaint, brought by a
st the Grand Secretary, which was found to
se of influencing a Court of Justice in an ap-
ismissed as scandalous and malicious, and it
, that none of the charges were supported by
t this meeting a committee was ordered to be
Wardens, and Past Masters of all Lodges in
e of inquiring into and reporting upon the state
ania. A Committee was also appointed to
r belonged to Grand Lodge, and where it was.
is resolved that Grand Secretary, even if not
f any Lodge, might vote in Grand Lodge, and
. Committee was also appointed to consider
hould apply for an Act of Incorporation. On
being St. John's Day, Bro. Dr. William Smith
table to the occasion, and thanks were voted
as then resolved to have a feast on next St.
sueable to every regular Mason, to be two
wen shillings and sixpence to go towards the
Grand Committee of Charity, and subse-
e that day in full clothing at Oeller's Hotel.
en appointed to prepare an address to General
lings terminated. On the 2nd January 1792,
rument, an address was submitted and ap-
appointed to present it. At the meeting on the
ted that the address, which was on the occa-
pointment as President of the United States,
that the illustrious Brother had replied as

ETERS.—I receive your kind congratulations

the expulsion of the Brethren and Barrier of Pennsylvania. &c.

On the 3rd December a long communication from Brothe
Agar, Deputy Master ("Ancients") England, and countersig
Rob. Leslie, Grand Secretary, was read, in which the English
Lodge recognised the independence of the Grand Lodge of P
vania, and a proposal was made with a view to fraternal inte
and correspondence between the two Lodges. Copies were ord
be sent to all Lodges, and a Report on the Communication to b
at the next meeting. On the 4th March 1793, a letter from th
Master of South Carolina, on the subject of incorporation, was r
to the Committee on that question. On 25th, a warrant was g
for a Military Lodge, limited to the movements of the An
Army, and some very interesting particulars of a convention l
the Army Lodges during the War of Independence, at Morri
N. Jersey, on 14th January, when General Geo. Washingtc
proposed as General Grand Master of the United States, are giv
the 2nd December, after resolution duly made and seconded,
agreed that the Grand Master should appoint the Grand
m'ttee on Correspondence, and it was appointed accordingly.
also resolved that, in consequence of the yellow fever, whic
raged in Philadelphia during September—for which reasc
quarterly communication that month was not held as usual—a
lowing months, to which over 5,000 persons, including ten er
physicians, had fallen victims, a subscription should be raised f
purpose of aiding brethren, and the widows and orphans of de
brethren, who were suffering from that calamity, the funds subs
to be paid to the Grand Treasurer, and disbursed by the Comi
of Charity. On the 27th of the month, the brethren attended l
Service at St. Paul's Church, and, subsequently, a resolution was
to the effect that certain brethren should wait on General
ington, and thank him respectfully for his generous do
to the poor. At the communication on 1st December 1794
Jon. B. Smith having declared his inability to continue in off
Grand Master, Bro. W. Ball, who had been appointed by the E
Kelly, the first Provincial Grand Master under the Ancients
unanimously elected his successor, so that we were in err
stating the former brother had filled the chair of Grand M
for the whole of the period included in this Part II. Bro. G. t
tary having also expressed a desire to resign his office, Bro.
Armstrong was chosen in his stead. On St. John's Day,
Ball was duly installed in office, by Bro. W. Moore S
Deputy Grand Master, and saluted. Bro. Smith was al
turn installed. On this occasion, Achmed Benaley, a v
from Smyrna,—which, by the way, is not in Syria,
Anatolia, or as it is more commonly called Asia Minor,—is desc
as having been present. On 2nd March 1795 a case of irregular
mentioned, which leads Grand Lodge to express a wish that al
Lodges in the jurisdiction would exercise greater caution in
proceedings, and act consistent with the Constitutions. On St. J
Day, 24th June, Grand Lodge attended divine service, whe
elequent sermon, which is printed at full length in these Proceed
was preached by the Rev. Bro. W. Smith D.D., to whom the th
of the Grand Lodge were voted, and he was requested to supply a
of the same for publication and a thousand copies
ordered to be printed. This at a subsequent meeting it
said would most probably be furnished, and it was agreed to
only 300 copies. At a meeting on 17th November, we find me
of a Royal Arch Chapter. Sundry Lodges were ordered to be
pended till the next Communication, and the further order of G
Lodge. We find note taken of a schism having taken place in
sylvania, and a Committee of enquiry is appointed to ascerta
there has been any, and what its tendency was. Accordingly
the 23rd of the month, the representatives of the suspe
Lodges being admitted to seats, though not allowe
take part in the discussion, the Committee of en
delivered a long and elaborate report on the conduct of
Lodges in question (Nos. 19, 52, and 67), in having constitu
Royal Arch Chapter differing in working from the ancient mo
the city, and claiming to work without a warrant, and declared
the Arch Chapter in question could not be considered legal, s
number of reasons are given for recommending that a Grand
Arch Chapter for Pennsylvania should be opened under the
tion of Grand Lodge. The Report was adopted unanimously.
the 27th of November it was announced that steps had been t
by which the schism was healed. This may be considered the
act of Bro. Ball's G. Mastership, as he declined re-election, on
ground of ill health.

To be continued.)

Bro. J. Kench, P.M. of the mother Lodge will rehe
the ceremony of Installation at the La Tolerance Lodg
Instruction, No. 538, on Wednesday

the church was covered by an awning, and carpeted cloth, as was also the aisle of the church. The fine old arch of Greystoke was handsomely decorated. The y came from the Castle at half-past eleven o'clock, the arron, who was attended by the Hon. Alan Herther, arriving just before the bride, who was re. r brother, Mr. H. Howard, on her arrival, and at d to the Communion table, attended by four brides-, Miss Maud Howard, her sister; Lady Camilla Wallop, ridegroom; Miss Macan, cousin of the bride; and M'Donnell. The bride's dress was of ivory white with Brussels point lace; a wreath of orange blossoms overed by a tulle veil. Her jewels were a diamond racelet, the gift of the bridegroom, and a gold and , the gift of the tenants at Greystoke. The brides-were of pale pink cashmere trimmed with dark ruby in hats turned up with velvet to match, and pink a lady wore a gold bracelet set with pearls and lapis narvon's gift. The marriage was solemnised by the gilvy, M.A., Rector of Hanbury, near Bromsgrove, Rev. Edmund Askew, B.A., Rector of Greystoke. The n away by her brother. The ceremony concluded, ty returned to Greystoke Castle to breakfast. The ved in the great hall of the Castle, which has been d after the destructive fire which partially destroyed r years ago. Among the relatives and friends who ppy occasion were Mr. and Lady Mabel Howard, d Miss Maud Howard, Mr. Stafford and Lady Rachel iwendolen Herbert and Hon. Alan Herbert, Lord ady Winifred Herbert, Lady Camilla Wallop, Lady ell, Sir John Ogilvy, Sir Richard and Lady Mus-d and Lady Lawson, General and Mrs. Brougham, Wybergh, Captain and Mrs. Markham, Mr. Howard d of Corby, Mr. Mowbray Howard, Mr. Esme can, the Rev. Norman Ogilvy, the Rev. Edmund Mr. Tremayne Buller, Mr. and Mrs. C. Fetherston-rs. Parker, Mr. Senhouse, Miss Hayell, &c. Early he Earl and Countess of Carnarvon left the Castle esidence in Bruton-street, Berkeley-square, on their k, Somersetshire. Her ladyship's travelling dress red cashmere, with jacket and muff trimmed with plush hat and feathers to correspond.—*Telegraph.*

EE MEETING OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

eeting of the General Committee of the Royal for Girls was held on Thursday afternoon, in the asons' Hall. There were present—Bros. Col. r, Thos. F. Peacock, Arthur E. Gladwell, John Webb, C. Harcourt, Griffith Smith, Thomas W. er, H. Massey, H. A. Dubois, Major E. H. Finney, G. White, and F. R. W. Hedges Secretary. After firmation of the minutes, it was reported that Pickwick Histrionic Club had been engaged for a tion at the Twelfth Night Entertainment to the itution. Six candidates were placed on the list n, making the total number of candidates forty-ighteen will have to be elected. This concluded eeting.

t pleasure to announce that the Worship-addlers has given a donation of £10 in of the Royal Albert Orphan Asylum for tute Children, Collingwood Court, near of which our worthy Bro. William Wor-The Queen is Patron of the Institution, dinburgh President, and it is an asylum be liberally supported by all who have pense in charity without detriment to families.

AND PILLS.—The finest remedies in the world for bad nd ulcers. If used according to direct ons given with bad leg, or ulcerous sore, however obstinate or long their healing and curative properties. Numbers of persons in every part of the large hospitals, and under the care out deriving the slightest benefit, have been thoroughly ment and Pills. For glandular swellings, tumours, e skin, there is no medicine that can be used with the worst forms of disease, dependent upon the con

and that we may trace the close connection existing between the institutions of the past and the present.

In a former number of the REPOSITORY we took oc something about *Druidism*, which prevailed so extensi Britain and northern Europe about the time of the Ro under Julius Cæsar. We attempted to show that th philosophy and religion had many features analagous Masonry, Druidism had its secret rites, its peculiar ce varied symbolism, its inculcation of a system of moral obligation through successive degrees, all of which are gestive of much that enters into the character and Masonic Institution.

And so of that Society whose name is placed at the article, it has points of resemblance to Masonry th discernible. The very title under which the mem Jewish Association enrolled themselves was, according a sign and declaration of organised life. He deriv *Essenes*, or *Essæans*, from a Chaldean term signifying and *to be mysterious*; and also, from a Hebrew plying *association* and *union*. The organisati are told, did include all these characteristi an exclusive body; it practised many mysterious rites, obedience to God and his law as a pre-requisite to a qui ful life. Both Josephus and Philo give interesting this Order, which flourished extensively in Palestin beginning of the Christian era. The last named there were about four thousand of this strange people that "they lived together in retirement and contempl idleness, for they also labored diligently, though havi property and sharing common meals."

It is believed that the Essæans were especial admire that they were earnest enquirers in many department matters, and they sought to live pure and holy lives, themselves into closer communion with the Creator. T sacred days and places, and when they were thus were accustomed "to philosophise in symbols," and o monial which was probably as beautiful as it was sugge

This ancient Order had three divisions or grades cl besides, possibly, other superior degrees of which no k been preserved. The lowest grade was that of the *Se* a term of one year, lived practically outside the Orde were continually watched and tested as candidates fo At the end of a year, if found worthy, they drew Order, were admitted to some of its communions and some of its mysteries. Thus they remained two y approved, they were admitted to full membership, themselves the strong pledges of obedience and muta required by the Society.

There can be no doubt that this ancient organi high character and aims. The principles and pr tained were for the most part true and useful. It which stood for faith in God, for purity of life, an benevolence. It commanded its followers to holy livi suit of wisdom, and to the observance of brotherly k another. Whilst the ancient organisation lived and made testimony of itself in the upright characters endeavours of its membership; and though long survive as a distinct body, the memory o cherished even to this day. That there is a very con larity between the Essenic System and Masonry can We may not expect to make the two systems compare but there are obvious points of resemblance quite suf rant the interest that some may be disposed to take sation that existed two thousand years ago, and wh was largely pervaded by the spirit of Brotherhoo manhood.—*Freemasons' Repository.*

It has been our pleasure of late years, at th record the fact that Bro. Herbert Rymill, of t Repository, was distributing coals and other s among the poorer inhabitants of the district, a us great pleasure to notify that our esteer pursues a similar course this year. We t continue his useful work for many years, and ever have the means to relieve the wants of unate fellow creatures.

Brethren who desire to complete their FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, should make early or Back Numbers. At present all are in ome we have only a few copies left. Case

DAY, 30th DECEMBER.

dney's Head, 12 Old-st., near Goswell-rd., at 8.0. (In.)
Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
n, Carter-lane, Doctor's-commons, at 6.30. (Instruct.)
wan, High-street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction.)
amden Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
e, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8. (Instruction.)
sthourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8. (Instruction.)
Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30. (In.)
w Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8. (Inst.)
tel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)
el, Manchester.
l, Warrington.
bly Rooms, Tenby, Pembroke.
onic Hall, Canterbury, at 8 p.m. (Instruction.)

DAY, 31st DECEMBER.

s Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
r-chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
sonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
Dragon, Stepney. (Instruction.)
dliam, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)
Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)
9 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
cks, 23 Gresham-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
entonville-road. (Instruction.)
, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-street-rd. at 8. (In.)
tel, Shrewsbury, at 8. (Instruction.)
d, Dartford.
Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle.
tone Hotel, Hales Owen.
Paignton.
gate-row-north, Chester.
wan Hotel, Colne, Lancashire.

ESDAY, 1st JANUARY.

Arms, Devonshire-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
pe and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., Camden-town at 8. (In.)
n Dragon, Maddox-street, W., at 7.45. (Inst.)
ver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. at 7.30. (Instruction.)
Farmers, Southgate-road, N. at 8. (Instruction.)
ion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8. (Instruction.)
d Eagle, Wandsworth. (Instruction.)
s Hotel, Wood Green, at 7. (Instruction.)
ucks, Gresham-street, at 6.30. (Instruction.)
mon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8.30. (Inst.)
bury Pk. Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)
, Faunce Arms, Kennington Park, at 8. (Instruction.)
el, Edmonton.
n Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
e Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
n, Woodbridge, Suffolk.
Room, Ann-street, Rochdale.
Hall, Park-street, Bristol.
ion and Lamb, Wigton.
Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne.
ty, Masonic Hall, Dorchester.
n, Northwich, Cheshire.
Hotel, Ramsgate.
ns' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Mon.
e Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction.)
ry, Ludlow.
n, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
Hall, Liverpool at 8. (Instruction.)
rch Hotel, Kersley, Farnworth, near Bolton.
onic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction.)
Hotel, Lower Broughton.
Hall, Worship-street, Hull.
onic Hall, Liverpool.
akwater Hotel, Portland. (Instruction.)
e Hall, Gower-street, Derby.
Ivy-bridge, Devon.
Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick.
reemasons' Hall, Chester-le-Street.
ms, Wind-street, Swansea.
reet, Wigan.
Masonic Rooms, Leigh, Lancashire.
140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester.
Hall, Hornsea, at 7. (Instruction.)
e Hall, The Brook, Liverpool.
Pitt and Nelson Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne.
Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds.
ington Hotel, Duke-street, Barrow-in-Furness.
ge, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.

SDAY, 2nd JANUARY.

Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 7. (Instruction.)
sh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction.)
art, College-street, Lambeth, at 8. (Instruction.)
vern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
Dragon, Stepney.
Inst., Antelope Tavern, Lorn-road, Brixton, at 8.
een, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
ese, Crutched Friars, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
ons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, E.C. at 6.30. (Instruction.)
ord Tavern, Sandringham-road, Dalston.
salem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 9. (In.)
k William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)

792—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bullring-lane, Grimsby.
913—Pattison, Lord Raglan Tavern, Plumstead.
974—Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford.
1012—Prince of Wales, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire.
1074—Underley, Masonic Room, Market-place, Kirkby Lonsdale.
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instru
1231—Savile, Royal Hotel, Elland.
1282—Ancholme, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire.
1284—Brent, Globe Hotel, Topsham, Devonshire.
1304—Olive Union, Masonic Hall, Horncastle, Lincolnshire.
1360—Royal Arthur, Village Club Lecture Hall, Wimbledon.
1473—Bootle, Town Hall, Bootle, Lancashire.
1500—Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich.
1504—Red Rose of Lancaster, Starkies Arms Hotel, Padiham, near Bu
1515—Friendly, King's Head Hotel, Barnsley.
1557—Albert Edward, Bush Hotel, Hexham, Northumberland.
1594—Cedewain, Public Rooms, Newtown, Montgomery.
1612—West Middlesex, Feathers Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instructio
1639—Watling-street, Cock Hotel, Stoney Stratford, Bucks.
R. A. 325—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford.
R. A. 758—Bridgewater, Masonic Hall, Runcorn.
M.M. 53—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.

FRIDAY, 3rd 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. (Ins
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.)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instru
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1260—Hervey, Punch's Tavern, 99 Fleet-street, E.C., at 8. (Instructio
1288—Finsbury Park Master Masons' Lodge of Inst. Finsbury Park Tav
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1612—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 7.3
London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-street, E
R. A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8
Metropolitan Masonic Benevolent Association, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at

44—Friendship, Freemason's Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate.
219—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Todmorden.
242—St. George, Guildhall, Doncaster.
306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds.
375—Lambton, Lambton Arms, Chester-le-street, Durham.
521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.
549—St. Matthew, Dragon Hotel, Walsall.
574—Loyal Berkshire of Hope, White Hart Hotel, Newbury.
601—St. John, Wrekin Hotel, Wellington, Salop.
680—Sefton, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool.
709—Invicta, Bank-street Hall, Ashford.
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30. (Instruction.
847—De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon.
859—Royal Gloucestershire, Bell Hotel, Gloucester.
1096—Lord Warden, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal.
1333—Athelstan, Town Hall, Atherstone, Warwick.
1387—Chorlton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton Cum Hardy.
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
1528—Fort, Red Lion Hotel, Newquay, Cornwall.
1561—Morecambe, Masonic Hall, Edward-street, Morecambe, Lancashire
1648—Prince of Wales, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
1684—Gosforth, Freemasons' Hall, High street, Gosforth.
1725—Douglas, College Gateway, Maidstone.

SATURDAY, 4th JANUARY.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instructi
1572—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
1622—Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell.
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instructi
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8

820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchest

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Fitzroy Lodge, No. 569.—An emergency meeting of Lodge was held at the Head Quarters of the Hon. Artillery Comp Finsbury, on Friday, the 20th inst., Bro. R. G. Webster W.M. siding, assisted by the following Officers:—Bros. A. D. Everingi S.W., J. S. Sanderson J.W., Lieut. F. J. Stöhwasser S.D., W. Birdi P.M. I.G., Capt. J. Eglese P.M. Treasurer, W. Jolliffe D.C., Li W. I. Spicer I.P.M., and F. Graves P.M. Bros. Blashill, Ha Hayne, and Harrison having shown their proficiency in the degree, were advanced to the degree of Fellow Craft. The foll ing gentlemen were then balloted for, viz., Mr. Geo. Arthur Marsh of No. 5 Co., Mr. Charles Correlli, of No. 2 Co., Mr. Armand Corr of No. 3 Co., Mr. Chas. Geo. Jas. Port, of No. 3 Co., and Mr. E. Dugood, of No. 6 Co., which proving unanimous in their favour, t were severally initiated into the mysteries of the order. T visitors present were Bros. Nell 45, Ladbury 180, Fletsbire 1 Deacon 1382, Gunnell 1441, and Miroy S.D. 1599.

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Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611.—An emergency meeting

...meeting ratified,
...for Mr. Hickson, which proving unanimous in his
s initiated into Freemasonry. The ceremony was ably
W. Bro. Bradbury, which is especially noticeable, as it
initiation performed by him since his induction into the
The Lodge was now advanced to the second degree,
is worked up to that of M.M., to which Bro. B. Irving
der the mastership of I.P.M. C. P. Murray. This cere-
y performed, and the S.W. presented the working tools,
the ancient charge in a superior manner. This Lodge
highly complimented on the completeness and elegance
ntments, the efficiency of its officers, or the
fraternal disposition of its members. The Lodge
down to the E.A. degree, when some business
nature was transacted, after which W. Bro. Brad-
the hearty good wishes of the visiting brethren,
was closed in harmony. By request of the W.M. the
rned to supper. Each brother having done justice
ings provided, the W.M. proposed the health of the
as most loyally responded to, and then he gave that of
ince of Wales, the Princess of Wales, and the other
e Royal Family, which was warmly received. After
e Pro G.M. and the rest of G.L. Officers past and
n submitted and duly honoured, the W.M. with much
ed the health of the Prov. G. Master, Lord de Tabley.
that no words from him need be said in order to ensure
tion. The toast was most cordially drunk with
s. The next toast honoured was that of the Deputy
, and with it Bro. Bradbury united the name of Bro.
A.D.C. Bro. Cavanah said it was the first time he
sure of replying to the toast of Prov. G. Lodge. He
honour of being called upon to do so. The newly
was next toasted. The W.M. said that the Cope
ended a hearty reception to good men and true, and
Hickson, whom they were pleased to welcome into the
aternity. The toast was duly honoured, and Bro.
d the brethren with the E.A. song. Bro. Hickson
the members for the honour conferred on him. The
sed the health of the newly raised brother in a very
and complimented Bro. Irving on his zeal and effi-
t was cordially drunk, after which Bro. Heighwood
thren with a song. Bro. Irving, in reply, said
favourably impressed with the beauty and solemnity
which incited him to go forward, and he was pleased
feeling existing among the brethren. Bro. S.W.
h the gavel to propose the health of the visiting
did in a most fraternally Masonic manner, extend-
welcome to each and all. Bro. Holden returned
by Bro. Dawson. Each bore testimony to the
ed from being so bountifully and hospitably enter-
ratification they experienced in witnessing the
of the Lodge. Bro. Ogden kindly favoured the
ng. Bro. Simcock assumed the gavel to propose
never been omitted. They must allow that the
he position he so ably fills, and as a brother is
test esteem. The exalted position attained by
e Lodge is the result of his zeal for Freemasonry,
the discharge of those duties entrusted to him in
sted the members would continue to support him
their power, and that at the end of the year
as prosperous as now. The toast was heartily
. in responding, said it did not take him long to
he cordial welcome given the toast just proposed
ast Master. He hoped to be able to elicit the
hown, not for one year only, but as long as he
end his time among them; he oftentimes felt
ppy in the Lodge, but never more so than then,
h genial feeling shown among all. He appre-
greatly, and thanked them for their hearty sup-
us duties. Before he sat down he had much
em to join with him in drinking to the health of
he Lodge, to whom he felt greatly indebted for
valuable assistance. The I.P.M. in reply
for their reception of the toast, and promised
never called upon. Bro. Simcock assured the
lge was fully up to the mark in the Charities,
on in the Craft; with good counsel and advice,
continue foremost in every good feature. Bro.
th a few remarks to the same purport, after
wured the brethren with a song. The W.M.
ficers of the Lodge by proposing their health,
hey would continue to go onward with the
eterised them at present. The toast was duly
r replied, and said he did so with very great
commendations of the W.M. ...

...Bro. Hart was raised to the third
Snook, and Harvey were passed to the sec
Spencer was successfully balloted for and ini
in Bro. Kew's perfect and impressive manner.
according to annual custom, read. The electio
place, and Bro. D. M. Belfrage S.W. was unan
suitably acknowledged the honour conferred
Hopekirk P.M. was re-elected Treasurer,
Tyler. The Audit Committee was then app
P.M. announced his intention to serve as
Anniversary Festival of the Boys' School, and
P.M. and Treasurer proposed that the sum of £
list. It was proposed, seconded, and carried, th
presented to the retiring Master, who had so
his duties in the chair, for the second time in the
was then closed, and the brethren sat down to a
provided by Bro. F. Clemow. The W.M. genially
posed the Loyal and Masonic toasts. In offering
Gracious Majesty, he alluded to the sad loss she h
death of her daughter the Princess Alice, and h
that the G.A.O.T.U. would sustain her and the Ro
bereavement. The W.M. then proposed the hea
initiated Brother. He was a gentleman who ha
wish to enter Freemasonry, and would doubtless
He was sure from the attention he had paid dur
that he was sensible of the duties he had entered
having been responded to, that of the Visitors wa
Laing, T. R. Somers Vine, and H. M. Levy respo
course of his speech thanking the W.M. for the
work he had shewn, and congratulating him on his fi
he now graced, as well as the Lodge on their happy c
elect. Bro. Benet I.P.M. then rose and said he ha
to perform, and that was, to propose the health of the
occupied the chair for the second time, the P.M.'s and
thought it their duty to present him with a Testimon
a very elegant marble and bronze clock, with suit
In formally handing it to the W.M. he pointed out th
tion would no doubt serve to remind his children of
which their father was held in the Lodge, and also i
general. The W.M. in responding expressed his than
for the kind words he had uttered, and to the br
cordial response. He highly appreciated their valu
he should never forget, and which souvenir he hop
remain with his family as a testimony to them of th
of the slight services rendered by him to the Lodge.
the Past Masters was then given, and the W.M. render
bute of praise to their successful efforts to maintain
flourishing condition. Bro. Benet responded, and he w
Bros. Hopekirk and Munro. The next toast proposed v
of the W.M. elect, and Bro. Kew remarked that it affor
than ordinary pleasure in fulfilling this task, as he it
ated him into the Order, and he hoped to have the plea
ling him into the chair. The Lodge might be proud of
ance of one who could perform every duty required of h
the ceremonies as in ruling and governing the Lodge, so
lose none of its prestige, but, on the contrary, gain add
under their brother's able guidance. Bro. Belfrage, th
thanked the W.M. for his kind expressions, and hoped
able to prove at the expiration of his year of office
merited them, and had done his duty to their satisf
toast of the Officers, coupled with the names of Bros. W
P.M. Tr., Hughes P.M. Secretary, having been duly respo
Tyler's toast was given. Bros. Milward, Rosser, Parker
Bros. J. R. S. Vine and Parsons contributed to the ple
evening by singing several songs with good taste and fe

William Preston Lodge of Instruction, No. 7
Lodge held its usual meeting on Friday, the 20th Decem
Feathers Tavern, Upper George-street, Edgware-road.
Bros. S. Nichols W.M., Hill S.W., Evans J.W., Hayes Asst.
Kennard Treasurer, Tribbel S.D., Murch J.D., Aug. Braun
Sec., Moore I.G., Rudderforth Preceptor; also present Bro
Barker, Lucas, Reid, Clipper, &c., &c. Business—The L
opened in due form in the first degree. The minutes were
confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was ably rehea
Tribbel being candidate. Bro. Hayes assumed the chair, a
the Lodge in the second degree. Bro. Barker answered the
for raising; Lodge was opened in the third degree,
Hayes rehearsed the ceromony of raising, with his usual
and earnestness, Bro. Nichols acting as candidate. Bro.
elected W.M. for the ensuing Friday. The first seven sect
be worked on the first Friday in January, the seven brethren
was then closed in due and ancient form. The brethren
pleased to hear that Bro. Geo. W. West ...
the founder ...

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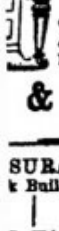
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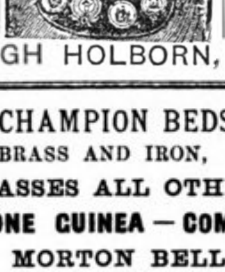
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curious feature which has characterised Free- hroughout nearly the whole of its more recent y, the superiority of the centrifugal over its ce. We might well have imagined that being ly, the atoms of which it was composed would d with a machine-like regularity, have gravi- the centre. That, indeed, is the general ex- nkind in respect of all well-ordered, properly nd properly-compounded bodies, that their rts cohere and balance justly about what is ir respective centres of gravity. Whether nasonry, being out of the common order of g rather a class of body all by itself, is able to take liberties with the forces by which it ot, is a question on which it is needless we y opinion. Apparently it must be so, as avity is constantly being displaced, and yet harm is invariably the result. In 1738 or curred the first of these serious displace- ook exactly three quarters of a century to al body of Freemasonry into order again ts adjusted as they should be. Then in , with all due respect to our brethren north Freemasonry, though an important body, upon as having an inferior importance to , has more than once had its annoying illus- legree to which its centrifugal or tangential er its centripetal force, or the force of gravi- an once has a formidable part of it flown We have seen the same thing happening in any, and the United States, and we see it ing in one of the Colonies of the British p metaphor, wherever Freemasonry has there sooner or later must a section of it nt, detaching itself from the central body, r itself as an independent body. In some ration of the different parts takes place, ie disintegration continues; but whatever onry in all its original purity and per- nd flourishes. It is not in the power of lissatisfied brethren to injure seriously, ently, the Grand Temple of our Frater- e which has existed through the Ages, ll Time shall change into Eternity. But , as Carlyle might say, into the "pro- is not given to all people to appreciate ilosophers. We must speak in the lan- it is, earthy, or we shall be unintelli- se acts of secession which Freemasonry witnessed is now being attempted. The ied disaster is New South Wales, one of British Crown. It is well known to Lodges of the United Kingdom have stablished in most of the British pos- dges work satisfactorily as a rule, be nglish, Irish, or Scotch Constitutions, re to the purpose, they work amicably The English, the Irish, and the Scotch s animated by the best of feelings . They visit and revisit each other spectacle is a most edifying one. There l in this. We are not disposed to lay fact in order to contrast it with the different is presented to us in this colony of New There are, it seems, a dozen Lodges, or there being actuated by unfraternal feelings, an throwing off their allegiance to their respectiv Lodges. They are starting a Grand Lodge and they are now seeking, with an audacity becomes the mere *parvenu*, to be recognised l Grand Lodges of America. We do not k have heretofore received any encouragement their erratic course. On the contrary, they l we know, been, in more than one instance, and unmistakably snubbed. Last week we letter from Bro. Jacob Norton on this secessi and though we do not agree with him in offers, we do not think it possible for any one scribed the conduct of these New South Wa more truthful, and at the same time, more guage. His advice, to let them go and for Grand Lodge, is offered merely from a sense o utter contempt for such paltry conduct. S tone and style, at least, if not his actual words, is likewise smart in his expressions about A marks, for which, however, we not only pr the most profound respect. We do not mea we accept whatever landmarks it may plea writer to set up. We attribute very little impor Bro. Paton may have written on the subject, accept his ruling when we find it in agreement v trustworthy authorities. Therefore, we car whether, as Bro. Norton properly points out, has laid it down that a certain number of Lo three, can establish a Grand Lodge, in terri Grand Lodge has previously existed. Had written thirty or three hundred his opinion been equally a matter of indifference to us. concern us is the question whether a few Lodges in one of our Colonies shall be perm turb the equanimity of the Order for their own It is not a question about the purity of Mas which so severely exercises these schismati cannot continue to live in a state of peace with their brethren in the same Colony. engaged in championing any particular cause appeal to our sense of admiration and symp are not doing battle against the oppressive co mother Grand Lodges. They are simply m their own selfish greed for the tinsel of Freem want to have a Grand Lodge because a Prov Lodge is not grand enough. 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TIES—A YEAR'S WORK.

e take the earliest opportunity of pre-
readers a summary of the work done in
able Institutions; nor, under the circum-
y reason why we should be in the
appointed that 1878 has not been as
eans for their support as its immediate
As we have already alluded at con-
the circumstances in question in our
ar's Masonic Doings, it will suffice if
e falling off in the amount of subscrip-
ue to a falling off in the interest and
, for the Boards of Stewards at the
re quite up to the average numerical
ethren composing them worked quite
. The lists were lighter, and the totals
liminished because of the political and
on of the times. The serious proba-
ry might find itself involved in a great,
war, the failure of banks in this and
he stagnation in many of our great in-
d the depression in every branch of
to explain the reduced totals. How-
what is happening around us, there
rospect that in 1879 there will be a
g like our former prosperity. The
the nine months of the financial year
ar elapsed show a surplus over the
the Chancellor of the Exchequer. The
the money market generally seems
ful signs incline us to anticipate a re-
gressive increase which had continued
ears, until the anxieties of 1878 inter-
it into a temporary decrease.
sion when we addressed to our readers
cription, we should not be fulfilling our
if we did not point out that, quite apart
theme that we are likely to awaken these indif
Lodges and Craftsmen to a sense of their duty, but
pleasant as it undoubtedly is, to be obliged to
this, we feel that it is a duty which must not be
lected. It is impossible that too much can be said
and again about our Institutions. There is always a ch
that the good that is being done may be increased if
are kept continually before us, but, as our readers k
there is an old saying, "Out of sight, out of mind," ar
we leave off talking and writing about them, brethren
leave off thinking that there is a continuous as we
an urgent need for funds. But to our figures wit
further ado. The Royal Masonic Benevolent Institu
for the second year running takes the lead, the total c
income for the year ended 31st December b
£14,880 2s 7d. Nor is the possession of this plac
honour due wholly to the circumstance of its grants
Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter being so largely
excess of what the sister Institutions receive. The Benev
took the lead in the amount subscribed at its Festival,
result exceeding £11,000, while Bro. Binckes obta
over £10,000, and Bro. Hedges, who was
acting Secretary at the time, over £8,000. If
compare the Benevolent income for 1878 with
for the previous year we find a falling of about £1,
the figures being in 1877, £16,431 19s 5d; and in 1
as we have stated above, £14,880 2s 7d. Next comes
Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, of which
Hedges is now Secretary, and we cannot but congratu
him that in his first statement of account, he shows an
vance—albeit to a trifling extent only—of the B
School. In the year 1877, this Institution brought up
rear with £11,854 10s 5d. In this, the year just complete
holds the second place with £12,866 1s 8d, an impr
ment which cannot be otherwise than extremely gratify
to all interested in its welfare. Of course, we know
fectly well that, as regards the year's subscriptions,
Girls' School was behind its fellow institution, a n
reference to what we have given in round figures, as
results of the Festivals, showing that beyond the shad
of a doubt; but happily for him, Bro. Hedges is n
fortunate than Bro. Binckes, in that he has a most
spectable item figuring in his return for divide
on invested moneys, while "Our Heroules" has
a very insignificant amount to look to under
head. Lastly, but at the same time well up
his new colleague, comes Bro. Binckes, with £12,
or just £300 less than the Girls' School income,
against £14,869 14s 9d for 1877—a position at wh
many will feel no little surprise, when they call
mind that the Boys' Festival was presided over by
Duke of Connaught. However, Bro. Binckes may cons
himself with having in so many former years taken
lead of the other Institutions, nor is he the man to gru
the well-won honours of his competitors in the cause
pleading for our Institutions. As to the number of *be*
ficiaries who are helped by the three Institutions, we
the Benevolent gives annuities to 145 men at the rate
£40 per annum, 135 women at the rate of £32 per ann
and there are 11 who receive each a moiety of her husbar
annuity—total, 291. In the Girls' School, there are
pupils on the roll, in the Boys' School, 211. Thus,
moneys subscribed to them are undoubtedly well bestow
We reserve our usual tabular statement, showing
amounts under the several heads of receipt, till n
week.

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Bro. R. H. Halford, W.M. United Strength Lodge,

e life Masonry should afford them the most pleasure; f studiously-inclined people like myself, life is too ndulgences. There are others who take a widely he craft to that which I do, and who look upon it as a system which aims at uprooting all the forms of h exist in this or any country on the face of the e is the author of a book which has been placed in ich professes to be an exposure of the whole of the designs of the craft. These secrets, I admit, have uriosity not only of the Mrs. Candles, but, it must arly everybody outside the order at one time or only way in which it has heretofore been able that curiosity has been for those who were curious o the brotherhood, which Masonic writers claim to ever since symmetry began, and harmony displayed is is rather an indefinite period from which to date omon's Temple is considered by the craft, I believe, more easily appreciated and more tangible to swear antiquity of the order there is, however, no room introduction into Britain, we are told, took place so ar 674. That an institution which has existed so embers are to be found in almost every country uld have preserved its secrets inviolate, can scarcely eemasons assert that it is so. The book, however, ferred professes to disclose the whole ceremonial all the passwords, grips, &c., connected therewith, ot in its description, is likely to bring the craft into The book has to a non-Mason an air of truth about es with strong feeling on the subject, and terrible is are which he, as a Mason, must have subscribed e no scruple in breaking them, and proclaiming to what the secrets of the order are. The author is y of Dublin, where the work has recently been deep-rooted hatred of the system will, no doubt, me of my Masonic readers to the fact that he is a religion. In his introduction to the book, our f the close brotherhood which, he asserts, exists reemasonry and that of the Continent, says:— k for England; but certain it is that the public of high-principled and religious Ireland recoils in blood-stained, plundering, unprincipled, and asonry of the Continent. Owing to the strength Christian-loving element in these countries, British ns are constantly compelled, in words at least, to ion or identity with the craft of the Continent." these disclaimers, he maintains that they are in nd are animated by one and the same spirit. Not re is great political danger from the workings of it there is shown to be great social danger, which uniform conduct of Freemasons in all classes and rporations and poor-law mendicity boards, grand ank companies, and public offices, he (the reader) m equally uniform, in army, constabulary, law ,—everywhere justice forgotten and merit over- aternal love; and I think he will agree with me a public and private enemy of God and man." is he thinks is to be found in the clause repeated . "I swear that I will never wrong a brother r suffer him to be wronged. I will give him anger that threatens him. I will not speak any e spoken of a brother Mason behind his back." spouse his cause so far as to extricate him from be right or wrong."

ook from which I have quoted then goes on to ies of Freemasonry, in which tomfoolery seems is somewhat balanced with a considerable ny and profanity, if what I read is an accurate takes place. As most people who have talked ow, the first degree conferred on the novice is that of the apprentice, which he receives in secrecy and brotherly love, and also by a brother he door with a drawn sword, so as to keep off ofane ones, such as myself), "eavesdroppers, d to pass." After some curious preliminaries, t in and divested of the greater portion of his dfolded. One of the deacons of the lodge in- blind candidate who has long been desirous of rkness to light, which explains, I suppose, why ling was in the first instance gone through. having been duly pricked with the point of a ded to be a recollection to his mind, and a ce of instant death in case of revolt, the lodge ceding one, and he binds himself "under no less penal my left breast torn open, my heart and vitals taken thrown over my left shoulder, and carried to the valley there to become a prey to the wild beasts of the field a of the air, should I wilfully violate or transgress any solemn oath or obligation to a fellow-craft Mason." Mason degree requires an oath of still greater resp binds him who takes it not to divulge a Master Maso to him as such, "murder and treason only excepted, a his own option." The penalty attached to this oath is the Master Mason who breaks it shall be severed in tw divided to the north and south, his bowels burned scattered to the four winds of heaven, so that there main the least remembrance among men and Mason perjured a wretch. The buffoonery which is said t even that which is supposed to be indulged at lodges o other kindred gatherings, but where the same profan found. Sacred subjects are travestied, so the book t an extent that one wonders how a candidate possessed feelings at all can submit to take part in the blasphe ings which our author so circumstantially describes. is set to pray at an altar, where he is said to represen *Sanctum Sanctorum* of Solomon, and who, Masonry there daily at high noon to offer prayers to the Deity signs upon his trestle board." Whilst so engaged, upon by three ruffians, and cruelly murdered because reveal the Master Mason's word. In the conferring sham attack is made on the candidate, who is suppo with as was Hiram, and buried in the adjoining groun the candidate is missed; King Solomon (represented b ful Master) calls the roll of the workmen of the Ten ruffians who did the deed of violence confess their cr of the unfortunate candidate is discovered; a circle i it; and the Master, having read some passages of Scri in restoring him to life, and, *presto!* he is a full-blown The Past Master's degree is enacted amid intentional sion, the object of this confusion being to convey to the important lesson never to solicit or accept any offi fill which he does not know himself to be amply qu made a Mark Master the candidate goes through a les but there seems to be associated with it no little irrev sacred Word, which is brought more and more into re higher degrees are reached, as, for instance, in co Most Excellent Master's degree, when the 24th Psalm Master of the Lodge, the brethren lifting their heads the words, "Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and the shall come in." After some more psalm chanting, th given to the candidate; a "sleight of hand" proc supplies the Lodge "with the fire that came down which fortunately is not made to burn up such a bls of brethren as they must be, if my author tells the tr form the profane ceremonial, in which the Ark of the troduced; and the Lodge is afterwards closed. The the Royal Arch Mason's degree, and the conferring of volve still more profane ceremonial, in the course tabernacle, Moses and the burning bush, the siege of Ark of the Covenant, the hidden manna, and Aaron's introduced—a piece of loaf sugar, our author says, the manna. The other degrees to which I would brie reference is the Knight Templars, and as this involve in no less than five libations of wine, presumably th yond the ken of teetotallers. The last of the libation a human skull; and should the candidate hesitate hideous cup, he eventually drains it off under the poi of the swords of the Sir Knights, repeating after th mander the words,—

"This pure wine I take from this cup in testimony the immortality of the soul and the mortality of the sins of the whole world were laid upon the head of may the sins of the person whose skull this once was my head in addition to my own, and may they app against me both here and hereafter, should I viola any obligation in Masonry."

There are other degrees in Freemasonry to whi ferred, but assuming the correctness of what is descr from which I have been quoting, I think I have sufficient to show that Freemasonry, if conducted stated, is an institution which most people in this would shrink from having anything to do with. Th with an explanation of the grips and passwords giv ment of the various degrees. The password of the e is given as "Boaz," those of the fellow-craftsman " "Jachin," a Master Mason "Tubal-cain," and "

.RESPONDENCE.

es responsible for the opinions of our Cor.

return rejected communications.

the name and address of the Writer, not ation, but as a guarantee of good faith.

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CATION FOR THE CHAIR OF .M.M.'s LODGES.

of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

ER,—This matter should be considered from principle, and not on the mere monetary spensations," hence I *wilfully* ignored this eing foreign to the basis upon which the be argued. By bringing this forward, N" has placed himself on the horns of a is qualification is right, and therefore no unted, or, it is needless, and dispensations

N" is, I cannot help thinking, most incon- tive. He says, that the rule as to qualifi- the chair," "as promoting a laudable am- y members whom your correspondent con-

nent that is thoroughly unequivocal, and bases his advocacy for the retention of this tion would be almost unassailable had he ken this as a hard and fast line. But he ment in the next passage, for while asserting ity is *essentially necessary* for the chair of rthwith to abandon his position by stating re this "dignity" can be dispensed with— *non-essential*! In his own province, as ne Lodge in which, *for four years in suc-* fication would have kept brethren from the ary" "dignity" had been dispensed with, n the Grand Master! Nay, he goes even is year the S.W., *who has not held office in* lected, although the J.W. is a P.M. of long to add the keystone to this confusion worse a "position of honour loses value if made

f the argument of a writer who starts with be qualification of a Craft P.M. is *absolutely* should not be made too easy of attainment f a P.M. is essential—and who, with the ates that, as D.P.G.M., he has sanctioned e—that he has consented to dispense with n fact, agreed to make this "position of tainment, and by one who has never held

dvisability of retaining the right to grant *onally* exceptional circumstances, but to dered nugatory by the frequent evasions ptionally, subject, is simply puerile, and l be given to my views than by the letter N," written ostensibly with the object of yet with the *actual* result of making the e of the house "leap for joy."

having *apparently* nailed his colours to the ndable ambition," and "honours made too e should strike them in favour of such a dispensations." Pity that he is willing to n in *every case* where it cannot be attained, the coffers of Grand Lodge by the undigni- ! Sacrifice principle for 10s 6d, violate e a fundamental rule of the order of the f. for just One Hundred and Twenty-six less!

Mastership of their Lodge in this furtive f a known law (to be suspended only in the brethren of my Lodge would retire from *de novo*, the round of office leading thereto.

IS CHARITY *WITHOUT* GIVING?

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Being garrisoned logically in an pregnable fortress, as to my conclusive deduction, "that there c no genuine charity *without* giving," I feel invulnerably secure a all attacks of sophistry. But a logical formula may be illustrat the logic of facts.

My argument is, that there is no genuine charity *without* gi but there may be *giving* without genuine charity, as every excel and virtue, as its counterfeit. This the learned Rev. Dr. Olive myself have taught. No one in the whole course of my min nearly 30 years, ever heard me teach, or knew me to write a sy in favour of "indiscriminate charity." That is a gratuitous ass tion. A greater than even Dr. Oliver has, nevertheless, taught, " a man may give all his good to feed the poor, and even his body burned, and yet lack the true principle of charity." But that scrip statement is no argument for parsimony.

The inquiry, "is charity giving?" is in its form equivocal delusive. It contains a fallacy which only trained logicians detect and expose—called in logical language *fallacia aequi tionis*; or the non-distribution of the middle term. Now the En word "charity," is an ambiguous term, comprehending the *prin* which gives its origin, and the *effect* of this *principle* in the hu breast, which manifests itself in *actions* of benevolence. In words, both the *cause* and *effect* of the Divine principle, called *lo* for such is the meaning of the Greek word *agape*. If a man has Divine principle in his heart, the head will direct and the heart i the hand irresistibly to the pocket to aid and relieve the proper ob of humanity who, by whatever ties, have a claim on our symp and support. In order to prevent a sophist parrying with t and a well-intentioned co-operator confounding the genuine ef or the counterfeit, with the cause, I put the question clearly logically.

Is there charity *without* giving? Nay, is the reply, because have the Divine principle, the necessary cause producing the gen effect; but,

There is giving without charity—the spurious result of a defec principle, known only to Omniscience; beyond the province of ma judge, unless the actions be so patent that the principle or mo power is self-evident.

There is, however, an authority that transcends the writer, or e Dr. Oliver; it is one very dear to Masons, the aged and belo disciple, St. John. Let him decide the controversy with those whom the conclusive force of logic has no effect.

"But whoso hath this world's goods, and seeth his brother h need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwel the love of God in him?"

"My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; in deed and in truth," 1 John iii. 17, 18.

Some kind friend has correctly alluded to my labours in Clerk well, where I nearly lost my life in public labours for the gen good. Some of my dearest friends I found there. But how cou have done any good there if charity was without giving? W would have been the result of my teaching in the hovels of squ poverty, disease, and death, unless charity resulted in discrimin giving? How could I have blessed the wild juvenile, wild ar walking in the gutters, and rescued them from crime, without giv them the benefice of charity as well as spiritual instructi What would have been the result of my ministry if I could not h fed the hungry, and helped the widow and orphan, as well as sick and dying, from bounty entrusted to me, even by others t those of my own communion? Well, charity had a reflex fluence in my case; for, like its sister mercy, "it hath the appro tion of heaven and earth, for it blesses him that *gives*, as well as who receives."

I had a gold watch presented to me, and a purse of sovereig amounting to £70, to enable me to take up my degree at Cambri as B.D.

Nor is this all. It was the kind expression of one of the Master a Civic Company, when I was invited by him to dine at the C of London Tavern, that, seeing my work at Clerkenwell, he o regretted that he was not the Premier to place me on the Episc Bench; and this eulogy was pronounced in the presence of an M and subsequent Lord Mayor of London. But I am not going to w a panegyric on my own labours and enterprises; but measures w taken to place me in a high position in my clerical profession, as reward of merit, but, alas, my friends died. So that if I were che on in my laborious enterprises in ragged schools and refuges, ameliorate the condition of mankind and to repress crime by the

the Ritual of the Royal Arch Degree, to the lamenta-
hich at present exists of Chapters of Instruction, in
are aspiring to Royal Arch honours may obtain the
h is so essential to the proper performance of their
s that the whole of the Chapters of Instruction in
o not number more than six or seven, and they are
distances on the north side of the Thames; but as
e district on the south, I believe that there is not
r, any one living on the south side, who seeks instruc-
onry must either go to Cornhill, or the more distant
vet, Piccadilly. To go to the latter it would involve
hour, and the same in returning, which I think you
t at this season of the year, taking the chance of
ng, is no small task to undertake. As regards the
er of it may take his choice of pretty nearly a
Instruction every evening, and, although it is not to
Chapters of Instruction will ever multiply in the
I cannot but think that it would be well if some of
rch Masons would bestow a little time in educating
on the south side of the Thames, where the instruc-
it thankfully received, and at the same time render
nt to perform any duties which may devolve upon

am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

A R.A.M.

REVIEWS.

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f the most Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of d Masons of Pennsylvania. Its Early History and From A.L. 5730, A.D. 1730. Its Minutes and Pro-II. Compiled and published by the Library Com-Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. Philadelphia: , Printers, 1878.

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year of office as Grand Master, Bro. Ball, at the ication of the 7th December 1795, requested the nother in his stead, alleging as his reason that his uld not allow him to discharge the duties of so th satisfaction to himself. Grand Lodge then re-ice Bro. John B. Smith, and a deputation was ap-n Bro. Smith, and announce the result to him. Bro. Smith, while expressing his thanks for the osed in him, declared it impossible for him to eclaring himself, however, as prepared to render umble services as it might be in his power to do. n at an Extra Grand Lodge, held on Christmas tion having been accepted, Bro. W. Moore Smith, been chosen Deputy, was elected Grand Master, ns, was installed on the 28th following, having, f all re-elected, because some brethren appeared r the election on the 25th, and it was necessary of Grand Lodge should be above even the sus-. On the 2nd January 1796, Bro. Gavin Hamil-Deputy Grand Master. At the same meeting a l Lodge of Canada, inviting correspondence with Pennsylvania, was read and referred to a Com-nunication from the Grand Lodge ("Ancients") ter is entered in the Minutes of the Extra Com-Oth, and had reference to the Constitution of Chapter, enclosing copies of the English Royal lations, as well as a specimen of the Royal Arch . The day following Grand Lodge again met, ing the necessary funds for building a Lodge-and 500 copies of the Report were ordered to be l among the brethren. The same project occu-Grand Lodge at its Quarterly Communication was resolved that Grand Lodge should take —of ten dollars each—in the undertaking. It tion of our readers that early in 1792, that unity it had enjoyed of doing so, Grand Lodge congratulation to General Washington, on his second time to the Presidency of the United

for the prosperity of that country, by your unremittin promote order, union and brotherly affection amongst by the vows of your farewell address to your breth citizens: an address which we trust our children, an children will ever look upon as a most invaluable *Friend*, a *Benefactor*, and a *Father*.

"To these our grateful acknowledgments (leavir tial pen of History to record the important events in borne so illustrious a part) permit us to add our most that after enjoying to the utmost span of human li which the Terrestrial Lodge can afford, you may be Great Master Builder of this World of Worlds, unnun ample felicity of that *Celestial Lodge*, in which alor virtues and distinguished labours can be eternally re

The answer of the illustrious General and brother, which is in the archives of the Grand Lodge, and which accompanies this publication, reads to the follo

"FELLOW CITIZENS AND BROTHERS OF THE GRAND L SYLVANIA,—I have received your address with all brotherly affection, mingled with those sentiments which it was calculated to excite. To have been, in instrument in the hands of Providence to promote Or and erect upon a solid foundation the true principles is only to have shared with many others in a labour which, let us hope, will prove through all ages a sar thers and a Lodge for the virtues.

"Permit me to reciprocate your prayers for my t ness, and to supplicate that we may all meet her Eternal Temple whose builder is the Great Ar Universe."

At this time the Report by the Committee on the Bye stantly occupying the attention of Grand Lodge, as w portant question of Jurisdiction, which then, as now, the minds of the Craft under the different Grand Lo nection with the former we must note the following re the constitution of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylva agreed to on the 19th June, namely—"The Grand Lo vania shall consist of the Grand Officers for the tim Past Grand Masters, Past Deputy Grand Masters, Pa dens, the present Masters and Wardens of all regula this jurisdiction, and such Past Masters as have serve the chair of some such regular Lodge, but no Past Mas in future by dispensation shall as such be a member Lodge. Nor shall any person be a member of th be is also a member of some regular Lodge under tion." On the 24th of the same month, after the qu considered and discussed repeatedly at previous Comm following resolution in connection with the Jurisdi Lodges was agreed to with only two dissent "That this Grand Lodge will not hold Communica pondence with, or admit as visitors, any Masons r State who hold authority under and acknowledge the any other Grand Lodge within the same, or who de representation communicate and pay their dues to this On the 4th December 1797, in consequence of Bro. W declaring his inability to continue in the office of G Jonathan B. Smith was chosen again, and this time honour, and was installed on St. John's Day by his pr which he delivered an address before Grand Lodge, the warmest encomiums from the brethren, and a requ thereof might be furnished with a view to its being minutes of the day's proceedings. On the 5th March and Regulations for the government of the Grand Ho Chapter—which are given at full length, and which l monsly agreed to and established at a Grand Chapt 24th February preceding—were confirmed. The mi journed communication held on 23rd April of this singular record to the effect that a Brother W. become security to Brother Morrow for a g of the latter for twelve-and-a-half dollars, by John Konkapot, of the Oneida tribe of India Konkapot having made default, had been ol the same, and under these circumstances ho Lodge to take his case into consideration and grant as might seem just and proper. The prayer was Standing Committee on Charity. On the 4th June new Lodge, to be worked within the confines of th ginia, was submitted, and it was resolved to refer Lodge of that State, and only to grant the desired approval. In July a warrant was issued enabling c to hold a Freemasons' Lodge at Port d'Espagne, in

on of these rules that the present part comes
ve already quoted "a paragraph which was
epted at a previous meeting of Grand Lodge,
tion of the G. Lodge, we may state that in
orded differently, and includes "Past Grand
ertain specified P.G. Officers, and all Past
" have actually presided a regular time in
jurisdiction," and those who "have heretofore
sation," provided they continue members of
Past Master to be made in future by dispen-
a member of this Grand Lodge." Beyond
cribe the rules formulated for this Grand

nt records as minuted in this Part II. of the
nd Lodge of Pennsylvania. All matters of a
ch as prayers for new warrants, differences in
rought for settlement to the cognizance of
ere were something unusual about them, have
s, passed over in silence. We shall continue
n of these records, and shall welcome them as
re, authentic history of the Craft in one of
the United States of North America. When
pproaching has come upon us—and we may
edily enough—the Grand Lodge of Pennsyl-
ast of a continuous record—we presume so, at
xactly one hundred years, the earliest recorded
ld on the 29th July 1779, all minutes of pre-
ing disappeared in the confusion of the
pendence. In concluding this lengthened
esting work in progress of publication part by
ted to express a hope that our brethren of
r allow themselves to be stirred up to a dis-
to expend the one dollar a-piece which is
ch part, as it appears, of the official history of
. If only one out of every ten of them will
—which is the price of a single part—the
be relieved of a great part of their anxieties,
faction of knowing not only that their labours
deserve to be, but that Grand Lodge will
e—as there seems to be every prospect of its
the chief burden of the expense. Let not
ren reserve all their enthusiasm for the pomps
sonry, but let them reserve a little of it for
aft—so far, at least, as it concerns the history
dge.

ght Lodge of Instruction, No. 1524.

k Hotel, Albion-road, Dalston, on the 1st
s. George Ferrar W.M., A. R. Olley S.W.,
.D., W. Ferrar I.G., Fieldwick Preceptor,
other brethren. The Lodge was opened in
ayer, and the minutes of previous meeting
ie ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro.
Bro. Fieldwick worked the 1st, 2nd, 3rd,
Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro.
to preside next week. Bro. Fieldwick pro-
seconded, that a vote of thanks be recorded
George Ferrar W.M., for the very efficient
worked the ceremony, it being his first at-
ied unanimously. Nothing further offering,
journed to Wednesday, 8th January.

Lodge of Instruction, No. 1623.—

otel, Snow-hill, West Smithfield, E.C., on
sent—Bros H. J. Lardner W.M., W. Stuart
Carton S.D., D. Moss J.D., T. Butt I.G.,
Lodge being opened, the W.M. raised Bro.
ee. Bro. G. H. Stephens worked the first,
s of the lecture. The Officers for the ensuing
as follows:—Bro. H. J. Lardner Treasurer,
y, and W. Pennefather P.M. re-elected Pre-
s was accorded Bro. W. Stuart P.M. for his
ge during the past year. The auditors' re-
d adopted; it showed a satisfactory financial
sed and adjourned.

s Pills.—Colds, Coughs, Shortness of Breath.—
s infallible for these pectoral complaints, which,
s, bronchitis or consumption. The Ointment, well
ick, penetrating the skin, is carried directly to the
muscles. All the blood in the body constantly
d there all noxious particles tending to produce
roughly, and permanently neutralised, renderes
system. Holloway's Ointment and Pills perfectly
d through the blood, thus cleansed, the influence

with which we shall always look back on the year
closed on Tuesday. Bro. Head, who had attained the
age of seventy-seven, died peaceably at his residence, 1
Court, Kensington, on Monday the 23rd ult., and
buried in his late wife's grave, at Arnot's Vale, near
tol, on the following Monday. He had been a memb
our Society for upwards of fifty years, having been
ated into Freemasonry at Woodbridge in Suffolk, in
Doric Lodge, No. 81, as far back as the year 1826,
his late Royal Highness the Duke of Sussex was G
Master. He was a Past Grand Junior Warden of Sul
a Past Grand Steward and Grand Deacon (1863) of
land, as well as Past Grand Sword Bearer of the Sup
Grand Chapter. But it was chiefly in connection with
Charitable Institutions that Bro. Head's name will
remembered with affection. He was, indeed, a zea
supporter of their interests. He was a member of
House Committee of each of them, and in the cas
that of the Boys' School had for many years filled
responsible office of Chairman. But he was not on
zealous worker on their behalf, he was likewise a
liberal contributor to their funds, being a Vice-Patron of
Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and a Vice-Presi
both of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls and
Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. In the case of
John Boyd, death came upon him suddenly, "like a t
in the night," and he was struck down with heart dis
when in the full enjoyment of that intellectual vigou
which he was distinguished, and while yet enga
actively in those Masonic pursuits which delighted hi
much. Bro. Boyd, too, was a Masonic veteran, ha
been initiated in the Robert Burns Lodge, No. 25, earl
January 1848. He was Assistant Grand Pursuivant
1871, and Grand Pursuivant in 1872, since when he
also filled the office of Grand Steward. He was likewi
R.A. Mason, a Knight Templar, and a Knight of
Order of the Red Cross of Rome and Constantine, bu
is chiefly with Royal Arch Masonry that his name will
associated, for it was to this branch of the Royal
that he devoted most of his studies and researches,
with what result is well known to those Royal A
Masons who have enjoyed the privilege of being present
a public night at the Prudent Brethren Chapter, No. 14
of which our deceased Companion was the first M.
Then he was the heart and soul of the proceedings,
delighted all present with his clear and even brilliant
position of Royal Arch Masonry, its connection with C
Masonry, its lectures, and its symbolism. Like Bro. H
Bro. Boyd was a liberal supporter of all our Institutio
and like him had served many Stewardships at diffe
Festivals. Their loss will be severely felt, for both of t
were loved and respected by all who came in cont
with them; and in fulfilling this most painful duty of
cording such loss, we can only close our remarks
offering to their surviving relatives and the numer
friends by whom they were so highly valued our respec
tribute of sympathy. We must add that Bro. Bo
funeral will take place at 2 p.m. this day (Saturday)
Brompton Cemetery.

We are in a position to state that the information
tained in Grand Lodge Calendar as to the Fitzalan Chap
No. 1432, Oswestry, having been sanctioned, and to
effect that Prov. G. Chapter for North Wales and Sa
with Comp. Spaull as its Grand Scribe E., is in existe
is correct. It will be remembered that our statement
this effect were called in question, whereas the only e
of which we were guilty was, in assuming that a Chap
for which a Warrant

scriptions. As a consequence, therefore, there has 'funds to provide all that is required to make these s pass off pleasantly. Another matter we may men- t Society like ours, we have in our ranks many who ears of time to the perfection of any talents they may amusement of their less gifted brethren. Hence Bro. rays takes upon himself the responsibilities of the s a band of workers ready to aid him in completing e Play." On Wednesday the brethren, with their ed at Charing Cross, or Cannon-street Stations, and train to Croydon, which was reached at 1.45, and were conducted—in very seasonable, though most ather—to the Asylum, where they were received by s," who had assembled to greet their entertainers at 'the energetic Dr. Strong, who certainly must be on the condition of health in which he was able who are under his charge. On looking over the ; we found the following, amongst many others who had inscribed their names:—Bro. John and Mrs. . J. and Mrs. Perceval, with Mr. A. A. Perceval; Mr. and Miss Terry, with Mr. J. E. Terry; Bro. G. . R. F. Cheeswright, Bro. Dr. Story, Bro. H. Massey, aster Massey, Bro. George and Mrs. Everett, Bro. W. iss Wallington, Bro. W. H. Main, Mrs. Watson, Bro. . H. Tattershall, Bro. F. R. W. and Mrs. Hedges, Mrs. Stock, Bro. and Mrs. Daniel, Bro. J. and Mrs. dger and Mrs. Bowyer, Bro. T. Cubitt and Mrs. d Mrs. Halford, Bro. R. and Mrs. Pearcy, Bro. T. Mrs. Legge, Bro. C. H. Webb, Bro. G. J. and Mrs. and Mrs. Tickle, Bro. C. J. Stuart, Bro. W. W. and .

nd Norris and Miss Norris received the visitors on d as the programme of the days's proceedings was a time was lost in sitting down at table and partaking l banquet which had been provided, thanks to the numerous friends of the Institution. Bro. Dr. Strong n presided, having Bro. Norris, the Warden of the s right, and Mrs. Terry on his left, while Bro. Terry chair. Every one present had a pretty Christmas conclusion of the dinner, each female annuitant was packet of tea, and each male annuitant with a , while Bro. Perceval presented each of the latter and each of the former with a scented packet. We w or why it occurred to our Bro. Perceval to boxes as new year's gifts, seeing that the taking has almost died out, and to meet with -a-days is to come across a *rara avis*. Indeed, exemplified on the occasion, as, long before n had even dreamt of such gifts the greatest xperienced in finding any one who had about the much-needed stimulant—the stimulant, by titillates but not inebriates." Nor was it till the the rescue!" was heard ringing through the Hall, d possible to gratify the old gentleman's wish. tion of the gifts, Dr. Strong gave the three cus- The Queen," "The Founders of the Feast," and e Warden of the Institution," of whom it may be is, we believe, the oldest Mason in England, ppears to be unchallenged. Bro. Norris, in ng within a week or two of completing his r, enjoys fair health, and is greatly as- uties in respect of the Institution by his Miss Norris, who ably discharges the duties interval between the last toast and the response, ed the receipt of a telegram from Bro. J. L. Hine of with other brethren had contributed liberally to the tertainment—in which that brother wished them a e evening and a Happy New Year. To this Bro. hed a reply, expressing his thanks and recipro- hearty good wishes. Those among the brethren ding to the wants of the aged brethren, &c., &c., d partook of refreshment. Bro. Perceval then y to the R. M. B. Institution, and in returning expressed a hope that the approaching Festival uccess. He announced that he already had 210 t, a number greatly in excess of what he was the same occasion last year, and with the Prov. t Lancashire and its eighty-nine Lodges and rs he felt justified in anticipating a great result. company re-assembled in the hall, when a most nent was provided, which was received with the rom the audience. The honours of the evening en Mr. G. S. Graham and the Pickwick Histrionic . Tom Taylor's comedietta, "Nine Points of the R. Brookstone's well-known comic drama, "A

of. Mr. Graham's performances, [illegible] brought the house down. We were, unfortunately, of the time, and so missed the organophonic perfo fame of it has reached our ears before now, and have heard it, must have been struck with a performance so truly wonderful. Mr. Graham als song not in the programme—"The Little Grey Fat difficult to say which laughed most thoroughly an audience who were convulsed, or the genial little- given if we say?—fat man who was the caus convulsed. When the entertainment was over, were passed to those who had contri day's enjoyment; to Bro. Terry, who had promo Pickwicks and Mr. Graham, who had so generou services at the disposal of the Institution. Br behalf of the latter, expressed his thanks in a neat of the right sort, and shortly afterwards the visit selves at the station, comfortably ensconced in a which had been kindly provided for them by th Railway Company, and in which they were whirl wards in excellent form.

We may add here that the Annual Entertainme who remain in the Institution will be given at th Institution for Girls, St. John's Hill, Battersea evening, when the members of the Pickwick His again give their services.

The first Meeting of the Board of Steward proaching festival of the Royal Masonic Benev tion—to take place at Freemasons' Hall February—was held on Thursday afternoon having announced that Grand Master the P had appointed the 12th February for the Lieut.-Col. le Gendre N. Starkie, Prov. Gr East Lancashire, had kindly undertaken to pr he had already 209 Stewards on his list; o Bro. W. Stephens, seconded by Bro. Thos Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, Past Grand elected Chairman of the Board, and he too Chairman accordingly. Bro. T. Cubitt Honorary Treasurer, and Bro. James To Secretary. The usual preliminary business wa Committee having been appointed to make musical arrangements, the proceedings termi

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Lloyd's.—The Underwriters' Room at Lloyd's to hall, with Scagliola columns and richly decorated c gany tables placed at intervals all round the r animated, yet demure, hubbub is here!" says th before quoted. "One might fancy that th thoughts of which every brain is occupied be some of its agitation and uproar to the bus current of news, transactions taking place, and runs from one end of the hall to the other w murmuring roar." Those going to and fro are tinct classes—the insurers of ships and the i The latter have become very necessa being as follows!—The merchant who sure a ship, or a certain kind of merc is about to export, may by no means always writer who is prepared to take that particula is trying to insure his ship she may have alr even be at the bottom of the sea. In the latter be fatal, for the news once arrived that his ship he could not, of course, effect any insurance. He a broker who knows the habits of the place, and underwriter whose means or known predilections investment will make him desirous of taking the of Lloyd's is conducted by a committee of twelv bers, while the working staff includes a secretary, of assistants technically known as "waiters," w seem as though the odour of the original Lloyd' clung to the body. The funds of Lloyd's Ass be termed, are large, and are used to great a charity bestowed upon deserving, though no and partly in rewards in various forms, to sp It costs an underwriter £50 entrance fee, and a tion to belong to it; the brokers are let off for al rates; an ordinary subscriber pays £5 per annu of entering the rooms of the Association. We h history of the greatest maritime company of

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OUR WEEKLY BUDGET.

ON New Year's Day the usual presents of coal meat made by Her Majesty to the poor aro Windsor were distributed, the clergy of the neighb good acting as distributors. The Duke of Connau

ne 38-ton guns exploded during the firing
oard H.M.S. Thunderer on Thursday morning.
as entirely destroyed, seven men were killed,
of forty wounded.

ators of the City of Glasgow Bank have been
fer payment of the first dividend to the credi-
uly, as the books of the company will be
he trial of the directors. Mr. Leresche the
y has been released from custody, and it is
be examined as a witness upon the prosecu-
irectors.

neeting of the Mansion House Committee in
ith the Princess Alice Relief Fund was held on
rom the report we learn that the total amount
was £38,246 2s 2d, and that the number of
was 599, of which 544 were, after inquiry,
55 rejected. The Committee obtained ad-
purchase of 93 orphans to various orphanages, 4
means placed in the Masonic Schools. Five
provided for in a like manner by individual
the Committe of the Soldiers' Home placed one
funds of that institution. Various amounts
for the education of other orphans, and in
he committe relieved no less than 113 children.
ks to those who had assisted in the work
proceeding to a conclusion.

day of last week General Roberts held a
hich the principal inhabitants of the Khurum
her with the chiefs from Peiwar, and Ali
resent. Various presents, consisting of tur-
of honour, &c., were presented to those who
assistance to the British troops. General
e course of a speech made by him, stated that
ule had for ever passed away in that part of
nd warned the chiefs that henceforth they
England as their Sovereign Power, and give
ion to the British Government. Under the
Empress they might rely upon protection
nies, and would be able to live peaceably, and
ppression to which they had long been accus-
ral Roberts, on concluding his remarks, pre-
n Rennick as their political officer, who
id, carefully attend to any questions they
to him. On Friday part of the Khurum
Hubeeb Killa and other places, and where it
hey should take up their winter quarters.
rney it appears that some little trouble arose
e of an attack made by the Pathans on the
s, and in other parts annoyance is occasioned
of the hill tribes. It is stated that Yakoob
stated that he was prepared to pay his
fore doing so would require some guarantee
ity. This being refused he declined to part
y, upon which all but about 150 men of four
rted.

JAMAICA.

oly Royal Arch Chapter, No. 239.—A
g was held on 28th Nov nber. Present—M.E.
mien Z., G. C. H. Lewis H., E. Brandon J.;
De Pass sen. S.E., Comp nion Tripe S.N., A.
zevado and J. Mordeca Assistants, Delisser
There were also present—3 .E. Companions Alta-
a P.Z., J. J. G. Lewis P Z, B. Stines jun. H.,
R. Langley P.Z., of the P œnix. One candidate
his exaltation, with other candidates, was post-
z to by-laws, the followin ; Officers were elected
I.E. Comps. B. Stines jun Z., E. Brandon H.,
De Pass sen. S.E. re-elect d, M. Alexander S.N.,

ample justice was done, and the usual Loyal
were proposed and heartily responded to, esp
behalf of that distinguished brother who represet
of England, which was received with great appl

Clifton Mount Keystone Mark Lodg
of Officers took place at the Friendly Hall, on 3
the following Officers were duly installed :—W
A. De Cordova S.W., J. Ashemien J.W., S. E. P
son S.O., G. J. De Cordova M.O., O. Delgado sen
J.D., G. C. H. Lewis Secretary, E. Wolfe Treasur
Guard, O. Delgado jun. M.C., D. C. Henrique
Tyler. This is the second Mark Lodge under I
menced operations, and shortly the Installatio
"Royal" and "Phœnix" will take place.

Two petitions, signed by several regular regi
of the English Constitution, were forwarded to t
Hon. Dr. Hamilton, District Grand Master for Ea
him to grant a Warrant for a Mark Lodge in Ki
the "Royal Keystone," and the other at Port I
the "Phœnix Mark Lodge." Dispensations ha
a Special Mark Lodge was held at Friendly Roo
ber, presided over by the District Grand Mas
Ri ht Worshipful J. W. Whitebourne, of the "S
the Right Worshipful J. J. G. Lewis, "Clifton M
Right Worshipful B. M. Dias, of the "Susse
Right Worshipful S. E. Preitz, of the "Sunny
the Worshipful G. J. De Cordora was installed
the "Phœnix Mark Lodge," Wor. O. Delgado sen. S
jun. J.W., to meet on the second Tuesday in every
R. Langley as first Master of the "Royal Ke
Sargeant as S.W., Bro. E. X. Leon as J.W., to
Wednesday of every Quarter.

Bro. J. J. Lynn has been elected Master o
Lodge," S.C., Port Maria, and his installation
December.

BOMBAY.

CELEBRATION OF ST. ANDREW'S

ON Saturday, St. Andrew's Day, the Freemasons of B
celebration on the occasion. The annual m
Lodge of Scottish Freemasonry in India was he
Hall, Nesbit Lane, Byculla, for the purpose of inst
of the Grand Lodge for the ensuing year, and after
marched in procession, in their Masonic clothing, f
Byculla Church, where a special sermon was preach
Byculla Schools and the Indo-British Institution by
lain, the Rev. Charles Gilder. There were present
of both Constitutions (English and Scotch), incl
Grand Master under England (M.W. Bro. J. Gibb
Master of Scottish Freemasonry in India (M.W.
When the procession arrived at the Church, the
centre isle, and waited the arrival of the Gove
Temple) and the Commander-in-Chief (General
announced their intention of attending the
Excellencies arrived soon after six o'clock, and we
Grand Masters. A special choral service had
the occasion, in which several members of the Ca
part.

The text, taken from Luke x. 29, "But he, willi
self, said unto Jesus, And who is my neighbour?"
the sermon, which formed a clear and eloquent
claims and beauties of Charity, the Preacher
specially to the Freemasons who were present as fol
in Freemasonry, the teaching of our Divine Mas
aff cting parable of the Good Samaritan is cherish
and taught in the emblems and symbols of our Orde
has any need to put the question of the lawyer, 'who
Freemasonry does not seek to restrict our sympa
although many people suppose our charity is co
Order: the truth is a Mas n is bound to befriend
ability all who may be in need. All who are in dis
what race or religion, are the Freemason's care; t
one to whom the burdened heart may pour forth it
the afflicted and distressed may plead their suit.
rimed by mercy and justice, and his hand extende
Of his duties he is reminded by many a badge and
the uninitiated see no significance. He is bound t
towards his fellow creatures, and in the corn and

nited to its rulers by ties of blood and faith. the two schools for boys and girls, whose e depends either wholly or in part on the Let us to-day be worthy of our Order, worthy ve are asked to contribute. And you, my ceremonial has drawn within our Masonic o give a helping hand to these institutions ion realised about Rs. 640.

Service, the Masons returned to the Masonic

ther Balfour gave the usual "toasts of obli- d "the Prince of Wales" were responded to onours. M.W. Balfour next proposed "the Bombay, and the Lodge under his jurisdic- trict Grand Master under England, R.W. n honorary member of the Grand Lodge of ndia. It afforded him great satisfaction to n this occasion, and he felt great regret at ght not have an opportunity of seeing him on. His term of service was fast ebbing t rains his time would be up, and most pro- at least this side of India. During his long sidency, R.W. Bro. Gibbs had attained to the ne in his honourable service could attain, llency the Governor. In the Craft, he had er (the highest appointment under England) mber of the outer world therefore, and also ined to the highest position which it was l in both capacities, whether to the outer his conduct had given the highest satisfac- his departure should arrive, those Lodges would deeply mourn his loss, and the Grand emasons in India would also deeply regret Gibbs should leave the Masonic throne he r he had done his utmost to co-operate with n in promoting Freemasonry, and to make tland and under England realise that Free- er whatever constitution their Lodges were obs had always done everything in his power here was a good object in view he was willing ll in his power to secure success. It was Gibbs would not be in Bombay this time not allow the opportunity to pass without admired and respected him as District Grand nd how much all Masons would regret the e his departure from Bombay.

rned thanks for the very kind manner in ur had proposed his health, and the warm st had been accepted by the Brethren pre- r had alluded to his departure, which the essitated, and which would take place not could assure the Brethren present that he er a residence in the Presidency of more than st feelings of regret. It was said that the made India their home. He thought they that one who had lived for 32 years in this it up and going back to England—though it vn native home—pretty much like taking up roots and planting it somewhere else. He is Presidency, and he believed, as far as he een for 31 years and 9 months a Mason. He isfying himself from some friends whom he e to India that it was not a bad thing to night say, except he happened to be in places sonic Lodge to attend, he had been pretty mber of the Order from the time he joined , he was elected Senior Warden of a Lodge. ave shortly afterwards, and was then made r Lodge at home. Shortly after he came out er of a Scotch Lodge, and afterwards Master l he had been Master of other Lodges (both e. On the occasion of a Provincial Grand ing formed, he was as all present probably Grand Master, and afterwards he had the Grand Master. He therefore could speak from ge of Freemasonry in this Presidency. Some (and notably his friend on his right, Bro ere members of the Order when he joined it, mber of Lodge Rising Star, and received the shortly after he joined Masonry. He had rdian brethren coming to join the Order; easure, not many months ago, in consecrating ded for Hindoo Brethren. His experience o d therefore taught him that Masonry wa was no limit to it except one which he was d to find, in one of the most distinguished and sincerely for the great kindness and evidences of affection which had received at the hands of all Brethren under the Scottish ban He had visited their Lodges, he had met them in Grand Lodge, he had received the high honour of having the distinction o honorary member of the Grand Lodge of all Scottish Freemas in India. He acknowledged all this with thankfulness, and he ass the Brethren present that he should wear the badges of the O with pride wherever he was permitted to wear them. He tru that Freemasonry in India would flourish and that hereafter, as i Dominion of Canada, a separate Grand Lodge should be formed f India. There were difficulties in the way, but they might be come, and he thought the best way of overcoming those difficu was to extend Freemasonry as it was now extending, among all cla and all creeds, and so civilise the whole of India—for Freemas was most decidedly a great civiliser—and bring all into one large He felt sure that the spread of Masonry included the spread of lization, but every high, and honourable principle which could act any class or sect of men in any part of the world.

The District Grand Master Hon. J. Gibbs:—Brethren,—I have pleasure in proposing for your acceptance the toast of the Worshipful Grand Master of Scottish Freemasonry in India. An the Scotch Freemasons he is too well known to require me to anything about him on the present occasion. Among the Eng Masons he is also equally well known and respected, and I there call upon you all English as well as Scotch to acknowledge the which I am about to propose. Brother Balfour has now arrive that highest honour that he could well arrive at—namely, the G Mastership of Scottish Freemasonry in India, and I am quite cer that his rule over you will be beneficial. Already Freemasonry i tending, and I am sure his thorough Masonic knowledge and bon in the chair after dinner will tend greatly to the advancement Masonry in this Presidency. I can speak of him myself with utmost possible gratitude. He came forward and accepted the of my Deputy at a time when I was very much pressed to find a Deputy. I found in him a first-rate worker, and although I ha give him up when Scotland claimed a larger portion than I could sibly claim, he has ever since then given and will, I am sure, cont to give to the English Grand Lodge, as he has given to me, every sible support and assistance. Brethren, I call upon you to drink health of most Worshipful Brother Balfour.

The Grand Master—Right Worshipful Sir and Brethren all return you, Right Worshipful Sir, my very sincere thanks for the kind manner in which you have proposed my health, and Brethren, for the manner in which you have been good enough receive the toast. My career in Freemasonry is somewhat diffe from that of the Right Worshipful District Grand Master. I was initiated in 1847 in an English Lodge and I held to English F masonry, because there was nothing else in Calcutta, till I came re here and was asked to join the Scottish Lodge. Being a Scotch I did so, but I have never forgotten my old allegiance to England. has always been a satisfaction to me that I could be of any us English Freemasonry, and I consider it a high honour when Lo St. George voted me into the chair and a still higher honour w the Right Worshipful District Grand Master asked me to be his Deputy. That office I had the greatest pleasure in assuming cause I felt that the more the two Constitutions could be drawn toge the more certain they were to co-operate and work well in the inte of Freemasonry.

The Grand Master next proposed the health of the Past G Master of Bombay, R.W. Bro. Captain H. Morland, remarking before a month was over he would be amongst them once more, and ready to return thanks when that prominent toast in their came up again. He (Bro. Balfour) was sure they would all be to hear that Captain Morland returned to them with restored hea able to do his duty whether as a Mason or otherwise, and they w all give him the warmest welcome which a P.G.M. could pos receive when he came once more into the Grand Lodge.

R.W. Bro. Wilkinson proposed "Masonic Charities," and in doin said he was happy to inform the Brethren that the collection at Ch realised upwards of Rs. 640, whereas last year he believed they obtained Rs. 370. As far as the Masonic Charities were concerne words were needed from him to recommend the toast to their no Under Scottish Freemasonry they unfortunately laboured under a great disadvantage as regards charity compared with their Eng Brethren. Under English all Lodges were compelled, whether wished it or not, to subscribe certain amounts to the Benevolent F Under Scotland it was optional. He trusted that in the new by- it would be an obligation upon them. Meanwhile, they should whether members of country lodges or not, impress upon brethren the desirability of bringing the matter prominently for and tell them how much the Benevolent Fund here was in want their donations.

The remaining toasts comprised "The Land of Cakes," which graphically proposed by G.M. Hon. Balfour; "The Pious Memor St Andrew," drank amid solemn silence; "The Lasses;" "G Grand Officers;" "The Daughter Lodges;" and that from the T

...(Instruction.)
...oms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester.

NDAY, 6th JANUARY.

...Rodney's Head, 12 Old-st., near Goswell-rd., at 8.0. (In.)
...y Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
..., Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
...ern, Carter-lane, Doctor's-commons, at 6.30. (Instruct.)
... Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction.)
..., Camden Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
...ing, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8. (Instruction.)
...Vesthourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8. (Instruction.)
..., Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30. (In.)
...New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8. (Inst.)
...Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)

... Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moors.
...sonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath.
...ns' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax.
...Compasses, Freemasons' Hall, Whitehaven.
...otel, Faversham.
...ic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.
... Masonic Temple, Plymouth.
...ny, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover.
...ll, York.
..., Freemasons' Hall, New-road, Batley.
...ic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford.
... White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge.
...Hotel, Ross, Herefordshire.
...ustry, Smalley's Hotel, Market-street, Over Darwen.
..., Leamington Priors.
...vate Room, Haworth.
...ic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields.
...ciples, Red Lion Hotel, Petty Curry, Cambridge.
...Hotel, Oldham.
...n, Handsworth, Staffordshire.
...ll, Holyhead.
...all, Southport.
...sonic Hall, Wimborne.
... Hotel, Brecon.
...hall, Church-street, Basingstoke.
... Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
...ldy Rooms, Ashbourne, Derbyshire.
...hall, Altrincham, Cheshire.
... Head Hotel, Rochester.
...n, Lancaster.
... Hotel, Wilmslow, Cheshire.
...Inn, Blackley, Lancashire.
..., Private Room, Boroughgate, Otley, York.
...stay Arms Hotel, Oswestry.
... Rooms, New Hall-street, Birmingham.
... Hall, St. George-street, Leeds.
...asons' Hall, Sheffield.
... Hall, Liverpool.
...ic Hall, White Swan, Halifax.
...ens Hotel, Waterloo, Liverpool.
...asonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8 p.m. (Instruction.)
...ibion Hotel, Clayton-le-Moors, near Accrington.
...c Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford.
... Hall, Caer-street, Swansea.
...s. Market Drayton.
...Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales.
...ll, Rhyl.
...asons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle.
...n Hotel, Shrewsbury.
...sonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds.
...acombe Hotel, Seacombe, Cheshire.
...onic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury.
...asonic Hall, Church-street, Basingstoke.
...ns' Hall, Watford.

SDAY, 7th JANUARY.

...ons' Hall, at 4.
...lford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7. (Inst.)
...es Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
...er-chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
...asons' Hall, W.C.
... asonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
... Dragon, Stepney. (Instruction.)
...William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)
... House Hotel, Southwark.
... Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)
...ellington Club, Upper-street, N.
... Tavern, Kennington Oval.
... 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
...icks, 23 Gresham-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
...entonville-road. (Instruction.)
..., Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-street-rd. at 8. (In.)
...s' Hall, W.C.
... Tanners, Southgate-road, N.

... Hotel, Colchester.
... asonic Temple, Plymouth.
...ns' Hall, Bristol.
...tel, Shrewsbury, at 8. (Instruction.)
...agon Hotel, Hereford.
... Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham.
... s Keys Inn, Burnley.
...ms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness.
...all, Windsor.
...on Hotel, Attleborough.
... Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30. (Instruction.)
...r, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon.
...asonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley.
...tel, High-street, Huntingdon.
...ns' Hall, The Parade, Berwick-on-Tweed.
...l, Hertford.
...ad Eagle, Gloucester.
... Folkestone.
... Liverpool.
...ouic Hall, Bridlington.
... Hall, Havant.

...Albion, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, Regent-st.
15—Kent, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C.
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth.
147—Justice, White Swan, High-street, Deptford.
193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7.
201—Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, W.,
228—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd.,
538—La Tolerance, Green Dragon, Maddox-street, W.,
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E.
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. at
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street
1044—Wandsworth, Spread Eagle, Wandsworth. (Instru
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7. (In
1196—Urban, The Three Bucks, Gresham-street, at 6.30.
1278—Burdett Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-ro
1288—Finsbury Park, Finsbury Pk. Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd
1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-street, Wapp
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston
1559—Duke of Connaught, Faunce Arms, Kennington Park
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate,
1707—Eleanor, Angel Hotel, Edmonton, at 8. (Instruction
R. A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st.,
R. A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 7.30.

54—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham-street, Rochdale
125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe.
128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury, Lanc
146—Antiquity, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton.
191—St. John, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury,
204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manch
210—Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton.
225—St. Luke, Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich.
254—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike.
274—Tranquillity, Boar's Head Inn, Newchurch, near Mar
277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham.
281—Fortitude, Athenæum, Lancaster.
288—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Todmorden.
290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfi
349—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morle
347—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley.
429—Royal Navy, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate.
483—Sympathy, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend.
580—Harmony, Wheatsheaf, Ormskirk.
606—Segontium, The Castle, Carnarvon.
625—Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop.
666—Benevolence, Private Room, Prince Town, Dartmoor,
755—St. Tudno, Freemasons' Hall, Llandudno.
758—Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire.
851—Worthing of Friendship, Steyne Hotel, Worthing.
852—Zetland, Albert Hotel, New Bailey-street, Salford.
854—Albert, Duke of York Inn, Shaw, near Oldham.
910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract.
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury.
1018—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradfo
1064—Borough, Bull Hotel, Burnley.
1091—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1101—Grey Friars, Masonic Hall, Reading.
1209—Lewises, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate.
1249—Denison, Grand Hotel, Scarborough.
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction.
1342—Walker, Hope and Anchor Inn, Byker, Newcastle.
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool.
1398—Baldwin, The Castle, Dalton-in-Furness.
1424—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham
1434—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham.
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, at 7.0. (Instructio
1520—Earl Shrewsbury, Public Rooms, Cannock, Staffs.
1547—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1582—Llanidloes, Trewythen Arms, Llanidloes, North Wales
1643—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne.
1645—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slaithwaite.
R. A. 24—De Swinburne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street,
R. A. 462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accring
R. A. 1260—Hervey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R. A. 1305—St. Marylebone, Eyre Arms, St. John's Wood.
M.M. 145—Constantine, Three Cups Hotel, Colchester.
M. M. 192—St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, The Parade, Berwick

THURSDAY, 9th JANUARY

3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., a
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30.
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8.
206—Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
263—Bank of England, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W.,
534—Polish National, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
720—Panmure Gen. L. of Inst., Antelope Tavern, Lorn-road,
860—Dalhousie, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8.
1321—Emblematic, Tulse-hill Hotel, Tulse-hill.
1349—Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars, E.C., at 7.
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-road, Paddington
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, E.C. at
1558—Duke of Connaught, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell,
1614—Covent Garden, Ashley's Hotel, Henrietta-street, Coven
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Cler
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's

35—Medina, 85 High-street Cowes.
97—Palatine, Masonic Hall Toward-road, Sunderland.
112—St. George, Masonic Hall, Fore-street-hill, Exeter.
139—Britannia, Freemasons Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Inst
215—Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden.
216—Harmonic, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool.
219—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
324—Loyal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston.
329—Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Cumberland.
346—United Brethren, Royal Oak Inn, Cayton-le-Dale, near
350—Charity, Grapes Inn, Stoccloughs, near Manchester.
369—Limestone Rock, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Clitheroe

el, Bala.
ll, Castle Yard, Thirsk.
ce of Wales, Masonic Hall, Newport, Mon.
ouse, Lindley, Huddersfield.
s, Towyn.
Hotel, Waterfoot, near Manchester.
rinciples, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury.
hite Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge.
vate Rooms, Commercial Inn, Uppermill.
ic Hall, Southport.
nic Hall, Liverpool.
nic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury.

DAY, 10th JANUARY.

overnent, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
n Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
s Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
rrry Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
eathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. 8. (Inst.)
Anchor, Hammersmith-road. (Instruction.)
, Camden Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction.)
gal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction.)
treet, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
vern, 99 Fleet-street, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
er Masons' Lodge of Inst. Finsbury Park Tavern, at 8.
wyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
t, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
e Hotel, Goulborne-rd. N. Kensington, at 7.30. (Inst.)
dge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-street, E.C., at 6.
ortland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8. (Inst.)
reemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C.
sons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary-street, Cardiff.
to Bounty Inn, Slaidburn.
ivate Rooms, Ouse-street, Goole.
oria Hotel, Holmfirth.
el, Colchester.
and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
tretford-road, Hulme.
, Masonic Rooms, Parliament-street, Harrogate.
ons' Hall, Eccleshill.
ly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard.
Rooms, Easthorpe, Mirfield.
se, Bedford-road, Rockferry, Cheshire.
sonic Hall, Plumstead.
lwny Hotel, Levenshulme.
s' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.

RDAY, 11th JANUARY.

, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12.
rs' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
anon Street Hotel, E.C.
or Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)
tion, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.
ns, Meltham.
Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
asons' Hall, Leicester.
y Club, West Croydon.

CES OF MEETINGS.

ge, No. 27.—An emergency meeting of this
ursday, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
Maidwell W.M., Richards W.M. elect S.W.,
Poole Sec., H. G. Buss Treas., Grammer as
. Cuthbertson I.G., J. Murch Steward. Past
ker, C. Atkins, F. Harrison, W. Libbis, S. A.
e, D. H. Jacobs. Visitors—Bros. C. Daniel
te 25, W. W. Morgan jun. 1385. After the
e Lodge, Bro. M. H. Hale proved his proficiency,
e was then resumed, and Bros. F. W. A. Cossey,
n, and D. H. Jones received from the W.M.
ond degree. Lodge was then closed, and the
pper. On its conclusion, Bro. Maidwell briefly
; with that of the Grand Officers he coupled the
sst. G. Sec. The evening passed pleasantly,
ethren interspersing the toasts.

dge of Instruction, No. 65.—At the
ndenhall-street, 31st December 1878. Bros.
S.W., Hogarth J.W., Hamilton S.D., Roberts
King. The Lodge was opened in due form, and
evious meeting were read and confirmed. Bro.
ir in favour of Bro. Maidwell, who worked the
oss candidate. Bro. King worked the ceremony
nilton candidate. Bro. Moss resumed his seat
ed the third degree, Bro. King candidate. Bro.
d. for the ensuing Tuesday.

e Lodge, No. 68.—A meeting was held on

Lodge of Joppa, No. 188.—An emergency meeting
Lodge was held on Monday, the 30th ult., at the Albion T
Aldersgate-street, and was numerously attended by brethre
visitors. Bros. Miller W.M., M. Spiegel S.W., H. Hymans J.
P. Albert P.G.P. Sec., L. M. Anerhaan Treas., Campion S.D., R.
J.D., Benjamin I.G., Woodstock P.M. Tyler. P.M.'s Bros. L.
ander, J. Abrahams, L. Lazarus, M. Alexander, &c. Messrs.
B. Hart and M. Hart were duly initiated into the Order, an
Robinson was passed to the second degree. The work
W.M. and Officers was excellently performed. The Lodg
then closed.

Strong Men Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.—H
the Old Rodney's Head, No. 11 Old-street, Goswell-road, on M
last, the 30th December. Present—Bros. Wing W.M., Isaac
Hallam sen. J.W., Tolmie Preceptor, Fenner Sec., Halford S.D.
J.D., Hallam jun. I.G.; also Bro. C. K. Killick jun. and other
formalities complied with, Lodge was advanced to the third
and resumed to the second. Bro. Hallam sen. worked the s
Bro. Isaac the third, Bro. Fenner the fourth, and Bro. Tolmie th
sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodg
resumed to the first degree. Bro. Killick gave proofs of h
ficiency, was entrusted, and the ceremony of passing wa
rehearsed by the W.M. Bro. Isaac was appointed to preside
next meeting. Bros. Hallam jun., Killick and Wing were app
Auditors. Lodge was closed and adjourned.

York Lodge, No. 236.—The annual Festival of St. Jo
Evangelist was celebrated by this Lodge on Friday, the 27th
the annual banquet in the Masonic Hall. An excellent men
provided by Bro. J. Toes, of the De Grey Rooms, York, and
was an unusually good muster of the brethren. Bro. A. Buckle
presided, and the vice-chairs were occupied by Bros. G. Ba
P.M. P.P.G.O., and M. Rooke J.D., both Wardens being
through indisposition. Amongst the members of the Lodge
we also noticed Bros. R. W. Hollon P.M., Sir James Meek
W. D. Husband P.M., J. Todd P.M., F. Rawling P.M., W. Va
I.P.M., T. B. Whytehead P.M., Geo. Kirby Secretary, T. S. Ca
P.P.G.O. Organist, W. Powell M.C., T. G. Hodgson and W. H.
son Stewards, J. Redfare Tyler; M. Varvill, E. Oates, J. Ward
G. Pursuivant, A. Hanson, G. Eastwood, E. J. Inman, J. We
S. Border, T. J. Russell, J. S. Rymer, P. Matthews, Wm. Mol
Young, T. Sanderson, H. Aitken, G. Seller, C. W. Simmo
Churchill, J. Stead, J. Smith, Wm. Smith, T. S. Brogden, E. Ho
J. Terry; and amongst the Visitors, Bros. J. Healy W.M. ele
Patrick's Lodge 295 (I.C.), Wm. Harris, J. Shaw, W. Flint,
Pedley (ditto), J. A. White, J. Camidge, Constitutional 294, P
Org., T. Mills Richey, Peace and Harmony 199, T. Myers, De
1605, J. S. Cumberland W.M. Eboracum 1611, J. M. Meek
Marquis of Ripon 1379, M. Millington, T. Humphries, J. Bl
Wm. Hill and A. T. B. Turner Eboracum 1611. The W.M. g
pleasing terms the toasts of the Queen and Craft, H.R.H. the
of Wales, and the Pro G. Master and Grand Lodge, the latter
responded to by Bro. R. W. Hollon P.G.S.B. Eng. The W.M.
gave the Prov. G. Master, the Earl of Zetland, and P. Grand
responded to by Bro. J. Todd, Prov. G. Registrar. The Army,
and Reserve Forces was replied to by Bro. Capt. Healy (4th D
Guards) and Bro. Capt. W. P. Husband (1st West York Rifles)
Sir James Meek P.P.S.G.W., gave the health of the W.M.,
his reply the W.M. asked the brethren to join him in drinking
perity to the York Lodge from the silver loving cup subscrib
by the brethren last year, the centenary year of the Lodge, an
handsome cup was accordingly passed round the tables. Bro.
man Terry proposed the health of the Past Masters of the
which was responded to by Bro. the Rev. W. Valentine P.P.G.
lain. Bro. T. B. Whytehead Prov. G.D.C. gave the Lodges
Province, to which Bro. J. S. Cumberland W.M. Eboracum
responded. Bro. W. D. Husband P.P.G.W. gave the Visitor
Bro. J. W. Meek W.M. 1379 replied. The Masonic Charitie
given by the W.M., and the Officers of the Lodge by Bro. Cou
Rymer, replied to by Bro. G. Kirby Secretary, and the
toast brought a very pleasant and harmonious evening to a clo

St. Patrick's Lodge, No. 295 (I.C.)—The annual In
tion meeting of this Military Lodge, which is attached to t
Royal Irish Dragoon Guards, at present lying in York Barrack
held at the Masonic Hall, York, on Wednesday evening. The
a nice attendance of visitors, consisting chiefly of brethren fro
the local Lodges. In the unavoidable absence of the W.M.
Major T. B. Shaw-Hellier) the Lodge was opened by Bro. J. Tod

owever, Bro. Husband, the W.M. for the past year
, the proposed Memorial to the late Sir Frederick
, the D.P.G.M. of Cornwall, which was origi-
dge, and approved of by the P.G.M., was farther
ter was read from Bro. E. T. Carlyon P.G.S., stating
ch found most favour in the Lodges was, that each
e a sum towards the Memorial, and that they should
vote by the contributions of brethren, then signify
nrer the amount raised, leaving it to the Prov. G.L.
distribution of the fund. Bro. Hughan P.G.D. of
stating that the Phœnix Lodge, Truro, had voted
fund, and that as Steward of the Masonic School
already received £250. The W.M. pointed out that
heir D.P.G.M., the Province had lost 172 votes in
ities, and it had occurred to him and others that the
rial Fund to purchase votes in perpetuity for the
arities would not only to some extent repair the loss
would perpetuate one of the noblest characters
had in the Province. Four Past Masters of the
to give £5 each to the fund. On the motion of
., seconded by Bro. F. H. Pool, ten guineas were
l to the Memorial out of the funds of the Lodge,
t of the Lodge, Bro. Coombe P.M. undertook to
ns from the brethren during the Festival, and the
d reached the total of nearly £30, although the
generally canvassed. A report presented by the
Harvey, showed that during the year the debt on
oms had been reduced by £25, and there was a
the year of £17 6s. Bro. Harvey was re-elected
expression of confidence and thanks for past ser-
Coombe was re-elected as Steward of the Cornwall
nd Benevolent Fund, an office he has held for four.
Gilbert B. Pearce I.P.M. ably and impressively
mony of installing Bro. Trevithick, and Bro. N.
efficiently as D.C. The Board of Installed
W. Huthnance, H. J. Warren, F. H. Pool Prov.
rer, James Pool, G. Stevens, F. Harvey, John
e, and W. Husband of 450, F. Jeffrey jun. W.M.
W.M. 1544, and H. S. Hill W.M. 223. The W.M.
s as follow:—W. Husband I.P.M., James Spray
nedy J.W., N. J. West P.M. Chap., J. P. Smith
ass., H. J. Warren P.M. D.C., W. J. Jordan S.D.,
. Vivian and Bray Tylers. The Lodge having been
repaired to the White Hart Hotel, where a
was prepared. Nearly sixty sat down, under the
V.M. In addition to those already mentioned at
present G. H. Eustice P.M. 450, R. Sedgman
318, W. E. Lakey D.C. 318, and W. Watkins
proposing the loyal toasts, the W.M. made a
the death of the beloved Princess Alice, and in
of England," spoke of the Prince of Wales's
nasonry, and his liberal support of all its charit-
institutions as one among the many evidences
ess's devotion to the country's interest—another
abours in connection with the Paris Exhibition.
m the esteem of all nations. "The Pro G.
" was submitted by Bro. West, who recalled the
emony performed by Earl Carnarvon at the in-
nce of Wales, and made an appropriate reference
he previous day his lordship's marriage had taken
G.M. of Cornwall," was proposed by Bro. F.
f the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe as one who by
m ruling in Lodge, and thorough entrance into
as a worthy successor of Sir Charles Lemon and
nstead of the usual toast, "The D.P.G.M. of
ren drank in silence to the memory of the late
n Williams. "The Prov. G. Lodge," was next
Bro. Husband, and Bro. Pearce Prov. G. Steward
G. Sword Bearer, responded, the former giving
ret of the brethren that they were denied the
nce of Bro. Mudge, on whom had been placed
irs. With a pleasant reference to the brotherly
reemasonry, Bro. Warren proposed, "The Visit-
" whom responded, the burden of their speeches
ishes for the W.M. and the Lodge, and gratitude
tion always awaiting visitors at the Cornubian
d with the toast of the evening. "The W.M. of
Bro. Trevithick they had elected one who was
ge, but one who by his business tact and zeal
honour on the Lodge. Bro. Trevithick, in
hey would have a successful and prosperous
those who would do honour to a noble institu-
ith humour to Bro. Husband's remark that it
medied a defect which Masonry was reluctant
the ladies certainly would not. Bro. the Rev.

permitted to join in it. They were now in a very proud
perfect peace with the Government. No man who wrot
of the 19th century would be able to leave out the h
organisations and institutions, and of Freemasonry it w
be written that it required the attention of no s
police, that no rightful government or lawful so
anything to fear from it, and that if the throne of En
more securely in one place than another it was in
loyalty and personal attachment to the Queen of all
English Masonry had no sympathy with those associ
continent that strove in hot haste to be rid of mon
cowardly stroke of the assassin, to sweep away the no
aristocracy, and dye their hands with the blood of pr
representatives of all true religion. And he trusted th
be ever distant from them that brought the slightest fa
matter of reverencing all true religion and the
Great Architect of the Universe. With some degree
and surprise, and apart from professional or partisan sp
garded the movement on the part of the Grand Orient
they took society merely as an architect would
look at it from foundation to topstone, there wa
holding it together, no hope of lifting it highe
the central thought of a Ruler over all; and he
think that no kind of brotherhood could survive for
did not carry before it and all through it the idea of
above everything. The awful results of a previo
France to ignore the fact of the Great Architect of
ought surely to have prevented the Grand Orient fro
this fatal mistake. Often the equality of Masonry
understood or intelligently worked out. In the
brethren were brought up to a level of perfe
but the difference of brain power, of application,
that lay in a man's temperament and sentiments
make themselves felt. Any attempt at an unn
would be worse than useless to try to crush
iority that distinguishes the mighty brain and
and which should never beget envy in others
proach it. No man, in his opinion, could be a Maso
much better or much worse for it. Those who made
the relaxation of an idle hour, who thought it a ma
and gaiety, must be convicted at the bar of their own
a splendid and useless hypocrisy. But his experienc
man lay Masonry to heart, made it a matter of consc
it in the woof of his very being, and dwelling in his
in his voice and living in his life, he was a better
Christian, a better citizen, and even a better saint.
of being appointed a Warden; he had learned to lov
the brethren, and he should do his best to promote
brotherly love, peace, and unity, and to commend Ma
the round world round, and the Masonry of the Co
particular, with heart and voice. Other toasts follo
Thomas, Redruth, who warmly supported the mov
pressed a desire to see the fund made available for
poses in the Province of Cornwall, instead of, as the
Husband, sent to the various Lodges, suggested,
powers in the Boys' and Girls' Schools, &c. Bro. H
that his proposal was merely a suggestion, and tha
the P.G.M. and Prov. Grand Lodge to determine u
memorial should take. The proceedings were
enthusiasm and harmony throughout.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, N

Star and Garter Hotel, Kew-bridge, on Friday, 20t
Present—Bros. Blasby W.M., Gunner S.W., Goss
Fenner (S.D. 1227, 1693, &c.) J.D., Talbot I.G., Go
Roe P.M. Preceptor, &c. Lodge opened. Bro. F
handsome cushion for the Lodge Volume of Sacred
by him. Bro. Skinner offered himself as a candidate
taken through the ceremony of initiation. Lodge
to the third degree. At the request of the W.M. o
of the brethren, Bro. Fenner took the chair, an
manner rehearsed the ritual of raising, and delive
History. Upon resolutions, severally proposed by B
and seconded by Bros. Dorey and Gunner, vot
carried and accorded to Bro. Fenner, 1, for his han
2, for his highly instructive working. Bro. Fe
the compliment, and stated that his store of
had been acquired by regular attendance at, and h
of Instruction; he believed that Lodges of In
conducted, were the very foundation stones of
Gow, of Good Hope Lodge, Cape of Good Hope,
was unanimously admitted a member. The W.M
was elected, and the Lodge was then closed and a

alta W.M., J. H. Stevens S.W., Dr. A. Perrini
ec., A. Blanch Treas., G. Pentecost S.D., P. M.
Clement D.C., E. Gardelle, Dr. Cassanello, and
I. Le Gallais I.G., J. Eymon Tyler. Past Mas-
n, Dr. Mugnaini 32°, and S. Vais 33°. Visi-
o representing the Italian Lodge Risorgimento,
ili, Professor Ayra, and others. There was a
e of members, more than fifty being present,
evalier Tulin de la Tunisie, Consul General for
Consul for Belgium and Denmark; J. E. L.
Castellnuovo, C.E.; E. Nurri, &c., &c. The
e first time, embroidered gauntlets and collars,
dmired. The Lodge being duly opened the Sec-
ation from the District Grand Lodge of Malta,
iate the sons of two members of the same at the
Joseph Gardalle and Julius Lumbroso were
nitiated by the W.M. into Freemasonry, their
esent. The Secretary read an original address
the Aim of Masonry, and directed his remarks
g initiates. At its conclusion he received the
The W.M. then gave a slight sketch of the
since its opening in October 1877. They had
raised nearly *seventy* candidates. He was glad
present time none of these initiates had given
n to regret their entrance in its midst. The
-Laws in Italian had been circulated, and an
Book of Constitutions was ready to be printed
the Lodge. The Committee of Arabic transla-
rogress with the Ritual. He urged the members,
e in that path of active co-operation and friendly
herto made his task so pleasant and the Lodge
y did this he was always ready to devote him-
of Ancient Carthage. He hoped soon to see a
ospital flourishing in Tunis. They had experi-
s for local charity and expenses, which had in a
eir contributions to the benevolent institutions
ir large receipts he was glad to say the re-
months had only lessened the Lodge funds by
ver, before the summer to remit a further con-
s School to their distinguished Honorary Mem-
P. Montagu, Grand Deacon of England. The
ongratulating the representatives of the sister
mento, on their presence amongst them, and the
dge. Dr. Funaro returned thanks, and said he
han imitate the exertions of W. Bro. Broadley.
members then greeted the W.M. with hearty
ty collection was made, and the brethren ad-
l banquet.

AM OF WYKEHAM.

FROM THE "KEYSTONE."

f fame among the famous architects and Opera-
the Middle Ages, must be placed the name of
. Professor Cockerell, of the Royal Academy
ars ago said of him: "Wykeham was one of the
aintain the secrets of the Craft schools of the
irteenth and fourteenth centuries; and which
r the triumphs of the art had been achieved in
(King's College Chapel) at Cambridge." As
reason to be proud of his architectural achieve-
almost universal genius, for he was not only
skilful architect, but also a Bishop of the Eng-
hancellor of the realm, a statesman of broad and
of unusual ability, and a beneficent patron of the
gion. So little is popularly known of his career
rief sketch of his remarkable life and achieve-

ars regina was born at Wykeham, Hampshire,
spicuous parentage. His father was unable to
cation, but some generous patron (and he never
t his extended career) maintained him at school
he gave early evidence both of ability and piety.
was Usedale, Lord of Wykeham, and Governor
e, who introduced him to Edington, Bishop of
rn made him known to King Edward III. In
ointed him Clerk of the King's Works in the
nd the following year Surveyor of the Castle
years later Chief Warden and Surveyor of the
corner of them. William of Wykeham furnished designs for t
Castle, such nearly as we now behold it, making it, for simplic
grandeur, superior to any royal residence in the world. Every
in England was required to send a contingent of masons and
workmen, and in a surprisingly short period the structure wa
pleted. The King celebrated this event by founding the illu
Order of the Garter.

In 1361 he built Queensboro' Castle, on the Island of She
In 1371, while Bishop of Winchester, he repaired and rebu
various Episcopal palaces in his See, expending, largely of h
private funds, some 800,000 dols. thereon. In 1394 he rebuil
minster Hall. Winchester College, and New College, Oxford
also the fruits of his genius. Probably his greatest work w
latest—Winchester Cathedral. A Church was founded on its s
the second century, by the British king, Lucius. Bishop W
began the Cathedral in 1079. In the twelfth century Bishop d
formed a confraternity of builders—who were among the prog
of our modern Craft—for its rebuilding and extension. Its s
architecture was then Romanesque, or Saxon and Norman.
Wykeham found it so decayed that he resolved to rebuild it, a
so in its present perpendicular Gothic style. He was ten year
pleting it, and happily accomplished this great work just prio
death, at a cost of one million dollars. His handsome effigy in
reposes in an oratory erected by his order, on the south side
nave of the Cathedral. On all of his works he expended two m
and a half of money, and to his credit be it said, he completed
work he undertook.

William of Wykeham's civil and ecclesiastical careers were
tinguished as his architectural. He was one of the mediæval
architects—a priest in the church as well as an eminent artist
thirty-eight years he was Bishop of Winchester, dying while pr
over that See. He sat twice upon the woolsack, as Lord Cha
of England, in 1367-71, and 1389-91. His popularity was lon
tinued and only once interrupted. Froissart, the historian, s
"He reigned at Court, everything being done by him, and n
without him." Of course he could not be entirely without en
Wickliffe, the reformer, was scandalized by his identification
Bishop, with the arts. In consequence, he said in a sermon: "
would not present a clerk able of God's word, and of good life an
example, but a kitchen clerk, or a penny clerk, *or one wise in be
castles and other worldly doings.*" This was a thrust at
Wykeham. For some two years he was under a cloud, from
charged by his enemies with misappropriations of money, bu
the charge was examined into, the evidence was narrowed dow
forgiveness of one-half of a fine of £80. The year following h
a second time created Lord Chancellor—a complete vindication
character.

Wykeham was an indefatigable patron of learning, and a mun
giver in behalf of public improvements, education, and the Chur
enjoyed his wealth by bestowing it upon others—he was hi
executor. He merited Lowth's noble eulogium: "By the tim
he had reached the meridian of life, he had acquired great w
and the remainder of his days he employed, not in increasing i
reasonable end, but in bestowing it in every way that piety,
and liberality could devise. The latter half of a long life he sp
one continuous series of generous actions and great designs, f
good of his friends, of the poor, and of his country." When ther
no castles, palaces or churches to be repaired or rebuilt, he
mend the roads—for example the almost impassable one be
London and Winchester, rebuilding the bridges thereon at h
cost. He was also an ecclesiastical reformer, visiting and corr
abuses in the monasteries, although he was not a Protestant ref
like Wicklyffe.

Such was Wykeham's varied career. Great as a statesm
ecclesiastic, he was always proud of his character as an arc
On his coat of arms, adopted after he had achieved fame, wa
motto: "Per carpentarios et domorum factores olim portabant

His life has often been written—first in 1597, in Latin, b
Thomas Martin; next by Dr. (afterwards Bishop) Lowth, in
while briefer sketches of his life are given by Lord Chancellor
bell, in his lives of the Lord Chancellors of England, and by
Cockrell, of the Royal Academy, in a paper read before tha
some years ago, and afterwards printed. There was no Me
Freemason who excelled him in purity of life, ability as an arc
or success as a statesman and jurist. The Craft has, therefore,
to be proud of him, and does well to cherish his memory. In g
ing him, it glorifies itself.

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or has been a period in the history of modern
nry in which some pretended revelations of
ries has not been palmed off upon a credulous
ooks and pamphlets containing these sup-
s have been eagerly purchased, and a good
ouls have forthwith imagined themselves
posted in our secrets. We do not know
worthy people have presented themselves
ors with the view of testing the true worth
e they are supposed to have acquired. Dr.
ertaining *Revelations of a Square*, relates that
a cowan actually found his way into a
gh he momentarily succeeded in deluding
d not had time to turn himself round when
"It Rains!" was heard, and the culprit
brethren a declared and admitted im-
ollowed has been recorded in these pages
s originally told, and need not therefore
er. The moral we deduce from the tale—
is yet a capital fiction—is simple enough.
to ourselves a man who has acquired a
dge of our mysteries as they are declared
ho are at the pains of publishing these
ions, yet does this knowledge avail
the Tyler is thrown off his guard, he is
iate detection in the Lodge. It is in the
to proclaim aloud our secrets. He may
ther, and, unmindful of the solemn obli-
luntarily contracted, may endeavour to
t knowledge he may have acquired of our
he may let slip something he was bound
will never succeed in enlightening the
to our real mysteries. A wink, a nod, a
f the hand, this or that word; in short,
y have about it an air of reality may be
from the housetops, and yet the man
a knowledge of these signs and words—
r the sake of argument, that he has been
hough the chances are ten thousand to
en imposed upon—will be just as far off
from the true knowledge of what con-
ry. And this not because—as our ene-
declare—there is any mystery of mys-
ever related to those outside a certain
because it is, humanly speaking, impos-
ate them to outsiders in such a manner
able to evade detection at the hands of a
es any one imagine that if the secrecy of
nded on the knowledge of a few signs
were known that these signs and words
lic, they would not have been changed
ct of such publication was established?
t of the commandant of a military post,
to fear treachery on the part of any
l, and that some one among them has
word?" Well, he immediately changes
s the treacherous revelation of none
so fatuous as to believe that if Freema-
e to fear these supposed unveilings of its
ch the public is occasionally entertained,
go have followed the prudent course of
andant? Whatever else we may be,
the bulk of our society are not arrant

too often for them to think so; and yet the cit
masonry is as impregnable now as it was in t
by, when a man appeared before some magistr
oath that what he was then about to reveal wa
the whole truth, and nothing but the truth
mysteries of our Craft. The number of boo
supposed to have laid bare our secrets is leg
world is still none the wiser. Many an atten
made by outside people to enter our Lodges,
no authentic instance of the attempt having
ful. Indeed, it may seem a bold thing to say s
fully persuaded that if all our signs and wor
and our ceremonies were made public to-mor
in nowise help the non-Mason to master our
might perhaps be sufficiently clever not to b
over the first word or two, but he would ver
detected, as in the story we have already all
written description could prevent this happ
the readers of these "Masonic Mysteries
whatever else such works may be entitled, n
themselves they have acquired a true know
Masonic Art. This, we are persuaded, is th
our readers, who know as well as we do,
degree of truth there is in these pretended
Let us now turn to the particular article whic
these remarks, and which was published
columns last week. It was taken from a Li
and emanated from the pen of one who s
"A NON-MASONIC CONTRIBUTOR." He need
at the pains of so subscribing himself, as he b
as a non-Mason in the first sentence. He proc
is not a Mason, and he has no intention of
"no matter how the brethren may press m
body." The book he has got hold of has not,
told him this much, that brethren are not in
inviting, indeed they are strictly forbidden
non-Masons to join the ranks of the Societ
if he were an admirer of our Fraternity, in
as we are justified in believing he is, one
strenuous opponents, he certainly would nev
into our mysteries if he waited until he
join us. People become members of our
tarily, and without motives of self-interest, s
MASONIC CONTRIBUTOR" need not have been a
announce his true character. Our Liverpo
who are readers of the journal in which "
Freemasonry" are presumably made public
believe, been in any way disconcerted by t
We do not anticipate that any of their Lodg
vaded, even should those who present thems
true and genuine Masons, utter any or all
the supposed magical efficacy of which the
contemporary lays so much stress. But to
our criticism of this writer's contribution.
times we, as a representative organ of Free
be thankful for any small mercies which may
to the Craft, and, accordingly, we are than
past, at all events, he has regarded the S
masons as a harmless, albeit a genial
Similarly and commensurately we must regre
have shown any inclination to accept as a r
secrets the contents of this work, which
truth about it," nor do we despair of being a
that, owing to the circumstances by which
it is totally unworthy of acceptance b
other decent personage. We shall not co

suppressed. No righteous judge or slightest faith in what he said. He fore the world either as a perjurer, the truth, or as an impostor, if it is o figures in either of these characters even on oath. There is yet another of this particular perjurer should be without the slightest degree of cere- It is proudly admitted by "A Non- " that he (the author of the book) atred of the body." Here, then, we st violent partisan tendering evidence h he finds it impossible to denounce ver, he is a Roman Catholic—we are d the Church of Rome has never y of excommunicating Freemasonry. uestion is doubly a partisan and a per- boot. Will "A Non-Masonic Con- if we point out that his acceptance of a person is a sign of one of two things, artisanship, or of a certain amount of it may be obliquity on his part. If r Liverpool contemporary's corres- sense, we are justified in imagining ny have of the character of Free- encies are unfavourable to our Society. nst be something more than "an air t a perjurer or impostor says for any h he accepted it unreservedly. Or if person who divulges what he has et is a perjurer, and, therefore, un- it follows that a man who accepts such a person is, in common par- tly in the politest language, a considerations which, it occurs to presented themselves to the mind mpartial and well-principled man. for questioning the truth of a state- that it is uttered by one who, as we either a perjurer or an impostor, and hen it is solemnly pledged in open Book, would be at once rejected by in the United Kingdom. There is e considered. We are given to un- supposed revelations of our mysteries Catholic. Now, the hatred evinced ic priesthood towards Freemasonry is , and it occurs to us that it is a very ask. How came these revelations to be made under threats of eternal damna- thood claims to be in a position to bers of that section of the Christian pposed revelations take place under ?—and if so, how comes it that a Catholic priesthood—whose boast it evealed is ever made known to the e to his Church? Where is this mpostor who has written this wonder- vents, is supposed to have supplied ch it has been written? He need have ward and announcing himself as the informant. There is no Mason who r even a single hair of his head. We ill not be subjected to any of the sup- faithlessness. He will, perhaps, be and his antecedents and belongings. nd no more than is done every day by rious but offensive natural phenome- venler of our mysteries reveal himself, that we may be position to identify him with a former member of a cer Lodge, who was initiated, passed, and raised, and who the degrees of Mark, Arch, and Templar Masonry on cer days. We, as an organ of the maligned society, ha right to demand that our accuser shall be brought fac face with us, so that the world may judge as between and us. Is he some degraded, some vicious member of Roman Catholic priesthood, who had no scruples a entering our society in order that he might palm off on public a parcel of lies as the mysteries of Freemaso What reward was held out to him for undertal the nasty office? Was it absolution for his past, indulgence for all future sins he might be guilty Or did he receive, like his prototype, Judas Iscariot, s thing tangible in the way of reward for his presu treachery? All these, and much else that we might are part and parcel of the inquiries which it is lawful us to institute respecting this perjurer or impostor. H ever, we have written even more than we had intended this unsavoury subject, and it strikes us that what r mostly annoy this author of "The Secrets of Freemason is the supreme indifference with which the Masonic l regards these astounding revelations. For him and friends to find that after all his treachery—or impostur the case may be—Freemasonry still flourishes like a g bay tree, that its ramifications are extending daily in directions, and that we are gradually being regarded more favour the more people understand the nature of Society—this must be gall, indeed, to the foul-minded creant who has tried to ruin us. That the consequence all his treachery and imposture should affect him and alone, and the clique that supports him, is the grea proof the world could possibly have that he and his called revelations are a wilful and gross misrepresenta or distortion of the truth.

SO-CALLED "COMPACT" OF THE FOUR OLD LODGES.

By Bro. Jacob Norton.

I HAVE read with care the first two or three articles by Gould, upon "The Four Old Lodges," likewise the letter on 294 (Freemason's Chronicle, 2nd November), and promise to the remainder as soon as time permits. While, therefore, I can confess that I am not prepared to judge as to the soundness o soundness of the respective views of Bros. Gould or Hughan I cannot refrain noticing with regret that so able a writer as vestigator as Bro. Gould is, should labour under the co Masonic delusion, to lament and bewail the violation of so- ancient landmarks.

The Lodge List of 1738 (Anderson's Constitution) gives us (quoted by Bro. Gould in a previous paper) that Lodge No. 1 one of the four original Lodges, but for some reason the Grand in 1723 made the said Lodge take out a Warrant, and placed it Lodge List as No. 10, and hence Bro. Gould, on page 294, finds with the Grand Lodge. The following are his reasons:—

"The acceptance of a Warrant [by the said Lodge] in 172 followed by no *penal* consequence until 1729." Our brother f informs us that, "immediately after the publication of the eng list for 1729, when, for *the first time*, Lodges were shown in orc seniority, a protest was registered by the original No. 3, a their misplacement in the printed book, whereby they lost rank."

Our Bro. Gould thereupon vents his indignation against the Lodge as follows:—

"That the degradation of this Lodge six years after the occu upon which the decision of *the 'four Grand Officers'* was (approved, however, by the Grand Lodge who dismissed the

and the four old Lodges. The above quotation was ton's book. Bro. Preston was not born until twenty- he alleged time of the compact; he was not made a ty-one years after he was born, and his book was ore 1772 (that is, fifty-one years after 1721). The t in 1772 no one was alive who took an active part of the Grand Lodge. Preston gives no authority e he got hold of the copy of the compact. Moreover, ngly tinctured with the fault peculiar to Masonic was credulous, and was also a Masonic partizan; his rand Lodge of York is certainly a tissue of perver- atements. Even Dr. Mackey (whom no one can lasm) placed Bro. Preston among the unreliable ton's evidence is, therefore, insufficient to prove the ould be rejected in any court of justice.

he original compact of 1721 was produced, what n be perpetuated, providing it was based on immu- consistent with common sense. Now, a legislative presumes to lay down *irrepealable* laws, must d both of justice and common sense; for no just e to possess a right to impose irrepealable laws and no sensible man can believe that posterity n for his dictum; and whenever and wherever ed to bind posterity, the effort invariably proved

ods must yield—religions take their turn."

e proved from biblical and profane history.

enjoined to believe that "the Bible is the Word of Bible lays down both religious and civil laws; for nds us to keep the *seventh* day holy, but I know lish and American brother Masons who do not care *venth* day. True, they observe the *first* day in the at day they do not observe in accordance with the ible.

dained a law, permitting the husband to divorce got tired of her; but he provided no law to em- divorce her husband. Jesus, following the deci- Rabi Shammah, confined the right of divorcing a of adultery. But even Jesus did not go in for for she still continued debarred from the privi- er husband. But now there is scarcely a country erein laws do not exist of the right of claiming a usband or wife, either on account of desertion, ess, &c., without any necessity of proving com- And what is more, American Jews of the *liberal* d in a Convention, held at Philadelphia, that a the State (no matter for what reason) is thence- as legal by the Synagogue, and either of the y marry again according to Jewish rites. We the Bible laws and some of the ten command- with impunity. It seems, therefore, strange that e Bible with so much fervour, and who believe it of God," should show such indifference to the of its laws and commandments, and at the same themselves up into a rage because the Grand l a law made by Anderson in 1721.

as Modern history is full of instances, illustrating removable laws. But I shall here refer only to ch history. Every one knows that the North ade a compact when they formed the Union not to nstitution of slavery in the slave States. But y was abolished by a proclamation of President othing to do here with the why and wherefore, s acquainted with the reason thereof, but I have eader of the fact that a compact was made, and as disregarded and broken by the U.S.

ery analogous to the above case, is the fact that nd and Scotland in 1707 would never have taken nd not agreed in the articles of the Union to ing with the old established form of government nds. The Highlander was as much a slave to erican negro was in the Southern States, but renoe, the negro hated his condition, but the d of his slavery; if the chief willed him to fight would fight for James; if for King George, he ge. So, before the Union could be formed, ation had to be inserted into the articles of

llces, superiorities, heritable jurisdiction, and be reserved to the owners thereof, as rights of manner as they were then enjoyed."

prove dangerous. If they should too easily be gi porating Unions would become impractical or mis

Admitting, then, that the compact between the the four Lodges was an undisputed fact, I ask, in th sense, why Masons should be more bound to adhere pact than the English Parliament or the American the cases above cited? True, the slave system is the exemption of a Lodge from taking out a Warr Lodge, but it is really immaterial which is more or just, as long as the *principle is unjust*. The "foun moral right to claim privileges denied to the rest to set up aristocratic pretensions. The assumpti superiority by the Lodge of Antiquity, based on t pact, actually encouraged that Lodge at one time t Grand Lodge of England under the leadership of th Preston. Suppose then the Grand Lodge had thou the attempted secession) to abolish the compac might not the argument of Lord Hardwick (above equally applicable to the power of the Grand Lodge of the Parliament of Great Britain?

Again, at the Union of the two Grand Lodges agreed that the Lodge lists of the two bodies shou one list, and in order to impress the notion that the of the Ancients were as old as the Nos. 1, 2, 3, &c. it was agreed to *dove-tail* them, that is, the No. 1 o be placed after the No. 1 of the other, which shou of the United Grand Lodge; and in tossing up fo Ancients were lucky enough to have their No. 1 pl of the list, while the Lodge of Antiquity was lower question now is, Why could the Grand Lodge in 181 pact with the Lodge of Antiquity with perfect in could it not have done the same in 1723, by loweri to No. 10? True, it might be argued that while th 1813 discarded the compact made in a former gene Lodge of 1723 discarded its own compact. This good, providing we were sure that a compact wa But such is not the case; there is really no evidenc the publications authorised by the Grand Lodge, fr tion of 1721 till the Constitution of 1784, that suc made in 1721. And the very fact that the Gran compelled one of the four Lodges to submit to t things without exciting any disturbance is itself co that no such a *compact* as Bro. Preston furnished been in existence. The said compact is either a p Preston or a gross exaggeration of some conditional to all intents and purposes the old Lodges were a obey the new Constitution as the new Lodges w article of the said Constitution gave ample pow Lodge to repeal or alter existing laws. Viewing, th tion from either point, I believe that it is high tim cease lamenting and bewailing the so-called "violati and the sooner the *landmark nonsense* is discarded clature the better it will be for Masonry.

We learn from the *Echo* that a sum of £ likely to come into the possession of a Gree Freemasons, under singular circumstances. hundred years ago the Lodge contributed £ cost of erecting a new Town House; and in was inserted in the feu charter giving to th petual right to hold meetings in the house action of their ordinary business. The having been recently converted into the Office, it is no longer practicable to use it fo poses, and the Lodge has asked £500 for th of its rights. The Greenock Town Counc £400, which will probably be accepted Masons.

The Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction bury Park Master Masons Lodge of In 1288, will in future hold their meetings Russell Tavern, Isledon-road, Holloway, at e first-named on Wednesday, and the lat every week throughout the year. Bro. P.

THER,—Your very able and sensible article on
ct is well timed, and deserves universal thanks.
it nail on the head when you say that the
is the "selfish greed for the tinsel of Free-
andful of brethren in that Colony. We have
ling ourselves as Englishmen on our self-reliant
commended our fellow countrymen at the Anti-
ndependent enterprise exhibited by them when
t it would seem that this spirit may degenerate
est principle, and result in something very like
parallel instance of Masonic, or rather un-
was exhibited in New Zealand a short time ago,
me Grand Council 33° was formed there, and
cognised existence; but I sincerely hope that
ren will avoid falling into the same error as
in Australia, although I notice a paragraph
and papers to the effect that some New Zea-
y had been making inquiries with a view to
Lodge for New Zealand. As a New Zealand
e allowed to express an opinion on this sub-
believed that the establishment of a Grand
in a proper and legal manner, and with the desire of the brethren of all three Constitutions
prove beneficial to the progress of Masonry in
present opinion is divided on this point, and
had a letter from one of the most prominent
land, in which he alludes to the matter, and
hink the time is yet ripe for the movement.
e English Constitution in New Zealand consider
odges holding under the Grand Lodge of Eng-
than it would be if they were governed by
Lodge of New Zealand, and there is also, they
ty experienced in new countries of obtaining
o are by educatian, position and surrounding
y free from local and deteriorating influences.
culties of locomotion and inter-communication,
have the effect of making the offices in Grand
ngst the brethren of the locality where the
Another New Zealand Mason, a rising Crafts-
dignity of any office in our District Grand
ngland I should esteem far greater than that
nd Master of New Zealand." As far as I can
he possession of an Independent Grand Lodge
ining a uniformity of working and of Constitu-
spection of the manner in which Lodges are
it is perfectly evident that at present the
id are not agreed on the question, and I am
he English Constitution, at any rate, are far
ke part in any movement for the formation of
I am informed, and I trust the information
e under the English Constitution has joined in
Wales schism, and it is to be hoped that those
ed, perhaps from lack of knowledge and proper
n, may see the error of their ways, and make
rithout delay. To Masonry at large, as you
vagaries of a small section can make little or
d old Craft has suffered far worse buffetings in
the old time before them than it is suffering or
has come forth from her furnace of afflic-
as we shall hand her down to our sons.

rs fraternally,

T. B. WHYTEHEAD, P.M. 1611,

Prince of Wales 1338, Auckland, N.Z.

879.

E WOULD LIKE TO KNOW.

r of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

ER,—I am obliged to Brother Smallpeice and
dents who have replied to my queries relative
ges of an honorary member of a Lodge. I
ice especially for the extracts he gave from the
, confirmatory of his view of an honorary
ws regarding the privileges attached to the
Brother being evidently incorrect, at least I
o information given by your other correspon-
this, that unless Lodges are prepared to

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Your correspondent, a R.A.M.,
cannot be a constant reader of your "Chronicle," or he must hav
made fully aware of an attempt to form a Royal Arch Chap
Instruction during the past year in the South London D
and in conjunction with both the Craft and Mark Degrees,
the title of the Panmure General Lodge of Instruction, No. 720

Your "Diary for the Week" has for many months past con
the announcement of its meeting on "Thursdays at the A
Tavern, Lorn-road, Brixton at 8," although I regret to say
your correspondent had relied upon that announcement
August last he would have met with disappointment; and I
you why—

Early in June of last year our worthy Brother Thomas Poore,
Craft and Mark, and a Principal in Royal Arch, than whom a
able and thoroughly qualified Preceptor is not to be found in the
of Masonry, associated himself with me in the endeavour to
the want expressed by your correspondent, and the desire of nu
Brethren and Companions who promised earnest support and a
ance. "They were so anxious to learn, and would be so thank
be taught!" The Lodge and Chapter of Instruction above
was therefore formed, and for the first few weeks appeared lik
succeed. But, alas, for Masonic promises! The enthusiasm w
short lived, and before three months had elapsed those who
earnestly asked for tuition could not make the necessary sacri
other engagements, and it was found impossible to secur
attendance of a sufficient number to work either Lodge or Ch
There was no help for it but to accept the result and submit to fi
and therefore the attempt was altogether abandoned. The fa
with the Brethren and Companions who solicited instruction, an
with the Preceptor, who regularly attended to afford t
and that at considerable expenditure of both time and m
What encouragement can there be for persevering in the
work of communicating instruction to others when such earnes
unselfish efforts are so ungenerously treated?

Nevertheless, if your correspondent means what he writes
can influence some dozen others to pledge themselves to cor
attendance, the opportunity is still open for carrying out his o
and neither he nor his Masonic friends need be at a loss fo
assistance of a skilled instructor. He can learn whom to addre
application to you for that purpose, and I can answer fo
renewed endeavours of our Brother Poore towards the end he
view.

Royal Arch Masonry has sustained a severe blow by the r
lamented decease of our greatly esteemed Companion John Boy
of the principal exponents, if not in fact the chief Preceptor, o
degree, and it behoves all those who seek the prosperity and pro
of the Order to use every effort to supply the want which will n
felt in consequence of his sudden demise. It would therefore
most appropriate moment for the inauguration of a thoroughly
and practical means for continuing that course of instruction for
he was so justly celebrated, and no better testimony of our appr
tion of the labours of our deceased Companion could probabl
evinced than by promoting the establishment of such a Chap
Instruction as would effectually promote the dissemination of
knowledge he was ever so ready to afford us. As I have b
written, the opportunity is at hand; will R.A.M. and his friends
themselves of it?

With my best wishes for your prosperity in the new year, be
me,

Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours very truly and fraternally,

P.M., P.

Clapham, 4th January 1872.

ORDER OF ST. LAWRENCE THE MARTY

A meeting of the Ebor Lodge of this Order was held at York
Thursday night, the R.W.M. Bro. T. B. Whytehead in the c
when the election of R.W.M. for the ensuing year took place,
choice of the members falling upon Bro. G. Simpson J.W. Bro
T. B. Turner was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. J. Ward Tyler.
guinea from the funds of the Lodge was voted to the Steward's
for the Benevolent Institution of Bro. T. Cooper. Bro. T. H
phries (keeper of the G.) presented to the Lodge a beautiful emb
of the Order, on which the Volume of the Sacred Law rests, of s
silver, enclosed in a velvet-lined oak case, and bearing a suitable
scription, for which Bro. Humphries received a hearty vote of tha

…e Right Worshipful the Most Noble Prince …arquis and Earl of Atholl, Marquis and Earl of Tulli… Strathtay and Strathardle, Viscount of Balquider, Glenlyon, Lord Murray, Balveny and Gask, Constable … Kincleaven, Lord of Man and the Isles, and Earl …on Murray of Stanley in the county of Gloucester, …RAND MASTER OF MASONS, The Right Worshipful …Esq., Deputy Grand Master, The Right Worshipful …n, Esq., Senior Grand Warden, and the Right Wor… …h Cranfield, Esq., Junior Grand Warden (with the consent of the Warranted Lodges held within the …bs of London and Westminster), Do hereby authorize … Trusty and Well-beloved Brethren, viz., The Wor… …ful Brother Robert Thompson, one of our Master …ns, the Worshipful Alexander Kilby, his Senior …len, and the Worshipful Thomas Small, his Junior … and hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons …asonic Hall, Bell's Court, Newgate Street, Newcastle… …he first and third Monday in every Month, on all … and lawful occasions. And in the same Lodge …egated) to admit and make Freemasons, according …nt and Honourable Custom of the Royal Craft, in …ations throughout the known world. And we do …uthorize and impower our said Trusty and Well… …), Robert Thompson, Alexander Kilby, and Thomas …consent of the Members of the Lodge), to nominate, …ll their Successors, to whom they shall deliver this …nvest them with their Powers and Dignities as …&c., &c. And such Successors shall in like manner …, and install their Successors, &c., &c., &c. Such …e upon (or near) every ST. JOHN'S DAY, during the …his Lodge, for ever. Providing the above named …l their Successors, always pay due respect to this …l Grand Lodge, otherwise the Warrant to be of no …

… Hands and the Seal of our Grand Lodge in London, …f April, in the year of our Lord 1813, and in the year …housand eight hundred and thirteen.

ROBERT LESLIE, Grand Secretary.

…rant is Registered … Lodge, Vol. 2, … 2, 1755. } EDWARD HARPER.

…rrant was regularly . . . . .
…ed April 3, 1813.
…odge opened . . . . . (Seal)
…f Dispensation.

…S HARPER, Esq., D.G.M.

…rand Lodge according to the old Constitutions" (or …onsideration of the respectability of the "Atholl" …eld at Newcastle-upon-Tyne, and warranted on the …805, and in appreciation of the donations of the Benevolent Institution," exchanged the Warrant on the 2nd day of April 1813, thereby placing the …t the head of all Country Lodges, "as a mark of …which their services were held by the "Ancient" …e first Grand Master of the "Ancients" was W.M. … was held in London. The transfer to Newcastle … the usual sum "payable to Charity."

J. CONSTABLE.

…tle, number, &c., are The Newcastle-upon-Tyne …wcastle-upon-Tyne.

No. 124.

…as") before the Union, No. 45 A.D. 1814, No. 41 …). 1832, and No. 35 from A.D. 1863.

…our Right Worshipful, Worshipful and Loving Brethren.

…TUS FREDERICK OF BRUNSWICK LUNENBURGH (DUKE OF SUSSEX),

…, Baron of Arklow, Knight of the Most Noble …rder of the Garter, &c., &c., &c.

GRAND MASTER

…t and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of England.

…eers by the Records of our Grand Lodge, that a …late the seventeenth of February One thou…

…dred and eighty-one became No. 33. By the alter… in One thousand Seven hundred and ninety-two bec… which Lodge in consequence of the Union of the tw… Masons on the 27th December One thousand Eig… thirteen became and is now registered No. 48. … the brethren composing the said Lodge h… Memorial, represented to us that their said Warra… accident been lost or destroyed, and they have there… grant them a WARRANT OF CONFIRMATION. Now, k… being satisfied of the reasonableness of the said req… grant our WARRANT OF CONFIRMATION unto our right … beloved brethren, Thomas Osborn, Charles Miller, R… Richard Pinborn, George Woodyear, George Coo… Edmunds and others, composing the said Lodge, auth… powering them and their successors to assemble and … Free and Accepted Masons at Cowes, in the Isle of … under the denomination of the Medina Lodge, at such … brethren thereof may appear necessary and then … duly congregated, to make, pass and raise Freemason… the Ancient custom of the Craft in all ages and nations … known world. And further, as the petition of the sai… do appoint the said Thomas Osborn to be the Master, … Miller to be Senior Warden, and the said Richard K… Junior Warden, for opening and holding the said L… such time as another Master shall be regularly electe… strictly charging, that every Master who shall be ele… over the said Lodge shall be installed in ancient form … to the Laws of the Grand Lodge, that he may therel… vested with the dignities and powers of his office, … to be upon the General Register of our Grand Lodge, … do require you, Thomas Osborn, and your succe… special care that all and every the said brethren … been regularly made Masons, and that you and … other the members of the said Lodge do observe, … keep the Laws, Rules, and Orders contained in … Constitutions, and all others which may from time to … by our Grand Lodge or transmitted by us or … Grand Masters, or our Deputy Grand Master for the ti… We do require you to make such By-Laws for the … your Lodge, as shall, to the majority of the Members, … and necessary, the same not being contrary or inconsi… general Laws and Regulations of the Craft, and a cop… are to transmit to us. And We do require you to … Bye-Laws and Regulations, and also an account of the … your Lodge to be entered in a book to be kept for … And you are in nowise to omit to send to us, or our suc… Master, or to General Sir John Doyle, Bart., G.C.B… Grand Master, or to the Deputy Grand Master for the … and at least once in every year, a List of the Men… Lodge, and the Names and Descriptions of all Ma… therein, and Brethren who shall have joined the same, … the Fees and Monies payable thereon. It being our W… tion that this our Warrant of Confirmation shall be in … only as you shall conform to the Laws and Regulatio… Grand Lodge. And you, the said Thomas Osborn, are for… as soon as convenient may be, to send an account in wr… may be done by virtue of these Presents.

Given under our Hand and Seal of the Grand Lod… April 1824, A.L. 5824.

By command of our Grand Master,
J. Doy…

William J. White } G.S.
Edw. Harper }

The present title, number, &c., are The Medina L… Masonic Hall, West Cowes, Isle of Wight.

Skelmersdale Lodge, No. 1380.—A meeting … the 6th January 1879, at the Queen's Hotel, Waterloo… Bros. E. W. Ford jun. W.M., John Cobham S.W., R. H… F. W. Barnes Sec., John Brown S.D., R. W. Hickso… Broadbridge P.M. D.C., John Almond Org., Henry A. T… W. H. Ball Tyler. Past Masters T. W. Richardson I.P.M… Bros. Chamberlain, Lamb, Watt, &c., &c. Visitor—Br… 148, &c. Business—Bro. H. F. Betts was elected a join… This being the night for the annual election, a ballot w… W.M., which resulted in the unanimous selection of Br… ham S.W. P.M. 241 as W.M. for the ensuing year. … Brown P.M. was re-elected Treasurer. Bros. Hickson, S… Gittins were appointed auditors. The sum of £1 1s was …

...Patterson 1502, Morris ...ett 477, J. H. Evans W.M. 1565, J. H. Wilson ...y Treas. 1250, &c. The Lodge was opened in due form ...n the minutes of the previous meeting were read ... The W.M. then announced the receipt of a letter of ...). S. Schonstadt W.M. of the Lodge of Israel, No. ...). M. Flatau, of Hamburg, to the degree of F.C. ... read the communications from the W.M. and Sec. of ...atan having proved his claim to preferment, was ...ired. The Lodge was then opened in the second ...au admitted and passed by the W.M., assisted by ...y W.M. 1250. The chair of K.S. was then assumed ... the request of the W.M., when he presented his ...in Rymer Young S.W. W.M. elect, for the benefit ...he presentation was duly attended to, and, the first ...ny being completed, the Lodge was opened in the ... Bros. Past Masters Armstrong and Finney were ... in the West and South. All below the degree of ...aving retired, the W.M. elect was entrusted and ...f Installed Masters was then opened in ample form, ... the manner of some is, the W.M. elect admitted ...hair of K.S., according to antient custom. Having ...ined, and greeted in the usual form, the W.M. ...lling Master to call off for a brief space, and the "cement" was judiciously applied, and then

The Board having been closed, the brethren ...s were re-admitted, and the W.M. saluted, pro... in each degree. The Installing Master requested ...er and explain the respective working tools, ...t able manner. The W.M. invested the fol...ficers for the ensuing year, viz:—Bro. Joseph ...Hindley S.W., A. H. Young J.W., Jno. Arm...olin Bowes P.M. Sec., James Paterson S.D., ...s. M. Pattison Org., Arthur Peake I.G., and

Bro. Bowes having addressed each of the ...o the teaching of their emblems of office, situ...elivered the antient charges to the W.M., War...

The Auditors' report was then read, which ...ry expensive year there was in the hands of ...of nearly £70. The W.M. now said he had ... perform, namely, to present to Bro. Joseph ...lsome gold Past Master's jewel, on behalf of ...otion on the back of the jewel so fully ex...t prompted the presentation, that he would ...ncluded by placing the jewel on Bro. Pick...kthall, who was evidently much moved by ... said—Worshipful Master, Past Masters, ...—The presentation of this beautiful jewel, ... to me by you, conveys along with it a value ...n any words of mine can express. You must ...l to express all I feel at the present moment, ...rassing than to return thanks in suitable ...t say, that in accepting this jewel, I bear ... trophy of brotherly love. I never can ...nd never can I look upon this jewel with...n springing up which now well-nigh over...em" which you say it conveys, specially ... I am proud of such regard, and to my ... with the brethren of the Lodge of Lights, ...ed by me as among the happiest days of ...l to any worth of mine, as late Worshipful ...must lay any claim to it, for whatever re...o that high office—and they are manifold ... been shared in by my Wardens and other ... of office has been rendered pleasant, and ... Master considerably lightened by their ... their general urbanity of manner, and ...t Lodge. Allow me here to tender my ..., and also to each of you, my Brethren, ...ifest to the Worshipful Master of our ...ily trespassing on your time, allow me a ...ing a hope that the same harmony which ...fice may be extended to you, Sir, our ...rshipful Master of this Lodge—John ...cious jewel I now retire, and join the ... with them I trust I may be more useful ...office experience. To be associated ..., is a privilege only appreciated by ... binds us all in one common brother...nd Lodge above, and to be gather...d ...A.O.T.U., is the inspiration of every ...n, I thank you all again and again, ...ver continue to be united, prosperous, ... all. A gentleman having been pro..., and some routine business having ... closed and ...

...present ...Middleton P.M., J. Hood ...Barnes P.M., J. Kindred P.M, Wynn P.M., J. Hansen S.W. and W.M. elect, J. G. Stevens P.M. Treas., G. W. Verry Sec., T. W. Tait S.D., W. Cross J.D., J. Taylor D.C., J. Lincke T. R. Shingfield Steward, G. Seddon Org.; F. Baylis, D. W cock, P. Heitmann, G. Wade, G. Etheridge, W. Murrin, E. W E. A. Walter, P. Gulley, W. H. Bell, T. S. Taylor, W. C. more, W. Kent, C. Warman, T. Battes, C. G. Fardell, J. L. And H. E. Swaffer, G. J. Jennings, J. Fordham, W. Britton, H. H H. Read, G. Maggs, H. Forss, &c. Lodge was opened in due fo 4 p.m., and the minutes of previous meeting were read an confirmed. The report of the auditors was presented and adopte is very gratifying to find the brethren of this Lodge so acti benevolence, nearly £100 has been devoted in the past ye grants to cases of distress. The ballot was taken for a can and proved unanimously in favour, Mr. William March was ini into the mysteries of Freemasonry, in a very impressive manner. which Lodge was opened up, and Bro. J. Hansen Thorn W.M. was presented for the benefit of installation by Bro. J. G. St P.M., who performed the duties of Director of Ceremonies, mos rendering every assistance to W. Master Bro. Hugh Cotter in h portant duties. A board of Installed Masters was then formed, P.M.'s Wynn and Kindred occupying the S. and J. Wardens respectively, and the W.M. elect was duly installed into the ch K.S. The brethren having saluted their new ruler in ancient the W.M. proceeded to invest his Officers as follow:—Bros. T. T S.W., E. Walter J.W., J. G. Stevens P.M. Treas., G. W. Verry Sec., T. W. Tait S.D., W. Cross J.D., J. Lincker I.G., J. Taylor T. R. Shingfield Steward, and C. T. Speight Tyler; the W.M dressing each Officer in brief and appropriate terms. The ch were then delivered by the Installing Master (who also explain the working tool at length) in a very able manner, after which Peacock, Etheridge and Gulley were elected Auditors. The having presented a jewel to I.P.M. Hugh Cotter, Lodge was clos due form, and the brethren adjourned to banquet, nicely serve the host, Bro. Walter. After grace had been said by Rev. Br Shaboe, the W.M. proposed the toast of the Queen and Craft. said we must all condole with Her Majesty in the great affli recently fallen upon her, and no section of her subjects did so deeper sympathy than Freemasons. "God Save the Queen" sung. The W.M. next gave the toast of H.R.H. the Most Worsh Grand Master, and spoke of the great interest taken by H. in Freemasonry. "God Bless the Prince of Wales" was here The next toast was the P.G.M. and other Grand Lodge Offi Bro. P.M. Wynn then rose and said: He was placed in an unexpe position this evening, through absence from the table of their I. Hence it was his privilege to propose the health of the W.M., w Bro. Cotter would have done had he not been unwell. In looking r the Lodge he, as an old P.M., missed many a friendly face. Du the last year they had lost several respected brethren; yet he that they had commenced the new year well, in prospect of Mastership of Bro. Thorn, who, he was sure, would do credit to Lodge. He would ask them to drink the health of the W.M. Thorn in reply said he had no intention of making a long speech, would be brief, for two reasons—1st. He feared he could not n one if he tried. 2nd. He did not know what to say, except to th them for drinking his health, and for having elected him to the position; he trusted his conduct in the coming year would give t cause to say they were satisfied with him. In reply to the toas the P.M.'s, Bro. Wynn said he thanked the brethren once more, ou half of the P.M.'s; the brethren could rely upon them fulfil their duty to the Lodge as far as ability would allow. He regre Bro. Cotter's absence, but they might be sure their I.P.M. would preciate the toast. He thanked the brethren for their cordia to-night, and hoped the new year would prove a happy one, and t they would meet here again and again. In proposing the Mas Charities the W.M. said he would call upon those two hard-work brethren, Bros. Past Master Barnes and Stevens, to acquaint the br ren with what good work was being done by our admirable Inst tions. Bro. T. J. Barnes P.M. said that as the W.M. had ordered response to come f... Messrs. Barnes and Stevens, would he all him to go further, and add, and Co. He would then have Bro. Bar collecting, Bro. Stevens explaining the claims of our Charities, the Co. responding by giving him subscriptions as he went round table. Bro. J. G. Stevens P.M. said the W.M. had coupled his na with the toast of Masonic Charities, and it devolved upon him make some expl...ation of them. At first, he feared he should not justice to the subject, but would endeavour to furnish facts, sho ing what they were doing. First, then, let him say that the should be no finality to our support of the three Institutions connect with the Order—viz., the Institution for Aged Freemasons; that f Girls, and that for Boys. He would read an extract, giving an accou of Masonic Benevolence in 1878:—"During the year 1878 the incon of the three Masonic charitable institutions from donations, subscrip tions, and all other sources, amounted to £11,219 4...

...nam the Royal Masonic ...

ion. At the last meeting of the Lodge of Bene- of that Lodge was granted £10, while three or receiving £40 per annum. Then, brethren, give our hands in your pockets, and give what you can ubling Bro. Barnes to take up a large list, and aracter of your Lodge in the cause of charity. ext given, the W.M. expressing himself proud to t the social board. He trusted Yarborough Lodge hout visitors. Bro. Rev. D. Shaboe replied for the the great pleasure afforded them that evening, rethren for drinking their health. The initiate eceived. The W.M. next gave the Officers in ap. l each of the Officers in reply expressed a wish for the Lodge, and promised support to that end. i he had great pleasure in proposihg the toast of He was happy to say they had a brother present important Masonic paper. He was sure the him a hearty reception, and respond to the toast s, coupled with the name of Bro. G. H. Stephens eply, thanked the brethren for the manner in eived the toast, and alluded to the services ren- by the organ named. In connection with the that evening, by Bros. Barnes and Stevens, on ic Charities, he claimed for the Press a very in advocate for the Charities, carrying far and als for support as they had heard that evening. able support to our noble institutions. The t a pleasant evening to a close. Among the E. J. Hamilton J.D. 857, H. J. Walter 890, G. J. S. Watts P.M. 916, W. Crouch 917, A. J. . Calver 933, C. J. Harnsworth P.M. 956, J. R. Brooks 1287, A. W. Coleman W.M. 1306. G. l, H. N. Taylor S.W. 1421, J. Hunt 1421, R. W. tephens 1623, H. W. Clarke 1625, and Bro. Rev.

EE MEETING OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

nittee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys e 4th instant, at Freemasons' Hall. There were Roebuck (in the chair), Don. M. Dewar, H. idge, A. Tisley. H. Massey, Rev. Dr. Morris, Institution), F. Adlard, D. R. Still, W. Mann, Dosell, S. Rothenthal, H. W. Hunt, W. F. C. H. T. Thompson, J. H. Cox, J. G. Chancellor, tary). Bro. Binckes read a letter which he m. John Symonds, who lately resigned his office stitution, acknowledging the vote of thanks arterly Court for his great services at all times list of nineteen candidates for being placed on April was afterwards taken up and examined, pted unconditionally, and three conditionally. l, showed 46 cases brought forward, and 22 sible addition of three more—making 68, and s; out of these there will be vacancies in the

MEETING OF THE BENEVO- ENT INSTITUTION.

Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution met on sons' Hall, when there were present—Bros. hair), C. J. Perceval, C. A. Cottebrune, John Hale, Hyde Pullen, Wm. H[illegible], Jas. Brett, Clarke, Thos. Cubitt, Jas. Willing jun., G. Hogg, L. Stean, S. Rawson, Erasmus Wilson, , and James Terry (Secretary). Bro Terry f Bro. Benjamin Head, [illegible] upon a vote of te brother's family was passed. Bro. Terry hs of two male and one female annuitant. The n and of the Finance Committee were also f twelve males and eleven were after- passed, and the names of the petitioners placed election, for which there are now forty-three male candidates. The Committee adjourned the Festival being appointed for the penal

that he will have a good, prosperous, and peaceable Lodge numbers nearly 100 members.

Phœnix Mark Masons' Lodge, Port Roy tion, signed by J. W. Whitbourne Sussex, G. J. De Co gado sen., O. Delgado jun. Clifton Mount, J. J. G. L Lewis Old Kent, London, G. J. Peynado, S. E. Piertz S for a warrant to be granted to the Phœnix to hold a the P.G.M.M.M. for Jamaica recommended the same. Grand Master of Mark Masons for Jamaica granted a and on the 27th November the Wor. G. J. De Cordova as Master by the P.G.M. of Mark Masons, assisted by Whitbourne, J. J. G. Lewis, B. M. Dias, and the W.M. O. Delgado sen. as S.W., and O. Delgado jun. as J.W. December 1878, at 10 a.m., a meeting of the Phœnix Lodge was held at Port Royal, under a dispensation fro presided over by G. J. De Cordova W.M. late Clifton M Langley S.W. Royal Keystone, L. C. Hollar J.W. Glenlyo M.O. Sussex, C. W. Tait S.O. Sussex, A. H. Jones J.O. Sus Secretary and Registrar of Marks Glenlyon, W. E. Cha Mount Vernon, U.S., E. X. Leon S.D. Royal, W. D. Sm Glenlyon, H. D. Mercado I.G. Glenlyon, J. Hayes Ty Nine candidates were balloted for, elect d, and adv joining members were balloted for, elected, and enrolled G.M.M.M. for Jamaica, Hon. Dr. Hamilton, and the R Whitbourne, were elected as honorary members. T Officers were then installed:—Bros. D. Barned M.O., S.O., G. P. Myers J.O., W. J. S. Rutherford Sec., J. Treas., M. D. Smedmore S.D., E. De Pass sen. J.D., Hi Registrar of Marks, J. Hall I.G., F. W. Hollar Tyler, H. M.C. After some routine business was completed, closed. The brethren then partook of a lunch, and wishi and his Officers every success, returned to their sever residence. There was a goodly number of visitors p are glad to see this Lodge so well appreciated by the Arm and, having now added another link of a Mark Lodge, th be prosperous.

Royal Keystone of Mark Master Masons ston, Jamaica.—A petition, signed by several brethr tered Mark Lodges in this Island, praying for a W granted to the Royal Keystone to hold a Mark P.G.M.M. Mason for Jamaica recommended the same, al Dispensation, and on the 27th November 1878, the Wor. was installed as Master by the P.G.M. of M. Masons, assiste other Masters of Mark Lodges, and the W.M. installed Sargeant as first Senior Warden, having Bro. E. X. L Junior Warden.

On the 16th December 1878, at seven p.m., a meeti at the Friendly Hall, presided over by Wor. R. Lang Bro. G. J. Sargeant S.W., Bro. E. X. Leon J.W., W Cordova M.O. Phœnix, Wor. B. M. Dias S.O. Sussex, Jones J.O. Sussex, W. J. L. Rutherford Secretary Pha tries Treas. Glenlyon Registrar of Marks, B. Stories jo Hoyes J.D. Phœnix, A. Lyon I.G. Glenlyon, G. Ma Clifton Mount. Twelve candidates were balloted for a seven being present, were advanced. Four joining mem balloted for, and elected and enrolled. The Prov. G. Masons and the Right Wor. J.W. Whitebourne were elect members; also Wor. J. J. G. Lewis Master of the Clif Wor. S. E. Piertz P.M. Sussex, Bro. J. L. Ashemien Cl who signed the petition, were enrolled as honorary men W.M. then installed his Officers:—Bros. G. A. Campbe Stines jun. S.O., T. Aguilar J.O., Therwell Secretary, Treasure. A. P. Alberga S.D., G. Fryer J.D., Simpson Marks, McPherson I.G., Hoyes Tyler, H. Ryder M.C. Grand Master of Mark Masons for Jamaica, Hon. Dr. Ha present, and a goodly number of visitors of sister Lo other routine business was done, and the Lodge closed.

Seville Lodge (S.C.), St. Ann's Bay, Jama following are the Officers installed for the Seville Lodge Scottish Constitution, St. Ann's Bay:—Right Worshipful W.M., E. N. Hart I.P.M., H. P. Thompson D.M., T. Bar Bros. R. J. Steir S.W., J. Hart J.W., D. French Tre Russell Secretary, Brooks Cooke S.D., H. T. Steer J.D., I.G., W. S. Groves and W. B. Allen Stewards, Rev. C (Wesleyan) Chaplain, R. Watson Tyler.

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OUR WEEKLY BUDGET.

THE Duke of Edinburgh and the Duke of Con arrived in London from Osborne on Monday. Duke of Connaught subsequently left town for Berli the Duke of Edinburgh returned to Eastwell-park, Prince Leopold arrived at Osborne from London or nesday.

Lord Beaconsfield has been suffering from gout, b attack does not appear to have been serious, and it i subsiding. Mr. Gladstone was prevented by a indisposition from attending the rent audit at Haw on Tuesday.

Earl Granville distributed the prizes to the suc students of the School of Arts at Hanley on Friday.

General Grant, ex-President of the United State ceived the freedom of the city of Dublin on Frida was afterwards entertained at a public banquet b Lord Mayor of that city. The General has sinc visited Belfast and Londonderry, where he met wi equally cordial welcome.

Several new strikes have occurred during the past The most important, perhaps, is that of the guard shunters of goods trains on the Midland Railway, a a small reduction of wages and increased hours of l together with the introduction of the "trip" s which the men seem to regard with marked ave The strike at first threatened to be serious, bu traffic has undergone little interruption, fresh being readily obtained to replace the old ones on th terms.

Four burglars wearing masks broke into a lonely near Pill, in Somersetshire, on Friday evening, and b carrying off a large booty, brutally beat with bludgeon only inmates, a maiden lady and her housekeeper. Government have offered a reward for the apprehensi the gang, and several men are already in custody on picion of being implicated in the outrage.

By the late catastrophe on board the Thunderer officers and ten men were killed and thirty-four

hough his forces are understood to be greatly
l and disaffected. Before the Ameer took to
respect for his authority appears to have
ne chiefs of the clans refusing him obedience.
l that the Ameer fled to seek Russian pro-
l also to place his case before a European
nder the auspices of the Czar. Major Cavag-
s that Yakoob Khan is preparing to follow
nding himself powerless at Cabul. Most of the
fs have sent in friendly messages. General
rce is now established at Jellalabad, and nego-
going on with the tribes between the Cabul
he Hindoo Koosh. The Quetta column is
ort distance of Candahar, which it is daily
occupy without serious resistance. General
ying column has advanced into Khost, the
ernor of which, with the principal Maleks,
his respects to the British Commander and
the forts and all the records. A party of
iris, a very warlike tribe, have made an
oss the British frontier, plundering and
k. They were pursued by cavalry in their
many of them cut off. Reinforcements are
up to Dera Ismail Khan and Bunnu, to pre-
tition of these incursions.

e has consented to the immediate sur-
dgoritza to Montenegro, and, on the other
ssian Ambassador has intimated the possibility
withdrawal of the occupying force than the
the Berlin Treaty. The elections to the
e have resulted in a triumphant success for
ns. The Government have carried 68 elec-
Opposition only 16. The Senate now con-
porters of the Ministry against 123 of its
ving a Ministerial majority of 54. It is not
there will be any extensive changes in the
e St. Petersburg Press admits that the Ameer
n has sought refuge in Russian territory, but
idea of his appealing, through the Czar, to a
gress. A very destructive plague rages in
l Saratoff, where the dead are said to be lying
ne streets. The King of Holland was married
Princess Emma of Waldeck-Pyrmont. The
ppression of Socialist publications continue
nd Prince Bismarck has reiterated the opinion
n is required for German industry.

CROSS OF CONSTANTINE.

g was held at York, on Thursday evening. Present
night Companions:—Thos. Cooper M.P.S., T. B.
as V.E., J. S. Cumberland S G., W. P. Husband as
rner Recorder, G. Simpson Treas., M. Millington
bries as Herald, H. Jackson Sentinel, &c. Visitor
i. De la Pole Conclave, Hull. The business consisted
and installation of Bro. Capt. L. Murphy, St
No. 295, 4th Dragoon Guards, the ceremony being
M.P.S. The election of M.P.S. for the ensuing
d, and Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Zetland
England, was unanimously elected, Bro. T. B
z that he had received from his Lordship a mo
ing his willingness to be nominated for that offic
oice of the members fell upon Bro. J. S. Cumber-
and on Bro. G. Simpson for Treasurer, an office h
formation of the Conclave, and Bro. H. Jack
sd Sentinel. The Conclave was then closed
Sanctuary (K.H.S.) and Commandery of the S

which recorded among other matters that the accou
Grand Lodge had been audited and found correct, e
as follow :—

District Grand Lodge Fund	
District Grand Lodge Fund of Benevolence...	
Total...	

The repayment of Rs. 250 from the District Gran
the Benevolent Fund, voted at the Quarterly Com
District Grand Lodge, held on 23rd March 1878, ha
the balances stood as under :—

District Grand Lodge Fund	
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The Balance due to District Grand Lodge Bene
District Grand Lodge was Rs. 250-0-0.

In consequence of a letter from the Grand Secret
cerning the status of Bro. Marks in Freemasonry, it
that the following paragraphs being those containi
Grand Lodge, be printed with the report of the p
Quarterly Communication.

Brother Mark's disqualification was not on accoun
attendance at the Lodge. He was adjudged by G
disqualified for election to the office of W.M. bec
served as a Warden of a Warranted Lodge for one
Marks did not begin to "*serve the office of Warden*"
months of his being elected W.M. It was on that gr
Lodge came to its decision, in accordance with the
tions, Page 62, Art 2.

I apprehend Brother Marks is to all intents and
Master in the Craft, and entitled, at all times, to
Installations and other meetings restricted to
He would not, however, be entitled to attend
a Past Master under Art 1, page 18, Book of
not having been "*regularly elected.*" All his acts,
the time he officiated as W.M. would be considered
The District Grand Master rose and said :—

Worshipful Sirs and Bre hren,—The business
to discuss the Report of the District Grand Lodge
before I, in accordance with my usual custom, comm
matters treated of in the report. I have a few rema
cerning what has happened and what has been d
met within these walls.

I must in the first place express the great regret,
is shared by you all, we feel at the death of W. B
I P.M. of Lodge Star of Burmah No. 614; and Senio
District Grand Lodge. Although an old Mason, he
mencing his career as a District G.L. Officer: but he
sufficiently long to enable us to appreciate his sterlin
that I am but re-echoing the feelings of every memb
Grand Lodge, when I say that we deeply deplore
timely death.

Since we last met I have undertaken and carried
taining to the office which I have the honour to
visiting of the Local Lodges, Star of Burmah No
Burmah No. 832, and Rangoon No. 1268. I regret t
nature of my private avocations prevented me fr
Military Lodge now sojourning among us, Lodge S
No. 497, attached to H.M.'s 89th P.V. Regiment.
local Lodges, I have not very much to say. I
managed. But I regret that I am compelled to pl
that in each of the Lodges I found that the recor
were not in such complete order as I could have wis
Knowing as I do the characters of those who now r
I have every confidence that I sha'l find all in perfect
visit.

With these remarks I now proceed to the discussio
of the District Grand Lodge Committee. The state
is eminently satisfactory, more so than at any form
notice with great pleasure that the debt due to the
has been in part liquidated. It is equally satisfact
the Returns of Lodges have been submitted with suc
punctuality. I have much pleasure in reading the G
letter concerning W. Bro. Mark's status in Freemas
appears to me, to a declaration that W. Bro. Mar
all the privileges of a Past Master, except to a se
Lodge of England. This I regret, as W. Bro. Mark
service to Masonry; but still we shall, I am sure, all
Welcome W. Bro. Marks in our District Grand Lodge,
where a Past Master may sit. I cordially re-echo th

. Knox seconded :— "That the proceedings of dge Committee be adopted," which was carrried

s asked that the District Grand Lodge do make .P.G. Orphan Fund.
n proposed, and R.W. the District Grand Master grant of Rs. 250 be made to the Greenlaw l.
Marks proposed, and W. Bro. Bernet Samuel g amendment :—"That a grant of Rs. 150 be Masonic Orphan Fund, Rs. 100 to the S.P.G.

s put to the vote and carried.
trict Grand Chaplain, then asked concerning the lay next, and suggested that, as he should in all from the Station, the Bishop of Rangoon be

pful the District Grand Master directed the Secretary to ascertain the views of the Ran- he service, where it should be held, and who e absence of the District Grand Chaplain, to

her work before the District Grand Lodge, it rm at 7.45 p.m.

NDON ORCHESTRAL UNION.

rt of the season was given on Wednesday, a t London Wall. The Union was established in results achieved by the promoters and sup- e may be regarded with great satisfaction. ised the following items for instrumentalists :— ne," Auber; 2. Liedohne Worte, Mendelssohn, clarionet obligato, Mr. Hobbs. 3. Solo cornet, Serenade," Schubert; 4. Solo euphonium, by ," Clinton; 5. Symphony, No. 7 in C, "Adagio, 6. Grand Selection, "Il Trovatore," Verdi, r flute, oboe, clarionet, cornet, and euphonium, , Shuckard, Hobbs, Sanderson and Jones. Mr. F. Kennedy, "Souvenir de Poitou," music, "Rosamunde," Schubert, orchestra, e, clarionet, and bassoon, by Messrs. Toussaint, nd Hargreaves. 9. Sarabard and Gavot, 10. Grand March, "Cornelius," Mendelssohn. ists were Bros. Hansen Thorn and Miss Helen e we have spoken in high terms on former , who is the W.M. of the Yarborough Lodge, s to the programme, "The Vagabond," by rrup Cup," by Arditi. Miss Heath was in z most effectively, "When night is darkest," itch," "The Ash Grove," an old Welsh Air, "She wore a wreath of roses." To attempt to songs for special praise were useless, the l by the rendering of all. We congratulate rge T. H. Seddon, who, by the way, will be incerity Lodge, No. 174. on Wednesday next, ney in which he presented his band. The eat success.

ATE BRO. JOHN BOYD.

tly esteemed member of our Order took place e Brompton Cemetery The following gentle- ners, on the sad occasion :—Messrs. J. Jermyn Wm. Boyd brother of deceased, T. W. C. Lenty . Glendenning nephew of deceased; Herbert Lieut.-Col. Peters, Henry Venn; C. A. Lony, ll, H. Dawson; D. Haslett, Hyde Pullen, th S. States, W. Gelder. On reaching the which consisted of a hearse and five carriages. hundred members of the Craft, amongst whom nt.-Col. Burdett, F. Rath, W. Pass, H. C. Le- , Cox, Venn, Edward Moody, Platt, Woods rall, Cubitt, Cottebrune, Swallow, H. Massey, Kenning, Dubois, Hunt, Robinson, H. G. Buss, W. Stephens, Gullifordd, Limebeer, Scott, J. W. M. Powell, Mann, Pendlebury, Newman, W. Hodges, J. G. Marsh, W. W. Morgan conducted by the Rev. Bruce Frazer, P.G. e last exactee in the Prudent Brethren o. Boyd was a respected member, and w. ve by the admirable manner in which it we cient manner he had worked the ceremony of installation. proposition of Bro. Barrell P.M., seconded by Bro. Green, Br was unanimously elected an honorary member. Bro. Dean acknowledged the honours conferred upon him.

Ezra Chapter, No. 1489.—A regular convocation w on Friday, the 3rd instant, at the Metropolitan Hall, Balls road, Dalston. Present—Comps. J. E. Walford C.C. M.E.Z Stephens H., T. Hastings Miller J., John High Scribe N., Glaskin P. Soj. After the confirmation of the minutes, a bal taken for Bro. Elam, of the Fitzroy Lodge, and Bro. Marsh, Lebanon Lodge, which proving unanimously in their favou were, with due and proper solemnity, exalted to this degree. pension Dr. John Symons was admitted a joining member. Thi the regular meeting for election of Principals and Officers, the selected as follow: — Comps. William Stephens P.Z. first cipal, Thomas H. Miller second, and John Dixon third. John Scribe E., James Glaskin Scribe N., W. Grist P. Soj., G Janitor. A Past Principal's jewel was voted to the retiring and Auditors appointed. A dinner followed, and the usual toast honoured. Comp. Elam returned thanks to the Companic exalting him to this sublime degree, the very essence of Freem Comps. Goddard and Soper responded for the Visitors, a Janitor's toast concluded the business at ten o'clock.

Duke of Connaught Lodge of Instruction, No. —Held at the Havelock Tavern, on 8th January. Bros. A. R W.M., Jones S.W., C. Olley J.W., C. Lorkin S.D., J. Lorkin W. Ferrar I.G., Fieldwick Preceptor, Geo. Ferrar Treasur Secretary *pro tem*, and Bros. McDowell, Kelsey, O. Distric The Lodge was opened in ancient form with solemn prayer, a minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. The ceremc passing was rehearsed, Bro. Kelsey candidate. Bro. C. worked the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th sections of the Lecture, assis the brethren. Bro. Jones was appointed W.M. for the ensuing Bro. Kelsey 1314 was elected a member.

Earl of Chester Lodge, No. 1565. — The regular m of this Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Lymm, on Thursd 2nd inst. Present—Bros. J. H. Evans W.M., E. Simpson P. S.W., Geo. Richardson J.W., H. Balshaw Sec., John Ludlow Jas. Kenworthy J.D., J. Henshall I.G., W. Groves Tyler. Bros. E. Simpson P.P.G.S.D., C. H. Hinde P.G. Registrar; Bro Lewis. Visitors—John Rohmer P.M. 633, &c. The Lodge duly opened, the minutes of last meeting were read and conf The Officers of the Lodge having been recently appointed, a special business demanding the ample time at their disposa W.M., in accordance with previous notice, formed the Lodge Lodge of Instruction, when the ceremony of the first degre rehearsed, Bro. Hinde kindly acting as candidate, and Bro. Ludlow as S.W. Bro. Richardson J.W. explained the working and Bro. J. Lewis gave the Ancient Charges. Bro. J. Evans did his task very well indeed, and the working of each and all brethren indicates that a few more attendances at Lodges of In tion will make each and all thoroughly proficient. The brethr this Lodge are to be congratulated in having secured a private l room, which is a snug little building, and better furnished than we have seen. On the conclusion of the business, the Lodg closed in solemn form, and the brethren adjourned to refresh where, in consequence of the lateness of the hour, and the ear parture of trains, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were pr and duly honoured with as much heartiness and brevity as pos

Royal Savoy Lodge No. 1744. — This Lodge he emergency meeting on Monday, the 6th January, at As Hotel, Covent-garden, W.C. Present—Bros. J. Willing jun. Douglas S.W., F Clemow J.W., W. M. Stiles Sec., Jones S.D., T. J. Haland J.D., G. H. Deller D.C., J. W. Steward, W. Cook I.G. Bros. F. W. Sillis, J. Smith, J. C. W. Hixon, Hurdle, Read, Vaughan, Eadl, Dickey, Howcroft, mond. Visitors—Bros. W. Knight Vitruvian 87, E. Deakman ville 1619, J. M. Stevens St. John's 1306. The business com he initiation of Mr. J. W. Earle and Mr. George Collas Dicke raising of Bros. C. Hammond and P. Cheek; and the passing S. Howcroft.

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ROYAL POLYTECHNIC.—RALEIGH'S QUEER DREAM ZOOCEPHALIC TROUPE. THE ELECTRIC LIGHT

IONDAY, 13th JANUARY.

Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12.
Old Rodney's Head, 12 Old-st., near Goswell-rd., at 8.0. (In.)
bion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
dway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
nion, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
Tavern, Carter-lane, Doctor's-commons, at 6 30. (Instruct.)
hite Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction.)
Cup, Camden Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
pping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8. (Instruction.)
e House Hotel, Highgate.
he Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8. (Instruction.)
inon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30. (In.)
ld, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8. (Inst.)
al Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)

our, Royal Hotel, Falmouth.
on House, Greek-street, Stockport.
ic Hall, Newport, I.W.
masons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields.
Hotel, Shrewsbury.
onic Hall, Liverpool.
ck, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
Masonic Hall, Lincoln.
lying Horse Hotel, Nottingham.
nic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne.
n Hall, Rugby.
Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
nal Liberality, Masonic Hall, Redruth.
al Lion, Lyme Regis.
Masonic Chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester.
e Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
y Hall, Dartmouth.
nic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury.
nal School Room, Millbrook, Cornwall.
sonic Hall, Hindport-road, Barrow-in-Furness.
-, Castle Hotel, Southsea.
Hotel, Chatham.
ic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds.
en's Hotel, Manchester.
h, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
nic Hall, Sandgate.
Masonic Hall, Canterbury.
onic Hall, Mold.
Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds.
en's Hotel, Micklegate, York.
land Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea.
nole, Chapter Rooms, Warrington.
, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.
ew Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford.
sonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds.
Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.
Athenæum, Lancaster.
eradale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.

ESDAY, 14th JANUARY.

minster Palace Hotel, Westminster.
Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7. (Inst.)
ules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
ster-chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
ion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
een Dragon, Stepney. (Instruction.)
: William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)
rs' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)
's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
e, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
Bucks, 23 Gresham-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
rowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)
lton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-street-rd. at 8. (In.)
masons' Hall, W.C.
Ashley's Hotel, Henrietta-street, Covent Garden.
onic Hall, 33 Golden-square.
ns' Hall, Norwich.
Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8. (Instruction.)
ic Hall, Truro.
Hotel, Wigan.
of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Kent.
n e Hall, Liverpool.
ic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston.
so ic Room, High-street, Warwick.
s, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-st., Newc.-on-Tyne. (Instr.)
asons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax.
ic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.
lotel, Maidstone.
ic Hall, Liskeard.
tel, Cleckheaton.
y, Town Hall Chippenham.
ner Hotel, Berwick.
ns Hotel, High-street, Gosport.
ine Hotel, Tonbridge.
Masonic Rooms, Sankey-street, Warrington.
, Bromley.
mmer-street, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
mbers, Widnes.
Hotel, Cuckfield, Sussex.
otel, Portmadoc.
Hotel, Ilkley.
eam, Northgate, Baildon.
ge, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.
ublic Hall, Tonbridge.
n Institute, Walton, Liverpool.
e Club, Hanover-street Keighley.
onic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds.

R. A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8.

20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham.
121—Mount Sinai, Public-buildings, Penzance.
140—St. George, Trafalgar Tavern, Greenwich.
175—East Medina, Masonic Hall, John-street, Ryde, I.W.
200—Old Globe, Private Rooms, Globe-street, Scarborough.
221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton.
325—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford.
363—Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth.
537—Zetland, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
581—Faith, Drover's Inn, Openshaw.
591—Buckingham, George Hotel, Aylesbury.
592—Cotteswold, King's Head Hotel, Cirencester.
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction.)
633—Yarborough, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
685—Isca, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouth
750—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheat
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
874—Holmesdale, Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells.
889—Doble, Griffin Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames.
969—Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Workington.
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction.)
1019—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.
1049—Syke, Masonic Hall, Driffield, Yorks.
1086—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.
1129—St. Chad's, Rochdale Hotel, Rochdale.
1161—De Grey and Ripon, Corporation Hotel, Tipping-st., Ard
1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. Germains, Cornwall.
1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich.
1301—Brighouse, Masonic Room, Bradford-road, Brighouse.
1353—Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster.
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 149 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.3
1403—West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk.
1443—Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon.
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull.
1614—Starkie, Railway Hotel, Ramsbottom.
R. A. 220—Harmony, Wellington Hotel, Garston, Lancashire.
R. A. 240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South S
R. A. 387—Moravian, Masonic Hall, Shipley.
R. A. 580—Unity, Wheatsheaf, Ormskirk.
M. M. 135—Hotspur, Freemasons' Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwi
M. M. 181—Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham.

THURSDAY, 16th JANUARY.

3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 7
16—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (I
23—Globe, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.3
63—St Mary, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8. (
169—Temperance, White Swan, High-street, Deptford.
181—Universal, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., a
813—New Concord, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
1139—South Norwood, Public Hall, South Norwood.
1237—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (In
1274—Burdett Coutts, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park.
1287—Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1349—Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars, E.C., at 7. (I
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, E.C. at 6.3
1614—Covent Garden, Ashley's Hotel, Henrietta-street, Covent
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerke
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's W
M. M.—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-road, Dalston, at

42—Relief, Albion Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lanc.
56—Howard, High-street, Arundel.
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
268—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, George-street, Ashton-under-L
343—Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Starkie-street, Pr
345—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Church-street, Blackburn.
367—Probity and Freedom, Red Lion Inn Smallbridge.
523—John of Gaunt, Freemasons' Hall, Halford-street, Leicest
600—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
1011—Richmond, Crown Hotel, Blackfriars-street, Salford.
1042—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds.
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (
1299—Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, near Liverpool
1332—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon.
1432—Fitzalan, Wynnstay Arms, Oswestry.
1512—Hemming, Lion Hotel, Hampton.
1612—West Middlesex, Feathers Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Inst
R. A. 204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manch
R. A. 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
R. A. 275—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, South-parade, Hudders
R. A. 913—Pattison, Lord Raglan Tavern, Plumstead.
R. A. 1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonia-road, B

FRIDAY, 17th JANUARY.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
23—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Inst
607—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7
766—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgw
813—Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-road. (Instru
902—Burgoyne, Red Cap, Cam on Town, at 8. (Instruction)
[illegible], Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instru
1496—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7.
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1201—Hervey, Punch's Tavern, 99 Fleet-street, E.C., 8.
1288—Finsbury Park Master Masons' Lodge of Inst. Finsbury P
1296—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbu
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instructi
1442—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goodmans-yd. N. Kings-gro
Lon 'on Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-
R. A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenw

127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate.
152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.

OTICES OF MEETINGS.

ge of Instruction, No. 141.—Held at The Westminster-chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., 7th Bassington W.M., Green S.W., Steel J.W., Hiscox tebrune Preceptor. Bros. Edwards, Callingham, Swann, &c. Lodge opened in due form. Ceremonies id degree rehearsed. Lodge called off, and after-abour. The W.M. then rehearsed formula of the ficers. Masonic business ended, Lodge was closed and ext Tuesday, at eight o'clock, when Bro. Cottebrune ceremony of installation.

rd Lodge, No. 172.—The installation meeting Tuesday 7th January, at the Freemasons' Hall, Great ncoln's-inn-fields. Bro. A. J. Dottridge opened his 'clock, the Wardens, Bros. R. J. Gaubert and Henry e Officers were in their respective places, while the asters supported the W.M.:—Geo. Hockley, Thomas Dottridge, J. S. Ward. There was a large contin- amongst whom we recognised Bros. George Read Wrigglesworth W.M. 975, J. W. S. Tomkins W.M. 869, Alfred Bannister 1632, W. Radcliffe J.W. 211, 371, A. Whittet 72, R. Lawrence 511, S. Pownceby tkinson 1622, William Hamlyn I.G. 1622, W. Pyne P.M. 700, W. Cowley 1559, A. T. Gladwell W.M. 30, J. R. Jackson W.S. 1624, J. Long P.M. 733, D. H. 24, Egbert Roberts 1623, Thos. Lee 862, M. Petros 25, G. Corderoy 19, C. G. Corderoy 19, E. M. Lott y W.M. 1765, J. Sedgwick Lean 1194, W. W. Mor- The minutes of the last meeting were read and o. Taylor, a candidate for the second, successfully ination, and received the degree of Fellow Craft. Bro. Gaubert, was then introduced to Bro. Alfred n the capacity of Installing Master, acquitted him- faction of all present. On the re-admission of the he rank of Installed Master, the new W.M. was ppointed his Officers:—Henry Headley S.W., A. E. . Hancock P.M. Treas., Geo. King P.M. Sec., Gal- Bennett J.D., J. R. Piednue I.G., E. Dottridge Speight Tyler. Bro. Dottridge then most impres- he addresses, and after routine business Lodge was al banquet was served in the Crown Room by proprietor of the Freemasons' Tavern, who person- d, and he was ably assisted by Bro. E. Dawkins. f the cloth, Bro. Gaubert, who presided throughout the Health of Her Majesty the Queen, with which ed Prosperity to the Craft. After the National of which were sung by Miss Alice Parry, the W.M. second toast—The Most Worshipful Grand Master Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, K.G. onstrated our loyalty to the Queen. We may now tribute, with equal sincerity, to her son. The kes a deep and earnest interest in all that pertains and he may be considered one of the brightest ft has ever known. The toast was received with siasm, and Madame Joyce Maas sang "God Bless les." In introducing the third toast—The Right arnarvon M.W. Pro Grand Master, the Right Hon. e D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers past Gaubert remarked that the illustrious acts of the e well known and appreciated, and the present e never weary of rendering assistance in the con- odges, and in attending installation and important Brotherhood. By these kindly acts they endear ternity, and shed a lustre over our proceedings. reface he would offer the toast for their accept- dge next took the gavel, and in happy terms pro- f the W.M. All the kind things he could say of d be readily endorsed by the members. The way d performed his duties in the several posts he had had called forth the praise and commendation of had visited him. He was popular with all the orded him (Bro. Dottridge) much gratification in the chair of the Old Concord Lodge. After a to reply. No task was to him less pleasant and than that of speaking of himself, and yet if ing the possession of those many virtues which ld so kindly attributed to him it might lead the esteemed brother would doubtless press Lodge; and pleasure, that he had won their estee proval. He might in future years win other jewels, b was sure, no jewel he might ever receive would be prized. The health of the Visitors was next given by th recounted the names of those with whom he was mos acquainted; but he assured all, the members of his them a hearty welcome. Bros. Read, Wrigglesworth and Lott acknowledged the compliment. At this st proceedings the members of the Lodge were remin wants of the Charities, Bro. John Watson pressing of the Girls' School, and Bro. Alfred Dottridge d service for the Boys. We were pleased to know both Sto well supported by the brethren. In proposing the he Past Masters the W.M. said this was a duty that was al taken with pleasure, at the same time with a certain amo dence. He regretted the absence of Bro. G. Gurton, (the W.M.) was indebted for his introduction into Freem was under obligations to Bro. Edwin Dottridge, who placed him in office for the first time, and this honour had in his being elevated to the proud position he held as old and honoured Lodge. He would associate with th names of Bro. Alfred Dottridge and J. Sandiland Ward. B sponded: It had always been a great honour to be called u to his health proposed individually, but when he was ass toast of such magnitude as that of the Past Masters of so honourable a Lodge as that of the Old Concord, he felt a pride. He trusted he might be associated with the Lodg many years. The health of the Treasurer and Secretar given. The W.M. spoke of the eminent services each s dered, and concluded his remarks by urging the brethren toast with full honours. Bro. Hancock acknowledged gr kindness shown him at all times by the members, and w at the continued confidence they reposed in him. Bro greatly obliged for the kind way in which his health as Se been proposed. He had taken a deep interest in the we Lodge for the last twenty years. He had been that eve pointed, and it was his bounden duty, and it would be pleasure, to forward and uphold the best interests of th The toast of the Press was next given, and acknowledg Morgan. The remaining toasts were then briefly intro after replies from Bros. Headley, Gladwell, Gallant, B Piedune, the Tyler was summoned. The musical arrangem evening were entrusted to Bro. J. Stedman, who was ably by Miss Alice Parry, Madame Joyce Murray, and E Roberts. The former lady sang in capital style, "Tell Me, and "Robin Adair;" while Madame Joyce Murray sang Woods" and "Cleansing Fires." Bro. Egbert Roberts, wh a voice of great power, contributed "My Lodging is the C and "A Warrior Bold." Bro. Stedman sang with exq "Mary of Argyle" and Sweet Rosabelle." Altogether th passed off most successfully.

Lodge of Joppa, No. 188.—The installation me held on Monday, 6th inst., at the Albion Tavern, Alders City. Bros. Miller W.M., M. Spiegel S.W., C. Hymans J. Auerhaan Treas., Sec., E. P. Albert P.G.P. Campion S.D J.D., Benjamin I.G., Blanks D.C. P.M.'s Bros. L. Ale Berkowitz, H. M. Levy, S. Hickman, M. Alexander, The Lodge was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. Spiegel S.W. and W.M. elect was presented to the Loc Board of Installed Masters was opened. He was then dul into the chair by Bro. M. Alexander P.M., who performe in a very able and impressive manner, and well m encomiums passed on him at the conclusion of the ceren brethren having returned to the Lodge-room, and the salutations given, the W.M. invested his Officers:—Bros. S.W., Campion J.W., L. M. Auerhaan Treas., E. P. Albert P Sec., R. Baker S.D., L. Myers J.D., Benjamin I.G., Bla L. Luzarus P.M. as S., N. Baum and J. Davis Stewards, Noorden Org., Woodstock P.M. Tyler. Mr. S. Alexander, late P.M. Alexande., of this Lodge, was proposed for initia several others. Bro. H. M. Levy P.M. proposed, and Bro. seconded, that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minu able manner in which Bro. Alexander had performed the ce installation, The Report of the Audit Committee was Lodge was then closed, and the brethren, ninety-seven i sat down to a sumptuous banquet and dessert, provided b G. Jennings, and superintended by Bro. Silver. The W.M. presided. The toast of the Queen and the Craft was given Pattie Laverne sang the solo parts of the National Anth toast of the Earl of Carnarvon Pro Grand Master, and the Grand Officers Past and Present was given and after

rman, Bro. Benjamin and Mr. Preston created quite
'. E. Van Noorden very ably accompanied on the
ne visitors were Bros. Capt. Bedford Pim, M.P., No.
Fletcher 180, S. Andrade 1260, B. Lyons W.M.
1732, S. M. Lazarus P.M. late 188, Tallerman 474.
M. 55, Ruthven 249, A. M. Cohen W.M. 205, J.
017, Posener W.M. 185, Voight 1414, E. Massey
W. Bordring 715, Klein 1267, W. Skinner 227, S.
ig P.M., &c.

Lodge of Instruction, No. 193.—Held at
ern, Fenchurch-street, on Wednesday, 8th January.
Bush W.M., Thos. Wm. Bone S.W., C. Kendall
S.D., G. L. Walker J.D., J. Slaiter I.G., E. Gottheil
rnes P.M., J. K. Pitt Secretary; Bros. Maidwell.
, Biddle, Webb, Walker. Lodge opened in due form.
ed. Bro. Fells, candidate for passing, answered
odge opened in second degree, and Bro. Fells was
. Barnes P.M. worked the first, and Bro. Gottheil
ird sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren.
ent resolved that this Lodge should hold its annual
it Bro. Maidwell's, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-
ris and Moss were deputed to carry out the preli-
nts, and to report progress on Wednesday next, at

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of Instruction, No. 198.—This Lodge held
on Saturday, the 4th of January, at the Jolly
te-road, Islington, N. Present — Bros. James
and S.W., McDowell J.W., Killick Secretary,
, McMillan S.D., James Lorkin J.D., Charles
ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. J.
candidate. Several sections of the lecture were
Kentish, of the Kingsland Lodge 1698, was elected
Brand will preside on Saturday, the 11th instant.

No. 236.—At the regular meeting of this Lodge,
onday, the W.M. Bro. A. Buckle occupied the
by his Wardens and Officers, there being also
dd P.M. and Treasurer, Rev. J. E. M. Young
T. B. Whytehead P.M., J. Hanly W.M. 295 (I.C)
Wm. Smith was raised to the sublime degree of a
ro. J. Todd moved, and Bro. T. B. Whytehead
on, expressing the sorrow of the Lodge at the
Bro. Bryan Wormald, and condolence with his
d. Camidge Org. moved a vote of thanks to Bro.
P.M., for his great liberality in guaranteeing the
ment of the organ. Bro. W. H. Simpson presented
ic music.

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hapter, No. 290, Huddersfield. — The
of this Chapter falling on Christmas Day, the
l at 11.30 a.m., and business adjourned until Mon-
r. The business being resumed on that date, the
nd confirmed. The ballot was taken for two
member of the Huddersfield Lodge 290, and the
the Wharncliffe Lodge 1462, Penistone; the ballot
favourable, the candidates were very impressively
W. Turner M.E.Z. In consequence of several
to go by train, the lectures were deferred, and
next regular meeting on January 22nd. We
Companions present on Christmas Day:—Jno.
Haigh H., Geo. Sykes J., Wm. Smith P.Z., Wm.
n Rhodes P.Z., William Harrop P.Z., William
Wilkinson and others. In consequence of busi-
Comps. Allen Haigh H., and George Sykes J.,
d on December 30th. The following Comps.,
e present on that date:—Jno. W. Turner Z., Wil-
H., B. Hutchinson P.Z. as J., Wm. Smith P.Z.,
. Wheawill S.E., Farrer S.N., Wm. Mitchell P.S.,
ey A.S., William Dyson D.C., and other members
two visitors from the Chapter of Perseverance
was completed, the Chapter was closed, and the
the banquet hall, where refreshments were pro-
nclusion of which the Comps. separated, each
appy and prosperous coming year.

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mony, No. 298, Rochdale.—The annual

conclusion of the interesting ceremony, a cordial vote o
accorded to Bro. Bowes for his services that day. In ac
the compliment, Bro. Bowes said it had afforded him ver
sure to come to Rochdale to instal his old friend Bro. R.
esteemed head-master of their grammar school, and if
in which he had worked the degree had met with their
pleasure was enhanced, and he was amply repaid for any
and inconvenience he might have experienced in visiting
day. The remainder of the business having been tra
Lodge was closed, and the room transformed into a banq
In the degree which followed, ample justice was done by
and the various Loyal and Masonic toasts were very
sidered and a pleasant evening spent. We cannot clos
notice of the Lodge of Harmony, No. 298, without co
the members on their possession of such a comfortable, w
and convenient Lodge room, and also on their wisdom i
gentleman of position and education to fill the chair of
Our ritual always needs consideration at the hands of
Bro. Grey's social position and attainments.

Lodge of Harmony, No. 309.—The installation
elected Worshipful Master (Brother Edgar Goble) took
Lodge-room, Red Lion Hotel, Fareham, on 2nd inst., whe
a large attendance, including Bros. Rev. Dr. White, J. T
Goldsmith, H. Cawte and Johnston P.M.'s 309, W. Pay
J. Cornelius-Wheeler P.M. 257, &c. The ceremony of ins
performed by Bro. T. Robinson, who has fulfilled the dut
during the past year. The W.M. appointed his Officers
Bros. J. Mason S.W., A. R. Holbrook J.W., J. B. Gol
Treasurer, W. Gilbert Heath Secretary, Rev. Dr. White
R. Hayman S.D., Rev. A. Headley J.D., J. Taylor P.M.
E. Hall I.G. A vote of thanks was unanimously awarde
Robinson, who was warmly complimented on the success
his year of office, and it was agreed to present him with a
in recognition of the efficient manner in which he had di
duties.

Royal Sussex Chapter, No. 342.—At the regu
of this Chapter on Wednesday evening, 1st January, t
Officers were elected for the year ensuing:—Companions
Z., R. J. Fourney H., W. Payne J., J. W. Willmott Scribe
N., R. Barnes P. Soj., C. G. Adames First Assist. Soj.
Second Assist. Soj.

Faith and Unanimity Lodge, No. 417, Dor
The installation of the W.M. elect of this Lodge (Bro. W
took place on the 1st January. It was a most successfu
every way, an unusually large number of the brethren b
on the occasion, besides numerous visitors. Among the
Bros. Montague J. Guest P.G. Master for Dorset, G. Bu
Crickmay P.P.S.G. Wardens Dorset. The installing Ma
retiring W.M., Bro. W. H. Dean, who performed the v
ceremony in the most efficient manner, and to whose
high, but pre-eminently deserved tribute was paid by
The brethren were greatly edified by W. Bro. W. H. Dear
of this important duty, and they regarded with adm
facility with which the work was done. Bro. W. E. B
appointed and invested his Officers as follow:—W. Bros.
I.P.M., J. Row S.W., T. M. Dron J.W., the Rev. H. Evere
A. H. Lock Sec., R. D. Thornton S.D., J. Robinson
Robinson P.M. D.C., the Rev. H. P. Raikes Org., J. E.
C. Parsons P.M. and W. Osmond P.M. Stewards, W. T
The newly-installed W.M. proposed, and Bro. J. G. J. Gi
S.G.W. Dorset seconded a motion, that a most cordial vo
be recorded on the minutes to the installing Master
Dean, for the very able and efficient manner he had pe
ceremony. This was carried with acclamation. After the
closed, the brethren assembled round the banqueting
the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured
happy evening was spent.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 7
January, at the Star and Garter, Kew Bridge. Pr
Blasby W.M., Gomm S.W., Gunner J.W., Beckett S.W.,
Skinner I.G., Roe Preceptor; Tarling, McGee, &c.
opened in regular form, and the minutes of last meetin
firmed, and signed. Bro. McGee offered himself as a ca
was initiated, and the brethren were called to refres
labour being resumed, Lodge was advanced, and Bro. T

nd at the conclusion of the installation, Brother J. W. e name of the brethren of the Lodge, presented to M. a beautiful and finely chased P.M.'s jewel, contain- cription, together with a set of Provincial Deacon's el, as a mark of their appreciation of his valuable he past two years. Bro. Harcus made a suitable hich the Lodge was closed in due form. Subsequently the number of upwards of 60, adjourned to the Arms (Brother Redford's), New Quay, to partake of et provided by the host and hostess, Bro. and Mrs. hich elicited the hearty encomiums of the guests. n W.M., occupied the chair, and Bro. A. Mustart S.W., nd among those present were Bros. J. G. Tulloch , W. J. Ward P.M. P.P.G.J.W., T. T. Clarke P.M. arcus I.P.M. P.G.J.D., G. F. Shotton P.M. P.P.G.S. Haswell P.M. P.P.G.O., T. Coulson P.M. 240, J. J. J. Roddam P.M. P.P.G.P., J. Fishburn P.M. 155. l of the cloth the following toasts were given:—The . Grand Master of England His Royal Highness the es; the M.W. Pro Grand Master the Earl of R.W. D.G. Master Lord Skelmersdale; the M.W. f Scotland and Ireland; the R.W. Provincial Grand mberland and the Right Hon. Earl Percy M.P.; V.W.D. L. M. Cockcroft and Officers of the Provincial Grand mberland; the R.W. Provincial Grand Master and ham, and other toasts having been given, the ich had been of a successful and interesting character

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Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—Held its on Tuesday evening, at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' road, Dalston. Bros. J. Lorkin W.M., Christian , C. Lorkin S.D., Smyth J.D., Polak I.G., Dallas eas., P.M. Wallington Preceptor; Bros. Wardell, sted, Trewinnard, Webb, Weige and others. The lly opened, and the minutes of last meeting were ed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, ll as the candidate. Bro. C. Lorkin worked the l third sections, assisted by the brethren. Bro. M. pointed W.M. for next week. The attendance of Lodge of Instruction is most regular, and it must be conductors that their efforts seem to be so highly

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h Lodge of Instruction, No. 1044.—A ld at the Spread Eagle Hotel, Wandsworth, on 8th inst. There were present—Bros. J. G. Carter .W., F. Reed J.W., C. Digby S.D., A. Mason, W. J. ders, P. V. Denham and A. A. Denham, &c. Bro. arough the ceremony of initiation, and Bro. Huntley third degree. Bro. Frost was afterwards elected as ning meeting.

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odge, No. 1045.—The monthly meeting of this at the Town Hall, Altrincham, on Monday, the 6th Bros. W. Agar Renshaw W.M., W. Alcock I.P.M., W., A. C. Cook J.W., R. Newhouse P.M. Sec., J. reas., Jas Hamilton S.D., S. Thompson J.D., T. H. .O. Org., J. Ambler I.G., J. Worthington Tyler; and s. R. Baker P.P.G.D.C., C. H. Hinde P.G. Registrar, H. Heathcott, Capt. Jas. Watson, and Bros. H. Bal- indsell, Jas. Sumner, Jas. Byrom, B. Riley, George ott, E. G. Parker, Martin Stone, T. Daine, J. Lewis, G. Sturmer. Visitors—Richard Simister P.M. 89 quare and Compass 1336, T. Hutchinson, &c. The egular meeting were disposed of in due course, after was worked up, and Bro. Lindsell was passed to llow Craft. The Lodge was now further worked up r the sublime degree on Bro. Griffin, who had made s in his researches. Bro. J. Sidderley P.M. very he latter ceremony. The Lodge was lowered and ny, after which the brethren adjourned to refresh- he temporary absence of the W.M., Bro. Siddeley posed the toasts. The health of the Prov. Grand ire was drunk with Masonic honours. Bro. J. War- e Deputy Prov. Grand Master, and the rest of the icers, past and present, uniting with the toast the k P.P G. Org. Bro. Kirk returned thanks, for the felt it a pleasure still to do so. Bro. Baker also re- ck I.P.M. proposed in a very pleasing manner the ewly-passed brother, and the toast was cordially ro. Simister kindly volunteered a song, and Bro. J. Bro. Kirk, by request of the W.M., proposed the health tors. It was his misfortune not to be more intimate with them, but to each and all, in the name of the Lodge a hearty welcome. The toast was received with full ho Simister and Woodford returned thanks, and Bro. Ba the brethren with a song, after which Bro. Simister g recitation. Bro. Neild had the permission of the W.M toast which he knew would be very cordially receive mitted to the brethren the health of W. Bro. Birch, w the Fathers of the Lodge, had done a great deal both the province. The toast was heartily received. Br responding, intimated that he had asked, as a favour, to pass the evening very quietly, but he was gratified feeling which prompted Bro. Neild to propose the to kindness shown by the brethren in its reception. He to say that his interest in the Craft had not abated, endeavoured to be at Lodge as often as possible. He r Bro. Neild and a few others brethren who saw the li just about the time he did; he was glad to know his been productive of good. Bro. Woodford, by permission proposed the health of Bro. Davies, whom he was very he with on this occasion. Bro. Woodford had heard advise all Masons to visit as much as possible, and he that advice, to his great advantage. The toast was dr and Bro. Davies expressed his thanks for the compl Neild kindly favoured the brethren with a song, after Kirk proposed the health of the W.M. in his accusto manner, and W. Bro. Renshaw briefly acknowledged th in which it was received. In due course the Tyler' given, and the brethren dispersed at an early hour.

Grey Friars Lodge, No. 1101.—This Lodge held meeting on Wednesday, the 8th January, at the Ma Reading. Present—Bros. William George Flanagan W.M Danks S.W., William Ferguson J.W., William P. Ivey John T. Stransom Treas., E. J. Blackwell S.D., Richard D J. H. Hawkes Steward, the Rev. C. R. Honey I.G., Wm Tyler. P.M.'s Bros. Welch I.P.M., Harley, Margrett; Bros. Prickett, Pulley, Hammett, Browne, Tegg, Corder —Bro. Withers Sec. 414. Business—The Lodge was o minutes were read and confirmed; two candidates for init elected. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, Br P.M. gave the lecture on the F.C. tracing board, with his us ness. On resuming in the first degree, the Secretary re from the Prov. Grand Secretary, inquiring which of the C P.G.L. vote would be selected for? It was decided that t Fund of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution be nam Bro. Pulley would attend the approaching Festival, the amo be added to his list of contributions. All business being Lodge was closed according to ancient form.

Royal Arthur Lodge, No. 1360.—A meeting wa 2nd January, at the Village Club Lecture Hall, Wimble Present—Bros. E. Peacock W.M., Brunker S.W., P.M. Sm J.W., P.M. C. St okman Sec., R. Sumner S.D., E. Stande Oakman D.C., E. Edbrook Steward, F. W. Parsons I.G. stock Tyler. P.M.'s Bros. H. Smith, Lawes, Cockerel Business—Minutes of meeting held 7th November were unanimously confirmed. Bros. Rees, Biggs, Ayres and Wal to second degree. Mr. Trim was initiated in due form.

Islington Lodge of Instruction, No. 1471.—A was held on Tuesday, 7th January, at the Three Bucks, street. Present—Bros. Fountain W.M., Webb S.W., Ship Braine Sec., Holness Tre s., Kern S.D., Orme I.G., Mathe tor; Bros. Bansor, Lake, Seaman, Hall, Thompson, Cotton, Bird, Crook, Smith, and Petch. The Lodge was opened minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. mony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Lake candidate. mony of passing was also rehearsed, Bro. Thompson candidate. Bro. Smith S.W. 905 was elected a member. was appointed W.M. for ensuing week, and a vote of th passed to Bro. Fountain, this being the first occasion of his o the duties of the chair.

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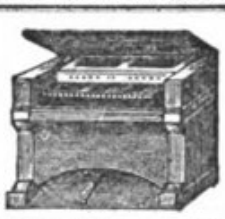
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ay that God may sanctify this trial to you, and to bear it.

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ke of Abercorn, K.G.

RITY LODGE, No. 163.

ssue last year we took the opportunity before our readers a short *résumé* of the f the Integrity Lodge, Manchester, for ceiling that so satisfactory an account as ble to give could but be gratifying to d would also be an excellent pattern other parts to try and improve upon. time stated by members of the fault- body we have in Masonry as in all other is—that the position was certainly a very ut it could not last. You will find, in a year or two the Lodge will cease o strenuously on behalf of the Charities, s will refer to their labours in the past ntion is drawn to the fact of their v of support. For this reason, among months, and as we consider the time which since we last referred to the subject will bear comparison with the past, we append a few drawn from the Balance Sheet for 1878, by the Lodge.

The first item this year is naturally the predecessor, and as we gave full particula the Balance of £146 4s 7d was made we referred to this Lodge last year, we think s is unnecessary. Next we have £347 15 senting the amount received for Initiation s Fees, Subscriptions, &c., as compared with in 1877. This item, shewing an increase of alone prove that the work of the year has progressive character. The interest on inves exhibits a slight falling off, the amount being for 1878, as against £6 15s 5d in 1877. W a total of £499 16s 6d to be accounted Lodge. Of this amount the sum of figures for refreshments; £47 14s being as Expense of St. John's Festival, and £ teas, &c. The next item as regards £118 14s 1d, representing the payments m the year on account of Benevolence, and it Expenditure and to the amounts previously that we intend to devote especial attention. Integrity Lodge voted £50 to each of the f and female—of the Royal Masonic Benevolent and we find that in 1878 they have made similar cept that in the latter case the alteration recently subscriptions from pounds to guineas renders i to devote £105 to secure like advantages. Th thus paid, which up to the present time tota to each fund, or £405 in all to the Institution, entitle the Lodge to 108 vote election. Of this number 60 are vested in th the W.M., while the I.P.M., Senior W., Juni Treasurer have 10 each, the 8 others being in t the Lodge, in consideration of its annual subscri guinea to each fund. The subscriptions to Masonic Institution for Boys up to the pr reach a total of £252, and in return the Lodge has 74 votes at its disposal. The W time being ranks as a Vice Patron, with 40 I.P.M. as a Vice President, with 14 votes; an and Treasurer Vice Presidents, with 10 votes other 4 votes represent the return for the A scription of two guineas made by the Lodge to th We may mention that of the amount contribu Institution, £168 has been voted to the General £84 to the Building Fund. Last in order Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, the total co to which reach the handsome sum of £189. Th which this amount entitles the Lodge are follows:—23 in the name of the W.M., 10 in t I.P.M., and 4 in that of the Lodge. Thus the have at their command no less than 330 vot Central Charities each year, besides being in po 100 votes at each election of the East Lancashire Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution of their donations to this charity, which reach £ Manchester Warehousemen and Clerks' Orphan has also a firm supporter in this Lodge, the having up to date devoted £57 15s of their fun Institution. Two other items besides those

night be done by Lodges collectively than without any sacrifice, unless a little cutting nent expenses is to be taken into con- rdship.

F PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE ' WEST YORKSHIRE.

Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire Free- quarterly gathering at Barnsley, under the ban- ndly, No. 1513. Notwithstanding that there was a rethren from various parts of the province, the hich were unrepresented was somewhat larger ble, probably, to the place of meeting not being

Edwards, Bart., Provincial Grand Master, pre- the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Brother

ted by the Brethren according to the ancient

s said—Brethren of this Provincial Grand Lodge ovincial Grand Lodge to-day, for the first time installation as your Provincial Grand Master, entiments of repression. It is not my wish to ime with an inaugural address, although upon the fairs there is not a little to which I might wish to t at Probity Lodge in October, I thought my usual ift were being accepted by the Brethren in that p to that time, it was not thought right to dis- x years of the existence of this Provincial Grand , established this as a duty of this chair, address- an unavoidable necessity. And pardon me if I ntment of repression to have to advert to the of two of the prerogatives of this chair—the ing on Masonic matters since each interval of the government of the province for the next ne appearance of these observations in the West For what purpose, may I ask, are we to meet ? al Grand Lodge at its gatherings as an illustration free conference, to keep alive the interest of nce, to co-operate in beneficent efforts of charity, aternal understanding with the brethren and the ractical solutions to differences which from time equire remedial considerations— such for example question, which so shocked the feelings of the d Kingdom. It has been intimated to my Deputy ial Grand Lodge to dispense with the address; eling abroad that these addresses are given with . I could not fail to observe the silent support ering gave to the proposition of the Aire and Calder Lodge. He appeared no one knew until he had spoken on what g to address this Provincial Grand Lodge, his intention having appeared on the agenda rand Lodge was totally unprepared to give to question any previous consideration or due de- a consequence refer you to articles 3 and 4, page nstitutions, for I am not aware when these ad- eir way to the public they have contained any tter or language as declared in our Provincial ook of Constitutions. (Applause). I and my o shorten these meetings, and to curtail expendi- rs of this Provincial Grand Lodge the refresh- eon, and not a dinner, and the price reduced, precedent on all occasions, except the annual

ne depression in trade, and the straightened cir- rce, permit me to mention to you that I shall ot it is expedient to convene "an intermediate Provincial Grand Lodge on the first Wednesday ." (Article 14, p 11, Provincial Grand Bye-laws). l Lodge Fund would be saved about £10 in ex- £60 to the brethren in travelling expenses to that otherwise would have the honour of invit- rand Lodge to such Midsummer meeting. As 877 was only £5 10s 6d less than the total osal to augment our Provincial Grand Lodge without the aid of much manual labour, and the recurring interference of adamantine controversy respecting wa planse). Since this Provincial Grand Lodge last met my dedicated two new Lodges in this province, viz., that of "I Sheffield, and that of "Albert Edward" at Huddersfield. with satisfaction their number to-day on the roll-call of t of this province. My Deputy reports to me how much he with the excellence of the various arrangements of the est. of these Lodges, and the large number of brethren who at proceedings. Your presence on these occasions was a c to myself and to the Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge ; grateful to you for the manner in which the spirit of m made at Ripon in 1877 are being developed. subscription to the Masonic Charities amounted t from all parts of the world for 1878. Allow me tion the very singular character of the October elections. The polling was very wild; no one c had any anticipation of such high figures. Your Charity decided to lend as many votes as they could at a pr endeavour to become rich in votes for the April elections. now and April this voting power claims your attention. contributions last year were £2,119. Brother Henry Provincial Grand Secretary, has opened the usual new lists tary donations, and I hope they may show at the end of 18 satisfactory returns. The Bentley Shaw Fund somewhat being promised towards £1050. Her Gracious Majesty t the Patroness of our Order, and our Royal Grand Master t of Wales have lost, in the death of the Princess Alice of one a daughter, the other a sister. As loyal Masons it is to record our sorrow towards these royal personages for t and great grief which has fallen upon them. I feel impossible for me to use any language which can expres solation which we wish we could extend to our Sovereig Queen and our Royal Grand Master; but, brethren, they must be sustained by the consciousness that the the sympathy of the whole body of Freemasons, and of t nation and empire. Their grief is deep beyond words; but w the restoration to happiness of Her Majesty and her belov (Loud Applause.) And now let me thank you for the rece have given me, and for your salutation. In return I offe true and genuine wishes, so that if hitherto any brothe prosperous he may continue to be so in the new year; or other hand, the reverse has happened, that the season of may come to an end, and give place to a long and uni course of prosperity. I wish every brother of the Cra congratulations of the new year. (Applause.)

The Deputy Provincial Grand Master, in responding to t tion, made suitable reference to the returns of the vario required to the end of the year just passed, impressing up to urge their Secretaries to prepare them as speedily as po

In the course of the meeting a resolution granting the su to the Bentley-Shaw Memorial Fund was unanimously pas

Sir Henry Edwards also supplemented his previous gift that fund by an addition of £10.

The meeting having been closed, many of the brethren p repast at the King's Head Hotel.

For the past four years it has been the custo Finsbury Park Lodge to have an annual ball, gatherings on former occasions have been most su This year, with the view of adding to the enjoyn Finsbury Park have decided to act in conjunction Crusaders and the New Finsbury Park Lodges, n uniting the efforts of the members of the three L ensure a pleasant meeting. The Committee, w may be supposed, is an influential one, announce Ball will take place at Freemasons' Tavern, on W next, the 22nd inst. The tickets, which includ and refreshment during the evening, are 8s 6d ladies, and 12s 6d for gentlemen; they may be either from Bro. T. Goode, Treasurer, 62 Halto Canonbury; or F. S. Rothschild, Secretary, 8 Mouth Street, E.C.

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The Installation Meeting of the Lodge of Since 174, took place on Wednesday. The proceedings

...ted and ratified. This ...ation meeting the W.M. elect, Bro. N. Bannantyne, ...d to the Installing Master, W. Bro. Sutton, by Bros. ...enson, who having addressed him in the usual sublime ...oted that the customary questions be submitted. Bro. ...as then solemnly obligated, invested, and installed as ...ll Master for the ensuing twelvemonths, and received ...of the brethren, Bro. Sutton, who conducted the cere... ...ied W. Bro. Bannantyne in the East, West, and South, ...sistance the Worshipful Master invested his Officers ...ear as follow:—Walter Milner I.P.M., W. Clayton ...tson J.W., F. K. Stevenson P.P.G.S.B. Sec., J. P. ...W. Treas., W. Marquis S.D., Francis Henry J.D., Rev. ...se Chaplain, A. T. Hickson I.G., T. W. Crowther ...ney and C. J. Clover Stewards, J. H. Holtaway ...ro. Sutton, under pressure of time, delivered the exhor... ...er, Wardens, and brethren, after which the Treasurer's ... It showed that the Zetland had done well during ...ter devoting £26 to the Charities there was a balance ...nstalling Master now had the pleasing duty of pre... ...ame of the Lodge a P.M.'s jewel to the I.P.M. and, in ...s breast, expressed a wish, which he knew was the ...e Lodge, that he might live long to wear it, to which ...r appropriately replied. The W.M. received hearty ...n the visiting brethren, and the Lodge was closed in ...ourn, by command of Bro. Bannantyne, to banquet. ...ry choice, and the viands were well supplied by Bro. ...he removal of the cloth, the W.M. gave the first toast ...hich was duly honoured, the brethren singing the ...n. In proposing the health of the Grand Master ...e of Wales, the W.M. bore testimony to the great ... the Craft by His Royal Highness being at its head, ...filling the duties of Grand Master. He united with ...e of the august Consort of the Prince, and the rest of ..., which was heartily responded to. The next toast pro... ... the Prov. G. Master Lord De Tabley, and in sub... Bro. Bannantyne said he had great pleasure in in... ...t not only as a Mason and Prov. G. Master of Ches... Tabley appreciated, but as a gentleman endearing ...h whom he came in contact. It was needless to add ... of praise to ensure a hearty reception of his lord... ...wished to unite with the toast, the health of Bros. ...and Brother Chesworth P.G.D.C. The toast was ...siasm and Masonic honours. Bro. Kretschman ...e brethren with a song. Bro. Sutton, in reply to ...so with great pleasure on his own behalf, but more ... had been a just tribute paid to the Prov. G. Master, ...ign rule the Craft in this Province had greatly ...ards the duties devolving upon him as a Prov. G. ... his utmost for the Craft, without distinction of ...and he looked forward to a very prosperous and ...Chesworth said that after the exhaustive remarks ...need not dwell upon the details which would arise ...oast, but he must add his testimony to the sterling ...rov. G. Master, who is not only honoured in his ...ghout England as an exemplar in the high position ... felt it an honour to be numbered among the ... This toast, that had been so cordially received ...e, indicated fully the esteem in which his Lord... ...t was gratifying to find it so, considering the ...uence in the province, while its good deeds of ...mple to others. The I.P.M., on assuming the gavel, ...leasure in proposing the health of the W.M. All ...he various offices he had filled for years past, and ... to see him occupy the exalted position of Wor... ...felt sure at the expiration of the year the Lodge ...der his rule. He now asked them to join in ... good health of W. Bro. Bannantyne. The toast ...ed to, with full Masonic honours. The W. Master, ...uld scarcely find words to express his thanks for ...r in which his name had been received. He ...r of being elected to the high position of Master ...tion which had been so ably filled by his prede... ...; their many good qualities, he would endeavour ... marked out by them, and discharge his high ... of his ability. With regard to the future, that ... but with the aid of the Past Masters, the hearty ...rethren, and the skill of the Officers he had ... in working the Lodge, he felt sanguine as to ...ng down he had great pleasure in proposing the ... of the Lodge, uniting with the same the name ... The toast was cordially received, and drank ...s. Bro. Clayton returned thanks; he intimated ...aster of another Lodge he had rendered the ...tland by accepting office, but as there was ...nts for office, and every indication of ...

... very much impres... fraternal kindness of the brethren towa... would ever esteem their gift of a Past ... dear memento of their regard. The W.M. ... the next toast said, Now comes a toast which ... this Lodge with true fraternal greeting. We ... doing honour to our guests, whom we conside... ...tain, and the enthusiasm which we at all times e... ...is not diminished to-day. He was pleased to ... "Cestrian," Bro. Bennett of the "Mersey," ... "Warren," Bro. Jones of the "Dee," Bro. I... MASON'S CHRONICLE, the Rev. Bro. Kaufman, ... visiting brother who had done them the honou... He would only add that he was delighted to see ... be glad to hear from each visiting brother. The... with enthusiasm. Bro. Jones replied on behalf of ... Dixon, on behalf of the Cestrian, Bro. Benne... The Rev. Bro. Kaufman, in the course of an a... fact, the speech of the evening, offered the follo... represented Humanity—the world—a large co... must not make a speech commensurably long. I... a N. China Lodge, his being a Continental Ma... English clergyman and present among them, w... interlacing, wide-spread network of Masonry, and... nationalities, the great principle underlying ... *Fraternity*. He represented an Institution never ... sented, a Theological College, and therefore *prin*... friendly to Masonry, for religious bodies—Popery ... and Puritanism on the other—were unfriendly on... Had they representatives at these meetings as... occasion, and could see the good done by the society ... principles, &c., they would be taught better thin... World would be more united. It had been said ... acquaintance that in the teaching staff, consisting... College, he represented the world because of his b... He was glad of this. For he should not like to rep... flesh or the devil. His acquaintance with Masonry ... that religious bodies might learn from it the great le... so often forgot in their religious antagonisms—*charity*... We heard much about Religion of Humanity, and... Humanity now as if it were something quite new... bodies in their mysteries, which were connected wit... Antients, again in their confraternities during the... and in the attitude they occupied in some Me... had all along vindicated the rights of Humanity ... principles of Liberty, Equality, and Fraternity. Bu... the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, Bro. Kretschman, &c., also... toast, so ably put from the chair and so warmly re... brethren. The W.M. kindly favoured the company w... song, after which Bro. Stevenson drew the attention of... to the Cheshire Educational Institution, and the Tyler's... in the hour for separation, after each brother had thorou... a very happy and pleasant evening.

KINGSTON, JAMAICA.

It is expected that the Provincial Grand Master for M... for Jamaica will shortly inaugurate a Grand Mark Lod... Lodge under English Constitution in this city (King... now been properly set to work.

The following are the Mark Lodges:—Sussex, Bro. ... bourne; Clifton Mount, Bro. J. J. S. Lewis; Royal Key... R. Langley.

PORT ROYAL.—Phœnix, Bro. G. J. De Cordova.

No Grand Royal Arch Chapter has been formed as... likely that the same will now be taken in hand, as th... Grand Master for Jamaica will remain in the city... months.

Caledonian Lodge, No. 554 S.C., Port Maria.—... lowing were the Officers installed on 12th December 187... Lyon W.M., A. Levy I.P.M., T. Broughton S.W., G. F. Cow... D. N. Benrich Sec., J. Neilson Treas., A. A. Lindo S.D., H... I.G. The J.D. and Tyler could not be installed, on account... absent through the severe rains.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Nervous Debility.—No part of the human ... requires more watching than the nervous system—upon it hangs h... life itself. These Pills are the best regulators and strengtheners of t... and the safest general purifiers. Nausea, headache, giddiness, n... and mental apathy yield to them. They despatch in a summary ... those distressing dyspeptic symptoms, stomachic pains, fullness at t... the stomach, abdominal distension, and overcome both capricious ... and confined bowels—the commonly accompanying signs of defe... deranged nervous power. Holloway's Pills are particularly ... to persons of studious and sedentary ... a nervous ...

we have been for years fellow-labourers in
cond Series*, I hope to trace his Masonic career
his highest honours." I, therefore, now proceed

was initiated into Freemasonry on the 2nd of
Helen's Lodge, No. 531, Hartlepool, and was
legree of Master Mason on the 5th of Septem-
on after became Secretary of the Lodge, was
e of the Warden's chairs, and in due course
ster. On the 16th of February 1865, he was
is a Royal Arch Mason, in the Chapter of Strict
nd, but held no office in that Chapter. On the
was dubbed a Knight Templar and a Knight
oyal Kent Encampment, Newcastle-on-Tyne
d subsequently held some minor offices in that
also appointed Provincial Grand Almoner of
the 15th of January 1867, he was advanced to
Master, in the Eclectic Lodge, No. 39, West
uently held the office of J.W. On the 10th of
s "duly installed a Knight of the Sword of
East and West, and was received and admitted
ons the parchment—"an Excellent and Perfect
H.R.D.M.," in the Royal Kent Chapter, at
On the 27th of May 1867, he was made a
the Royal Order of Scotland (asserted to have
Robert the Bruce) at the Provincial Grand
enfrew, and Dumbarton, held in Glasgow; and
rd Lodge of that Order was consecrated in Lon-
salvn, then Grand Master of Scotland, he was
Grand Banner Bearer. On the 9th of
ne year, he was duly installed a Grand
, 30°, at a meeting of the Grand Metro-
t Freemasons' Hall, London; and on the 10th
was received into the degree of Grand Inspector
, 31°.

rticular in noticing the advancement of Bro.
d "higher degrees," because Father Suffield
ry, but since, I am told, become a Unitarian
in the County of Durham on "The Wrongs
of his way to publicy attack Freemasonry, and,
to the Craft which I so dearly love, to enter
ith the reverend (and I must say courteous)
oneous ideas of Freemasonry were evidently
ters as Professor Robison, supported by the
e Vatican. The Jesuit Priest, or Dominican
ted me most fairly throughout the whole con-
to answer the truthful and common-sense argu-
d, to prove that we English Masons, at least,
s and seditious conspirators against all religion,
social order and well-being, as he had declared
ge in the assertion, that as I probably did not
degrees," I was kept in blissful ignorance of
was exposing, being, like the majority of my
nded dupe; whereupon a new combatant ap-
r our good Brother Emra Holmes, as a "High
d manfully to the rescue with a letter to the
Durham and Cleveland Mercury, the paper in
took place, and was continued until stopped

during the ten years which have elapsed since
ey just alluded to, has apparently seen through
Popery, it would be interesting to know if he is
etain his old prejudices against any of the de-
for though I, for one, like many other ardent
ic," could not conscientiously acknowledge any
iful its ritual, which so narrows its portals as to
ce any "good men and true," whatever their
lieve in the fatherhood of God and the Brother-
be blind to the fact that many of our most in-
e Masons belong, like Bro. Emra Holmes, to the
et them, like true knights-errant, wage war
of wrong, and though we may never be able to
, we can agree to differ. There is work for us all.
world better than we found it, both by our pre-

Ipswich in August 1869, Bro. Holmes soon
d the Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 959, and the
No. 114, and for some time held the office of
es in the latter Lodge. He then joined the
odge, of which he ultimately became Master.
Plantagenet Encampment of Knights Templar,
campment (which dates from 1810), of which
Second Grand Captain of Lines, and afterwards Grand
the Order. In April 1873, he was appointed a memb
Ritual Commission in conjunction with the Hon. Judge
Arch Chancellor of the Order; Sir Patrick Colquhoun,
Registrar of the Temple, and others: the object of the C
being to assimilate the Rituals in use in England, Ireland,
land, amongst the various bodies of Knights Templar, while
preserving the ancient landmarks of the Order, and formi
one based upon what was considered the ancient Ritual of t
Knights.

The latest proof that I am aware of, showing the high est
which Bro. Holmes is held amongst his brethren, especially th
Templar, of which he is a most enthusiastic member, is co
the following extract from a letter of Col. McLeod Moore G.C
Prior of Canada:—

"Laprarie, Prov. of Quebec, Canada, 28th Oc
"DEAR SIR AND EMT. BRO. KNIGHT,—I did myself the p
forwarding you my Report, read at the Great Priory of Can
11th inst., which will give you a pretty good idea of the
tertained by the Order in Canada. At that Convocation
proposed by me, and duly elected, as one of the Grand
Council for the Great Priory; your colleagues being Colonel
Clerke and Bro. Knt. Preceptor T. B. Whytehead, of York;
were also appointed Representative of the Great Priory of
near that of England, with honorary rank as a Member.
these appointments will be acceptable to you, and will b
learn so from yourself before the Proceedings are publish
well acquainted with the interest you take in the Order, and
with much interest your several published communication
subject."

Bro. Holmes, like Bro. Whytehead, of York, is an able w
an enthusiastic member of various Masonic and Chivalrous
and naturally felt it a high honour to be elected to th
Master's Council as above; but to be selected from amongst
thousand Knights Templar in England as the chosen Repre
of the Canadian Branch of the Order at the English Natio
Priory, especially after having been proposed by so emi
erudite a member of the Order as the Great Prior of
is admitted to be, is a dignity of which he may well b
Had he inherited the Barony of Holmes of Kilma
the peerage of Ireland, of which his father is said to have
rightful heir, one might have suspected that his aristocrati
had influenced the choice; as it is, no one can regard it other
as a well-merited compliment to his energetic labours for th
rous Degrees.

Being now stationed at Fowey, in Cornwall, where he h
official position of Collector of Her Majesty's Customs (
which a writer in *The Civilian* terms "the blue ribbon of
Service,")* he has naturally transferred his interest to
branches of the Masonic and Chivalrous Orders, and is
ber of the Fowey Lodge, the Unity Royal Arch Chap
Restormel Preceptory of Knights Templar, at Tywardre
holds the office of Provincial Grand Standard Bearer
Provincial Grand Chapter of Cornwall, having been appo
that office by the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, Provincial Grand
tendent.

To the outside world Bro. Holmes is perhaps best know
lectures and public readings, always given for the aid of son
tional or charitable institution. Whilst residing in the North
land he became popular as a public reader, both in the county
ham and in Yorkshire; as he now is, both as a reader and
in the counties of Suffolk, Essex, Cornwall, &c., where
scarcely a town of any importance which has not availed its
eloquence, wit, and humour.

He first appeared as a Lecturer at Ipswich, in 1870, wher
livered his "Lecture on Public Speaking." These were foll
others on "Charles Dickens," "Tom Hood," and "Odds and
Wit and Humour."

Gifted so eminently with what Shakspere calls "the p
speech to stir men's blood," I wish our good Brother could vis
Lodge in the United Kingdom, and stir the stagnant minds
numerous class of men who believe themselves to be good Fre
simply because they have passed through certain ceremo
which they were never prepared in their hearts—can giv
signs and passwords, without caring for the high moral obligati
should remind them of—subscribe to a Lodge which eats an
the funds that ought to be kept sacred for Masonic purposes,
the first to strut, in public or private parade, bedecked
jewels of the Order, the fine symbolic teaching of which th

uman race, relieves all manner of distress within the able-tow, and ever studies Truth (wisely called by eye of Reason"), both in profession and practice: r-burdened heart feels that it can at once lay bare ith the certainty of receiving sympathy; and white lambskin apron, the distinguishing badge of or without its tinsel), will indeed be honoured more ancient than the Golden Fleece or the ore hononourable than the Star and Garter, or any istence, being the badge of Innocence and the bond

CORRESPONDENCE.

ourselves responsible for the opinions of our Cor-

ake to return rejected communications.

hear the name and address of the Writer, not publication, but as a guarantee of good faith.

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MASONRY IN SHROPSHIRE.

Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

ROTHER,—In a recent number you observe, in an sonry in Shropshire, that any Royal Arch Mason in orth Wales and Shropshire wishing to attend a o Shrewsbury or Welchpool, the Fitzalan Chapter not yet met, though warranted three years ago. d yon that there is a flourishing R.A. Chapter dge of St. John, No. 601, in this town. It was es- and is now regularly held. There are about 25 ent M.E.Z. being Comp. R. Anslow (P.M.1120, S.W. ted by Comp. R. J. Acton (P.M. 601) and Comp. 1) as H. and J. The meetings are held on the anuary, April, July and October, at the Wrekin

rest to Royal Arch Masons to know that Sir W. rov. Grand Supt. for Shropshire and North Wales ntention of convening Prov. Grand Chapter for early date.

Yours fraternally,

SALOPIENSIS.

, 11th January 1878.

HONORARY MEMBERS.

Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

ROTHER,—Brother Smallpeice, in a late number says, in reference to the above, *Honorary Mem- o legal existence whatever*, giving copious extracts nstitutions in support of this statement.

straining at a gnat and swallowing a camel?"

in any way over-ride the "Constitutions" but, the Grand Master, are, to all intents and pur- the Lodge as the "Constitutions" themselves. fix a *status* for honorary members—and define "Order" of "Honorary Membership" is per- *ential*, that is, *in the Lodge to which they refer*; cular Lodge it is perfectly immaterial what may gree."

as a special rule upon this subject, and its duly sanctioned, no question can possibly arise nce or non-existence.

Yours faithfully,

A CONSTITUTIONALIST.

tor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

HER,— Help me out of a fix. I have been the *Hon* truction for over five years, during which time I my privileges as a free and accepted Mason to , and to vote upon any question which to me

of the aged, is one of the distinguishing features of this and other provinces; and that which stands estimation of the thousands of brethren in this Mas the kingdom is the West Lancashire Masonic Educa tion—a model charity in its way, and not excelled in any in the provinces. During its twenty-eight year has increased in popularity year by year, until it position which is eminently satisfactory to those hav of its management, as it is highly creditable to its m and supporters. The invested capital, according to the report, amounted to £13,886, and there are now u children educated by means of the annual subscr brethren and the interest from this capital, without portion of the invested money. The amounts paid for advancement in life of the children of distressed Masons in the year 1877 amounted to £580 17s 3d; number of little ones have been admitted to the p scheme since that time, a largely increased ex necessarily be the result of last year's working. Th of the charity is its unsectarian character (thus r Order which gave it being and active life), and anothe able feature of its working is the fact that the littl thus educated and advanced in life know nothing ab from whence the money comes which thus helps them guardians are allowed to select the schools to which t to be sent, and the committee of the institution, who part of the work in pure charity, make it their busine the education is of an effective kind. Trusting to the even increased support of the brethren connected w Lodges in the province of West Lancashire, the con institution (of which Bro. Lord Skelmersdale P.G.M and Bro. Colonel Stanley, M.P., D.P.G.M. one of the v have under consideration the broadening of the basis by clothing as well as educating the children who sta this farther help. Already the matter has been moo the enthusiasm shown in connection with the extended is little doubt that it will be crowned with success.

The annual ball in aid of the "West Lancashire," wh gives substantial help to its funds, took place last M Town Hall, being the 30th of the series, and additiona given to what invariably proves a pleasant and agreea to the brethren and ladies, as well as to the public gen fact that it will probably be the last at the headq mayoralty, owing to the recent action of the council. festive gathering was under the distinguished patronag and Mayoress (Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Royden), the Cou Lady Constance Stanley, Lady Skelmersdale, Lady G the Earl of Carnarvon Pro G.M., Lord Skelmersdale (who was also President of the Ball Committee), Major S East Lancashire, Lord de Tabley P.G.M. Cheshire, Colo D.P.G.M., Sir Gilbert Greenall, M.P., Past G.S.W., Bonsfield, M.P., Colonel Steble, Sir J. Ramsden, Earl B Cumberland and Westmoreland, Sir W. W. Wynn, Bart., Sir A. B. Walker, and the borough and county members. the bad times, the attendance was exceedingly good, and result will probably be such as to add considerably to th noble institution. The arrangements were of the most satisfactory character, thanks to the indefatigable effort mittee, the principal members of which were Bro. R. Wy (chairman), Bro. J. M'Kune P.M. 216 (vice-chairman) Martin jun. P.M. 1182 (treasurer). The onerous d secretary were admirably filled by Bro. Thomas Salte Merchant's Lodge, No. 216, to whose untiring efforts attending the ball for 1879 is greatly due. As usual, master of ceremonies were fulfilled with great tact and Bro. H. M. Molyneux P.M. 823, who has for a great nu given his assistance in this way. There were between and 700 brethren and ladies present, and amongst were Bros. Councillors Peet, Sheen, Lunt, and Ball; T. Tobias, &c. The members of the various orders app dress Masonic clothing, with the jewels and insignia of t office, and these added considerably to the fine effect of t Bro. John Houlding P.M. 823 was the excellent captain stewards, about 50 in number, to whose efforts the ge of the visitors was largely attributable. The supper ments were supplied by Bro. Fairhurst (Messrs. Fisk a Castle-street), and the general excellence of his cater greatest satisfaction in both departments. The supper laid out with the greatest taste, and amongst the conspic of the "creature comforts" was a large baron of beef. W. Phillipps' band furnished the music, and the following of dances:—1 polka, 2 quadrille, 3 galop, 4 lancers, 5 waltz 7 schottische, 8 lancers, 9 waltz, 10 quadrille, 11 polka,

ck, seconded by Bro. Griffiths Smith, Bro. John
ed honorary dental surgeon to the Institution.
nsidered the new laws of the Institution as
Sub-Committee. The discussion on these laws
ours. The brethren struck out that portion of
ch proposed that a candidate's father should
e of the Masonic Institutions. Bro. Woodford
t law would be making Freemasonry a benefit
entirely contrary to the spirit of Masonry. Bro.
of the sub-committee, explained that the sug-
ould be such a condition of candidature eman-
members of the sub-committee, and that it had
he purpose of ascertaining the opinion of the
y belief that it would be carried. The sub-
perfectly satisfied by the proposition being
t closed with a vote of thanks to the chairman.

Y MEETING OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

ng of the Subscribers and Governors of the
ution for Boys was held on Monday last at the
There were present Col. Creaton (chairman),
ick, F. W. Ramsay, H. Massey, W. H. Perry-
n. M. Dewar, C. F. Matier, J. Terry, A. F. A.
ois, J. W. Baldwin, Rev. Richard Morris, Head
Haynham W. Stewart, John Mason, Arthur E.
rd, W. R. Applebee, A. Tisley, L. Ruf, C. Pul-
s Secretary. Bro. Hedges, Secretary of the
ended. After the minutes had been read and
ren resolved that the letter from Bro. John
hem for the vote of last Quarterly Court, in
dged his numerous services to the Institution,
ered on the minutes. Bro. W. H. Lovejoy was
dental sergeon to the Institution. Sixty-eight
n in April were then declared to be the number,
the School to be then supplied were declared to
hren then passed the new laws sent up to the
mmittee, and in a discussion of nearly two hours
ons in them, and afterwards adjourned.

IS NO MIDDLE PATH.

n the VOICE OF MASONRY.

of the Grand Lodge of Illinois in declining any
ise the Grand Lodge of Scotland as a legitimate
, or its members as worthy of being received as
ey are false to that jurisprudence which declares
shall dare to infringe the jurisdiction of a sister
ablishing Lodges within its territory, is right.
considered a landmark by American Grand
h the *Masonic Magazine*, of London, England,
our legislation is hasty, and influenced by sur-
ces, which is false; and notwithstanding Bro.
emason, also of London, may write essays to the
m even to say that the Grand Lodge of Scotland
r common decency towards a Grand Body, which
reviously it had declared to be the Supreme
ganisation over the Province of Quebec.
of Illinois saw the matter in its true light, and
eak out of the responsibility of dealing with it
ge of Canada, by laying it over for another year.
of Illinois, having recognised the Grand Lodge
olicy to the winds, and supported justice and
holding the hands of her sister Grand Lodge in
, and by one sharp incision laying open the foul
ing all further intercourse with a Grand Lodge
that of Scotland.
act in the sneaking, roundabout way suggested
policy advanced by the timid Grand Master of
declared, "*There is no middle path*," and without
orted the doctrine, universally held on this Con-
Grand Lodge Sovereignty, and declared all inter-
and the Grand Lodge of Scotland at an end till
and Body acknowledges its error and withdraws
s from the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of
path in Freemasonry. It has certain fixed laws

the character and injured the reputation of our friend and
we would resent the insult and avoid or denounce the crea
dared to do so; how much more necessary is it for us to do
collective, executive, or legislative capacity as Craftsmen
Lodge assembled, when we see the rights and privileges of
infringed upon by those from whom we should expect
advice, and support.

Our boasted system of Grand Lodge Sovereignty is a farce
not support each other in upholding it. If we remain on
terms and greet as brethren those who knowingly violate
pose ourselves justly to the taunts and sneers of our oppone
drag our flag in the dust, and soil our aprons not with the
friendship and brotherly love, but with the dirt of meanne
filth of cowardice.

To proclaim a doctrine and join an alliance, as it were, i
of that doctrine, and then permit a Grand Lodge upho
dogma, and with which we are on friendly terms and have
Grand Representatives, to have its jurisdiction infringed and
Lodges established in its midst, and finally, as if to add in
jury, a so-called illegal Provincial Grand Lodge organised i
mercial metropolis, without protesting and at once hurling
menace, by severing all Masonic connection with it and it
nates till such time as it retracts, is to act the part of th
and the poltroon. As I before observed, "there is no mid
and the Grand Lodge of Illinois by making a stand at
merited the praise and just approval of the six hundred
Masons on this Continent.

It is easy to say, "Let time heal the wound." Does th
say, when he sees gangrene assuming its fatal form, let n
its course, or does he use the cautery and the knife? Do
allow the culprit to escape because it is a first offence,
punish him for the deed? Does the clergyman tell the f
"never mind, you have only committed the sin a few times
he not protest and censure, in the name of his Master, ar
that unless he or she repents and returns to the right path
awful punishment awaits him or her? Likewise with ou
organisation, we must warn, protest, and sever connection
who defy our laws and act without feeling or care for th
we acknowledge as friends and brothers.

The do-nothing policy does not answer in Masonry any
it does in politics, medicine, surgery, law, or religion. It
in the first place, a laxity of moral stamina, and in th
place, it shows a cowardly spirit that would shirk a trial a
difficulty. There is no middle path in Freemasonry,
brethren who think there is will find themselves mistaken,
the hour of their trial arrives will perceive that their for
warmness and indifference to the rights and welfare of th
bours and allies will recoil with interest upon themselves.

Experience teaches us that a straightforward and h
course will tell in the long run far better than duplicity a
and consequently I argue that it doubly behoves the Fre
act the part of an honourable and upright man, and our
bodies must conduct their proceedings in an equally straig
manner. If a wrong has been done to the Craft Unive
must denounce it with no uncertain sound. Meally
utterances and smooth-tongued platitudes are out of place o
occasion. What has a Grand Lodge to fear when she proc
right and acts with justice? Absolutely nothing. Why, th
particular instance are the Grand Lodges of this Continent t
when a fragrant outrage has been committed on the Grand
Quebec by the Grand Lodge of Scotland—an outrage so con
that *The Scottish Freemason*, the organ of the Craft itse
country, has beseeched its ruling members to wait, to stop,
committed an outrage so absolutely without principle that n
juris-consult on this Continent, or writer of eminence, h
through the columns of the press to even excuse, leave alone
All honour then to the Grand Lodge of Illinois in the noble s
taken in support of the rights, titles and privileges of the Gr
of Quebec.

The Grand Lodge of New Brunswick touched the keynote
cent Annual Communication, and now the Grand Lodge of Il
blown a clarion blast, which will be taken up by every
Grand Lodge from the Atlantic to the Pacific, from the froze
the north to the sweet smelling forests of the south. We rej
sound of it. It is clear, pure and loud, and all that is good
in Freemasonry will answer to that call, which says, "Our S
Grand Lodge of Quebec has been insulted, her territory ha
vaded, her rights having been ignored, her jurisdiction has
fringed upon and the invader must be driven forth, his foll
linger received in our Lodge rooms, and his adherents n
knowledged as Masons and Brethren." This is what th
Lodge of Illinois declares, and her noble stand will never be

of his office to the best of his ability. He then ap-
llowing Officers:—Bros. Symes S.W., J. Laming J.W.,
. Treas., Barrell P.M. Sec., E. Cammack Org., Banner
son J.D., S. E. K. Capps I.G., Woodrow D.C. One of
sing ceremonies of the day was the presentation by
d P.M., on behalf of Bros. Barrell, Benner, and himself,
nt banner, to be used on "state occasions." Bro.
ressed a very sincere wish that this might be accepted
heir sincere regard for the principles of the Craft, and
tead of a cold formality all the members might evince
e principles of the Order. The brethren then adjourned
lart Hotel (the Commissioners refusing to let their
the purpose, as has been done for many years), where
ous and *récherché* banquet was provided by Bro. Har-
. presided, supported by the D.P.G.M. of Lincolnshire
k), the I.P.M. (Bro. Barrell P.G.A.D.C. of Lincoln-
rry, Lowe P.G.C. of Lincolnshire and W.M. 272, Dr.
3, Hodgings W.M. 985, Hart 466, Shepherd and Fergu-
numerous other visitors, and most of the members of
Elloe Lodge. After the banquet the usual Loyal and
were given and duly acknowledged, some very useful
conversation took place, which obviously cannot be
nd several brethren enlivened the evening with songs
Bro. Cammack and Dr. Wood ably presided at the
not refrain from noting the splendid way in which
lered those exquisite songs, "Maid of Athens," and
ian Mountains," while Bros. Abbott and Woodrow's
songs "struck home" to every one present. Bro.
art in the harmony, and Bro. Symes gave a recitation
ge of Job," with admirable effect, and after a most
g the brethren retired, well pleased with each other
ey had enjoyed. We understand that the Provincial
Lincolnshire will be held at Spalding early in the
ear.

Lodge, No. 651.—On Tuesday the 7th inst., the
eir annual installation meeting at the Masonic rooms,
en Bro. Thomas Butcher was installed as Worshipful
ear 1879; and the following Officers were appointed
iod:—Thos. Jones S.W., Frank Grundy J.W., David
Wm. Webb S.D., John Morgan J.D., Duncan Guild-
Phipps D.C., T. L. Lewis Organist, Bargrave
veline Maybery, and Wm. Games Stewards, and J.
tary. At the banquet a handsome jewel was pre-
ichard Webb, the retiring Worshipful Master. The
cription:

sented to Bro. P.M. RICHARD WEBB,
(P.J.G.W.)
unmitting attention to to the Craft, during
two years of Mastership.
1877-1878.

Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—At the
Kew-bridge, on 10th inst. Bros. Gomm W.M.,
ot J.W., Goss S.D., Skinner J.D., McGee I.G., Roe
. Lodge opened in due form and advanced to
being resumed to the first, Bro. Goss offered him-
, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed.
led off, and again resumed to the third, and then
wn.

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d Chapter, No. 813.—A convocation was held
on Thursday, 9th January, Comps. Crawford
I., Cusworth J., J. Terry P.Z., Gallant P.Z., W. H.
an S.N., H. J. Gabb P.S., Chicken Second As-
itor. Visitors—Comps. Soper and Smith. Bros.
Stephenson 813, Musto 813, Allardyce 813, and
e duly exalted. The report of the auditors was
d, and the Chapter, which has only been in ex-
year, may be congratulated upon its prosperous
nps. then adjourned to a very excellent banquet,
al and Royal Arch toasts were honoured.

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dge of Instruction, No 860.—Held its
Tuesday evening last at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters'
nd, Dalston. Bro. M. Christian W.M., Wardell
Polak S.D., Williams J.D., Carr I.G., Dallas Sec.,
Wallington Preceptor. Bros. Braated C. Lor

were proposed as initiates, and the ballot
them at the next meeting. Bro. G. Howick pre
Boddy seconded, and it was carried unanimously, '
sent to Bro. H. Wilson, Treasurer, announcing
Lodge at his illness," he being prevented from atte
of indisposition. After the labour of the evenin
was very acceptable, Bro. Host Dougherty had
dinner. The cloth having been removed, Bro.
gave the usual Masonic toasts, which were heart
regretted the absence of the elected Officers, and
only through urgent business on their part. Bro.
in proposing the W.M.'s health, which was receive
"firing," referred to his Masonic efficiency, and t
visitors. The Tyler's toast brought the close of a

Capper Lodge, No. 1076.—A meeting wa
day, 9th inst., at the Marine Hotel, Tidal Basin, '
Bros. Francis Brien W.M., P. McCarthy S.W., J.
pro tem, James Mitchell Hon. Sec., B. B. Brayshaw
J. T. K. Job S.D., Wm. Dorton J.D., A. Mason D.C
W. Harris Stewards, W. Nevins I.G., B. Norman Tyl
Bros. White I.P.M., John Dorton, H. B. Holliday, T.
Bros. Lacey, Nelson Lodge, 700. The Lodge was
at 6 o'clock, and after the minutes had been confirm
who was a candidate for passing, was examine
retired. The Lodge was opened in the Second De
Johnson was duly passed. After the Lodge was resu
brought forward a motion, of which he had given no
an investigation committee be formed to enquire
ter of the proposed candidates." This was seconded
P.M., and after considerable discussion was eventu
majority of one. The W.M. then presented Bro. W
with an inscription on vellum, which had been voted
the admirable manner in which he had performed the
mony. Bro. P.M. White briefly returned thanks in
remarks. The Lodge was closed in due form, an
enjoyed a capital evening, which was enlivened
singing.

Anchor Lodge, No. 1337.—The Installation
Lodge took place in the Masonic Rooms, Northallerto
Tuesday last, when Bro. M. Walmsley S.W. and
placed in the chair of K.S., Bro. A. Knowles P.M
performing the ceremony. The W.M. invested his
low:—Bros. H. Rymer I.P.M., Hardy S.W., Pallise
Jones Chaplain, Ormdale Treas., Stead Sec., Wheldon
J.D., Walton P.M. D.C., Scotheran I.G., Wilkinson
and Russell Stewards. There was a good muster of
the town and neighbourhood, and amongst the P.M
present were Bros. G. W. Elliott P.M. P.P.G.S.
P.M., Waistell P.M., Fairburn P.M., Rev. W. C. Luk
Anderson P.M. 1416, T. B. Whytehead P.M. 1611,
G. Simpson 1611, W. P. Husband 1611, &c. A ban
wards held at the Golden Lion Hotel, at which about
sat down.

**The Sir Hugh Myddelton Lodge of
No. 1602.**—Held at the Crown and Woolpack, St. Jo
on Tuesday last. Present—Bro. Hallam jun. W.M.,
Pelikan J.W., Greene J.D., Godolphin I.G., Somers
Secretary; also Bros. Norris, Patmore, Hallam sen., W
several other brethren. The Lodge was opened in anc
solemn prayer. The minutes of the preceding Lodge
read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation w
Bro. Hallam sen., acting as candidate. The 1st, 2nd, a
of the lecture were worked by the W.M., assisted by
Bro. Norris made an earnest appeal to the Lodge to
Steward at the next Festival of the R.M.B.I., and rece
tions from several of the brethren. Bro. Hyland was
for next meeting. The Lodge was closed in perfect l
solemn prayer, and adjourned to Tuesday next.

York Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners.—
this Lodge, attached to the York Mark Lodge (T.I.), wa
on Wednesday evening. Present—Bros. T. B. Whytebe
Husband as J., G. Simpson as S., M. Millington Sec., A.
Conductor, and several other members. There were si
for elevation, who were all safely received and entruste
of half-a-guinea was voted to the Steward's list of Br
for the Benevolent Festival. The

accepting the office of Steward upon this occasion, will
rding their names and Masonic rank, as soon as con-
y, who will gladly give any information required.

JAMES TERRY, Prov. G.J.W. Herts,
ndon, W.C. Secretary.

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WEEKLY BUDGET.

mains in the Isle of Wight. Her Majesty on Sunday at Divine worship at Osborne

ss of the Bath has been conferred upon rtford. The vacant riband of the Order s been conferred upon the Earl of Portar- kish Ambassador, M. Musurus, returned day from Constantinople.

nt appeared in the *Gazette* on Tuesday of French Government to terminate the

Mrs. Rachael Samuel, of Burton-crescent, was c on Friday by the magistrate, the police having fail tain direct evidence to connect her with the c Treasury reward of £100 has since been offered conviction of the murderer. Edward Byrne Mac tried on Monday, at the Central Criminal Court, fo letters to the Home Office threatening the lif Queen, but the jury found that he was of unsou and he was ordered to be detained during Her pleasure.

Late on Monday night an explosion occurred in Colliery, situate in the Rhondda Valley, South W it is feared that 60 men who were at work in have perished; but none of the bodies have yet covered.

Heavy gales, with thick fogs, have caused ma ping disasters upon the British coasts during the days. The bark Schiehallion, from New ran on the rocks near St. Catherine's, Isle of Wi one man and a boy were drowned. The America B. Read was wrecked near Milford, and three of were drowned.

The strike of the good guards and shunters on land Railway has terminated in the general retu men to work at the reduced rates. The threaten of the South Yorkshire coal-miners has been at least for the present, by both parties consenting tration.

General Stewart, after a slight skirmish with troops, who disbanded after defeat, entered Can the 8th of January, a deputation from the inl having tendered their submission. General Rob returned to Kuram, and detachments of his forc inflicted chastisement upon the predatory hill tri believed that military operations have ceased winter. According to the Russian press, Shere been invited by General Kaufmann to Tashkend; at the same time declared that Russia has no inte interfering in the dispute between him and the Government. The extreme Republicans in the Chambers have held meetings to discuss the pro urging a series of measures for adoption by the ment, to which M. Gambetta offers resistance. Si however, the *République Francaise*, which repre Gambetta's views, has taken a different course attack upon the existing Cabinet is expected. Borel, the Minister for War, has resigned, and Gresley has been appointed to succeed him. The C reassembled on Tuesday, but no business of import transacted until Thursday when a Ministerial pr was announced but was received with coldness by especially in the Chamber of Deputies. The legislation in respect of speeches in Parliament cau dissatisfaction in Germany, but a semi-official a ment has been made that the Bill has been intro the suggestion of the Emperor. In the meantime, t campaign against Socialist clubs and newspapers carried on vigorously. The explanations given Danish Government respecting the stay of the Cumberland at Copenhagen are stated to have be factory to the German Government. Prince Henry of the King of Holland, who a few months since m daughter of Prince Frederick of Prussia, died on from an attack of measles. A body of Cheyenne under restraint at Fort Robinson, Nebraska, effect escape, and, refusing to surrender to the Unite troops, many, including women and children, wer A remnant, after several further encounters with th

o neighbouring provinces, the

the ceremony of dedication was to be performed by rnarron, Provincial Grand Master of Somerset and ter of England.

oceedings commenced with Divine service at the ary Magdalene. The brethren, to the number of 300, ool room, near where they clothed themselves in nd then walked in procession, the juniors leading, to rived at the church, the junior members opened out the members of provincial lodges to pass through. with the Rev. Prebendary Clark, vicar, the Masons tre aisle of the church, and there was a very numerous the non-Masonic public. The sermon was preached Randall, M.A., P.P.G.C., Chaplain, from the text v. 11, "Wherefore comfort yourselves together, other even as also ye do."

the rev. gentleman's discourse, the Masons returned ssion to the school room, where they took off their , a special prohibition having been made against a

of dedication took place at the New Hall at half-

The craft brethren having taken their seats in the ved the Provincial Grand Lodge in due form, and the Lodge was then opened by the Provincial Grand of Carnarvon, when the ceremony of dedication was ng the ceremony a choir composed of members of nimity of Sincerity—sang Weldon's anthem in G, His Holiness," and two suitable hymns, also giving a very creditable manner. Brothers Baily and resided at the organs. The ceremony concluded of the National Anthem. Before proceeding with arl Carnarvon congratulated the Lodge upon the odge room. He said it was worthy of the place—thren who called it into existence—worthy of the had at heart, and worthy of the Craft in that

nony of dedication had been performed, Brother posed a vote of congratulation to the Earl of ecent marriage, wishing him and Lady Carnarvon his world could afford. The motion was seconded P.G. Treasurer, and carried by acclamation.

arvon, in responding, apologised for the inconve- have caused the brethren in not attending on the ; they had learnt what the cause of this disappoint- ew the kindliness and sympathy of his Somerset- which he had never appealed in vain, would find a im than any words he could use. He was not reception of the resolution, because there was d been connected with Somersetshire which had n which had not their kindly feeling of sympathy. ly identified with Somersetshire Masons, and eeply this present evidence of their friendship and were good enough to congratulate him, he should ood cause to be congratulated. He knew that e admitted to any participation in Masonic pro- umble outsider, there was no one who sympathised cts of the Craft, respected the work they had set above all, gave more hearty good wishes to the shire than did Lady Carnarvon; and he hoped he itting any breach of the secrecy to which he was s ago as a Mason, when with every injunction for recy, he informed her on his return that amongst h they were engaged to-day, there was one in s and welfare were bound up. Amongst the that he had received none were more sincere e had received that day, and there were none d more highly.

d at the conclusion of the service, amounting to d to the relief of the distress in Taunton.

held at the Victoria Rooms in the evening, the esiding. In responding to the toast of his health Master of Somerset, the Earl of Carnarvon said ow lived in a very peculiar stage of Masonry v years Masonry had been passing through a Masonic forefathers knew nothing of, and such as great good, but which had also its difficulties and he was initiated Masonry was very prosperous- ly, but he was struck with its enormous increase ing the last ten or fifteen years Masonry had r in point of numbers, much more important in h which had flowed in from all sides, and it stood s of greater dignity and external ceremonial than on the other hand there was a reverse side of the material well-being had a tendency sometimes to

THE MASON'S WIFE.

" . . . Gentle sharer of his joys and sorrow

Rude Boreas blew rather ruder than usual,
Dying and dim was the fire in the grate;
"Oh, Masons!" she mutter'd, "may Bacchus confuse
Keeping my husband so terribly late!

Since eight by the clock I've been sitting and wonderi
When he'd escape from your treacherous snares;
Expecting each moment to hear him come blundering-
Tipsily blind—up the second-floor stairs!

But Hope all too vainly his coming has prophesied;
Still by myself am I left to repine.
Until this sad night he has straight from his office hie
Reaching his home ere the clock announced nine.

And now 'tis eleven! Oh, woe!—the mere thought o
Makes my heart flutter with timorous fright,
For should he keep on, he'll begin to think nought of
Coming home later and later each night.

I, thinking him coming, observed to the maid just no
'Mary, your master is not here to sup,
And therefore the supper-things need not be laid just
Pray do not hurry in bringing them up.'

Bah! fool that I was, to consider and study his
Comfort by letting the supper await!
I thought to myself, 'If he cold, wet and muddy is,
Supper he'll welcome, tho' never so late.'

Later each night! Yes, he is on the brink of it;
Soon he'd come home at the dawning of day;
At once I must cure him, and not let him think of i
Now must I act towards gaining the sway!

Hark! that is his footstep! Yes, now will I give it
Courage, my heart! we shall victory win!
Oh, now is the moment to conquer and rivet him!
Back he shall go, *for I won't let him in!*"

Quick, seizing a pillow she rush'd to the banisters,
Hurling her charge at the up-coming form,
And then—Oh, good gracious!—dish covers and ca
Knives, forks and spoons!—what a metally storm

Shriek follow'd shriek, and the loud sound of crock
Smashing to atoms was heard thro' the night!
The dame hurried down, with a laugh of grim mool
Finding her maid in a terrible plight!

For there on the landing poor Mary was tarrying,
Woefully groaning and rubbing her head,
Surrounded by ev'ry thing she had been carrying—
Pickles, beer, cutlets, salt, pepper and bread!

And just at that moment, as ill-luck directed it,
Very sedately the husband walk'd in,
Amidst the confusion, and slowly inspected it,
Marvelling much at the harrowing din.

"You wretch!" cried his wife, "you—you villain
These are your doings, you horrible bear!"
Oh, roundly she rated him, until she had about
Used all the breath she could manage to spare,

He listen'd aghast to the epithets numerous,
Lost as to how he had got in disgrace;
But his face wore a look that was certainly humor
When he arrived at the truth of the case.

"My dear," he remark'd, with a grave jocularity,
"I am a Mason, Accepted and Free;
A virtue that Masonry teaches is charity—
Therefore is charity seemly in me.

And, since you declare reparation I owe to you,—
Being the innocent cause of your grief,—
My charity true will I hasten to show to you,
Taking a step for your speedy relief."

And so, with a will, like the great moral sages,
He utter'd the word, and then acted upon it,
For very next day he increased the maid's wage
And bought his good lady a beautiful bonnet!

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r's, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
Old Rodney's Head, 12 Old-st., near Goswell-rd., at 8.0. (In.)
ailway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
ll Tavern, Carter-lane, Doctor's-commons, at 6.30. (Instruct.)
White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction.)
l Cap, Camden Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
lham Hotel, Balham.
Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8. (Instruction.)
The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8. (Instruction.)
Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30. (In.)
ield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8. (Inst.)
oyal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)

rendon Hotel, Gravesend.
ic Hall, York.
fonour and Prudence, Public Rooms, Truro.
armony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton.
Belmont Hall, Uxbridge.
lf Moon Hotel, Gateshead.
e Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton.
a, Masonic Hall, Wimborne.
Cing's Arms Hotel, Kenilworth.
onic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
Hotel, Whitefield.
lasonic Hall, Holbeach.
rge Hotel, Wellington Road, Heaton Norris, near Stockport.
yal Breakwater Hotel, Portland.
Assembly Rooms, Horsham.
reemasons' Hall, Manchester.
Honey Hall, Congresbury.
toyal Hotel, Dover.
y, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8 p.m. (Instruction.)
ic Hall, Liverpool.
, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool.
, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
owling Green Hotel, Denton.
ace, Bull Hotel, Preston.

TUESDAY, 21st JANUARY.

rposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
ers, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
l, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7. (Inst.)
ercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
on, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark.
Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
minster-chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
rey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C.
Green Dragon, Stepney. (Instruction.)
ick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)
rey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
sters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)
Swan Hotel, Battersea Old Bridge, S.W.
mbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
ce Bucks, 23 Gresham-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
269 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)
idelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-street-rd. at 8. (In.)
, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)

ren Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8. (Instruction.)
Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich.
asonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30. (Instruction.)
l Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon.
sonic Rooms, Bangor.
George the Fourth, Nottingham.
ic Hall, Reading.
idelity, Town Hall, Devizes.
mic Hall, Liverpool.
Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
sonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrier, Cornwall.
emasons' Hall, Manchester.
Fountain Hotel, Sheerness.
Hotel, Llangefni.
ey Arms Hotel, Seacombe, Cheshire.
nic Hall, Liverpool.
e Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle.
n Hall, Dunstable.
ry-street, Bootle, at 6.0. (Instruction.)
ge Hotel, Prestwich.
140 North Hill-street, Liverpool.
Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton.
nee 's Arms Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne.
ss, Bull Inn, Dartford.
le, Sun Hotel, Chatham.

DNESDAY, 22nd JANUARY.

ce, Freemasons' Hall, at 6.
ailway Tavern, London-street, at 7. (Instruction.)
shire Arms, Devonshire-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
sons' Hall, Basinghall-street, E.C.
n, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., Camden-town at 8. (In.)
s, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
Green Dragon, Maddox-street, W., at 7.45. (Inst.)
y, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. at 7.30. (Instruction.)
Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. at 8. (Instruction.)
ted Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8. (Instruction.)
Spread Eagle, Wandsworth. (Instruction.)
Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7. (Instruction.)
ree Bucks, Gresham-street, at 6.30. (Instruction.)
s, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8.30. (Inst.)
Finsbury Ex. Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
ught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)
99—Shakespeare, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., a
766—William Preston, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (In
1349—Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars, E.C., at 7. (I
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, E.C. at 8.
1614—Covent Garden, Ashley's Hotel, Henrietta-street, Covent
1658—Skelmersdale, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerk
R. A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's W

78—Imperial George, Assheaton Arms Hotel, Middleton, Lanc
100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor Hotel, Quay, Great Yarm
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instru
214—Hope and Unity, White Hart Hotel, Brentwood, Essex.
348—St. John, Bulls Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton.
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal.
935—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford.
1325—Stanley, 214 Gt. Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruct
1459—Ashbury, Justice Birch Hotel, Hyde-road, West Gorton, n
1505—Emulation, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1826—Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle.
R. A. 292—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
R. A. 424—De Burghi, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead.
R. A. 1096—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Live
K. T.—Plains of Mamre, Bull Hotel, Burnley.

FRIDAY, 24th 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. (Instr
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.3
589—Fitzroy, Head Quarters, Hon. Artillery Company, City-ro
766—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgw
834—Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-road. (Instru
902—Burgoyne, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruct
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7.
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1260—Hervey, Punch's Tavern, 99 Fleet-street, E.C., at 8. (Inst
1288—Finsbury Park Master Masons' Lodge of Inst. Finsbury Pa
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbur
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instructio
1642—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington
London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-st
R. A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwic

48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead, at 7.30. (Instruc
64—Fortitude, Queen's Hotel, Manchester.
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30. (Inst
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1621—Castle, Crown Hotel, Bridgnorth.
1712—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle.
R. A. 61—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall. St. John's-place, Halifax
R. A. 152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
K. T. 20—Royal Kent, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle.

SATURDAY, 25th JANUARY.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8.
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7.
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street,
R. A. 1044—Mid Surrey, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
R. A. 1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.

920—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30. (Instru
1293—Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court.
1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone.
R. A. 308—Affability, Station House Hotel, Bottoms, Stansfield.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Constitutional Lodge of Instruction, No. its weekly meeting on Tuesday, 14th January, at the Bo Southampton-buildings, Holborn, Bros. T. B. Dodso Soper S.W., J. W. Bramham J.W., T. B. Linscott S.D., May I.G., Bingemann P.M. Preceptor; also Bros. Pant Gruggen, E. Terry, H. F. Cox, Low, Wooldridge, Blank, ston. The Lodge wa opened in due form, and the min ceding meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Panter, for passing, answered the questions, and the ceremony was rehearsed. The first and fourth sections of the L worked by Bro. Bingemann, and the second and thir Dickins. The Lodge was resumed, and Bro. Blank 70 member. Bro. Soper was appointed W.M. for the ens The Lodge was closed in perfect harmony, and adjourned t 21st January.

Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, No. 65.—A cules Tavern, Leader hall-street, 14th January 1879. Pres Sayer W.M., Muidwel S.W., Slee J.W., Chicken S.D., Roberts I.G., Sparrow Preceptor, Hollands Sec., Swan Dea

olemn and appropriate music. The Lodge was opened
l degree by the installing Master Bro. J. Nunn P.M., and
S.W. W.M. elect was presented, and the ceremony of
ss performed. The brethren having been requested to
board, consisting of twenty-six installed Masters, was
Bro. F. Dunn was duly and solemnly placed in the
Having been saluted and most cordially greeted by
ters, the brethren were admitted and saluted their W.M.
al degrees. The installing Master delivered the ad-
W.M., Wardens and brethren. The Officers were then
the ensuing year. The W.M. in a few appropriate sen-
ssing each Officer as he was invested.—Bros. W. Carr
esterton S.W., A. Darch J.W., F. Thurston S.D., J. N.
Brevetor I.G., E. Dodson P.M. D.C., W. Murrell A.D.C.,
W.S. and Treasurer, E. Walker A.W.S., and J. Nunn
y. There were over forty visitors present, among whom
Bros. J. B. Atkinson P.M. and Sec. Hengist 195
ants, D. Forbes 948 P.M. 65, J. W. Cobham P.M. 141,
P. Vickery J.W. 1475, J. Ebblewhite 11, H. Hammond
S. Lean 1119, J. Ellis S.D. 917, G. W. Wrigglesworth
Close 463 and P.P.G.D.C. Surrey. W. Canton P.M.
Bourdelaine 624, A. P. Fabian P.M. 487, P.P.G.S.W.
nway 174, W. S. Larlham P.M. 1216, J. Garner I.P.M.
e W.M. 193, T. Foxall P.M. 742-1349, W. S. Cackett
Hampton P.M. 179. The Lodge being closed in due
hren adjourned to the banquet, presided over by the
the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and
y received, the I.P.M. proposed the health of the W.M.,
prosperous and harmonious year of office, to which
ed in a few appropriate remarks. At the conclusion
alth of the I.P.M., and in a feeling manner said what
e him to place the splendid jewel on his breast which
l presented him in recognition of his services. Bro.
eturned thanks. The W.M. then gave the Initiates,
onded to by each. The Visitors was responded to by
inson, D. Forbes, and several others. The enjoyment
was greatly enhanced by excellent songs by several
Lodge, accompanied by a professional brother.

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of Elias Ashmole, No. 148, Warrington.—
nvocation of this Chapter was held at the Chapter
-street, on Monday evening last. The Chapter was
Comps. Brierley Z., John Bowes P.Z. Prov. G.S.N.
d Westmoreland H., Thos. Tunstall J., assisted by
n P.Z., and Dr. W. Finney P.Z., when the rest of
admitted, and the minutes read and confirmed. This
cation for the election of Principals and other Officers
year, the ballot was taken respectively, and with the
:—John Bowes Z., Thos. Tunstall H., James Jackson
E., Thos. Sutton S.N., Edelsten P.S., Finney Treasurer,
nitor. Auditors having been appointed, and members
n the New Masonic Hall Committee, it was decided to
Festival at the Patten Arms Hotel, on the second
ch, after the installation of the Principals and the
e other Officers. No other business presenting itself,
closed with the usual solemnities, and the Comps.
feet concord.

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l's Lodge, No. 211.—A meeting was held on
Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C. There were
lfred Green W.M., Alfred Withers S.W., William
W. W. Morgan Sec., C. Greenwood P.M. Treas., Dr.
ier Back J.D., W. E. Young I.G., T. C. Speight P.M.
ers Bros. Thos. H. Lavers, John Laver, Parsons, &c.
Lodge was opened, and the minutes were read and
re was a candidate for the third degree, Bro. Alex-
ch; he underwent examination, and proved himself
ment. The W.M. then advanced the Lodge and
remony; his working being carried out most impres-
litional history was given, and the tracing board o
explained. The other business of the evening com-
n of W.M. and Treasurer for the ensuing year; the
mbers for Master's chair fell on Bro. Alfred Withers,
Bro. Charles Greenwood P.M. Prov. G. S. o. Surrey
easurer. Bro. T. C. Speight was re-appointed as
laws of the Lodge were read and considered, and
ine business, Lodge was closed. The brethren
refreshments, and spent an hour most pleasantly

Lodge, No. 221.—The Festival of St. John was

Tyler. The sum of twenty guineas was voted to th
Benevolent Institution. Hearty good wishes were
visiting brethren, and the Lodge was closed at six o

Samaritan Lodge, No. 368, Sandbac
meeting of this old Lodge was held on Wednesday,
the Masonic Rooms, at three o'clock. The Lodge
the W.M. Bro. L. R. Jones, assisted by Bros. Rev.
W.M. elect, E. Furnivall J.W., T. Walton S.D.,
J. Wakefield jun. I.G., J. C. Hilditch Sec., J. W. M
A.D.C., Ll. Makin P.M. Prov. G.D., George W. La
Deacon of England, J. Tomlinson P.M. P. Prov. G
P.M., T. Arden P.M., S. Carter P.M., P. Jackson P.
Hancock, R. Bebbington, J. Turner, J. Wakefield
Tyler. Visitors—Bros. John Bowes P.M. P.P.G.
and Westmoreland, J. Buxton P.M. 1345. The L
in due form with prayer, when the minutes of the
were read and confirmed. The Lodge being open
degree, the W.M., in the name of the Lodge, asked
to take the chair as Installing Master. The W.M
Thos. Lunt, was then presented for the benefit of
the first part of the ceremony being completed
opened in the third degree. The Installing Mast
Bros. McGill and Makin to take the Wardens' chai
and jewels being collected, all below the degree of
except the W.M. elect, retired. Bro. Rev. Thoma
trusted, retired, and a Board of Installed Maste
ample form, the W.M. elect was admitted and insta
K.S., according to ancient custom. After the usu
tation, and proclamation by the W. Brethren, the
off, and the cement properly applied. Labour re
was closed, and the brethren of the several degree
the usual greetings, salutations, proclamations,
made. The W.M. then nominated and invested h
ensuing year, each of whom was addressed by the
and subsequently the ancient addresses to the Ma
brethren were delivered by the same brother. T
completed, Bro. G. W. Latham said they were d
Bro. Bowes for the able manner in which he had
mony, and the earnest impressiveness in which he
great Masonic truths of their ritual. He propose
of the Lodge be accorded to him, and begged him
suggested no empty compliment. The vote was
mation, and Bro. Bowes having suitably respon
of the business was completed, the Lodge closed,
adjourned to the banqueting room, where an
things awaited them. Grace after meat being su
and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. We we
by the earnest dignity with which the W.M.
ceedings, and the clear and intelligent exposition
principles. In proposing the Installing Master's
ledged his deep obligations to Bro. Bowes, and
ment to that brother with respect to his renderi
ceremony of installation. In responding to the to
Bro. Buxton said he did not remember spending a
than he had on this occasion. He did not know
him, whether the installation ceremony or the
W.M. With both he had been delighted, and felt
Bro. Gilbert for inviting him. The Tyler's t
about nine, and the brethren separated in hart
with the day's proceedings.

William Preston Lodge of Instru
—This Lodge held its usual meeting on Friday, t
he Feathers Tavern, Upper George-street, Edgw
Bros. J. C. Hayes W.M., Adair S.W., Godden J.W
Rudderforth Preceptor, Nichols S.D., Hill J.
Heath, Coop, Cleghorn, Carpenter, Kennard, Mar
Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes
firmed. Bro. Kennard, as candidate for passing,
ions, was entrusted; Lodge was opened up a
hearsed. The Preceptor worked the sections of
assisted by Bros. Heath, Hayes, Cleghorn, Rudd
Bro. Adair was elected W.M. for the following Fr
ceremony will be rehearsed, and the sections of
It was proposed, seconded, and carried unanimo
carpet should be provided. Lodge was then clos
the information of the Craft in general, we anno
bers of the Hyde Park Lodge of Instruction wi
Sections in this Lodge of Instruction on Friday,
Bro. Rudderforth

ren could not have fallen on a more worthy brother), ood J.D., W. H. Baker I.G., L. Herf P.M. W.S., S., Cameron P.M. D.C., Gilbert Tyler. A sum of oted to Bro. Gilbert, the Tyler of the Lodge, for h had been performed to the satisfaction of the meron P.M. said: All, with feelings of regret would to inform them of the resignation of Bro. H. A. been Secretary for twenty years. Personally he he conclusion that Bro. Stacey had come to; how- greatest pleasure would propose, and Bro. Stonor l, a resolution that their worthy brother be made an with all the rights and privileges of a subscribing h a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes for the ch he had discharged his duties for the last 20 years. tt proposed that this resolution, which had been ed to, be engrossed, framed and glazed, and be pre- cey, who had done so much service for the Lodge, lge of Instruction. Bro. W. C. Parsons P.M. an- A. L. Annett had consented to act as Steward at the next Festival; the sum of £10 10s was l to be placed on his list. Bro. Farwig having con- eward for the R.M.I. for Girls, a sum of £10 10s aced on his list. The Lodge was then closed, and number, sat down in the Crown Room to a sump- dessert, provided by Bro. A. Best, and superintended ns, that gave great satisfaction. Grace having I. in able and genial terms proposed the Loyal and The toast of the Queen and the Craft was received asm, and the National Anthem was sung. With the e Prince of Wales, the health of the Pro Grand y Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers vere associated. "God Bless the Prince of Wales" Ion Cantle, the choruses being enthusiastically ethren. Bro. Pillin I.P.M. then rose: The brethren this time be tired of his speaking, but he rose e to propose a toast which he was sure would be usiasm. The toast he would offer for their accept- h of the W.M., whose whole heart is devoted to the ory, especially so to the welfare of this Lodge. He e up their time by speaking of his merits, these es. The W.M. was one who can and will carry out of him in every capacity he occupies in the Lodge . W. G. Reynolds here gave "The Charge of the The W.M. in reply said: he had to thank Bro. er he had proposed his health; he hoped to make dge a Lodge of good fellowship and good feeling. le at the expiration of his year of office to hear the heir opinion as heartily as they had done that ong from Bro. L. Fryer, the W.M. proposed the rs; he would couple with it the names of Bros. Pare, and H. M. Levy, who would embody the numerous guests, whom they were all pleased to Bro. Cantle sang, "I Fear no Foe." After which l by the W.M. acknowledged the compliment paid Bro. Pillin credit for the manner he had performed raising and installation; also for the admirable ery detail in connection with the Lodge had been Sift here sang a humorous song. The W.M. had toast to propose, and that was the health of the on called on to take the office of Treasurer. In ad. the toast, he had much pleasure in placing on his ch had been unanimously voted by the brethren. l that the receiver and those who witnessed this lually and collectively, might live long to see Bro. he Lodge. After a recitation from Bro. Walter anked the brethren for the kind manner they had ast. They had spoken in high terms of what he Lodge, and that it was for its benefit; he had west office, and when he was elected to the post erted himself, from the day he was installed to e had installed his successor, which he trusted he easure to their satisfaction. Theirs was a Lodge was well known and appreciated; he had the of the brethren, and on leaving the chair he h pleasure to his association with the Lodge. The l the health of Bro. Parsons, who had taken the it so short a notice; of Bros. L. Herf and Bishop also the Past Masters, Bros. Cameron and Stonor, ady and willing to minister to the comfort of arsons said he was pleased to occupy the position gretted the absence of Bro. H. A. Stacey; he

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—A

held on Saturday, 11th Jannary, at Bro. Fesch's, Jo Southgate-road, Islington. Present—Bros. Hallam sen. Lorkin S.W., Mullord J.W., Killick Sec., Halford Tre Lorkin S.D., Fenner J.D., Hallam jun. I.G. Business was opened and minutes confirmed. The ceremony of hearsed, Bro. J. Garrod candidate. The W.M. worked tions of the second lecture. Bro. J. Lorkin will preside day.

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 19

nesday. Bros. Thos. B. Bone W.M., T. Slaiter S.W., M Thos. B. Biddle S.D., G. L. Walker J.D., D. Moss I.G P.M. as Preceptor, J. K. Pitt Sec. Visitor—G. Johns Bros. Millhouse, Gardiner, Smith, Sells, Butcher, &c. preliminaries, Bro. Fells, as candidate for raising, ans tions, and the W.M. performed the ceremony in solemn form. Bro. Moss worked the first and second sections of with the assistance of the brethren. Lodge having clo few business matters were discussed which will tend to of the Lodge and Freemasonry in general. The brethre fully appreciating the benefit derived by attending th Instruction.

Whittington Lodge of Instruction, No.

Wednesday, 15th Jannary, at Bro. Hyde's, Red Lion, Poy Fleet-street. Bro. J. S. Brown of the mother Lodg ing the chair of K.S., assisted by Bro. Abell S.W., J.W., Hallam S.D., Pate I.G., Long Preceptor, and othe minutes of the previous meeting being confirmed, the opened in the second degree, and Bro. Welsford examined proficiency. The Lodge was then opened in the 3rd degre the first section had been worked by the W.M., he rendere mony of raising, in his usual impressive manner. The completed the lecture and resumed the Lodge. Bro. Tomp Jordan Lodge was elected a member, and the Lodge was c

Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 1035.—Thursday

was installation day at the Prince of Wales Lodge, and th assembled in strong force at Skelmersdale Hall, Westmi Liverpool. It is now twelve months since the removal of from its old home, and the change has been beneficial in resulting in a most prosperous year, under Bro. John W. M retiring W.M., who took the chair. He was supported by M'Wean S.W. (W.M. elect), Bro. R. R. Forshaw J.W., Bro. I.P.M., Bro. G. Sculthorpe P.M., Bro. Geo. Morgan P.M. Bro. W. Donkin Secretary, Bro. John Whaite, Assistant Brother J. P. Bryan S.D., &c. Many Masons of high stand Craft were present as Visitors. The W.M. elect was pre Bro. A. Willis and Bro. G. Morgan, and the installation cere formed in a highly effective manner by Bro. J. W. M'Wean, ing W.M., whose working gave entire satisfaction. T Masonic salutes having been given, the following Breth invested as Officers for the ensuing year:—Bro. R. R. Forsh Bro. W. Donkin J.W., Bro. John Whaites Secretary, Bro. J. Assistant Secretary, Bro. Lewis Peake S.D., Bro. John Su Bro. G. Sculthorpe P.M. D.C., Bro. Geo. Morgan P.M. Trea elected), Bro. R. Seddon I.G., Bro. Wm. Shakespeare S.S., Tunstall J.S., Bro. Cruice was re-elected Tyler. After t business was over, the brethren adjourned to the banquet where a substantial dinner was served up by Bro. Case The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured; tha Provincial Grand Master and Officers" was cordially rece acknowledged by Bro. Archer P.M. 1,086 P.G S.D. The to evening, that of "The Worshipful Master," was proposed by Fozzard P.M., who said he was confident every one would out when he said that their W.M. was worthy of the great t had reposed in him. The W.M. thanked the brethren in feeli and assured them that he would do his utmost to deserve th they had conferred on him. "The Installing Master" was by Bro. Willis P.M., and the "P.M.'s" by the W.M., who prese J. W. M'Wean with a handsome P.M.'s jewel on behalf of the while Bro. Peake presented him with a handsome silver epe behalf of a number of the individual members, accompanyin some very flattering remarks on the present condition of th and the good feeling which had existed during his year of off toast was responded to by Bros. Fozzard P.M., and M'We "The West Lancashire Educational Institution" was propose

Bro. Past Master Headon thanked the Worshipful
courtesy, and said he would gladly avail himself of
mission. Accordingly, Bro. Parker was introduced, and the
the third degree was most impressively conducted by

The ballot was now brought into requisition, for two
Mr. Thomas Lawes and Mr. George William Robson.
ions in favour of both gentlemen, and they were sepa-
ced and initiated by the W.M. Bro. James Freeman. A
on by Bro. P.M. Headon—that Bro. Thomas Fenn P.M.
cted an honorary member of the Lodge, was then
e the meeting; it was seconded by Bro. S.W., and
by the W.M., was carried unanimously. In consequence
tion by Bro. Colmer of his post of Almoner to the
ancy had to be supplied, and the choice of the
on the S.D. Bro. Hamer, who kindly undertook the
n of five guineas was voted from the Charity Fund of
he Robert Wentworth Little Memorial Fund; and the
dition of an invalided brother of the Burgoyne Lodge
the notice of the brethren present. After the sad
the case had been fully explained, it was decided that
llected in the Charity Box during the evening should
he assistance of the brother in question. Bro. Moody
he attention of the brethren to the fact that members
s that meet at the Cannon-street Hotel were raising
nt a Testimonial to Bro. Chambers, and gave notice
move at their next meeting that a sum of Three
ed by the Lodge towards this Fund. After hearty
l been expressed by the Visiting brethren, Lodge was
tal dinner was served, under the superintendence of
on the removal of the cloth Bro. Freeman proceeded

He briefly introduced that of Her Most Gracious
ueen, with which he associated Prosperity to the
offered that of the M.W. the Grand Master, remark-
nce of Wales was thoroughly appreciated by those
and with that assurance he would offer the toast for
. In giving the M.W. the Pro Grand Master, Bro.
he Earl of Carnarvon was one of those sterling men
. He was always ready to aid and assist all deserving
brought under his notice, and those who resided on
s regarded him as a kind and considerate gentleman.
ext toast for the acceptance of the brethren—the
faster and the rest of the Grand Officers—the Presi-
l to be able to state that they had a Past Grand
a member of The Great City Lodge. He referred in
tary terms to the qualities of their esteemed Chap-
v. R. J. Simpson P.G.C., with whose name he would
st. After a song by Bro. Bertram—"I love, my love"
rose to reply. He thanked them most cordially on
eputy Grand Master Lord Skelmersdale, and the
cers, for the way the toast had been offered and
as willing to accept the statement made by the
r as to the possession by them of so many esti-
ut he would make an assertion;—personally he did

He felt on this occasion more pleasure in returning
plain of The Great City Lodge than as a Grand
d Mason he had watched with very deep interest
Lodge from its infancy, and he could assure them
elong to it; proud that he was a member of a
alled forth the envy of others older in the Craft.
n spoke in the highest terms of praise of the way
d. Headon had conducted the ceremony of the
e all would agree with him that Bro. Freeman's
eremony of initiation was all that the members
for. Indeed, when he saw how admirably all
the Lodge were coming forward, he almost felt
that he were an initiate himself, that he might
s to be conferred by such instructors. Our Rev.
erred to the opposition Freemasonry had to
on that in too many cases was engendered by
e was also the opposition brought to bear on us
by those who had deserted from our standard;
destroy the Order they ought to cherish, and
opportunity to injure us by their gibes, their
jests. However, the good old Craft, like a
d withstood many tempests; it was based on a
d could withstand the fiercest blast. So long as
of brotherly love, relief and truth were inculcated,
ed, we could bear to expose ourselves to the
nderers. Moreover, our glorious Charities are
any bleak spot, and to animate any desert in
are able to gather more money than is done for

Benevolent Institution, and exhorted them one an
support him. After a song from Bro. Jenkins, the W
He always felt a difficulty in replying for himse
could thank them heartily for the way in which t
the toast. He was gratified at hearing the high ex
proval that had been given utterance to as regards t
also could speak well of his Officers. He would now
personal; he thanked them for their kind allusio
trusted the step he was about to take would tend
happiness. Bro. Freeman concluded by assuring
appreciated their kind expressions. The next toast
health of the Initiates, who the W.M. trusted would
the standard of those who had already joined the
neither of them would ever regret the step they h
taken. After Bros. Lawes and Robson had briefly re
of the Visitors was given, and responses were mad
guson, Galpin, Rendell and others. The W.M. then
and Bro. James Stevens acknowledged the complim
the health of the Treasurer and Secretary. Bro. Head
and appreciated by all; the way in which he carried
a Treasurer was in an eminent degree satisfacto
Moody, their worthy Secretary, the Lodge was heavy
ness to him. He was ever assiduous in promoti
and the brethren fully appreciated the zeal
at all times displayed. Bros. Bertram and Tom
favoured the company with "The moon has raised he
which they rendered most exquisitely. Bro. Hea
W.M. for proposing, and the brethren for so cordial
the toast. As their Treasurer, he was only too pl
any duty that fell to his lot. He could assure them
he should ever tire in receiving money, and certainl
have great pleasure in seeing it well spent. To-nig
disposed of their surplus cash. At the last meeting th
50 guineas by heading their W.M.'s list, who was ac
for the R.M.B.I. As regards the remarks made du
about his working, they were gratifying to him; he
the chair for some considerable time, but Bro. Par
friend, and he desired to work a little in his behalf
preferred the request to be allowed to perform the c
any time he could be of service in the chair, they migh
Bro. Moody said that the brethren gave him credit f
of fault-finding when he rose to respond to this toast.
them, however, he never did so in a carping spirit;
sure were desirable, he would not be the one to withh
certainly blame an Officer if he felt blame were nec
occasion the whole of his remarks would be cong
thought the Lodge might be congratulated upon hav
Master; it might also be congratulated on having he
meeting; and if the remarks that had fallen from p
were an index of what had occurred, it might be con
working. He felt proud in witnessing the skill
Headon had displayed that evening; he (Bro. Moody
seat as I.P.M. for the occasion, but his post had beer
Headon had not required his assistance. The Lodge
gratulated on the ability displayed by all the Officers
ner, the brethren might be congratulated on the way
been served. There was one regret he would ligh
that was, that the Lodge had not a better musical in
on its roll of members many talented musical b
felt that a time would shortly come whe
must provide such an instrument as would
on the Lodge. Bro. Moody then assured th
feet proud to be Secretary to such a Lodge; additio
he saw around him members of a Lodge that had do
ness to elect him an honorary member. Bro. Moo
excellent speech by thanking the members for th
received his name. The health of the Officers
and after a capital song by Brother P.M. Stevens, B
replied, in brief but hearty terms thanking the
the kind expressions he had made use of in
toast. Our esteemed brother intimated that the A
The Great City Lodge of Instruction would take
day, the 23rd instant, at the Masons' Hall, Masons'
Hall Street, and that Bro. Thomas Hamer would
occasion. Bro. Freeman and the Past Master
intimated their intention to attend, and support t
the conclusion arrived at was that an agreeable e
anticipated. After a few remarks from Bros. Catch
the Tyler was summoned, and he closed the proce
the evening we were pleased to learn that the sum
W.M.'s List for the Festival of the Royal Mas
Institution in February next already amounted

nnaught Lodge of Instruction, No. 1524.

avern, Albion-road, Dalston, on 15th inst. Present
: W.M., G. Ferrar S.W., Bonner J.W., Olley S.D.,
Ferrar I.G., Ferrar Treasurer, Williams Secretary,
Lodge was opened in ancient form with solemn
utes of previous meeting were read and confirmed.
raising was rehearsed, Bro. W. Ferrar candidate,
wered the usual questions, was raised to the sublime
The Lodge was resumed to the first degree. Bro.
e first, Bro. A. R. Olley the second, Bro. Fieldwick
sections of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren.
was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week.
offering, the Lodge was closed and adjourned to
inst.

Myddelton Lodge of Instruction, No.

weekly meeting at Bro. C. J. G. Wood's, Crown and
ohn-street-road, on Tuesday, the 7th instant.
ead W.M., Hallam jun. S.W., Pelikan J.W., A. W.
eceptor, J. Osborne Secretary, Gibbs S.D., Greene
also Bros. Cook, Hyland, Norris, F. Goode, &c.
ties were complied with as regards opening, and
ced. Bro. Pelikan answered the questions. Bro.
f of his proficiency. The ceremony of passing was
Greene acting as candidate. The ceremony of
y rehearsed, Bro. Norris being the candidate. Bro.
appointed to preside at the next meeting, after
closed and adjourned.

odge, No. 1611.—There was a full attendance

regular meeting of this Lodge on Monday night, at
, York. Bro. J. S. Cumberland W.M. presided, and
Bros. T. B. Whytehead I.P.M., G. Balmford P.M.
. Padel S.W., J. T. Seller J.W., J. Kay Sec., T.
t. Sec., M. Millington S.D., T. D. Smith J.D., G.
T. B. Turner Assist. M.C., G. H. Simpson Organist,
. Pearson Tyler, G. H. Hebblethwaite Steward, and
Girling, R. Ware, C. Blackstone, Leah, W. P. Hus-
y, G. C. Lee, J. R. Jackson, and Irving. Visitors—
V.M. 287, L. Murphy S.W. 287, J. B. Somerset, W.
ssell 287, A. Haffner P.M. Faith 581, &c. After an
ntly worked by the W.M., several matters were dis-
W.M. presented to the Lodge, on behalf of Bro. T.
to copy of the Constitutions of 1823, for which
warmest thanks of the brethren were accorded.
ner announced his intention to accompany Bro. T.
Steward at the Festival of the Masonic Benevolent
subscription list having been opened, a very hand-
bscribed in the room, the W.M. remarking on the
ed him to see that their old and valued, true and
. Cooper, would take up with him the heaviest list
y the "Little Eboracum." After the closing of the
ious evening was spent, enlivened by songs from
. Humphries and others. The health of the W.M.
ived, the proposer, Bro. Balmford P.M., remarking
y in which he had thrown his whole energies into
Lodge, and saying that the ceremony of that even-
W.M. had worked, proved him a really good working
n the way the Officers worked, he judged they had
mined to discharge their duties with faithfulness
case of the Eboracum Lodge, its history, short as
at it had only to continue as it had begun, to hold
ion amongst the Lodges of the provinces.

dge, No. 1707.—An emergency meeting was held

st at the Angel Hotel, Edmonton. Present—Bros.
W.M., C. Lovebond S.W., C. R. Garnett J.W., J.
., W. Y. Byers Treas., J. Ramsey S.D., R. J. Leaman
mons D.C., C. Oliver I.G., Church acting Tyler.
/atson, G. Perry, Cooper, Ginningham, J. Perry,
Visitors—Bros. W. Johnston 766, W. Palmer 913, J.
J. Garrod D.C. 754, J. A. Turner J.D. 1237, G. Doré
ge was opened, the W.M. proceeded with the business,
ing in favour of a candidate for initiation, he was,
hers, namely, Messrs. Wright and Mason, regularly
nitiated into the mysteries and privileges of Free-
emony being effectively rendered by Bro. Thompson
money was voted for the Benevolent Institution, to
. Tanner's list, who will represent this Lodge at the
ival. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren

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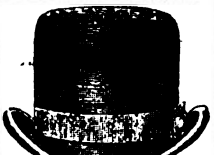
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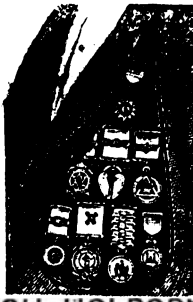
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INSTITUTIONS AND THEIR RESOURCES.

G and most interesting correspondence has been gressing for some time past in the columns of al on the all-important subject of raising the essary to maintain our Institutions in their te of efficiency, and, if possible, of enlarging e of operations and rendering them capable of still greater amount of good. That such a uld demand our most earnest consideration must t to every one who is at the pains of noting ens at the different elections, when it not ly happens there are four and even five or six nany candidates as there are vacancies to be eed, a reference to our reports in last week's iow that, at the recent Quarterly Courts of the , for the Girls' School election in April there y-eight candidates as against eighteen vacan- that of the Boys' School in the same month no ty-eight candidates as against sixteen vacan- the demands on the resources of these two —and the same remark applies with equal Benevolent—are far in excess of their abilities. e time, we must all be fully convinced that the great extension which has taken place in e accorded to indigent brethren, their widows, during the past two or three years, a still nsion is for the present needed beyond all ed, the question which is now exercising the true and genuine Masons in regard to this shall we obtain the needful funds, and it is h so much has been written in these pages past few months. We are not surprised at ve in the year which has just been brought to n illustration of the extent to which the volun- tions of the Craft will fluctuate according to nces which momentarily prevail. The year period of terrible anxiety, both political and and accordingly the voluntary contributions nen showed a very noticeable diminution in npared with the total of the year previous. gth of this falling off various propositions mitted to the Masonic public. Some brethren hat every subscribing member of a Lodge er it his duty, under any circumstances, to ertain minimum to each Institution. Others see the Lodge Funds differently appropriated y are now, and that more should be expended donations or fixed annual subscriptions to there being to this end a commensurate he amount disbursed for suppers and ban- are of opinion that more ought to be done nds of these Institutions, if Stewards were act in that capacity, and were accordingly r fee in order to meet the necessary expenses l at which they served, while others are lined to leave matters much as they are rust, as heretofore, to the generosity of one hand, and the activity of the several e Boards of Stewards on the other. All worthy of being upheld, and much may be f each and all of them, but it occurs to us rominence has not been given to one point, olute necessity there is for an immediate

our Charities. A glance at the figures w where with a view to showing the sources derived the yearly revenues of our three demonstrate the extent to which they are support on voluntary aid as contra-dist that derivable from invested moneys and combined. Only in the case of the Royal volent Institution does the fixed income fo the comparatively insignificant sum of £2 Royal Masonic Institution for Girls has come of about £1,330—in round numbers- Masonic Institution for Boys can rely tow maintenance on assured resources yielding the paltry amount of about £455. No remembered that the Benevolent disburs considerably over £10,000, or more than present income, the Girls' School clothes maintains 200 pupils, which may be set do £7,500, or about *six and a half* times its per and the Boys' School 211 pupils at an annu £9,500, or within very little of *twenty-one* nent income. It seems to us under these the imperative duty of all interested in th contribute freely for some years to come, so and therefore trustworthy resources of largely increased. It is a healthy sign, and we are justified in congratulating ourselves the tide of subscriptions flowing in so a would it not be satisfactory to all if we k an unprosperous year, such as we ha through, the anxiety as to making both en reduced to a point much below what it n present moment. If we add together the i of the three Institutions, we may reckon about £100,000, and the grants from Gr which close on three parts go to the Bene remaining part is apportioned equally betw —together reach a total of £1,270. Th absolutely all we have to rely upon for th of Institutions which cost among them irrespective of casualties. We cannot, of that these invested moneys and grants shal increased so as at once, as it were, to relieve bodies of all anxiety as to the future go on annually laying by some £3 less, we shall have reason to be there is one point in connection wit which has been brought specially under th readers in the course of the recent, or, w still progressing, correspondence by Bro Secretary of the Boys' School, and upon opinion, sufficient attention has not been bes letter of his which appeared in our issue December, Bro. Binckes contrasted the ci our Grand Lodge as they are now with w in 1839, the year when the fee of half-a-cr cate was commuted into a fixed annual pa He showed that in that year the number issued was 1,144, which at half-a-crown am the income of Grand Lodge being just on £ the number of certificates issued was 8,465, old system been continued, would have reac £1,058 2s 6d, or more than five times what while the income had increased to over far short of four and a half times as much. hand there were in 1839 fifty-eight and a

s a grant to each School more nearly equal in
what it would have been had the old system
. Oftentimes a measure of justice—for we
it as none other—of this character is never
ecause no one seems to consider it his business

We should like to see the question mooted,
n early date. No one grudges the Benevolent
m Grand Lodge, and its £150 from Grand
do we conceal from ourselves the fact that it
se the child of Grand Lodge; but admitting all
ail to see why the two Schools should be put
annual £150 each—an amount that is often-
o a single distressed brother. We trust the
be still further discussed. We shall offer
to brethren who may desire to express them-
for or against such an increase as has been
nd we trust that the interests of the two
derive some advantage from the discussion
they will suffer no harm.

ONAL FUND FOR THE PROVINCE OF DEVON.

he Masonic Temple, Plymouth, on Tuesday afternoon,
of Freemasons of the Province of Devon was held for
considering the propriety of establishing a fund
ducating, and advancing in life the children of
ceased brethren of the Province. Bro. L. P. Metham
ded, and there was a large attendance of brethren
e various Lodges in the county, and including Bros.
P.G.S.W., L. D. Westcott P.P.G.S. Works, J. B. Gover
. Godtschalk P.P.G.J.D., W. Browning P.P.G.D.C.,
M. P.P.G.J.W., V. Bird P.P.G.T., F. R. Tomes
idsley W.M. 372, S. Jew P.M. P.P.G.T., J. Way
. Clemens P.M. 954 P.P.G.O., H. Cole P.M. 1091,
M. 1091, H. L. Friend W.M. 1443, W. Whittley
G.C., S. Loram P.M. P.G.D.C., J. Murray P.M. 1,402,
159 P.P.G.P., H. Welch P.M. 202 P.P.G.P., G. R.
W. T. Eastcott 1,099, J. Harris P.M. 53 P.P.G.O.
Lyon P.M. 230, J. R. H. Harris S.W. 230, J. D.
. D. Stentiford S.W. 159, W. Brown P.M. 248, J. M.
7, R. E. Holmes I.G. 1,255, A. Rowe I.P.M. 230,
1,212, H. W. Thomas P.M. 70, J. H. Trounce S.W.
n W.M. 70, H. Miller P.M. 159, R. Pengelly P.M. 70,
230, T. Searle W.M. 1,091, J. Rhord P.M. 1,247,
105, G. J. Firks W.M. 1,247, W. Odam S.W. 70,
A.D.C. 70, E. Murch P.M. 202, H. Horton 189,
P.M. 1,255, E. Tontt J.W. 70, and W. Cann

in opening the meeting, remarked that they were
with the view of bringing to a critical point an object
dear to many of them for several years; which they
ry, but which, unfortunately, had so far failed. He
d have been carried at the Provincial meeting at
he had not been ill at the time; but he was compelled
eting, and it fell through, although he thought it was
might have been carried through in his absence.
establishment of such a scheme, he believed he was
o propose it, and was one of its steadiest supporters.
ver, he allowed to claim for himself the liberty of
to any resolution adopted by this meeting, or any
it, because he felt very strongly indeed, and thought
ent pity to establish anything which they could not
thoroughly. They had better not do it at all unless
red to do it completely. In the first place they would
upon themselves, and it would be a great reflection
f they put their hands to the plough and then turned
be a great disappointment to those who might be
n for relief, so he would hold himself apart from
resolution, unless he fell in with it, and then he could
tirely. As things now stood, they had the greatest
ing any one of their candidates into the London
revious occasions, arguments had been used against
at the meeting held at Exeter, when the subject was
he was sorry to say they were thrown upon their
many of the Masters and Wardens of the Plymouth
to the meeting, pledged to a certain course, having
n *ex-parte* statement. Many regretted exceedingly
ot heard the other side of the question, but having

nerating into a Benefit Society, when they were seekin
legitimate way, to benefit such cases as these. To giv
which was the most important—good education, and
time to assist them in maintaining their external a
comfort and decency, such as befitted their positio
not be said to be turning them into a Benefit Society
was a claim which could fairly be made upon them,
they professed the principles of brotherly love, reli
they would all admit the claim.

Bro. Curteis moved—"That in the opinion of this
desirable to establish a fund for the education amd a
life of the children of deceased or distressed Free
Province." In so doing he desired it to be under
scheme would be in no way confined in its operations
the province. It would be in the recollection of most
meeting was called several years ago to consider the
Bro. Metham in furtherance of the scheme. It was co
special meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge, and
by a large number of brethren, but there was a sma
the other side who voted against it. He did not hesit
was one of those who voted against the resolution on
but he held, that every man had a right to change
especially when he came to the conclusion that those
been formed upon false premises, or there might be
circumstances, which might induce him to alter hi
thought at that time it was calculated to pauperise t
that it was unnecessary to form another educational ins
upon looking more carefully into the circumstances he
the conclusion, not hastily, but after a considerabl
deliberation, that they could not hope to give anythi
amount of relief to the children of the poor, a
brethren, unless they either made up their minds to tr
ruple, the subscriptions which they had been giving to the
Charities, or to establish a fund on a much more humbl
would better suit the inclination of very many for wh
tended, than an education in one of the great schools.
not very many amongst them, especially men of long
would feel themselves justified in giving to all their chil
tion which would cost, in rough figures, something lik
That was a large sum, but it was about the cost per we
don Masonic Schools, and it was educating a large numb
entirely beyond the position in which they would have
had their fathers continued to live. That being the cas
that their ideas had overstepped their means, and, t
must draw back their ideas to a proper level. That b
how were they to do it? He had given up the idea of
they could in any way, or at any rate, to any material ex
their subscriptions to the great Masonic Charities. He
subscriptions would not fall off. He did not think the
at the same time, he thought that the subscriptio
brethren gave would be largely supplemented if they s
amongst them, instead of having children away, and se
the good which their money was doing. That being the
to one of two propositions. Were they prepared to qu
subscriptions to send children to London and give them
in many instances, beyond their position; or were the
put their hands in their pockets to a more limited exten
greater number of children with a due regard to their
of life and the position in which their parents were pl
quite clear they had not such a number of votes at the
relation to the Masonic Schools, as would really enable
one out of the many of their candidates. The Committ
had before them that day a list of eight candidates, a
not by any possibility hope to get either of those chil
into the schools for the next 18 months. By that time
would have passed the age, and meanwhile wh
poor children to do? If they adopted the present scho
tunity would be afforded of educating the majority of t
and helping them on in life. It was such as the
wanted to relieve most particularly. The motion firs
Exeter, but it was defeated. The motion he subseque
was ruled to be out of order, and at a later meeting at
the illhealth of Bro. Metham caused it to be still furth
Here the matter had been obliged to stand. Just look
if nothing were now done. They would have to pass a d
tion at their next regular Provincial meeting. Then the
to take certain steps for putting the scheme before the
getting it adopted, and the result would be actually thi
would not be a single child for whom they could perform
benefit until late in 1880, or the beginning of 1881. T
this meeting. It had been felt that they could not let th
on for two years without being able to do something for t
they should put their shoulders to the wheel for th
bringing this scheme to an issue, and giving childre

esirable a system of local charity should be started at easily accomplished by a number of brethren pledging support the movement. Already they had a certain had placed their names down as life governors and sub- if those present would only come forward and promise they would at once pass a resolution to form a com- ife governors who would look after the interests s orphans whom they could not hope to relieve in Charities in London. That the scheme was absolutely plain if they only looked at the actual strength of the voting for the admission of boys and girls in the ols. There was an election coming on in April next, ection 2,000 votes were required to carry a case. The even had a voting power equal to 430 votes, being 250 and 180 for the Girls' School, so that they must go at tions, or two and a half years, before they could carry on their own strength. At Exeter they had a candi- d stood six elections, and had recorded 634 votes. He get 450 more, making up 1,100 votes. But it was et 2,000, and as it was the last election the boy could l to get the required number, or else all the votes which iously recorded would have been entirely thrown away. d himself entered into a deal of correspondence, and that on the morning of the election he found himself of the necessary 2,000 votes. During the election he 00 votes would carry his boy. He polled him 1,777, in sure, and the remaining 200 votes he utilised by lend- ice in Wales, and they would have to be paid back to f Devon at a subsequent election. But he still had votes to repay; the Province of Devon only had 400, 200 to the bad, and before they could pay their debts e another 2,000, six half-yearly elections, or three apse. With this he would contrast the fact that they orphans in the Province, children of brethren whom had known, to whom, under existing circumstances, hold out a helping hand. If, however, they had a n they could give relief upon a small scale to those All great schemes of charity had their origin in small ney grew. The present Boys' School, the greatest ld, was thirty years ago in just the position the present t day. In Cheshire they had had a local institution rphans for the last fifteen years, and during that time ted, clothed, and advanced in life sixteen children d they had done that entirely from the funds e from individual brethren and Lodges. So it was and in Yorkshire. In Cheshire, moreover, the been £7 per head. They threw no money and mortar, or highly paid officials. All the out of pure benevolence; certain brethren took the and the thing prospered. He was opposed to taking e Provincial Grand Lodge to be settled. They could ce put it in motion and could carry it on, and when children they could go to the Provincial Grand Lodge to carry the scheme onwards. But the subscriptions all that was now wanted. The fund should come s of individual brethren, and if they each gave only would have plenty of funds to provide for deserving e surplus as well. The actual surplus to the credit Local Education Fund was no less a sum than £4,000, forgotten, and he hoped the brethren of Devon , the claims of the great Charities of England. The d the funds for the great Charities, but individual come forward and support this scheme, which would poor and distressed orphans of their deceased out the Province.

pointed out that the number of Lodges in Cheshire n in Devon. He also said it was proposed by the remaining parent or the friends of a selected receive so much money with which to educate the children to live with its parent or friends. The chool would, in some degree, depend upon the voice who would have a control over the expenditure of approving of the school where the child was placed. at the money was properly expended as trust money. 'e will suppose the scheme established. A boy lives now the position in life of his late father. We go to arest where the parent lives. We arrange what we oling, and we pay it. We find out a decent tailor in d, and make a contract for the supply of clothes. r of the nearest Lodge to see that the boy does not s, and that he attends his school. That is the scheme. d whether it would not be an inducement for per-

Bro. Horton suggested that only the orphans of lives had subscribed to the fund should be eligible.

Bro. Metham: No Freemason would ever agree to be making it a Benefit Society at once.

Bro. Latimer agreed, saying it was not the cas gave his cordial support to the scheme, believing th eminently successful. He had always thought tha good might be done by the education of orphan ch own homes, and without removing them from the family or their friends. Family influence was of t in the future life of a child, and by bring near its brothers and sisters they would do mo separating them and making them individuals u the family. On those grounds he gave to his schem support.

The motion was then put and carried unanimously

Bro. Rev. W. Whittley next moved:—"That a pointed to carry out the scheme, and that they hav frame bye-laws; second, to collect subscription third, to receive applications for candidates; an a meeting of Life Governors and Subscribe months, to appoint trustees, and if practicabl applications of candidates." He remarked that started they intended to make a success, and he might previously have been averse to the scheme, as it floated and understood its real principles and its become its most ardent supporters. Wherever suc been floated success had been sure to follow, and h would be the case here. He would oppose an confined its operations to any particular loc this case the operations of the organisation child in any part of the Province, and they w mourn, as they had often now to mourn, the rem from the moral influences of home and mother. much energy, money, and anxiety would be spare energy and the money of the Province was usele seeking to obtain the entry of a single candidate, many worthy recipients. He felt sure they wo scheme *con amore*, and that throughout the coun a firmer and stronger bond than ever before existe beloved ties of their Freemasonry. He had rece several brethren in different parts of the Provi others had promised subscriptions as soon as it wa spirit of the resolution was agreed to, the Instit mence that day, and the work of education woul time be in actual operation.

Bro. Latimer seconded the motion, saying the sc had his most hearty concurrence. By keeping child them amongst their relatives, they could do much m co-operating with the whole of England, and someti selves in competition with the rest of England. Th and having many more orphans than they could h thought by the scheme propounded that day they the wants of widows of brethren generally in con Province. He felt that children could be educated of £50, and if there were a thousand subscribers of p of Devon, they would raise a fund sufficient to meet province, and fairly and properly educate the ch come under their notice. He had no doubt from the meeting, representing as they did the Lodge Devon, that it would meet with the cordial suppor generally.

Bro. Godtschalk remarked that they would contir votes to the London Schools, but it was for their s that they required this local fund. The better cla who were thus assisted, they would seek to get into the great Charities in London.

The resolution was agreed to with unanimity, brethren were appointed on the Committee:—Bro Gover, Joliffe, I. Latimer, Stone, Jones, Lem Godtschalk, V. Bird, E. A. Davies, W. G. Rogers, W. Derry, J. Lynn, Stocker, Carter, Vicary, D Murch, Evens, and the W.M. of any Lodge or his representative; V. Bird Treasurer, Gove Curteis Hon. Trustee.

Bro. Metham announced that they already ha life governors, and at least fifty subscribers.

Bro. Gover also announced a contribution part of St. John's Lodge, and £50 on the part of L

It was determined to name the fund after the proceedings closed with a vote of thanks to presiding. A subscription list was opened in th

nner satisfactory to myself the consideration of the
er support to our Masonic Institutions than is now
han through the Anniversary Festivals. Much in the
s would be required to elucidate my views, or to prove
nd I find it absolutely impossible to devote the time
eir collection, and to ensure their accuracy, and I
egret to mislead by hasty, and consequently careless,

ore, acknowledging without reserve the generosity of
Bodies outside Craft Masonry—notably the Supreme
l the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons, including
Chapters, &c., and Lodges respectively—I think it will
conceded that the annual grant of £10 10s from the
R.A. Chapter is an amount not consistent with the
rces of that body.
to Provincial Grand Lodges, Chapters, &c., excep-
exist, but as a rule it will be found that the
eir funds are on the whole fairly satisfactory,
ir support regularly, in the shape of either a grant of
or varying from year to year as their funds will
at intervals voting large sums; some few contenting
h moderate annual subscriptions. For all this it
that an extension of support from these prosperous
ay not unreasonably be looked for.
end of "Private Lodges, Chapters, &c.," much
remains to be done. From the large additions to our
last seven years how many can still be selected who
hing practically in support of our Institutions!
of course be made, for many of these in the first or
their existence, on the principle of being just before
as heavy expenses have to be incurred which must be
rst charge. Still, with this deduction, the number of
ontributions may be described by the algebraic "x"
s undoubtedly larger than it should be.
ng the subject of "Private Lodges" (though this *is*
ection with the Anniversary Festivals), I cannot but
Lodge would adopt a Resolution by which it should
presented by *one* Steward, selecting one Institution,
three in rotation. The Institutions would have a
great extent on what they could rely, *one* appeal
Steward would not be regarded as excessive, as are
sometimes two; and a regular systematic support
nred, advantageous to the Institutions and not
the Lodges.
able Associations," springing up and spreading in all
been productive of an enormous amount of good, and
yet produce much more. Indeed, the results which
d from their extension are incalculable. All honour
ose earnest brethren who found them, and expend so
d valuable time in their management.
ations have enlisted the support of an immense number
embers," many of whom would in all probability be
other agencies, and therefore will gradually lessen the
se who up to the time of their foundation helped to
lass styled as the "majority being non-givers." But
e asked, how many thousands are there yet who have
ed? Prominence has recently been given to the
every Mason should contribute five shillings annually
three Institutions, and who amongst us is there that
y desire to see the accomplishment of such an assured,
support. The suggestion, or idea, or wish, has been
over again, everywhere—though without mentioning
—" that every one admitted as a Member of the Order
e sincerity of his profession, and the mindfulness of
by annually contributing—however moderate the
r Masonic Institutions," and I sincerely trust I may
day when this *duty* shall be universally observed.
t remarks of a Grand Officer, in an "after dinner
n Installation Banquet, I notice a repetition of
at the Appeals for aid to our Charities addressed
time by those officially associated with them.
sly blended with the deservedly warm eulogy on
nd virtues of a brother whose loss is everywhere
who, singularly enough, was not only a constant,
ntor to our Institutions—a member of the various
aking an extensive interest in everything connected
are—but also one who never missed an opportunity
others in a similar course. No one can be found
ment believes that "Masonic Charity consists of
than giving away money to these Institutions,
y is the sole aim, the beginning and end of
but I contend that so long as there is to be found a
aternity who as yet have not been stimulated into
nd healthy action, there is every justification
nance of these Appeals, which are not directed

London, 20th January 1873.

QUARTERLY COURT OF THE GIRLS

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONI

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Even the few lines
report of this meeting in your last issue are so many
of the space the proceedings merited, for if any proo
of the present dulness of trade, very strong evidence
coming in the fact that about forty men could be
two of the best hours of a working day in the puerile
has been dignified by your term of "a *discussion* on t
the Institution as drawn by the special Sub-Committe

The notice convening the meeting, published in the
the 4th inst., stated as a part of the business of th
receive and consider the Report of the Sub-Committee
of the Laws." Where was this Report? Conspicuous
its place supplied by three pages 4to of so termed "
tions, or re-arrangement, substantive alterations; a
sions;" as many *errata* as it has ever been my fortun
same space of type; without any list of the Commit
signature of the Chairman; and said to be accompanie
Copy of Laws as amended." This latter document
particularly intelligible by the omission of the w
original laws, without which it was impossible to tell w
were suggested. Add to this, that the printer had b
in italics where he pleased, and to leave them out wh
proper, and you may form some idea of the pleasure
which the Subscribers were enabled to judge of the
"special Sub-Committee's" work.

I will not ask you to waste space on any remarks
have so generously called a discussion, but should like
there came to be a Sub-Committee, and why the Sub-
appointed) should make their report (?) to the Quarter

Law 30 defines the business of a Quarterly General
"to elect the Patron or Patrons, Treasurers, Trustee
dents, Life Governors (other than those who become V
or Life Governors in right of their contributions),
representative members of the General Committee
Officers:—to declare Vacancies,—elect Girls,—make
abrogate or amend existing laws; and generally to di
trol the affairs of the Institution. A Quarterly Gene
the power of adjournment."

The Quarterly Court then *has no power either to appo*
mittees or to receive the report of any Sub-Committee.

Law 35 specifies the duties of the General Committ
"to appoint Sub-Committees, receive the reports of al
consider and decide upon their recommendations."
General Committee *has the power both to appoint a S*
and to receive its report.

I am not aware if the School Committees have any
Grand Registrar's opinion; but if not, it is certain tha
variable courtesy he will give it if requested; and there
doubt he would say that in appointing a Sub-Comm
receiving its report, the action of the General Court h
vires, and that their minutes relating thereto must be e

In a future number I may beg space to show what wo
expected from a lawfully constituted Committee, co
what has been done by this illegally appointed body.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours truly and fraterna

BRO. NORTON'S CRITICISMS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICL

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I often find myself in agr
Bro. Norton, but I cannot conceive any just reason f
what so many of our brethren hold in respect, if not i
Freemasonry, like anything else that is human, has
humbug attached to it. That is, it is perfect—as far
human can be so—in theory, but in practice there is m
have reason to regret. In this "much," however, mus
cluded the respect that is due to the principles on whi
was established, and under which it has flourished so an
the act of any body of men is to be described as prais
unquestionably that of the members of our four old Lod
together in the year 1717, and constituted the mother
of the whole world. They may, or may not have stipul

e—there is in the mythical history of Rome, and how
ry about Romulus and Remus, how they were reared
how the former slew the latter in a passion, and how
ed reign of close on forty years, he was carried up to
nd, is a myth, yet I feel as much respect for these
nages when I read of their presumed exploits now
ing on fifty years of age, as when I first learned about
chool-boy days. Under no circumstances would I
h of these founders of Imperial Rome from the page
gh to use the classic language of Bro. Norton, it may
or "moonshine." With the "landmarks" of Free-
ifferent. They may not be exactly what have been
us, but in the main they inculcate certain principles
emasons of the latter portion of this nineteenth cen-
reason to be proud. Therefore, I think it is our duty

If it will advantage Freemasonry to remove them,
all means let them be removed; but Bro. Norton,
er ready to criticise what is or has been, is not so
g out what ought to be. He is eminently a des-
cks either the will or the ability to supply the place
destroys with something likely to commend itself
ily to the minds of his fellows. All that he says
may be perfectly true, and yet their removal will
ny, difference to the Craft, while their retention will
gratification to thousands of Freemasons. We have
y as yet from what Bro. Norton is pleased to describe
rk nonsense," and Freemasonry, as far as I can judge,
better for its removal, as it has been none the worse

Fraternally yours,

"Q."

NGS ONE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW.

Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

BROTHER, I would like to ask the opinion of some
espondents whether it is or it is not necessary when
her as a subscribing member of a Lodge that his
pation be stated, as well as his name and the name
e Lodge he was last connected with, and all these
ed in the summons for the next regular meetings.
Constitutions on the subject, but ask in order to set
of some of my brethren who seem doubtful.

Yours fraternally,

A J.W.

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Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

BROTHER,—In what Masonic attire should a Provin-
whether present or past, appear when visiting a
Province in which he ranks? I am led to the con-
is not any settled rule as to this from having ob-
ons in visitors' Masonic clothing. Some appear in
Lodge clothing, apron, collar, and gauntlets;
ut wearing collar of office; others in Grand cloth-
atlets, and others wearing a Provincial apron only.
reading of the Book of Constitutions, a P.G.
only in the Province for which he is appointed and
tes the wearer as holding office, the apron only
I should be glad to know the opinion of your
ject.

FORTE.

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HONORARY MEMBERS.

Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

BROTHER,—I think that Brother Smallpeice's
norary members of Lodges have no legal existence
ncilable with the fact that Lodges are—I was
st every day—electing worthy brethren to be
This may seem to be a paradox, but it is not
ons recognise no such persons, but very many
itted by their bye-laws, as constitutionally
distinguished brethren or those they consider
some service, the compliment of honorary mem-

Constitutions, considered a subscribing member, his
equivalent to subscription"—see Constitutions p 99—
not "disqualified from obtaining assistance from the I
lence." The latter clause does not of course apply t
of a Lodge of Instruction, but that brother's service
equivalent to a subscription, and he ought to enjoy
leges of a subscribing member. I have seen th by
Lodges of Instruction in which it is expressly laid
Preceptor, Treasurer, and Secretary shall be deemed
bers, but with the privileges of subscribing me
"J. K. P.," it seems to me, has a grievance to be a
not believe the ruling of Grand Lodge could poss
intended to apply to his and similar cases. I am an
ber of a Lodge of Instruction, but then I hold no of
no services which could be deemed equivalent to subs

Faithfully and fraternally yours,

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COMBERMERE LODGE, No.

THE Festival of St. John was celebrated at the
meeting of this Lodge, at the Seacombe Hote
Thursday, the 17th inst. Present—Bros. Charle
Thomas Shaw I.P.M., Thomas Gregory S.W., R. Ffou
J. R. Simm Sec., Joseph Sillitoe P.M. P.P.J.G.D.
Coveney S.D., G. J. Davis J.D., M. Bielby as I.G.,
P.G.T. Tyler. Past Masters—Bros. W. Lea P.P.G.
of Works, M. McNearney P.G. Steward, R. C. Mel
North Wales and Salop, T. Ambler, John Jones W.M
Grant, Paul Evans, T. Evans, A. Moore, A. Judd,
William Egerton, O. Jones, T. J. Clarkson, D. Davies,
Visitors—J. P. Platt P.M. 537 P.P.J.G.W., Samuel J
Donald Fraser P.M. and Treas. 477, J. Dutton P.M. 47
P.M. 477, William Bennett W.M. 477, C. Petty 477,
K. Gardiner J.W. 477, T. Dixon 477, C. Berry 477,
477, J. Penin 477, R. Hamilton 477, George Lloyd 477
477, W. H. Forde 477, Henry Bulley P.G. Sword I
P.P.G.J.W., John Little 1505, J. R. Bottomly S.W. 16
667, H. Mathews S.W. 1276, A. Morison 241, J. Rideh
J. Lambert P.M. 537, R. Carruthers 1350, J. Tayl
W. Price W.M. 1276, H. Skinner W.M. 1276, J. P. Wr
S. W. Davies FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, &c., &c.

The Lodge was opened in due and ancient form abo
which the minutes of previous meeting were read and
Platt who on this occasion acted as Installing Maste
readiness to proceed with the important event of t
quently W. Bros. Shaw and McNearney introduced
Gregory W.M. elect to the Installing Master, who
address, and requested that the questions might
Bro. Gregory fulfilled every requisition, and was sole
The Lodge was raised to the third degree, and at t
Bro. Gregory was invested, installed, and proclaimed
Master of the Combermere Lodge, No. 605, for the
months, and as such received the salutations of the
Worshipful Master, with the assistance of Bro. Plat
Officers as follow:—Charles Staley I.P.M., John Jo
S.W., Robert Ffoulkes J.W., J. Sillitoe P.M. P.P.G.J.
Treas., Joseph R. Simm reappointed Sec., Albert E.
George J. Davis J.D., Monkham Bielby I.G., R. C
P.P.G.J.D. D.C., Owen Jones S.S., Alexander Moo
Holtaway P.G.T. reappointed Tyler. On the term
ceremony, which was very ably performed by Bro. P
in very appropriate and appreciative terms presented
Master's jewel, in the name of the Lodge, to Bro. Sta
Bro. Staley—who we regret to say was suffering
severe cold—returned thanks for such an unmistak
appreciation of his government of the Lodge durin
office. Bro. Shaw P.M. moved that a cordial vote of
dered to Bro. Sillitoe Treasurer and Bro. Simm Sec
able services rendered the Lodge during the past year
of the same to be entered on the minutes. Bro. Sta
promptly seconded the motion, which was carried unan
Treasurer's financial report was taken as read, and ac
mously. The business of the evening being ended, the
ceived the hearty good wishes of the Visitors, and W
adjourned the Lodge from labour to banquet. Afte
menu had been discussed, the cloth was removed,
to the customary toasts being introduced, the Treasure
of the W.M., made his annual Appeal to the breth
of the Cheshire Masonic Educational Institution. A

o those honours, and he hoped that the Combermere
ceive that recognition in the Province. He united
the name of Bro. Lea. This brother thanked the
ehalf of himself and Prov. Grand Officers, but
rly for their justly esteemed Prov. Grand Master,
shire as a Province was so much indebted. Bro.
the gavel in order to propose toast No. 5 on the
loing so said, he considered it the toast of the
Queen, the Prince of Wales, the Pro G. Master,
. G. Master had been very properly proposed and
ved. The toast he now had to offer commended
present, and in every Lodge it should be received
There was no more important post than that of
Lodge. Every W.M. demands the sympathy and
f the brethren in order to enhance the welfare of
had the pleasure of seeing Bro. Gregory initiated,
ised, and honestly believed--after an acquaintance
ring which time he had never heard anything against
better man could fill this important office, with
to himself and satisfaction to the Lodge than
whom they had that day done themselves the credit of
reside over the Lodge for the coming year. Bro.
ed for the Lodge under the able Mastership of Bro.
appy and prosperous year, therefore he called
drink his very good health, which was enthusias-
ed with, Bro. Mellor, who very ably carried out
e as D.C., calling for full Masonic Honours. At this
ty favoured the brethren with a song. The W.M. on
nd, said, in listening to the kind remarks of Bro. Shaw,
g the manner in which his remarks were received by
as greatly moved. Years ago he placed himself under
f a good brother, who had since gone to his long home.
at had dropped from him he was induced to become a
He could stand there to-day and say, after this lapse of
though there had been some dark spots which had
rizon of his Masonic career, yet he held the Institution
esteem, and he held the teachings of Freemasonry to
lameless, He was certain, in following the principles
of the Order, he should not, in his dealings with his
nd especially with his brethren, fear there would appear
ing on the wall to condemn him. Nothing would more
him than to give every satisfaction to the Lodge for
igh esteem it had shewn in placing him in his exalted
effort should be used to sink individuality in the Lodge,
r to promote those true Masonic principles which are
ble for the harmonious working and welfare of the
trusted, when he left the chair, they would be satisfied
, and would say—Well done, good and faithful brother.
.G. Superintendent of Works proposed the health of
Master. He had great pleasure in doing so; he bore
Bro. Platt's ability as an old, good, and hard-working
t sure they were all, as he was, highly delighted with the
nner in which Bro. Platt had performed the ceremony.
drank with Masonic honours. Bro. Platt thanked the
the truly fraternal regard which at all times was
. He exhorted them to cultivate a desire to work the
eremony, although he was happy at all times to render
the Lodge and the Province. He was proud to see the
e Lodge, and its great prosperity. Bro. S.W., by request
proposed the health of the Past Masters; in doing so
he felt they had done their duty, and anything he might
ot ensure a more hearty reception to the toast than its
emanded. Bro. Petty kindly favoured the brethren with
. Shaw, as the youngest P.M., in the absence of Bro.
hat it was usually an accepted idea that P.M.'s should
shelf, but this Lodge had proved that the services of
valuable, and readily and ably tendered. He regretted
gagements had prevented him from being at his post as
esired, yet, with the best interests of the Lodge he closely
mself. There was no Lodge so dear to him as the
, and he held that—taken for all in all—there was no better
e Province. He would some day devote himself to
of any brother of the Lodge who would do
nour of allowing him to act as Installing Master.
ney in returning thanks said he would like to accomplish
gly responsible and difficult task of installing a Master.
had not hitherto embarked on such a high mission, yet
nterest of the Lodge at heart, and all he could do for its
ould readily undertake. He was pleased to hear that the
preciated the services of the P.M.'s. Bro. Lea P.P.G.
also returned thanks; his career with the Lodge was
to him; when he left the chair it was at a time the Lodge
d a prosperous condition. Bro. Sillitoe P.P.G.J.D. fol-
same purport, and was glad to say the Lodge was con-
prosperity. The W.M., in proposing the health of the
would have preferred if he had been allowed, ostrich-l
head in some obscure part of the Lodge room, in or
opinions of some more eloquent visitor. Bro. Luya
Alliance Lodge thanked his entertainers, and extende
tation to any brother who would favour the Lodge of
member with a visit. The W.M. next honoured the
posing their health; in doing so, he trusted the selecti
would add to the dignity and prosperity of the Lodge
ing year. Bro. Williams obliged with a song, after w
returned thanks; he felt it an honour to occupy
Mother Lodge. Bro. J.W. also felt proud of the post
Lodge, as he loved it beyond any other. Bro. Secret
the brethren for their kind expressions to him in the
well as in the recent toast, expressed the gratifica
promoting the best interests of the Lodge. In agai
post of Secretary, he did so with pleasure, and
honour. Bro. S.D. felt very highly the honour confe
by the W.M.; he hoped by strict attention to dischar
the satisfaction of the Lodge. He regretted he had
his public engagements, attended Lodge as often as
wished, yet for the future he would make every ef
duties entrusted to him. Bro. J.D. said he deem
privilege to respond to the toast so kindly given by
valued the position of an Officer of this Lodge, and
dignity had been conferred on him. He trusted that
of the brethren would not be misplaced. Bro. S.
a few remarks, and was followed by the other offic
now gave Prosperity to the Cheshire Masonic Edu
tion, and the other Masonic Charities, coupling with
name of Bro. Platt. The toast was warmly rec
Platt in reply pointed out, in a forcible and matter-
that the great Central Charities in London were not
He showed that while London Masons subscribed t
funds, the Provinces derived two-thirds of the bene
noble Institutions. He regretted so few Lodges did t
Charities. He said the Cheshire Masonic Educational
very dear to him; it was very prosperous. They ha
but the amount should be increased so as to make
invested capital meet any emergency. He adhered
of educating those who required assistance, withou
charity attached to it, which the Cheshire Maso
Institution so admirably supplied. The able remark
brother were listened to with wrapt attention. The
graceful and complimentary manner, proposed Succes
Press, and accorded Bro. Davies a cordial tribute and
He had great pleasure in associating Bro. Davies'
toast. Bro. Davies, on behalf of THE FREEMASO
congratulated the W.M. on the highly appreciative s
actuated him to acknowledge the potency of the Pres
his sincere thanks for the compliment. At the sou
and by command of the W.M., the Lodge was calle
ment to labour, and was closed in due and antient for

MEETING OF LODGE OF BENEV

THE regular monthly meeting of the Lodge of B
held on Wednesday evening at the Freemason
were present Bros. John Moxon Clabon President
Senior Vice-president, James Brett Junior Vice-p
Hervey G.S., H. G. Buss Assistant G.S., W. Dodd,
P.G.P., S. Rawson P. Dist. G.M. China, H. Bartlett, W
W. J. Murlis, W. Mann, W. Maple, W. Christian, Ch
Massey, Griffiths Smith, G. Britten, G. Bolton, G. A
Creak, A. Barfield, R. Perkins, G. Penn, W. F. G
Wylie, Rev. W. Tebbs, A. B. Baker, W. Stephens,
Payne, J. Shackell, G. Read, R. Eve, E. Squirrell, C.
L. Moore, E. B. Grabham, D. Nicholson, W. Russell, C
Hudson, E. White, F. Farwig, B. H. Swallow, A. Brook
W. Saul, D. M. Belfrage, E. R. Shervill, S. Rosenthal,
and C. B. Payne G.T. There were thirty-six new ca
and the brethren after sitting nearly four hours grant
amount of £970.

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hardy can hope to escape continued, unsettled, and unsa
without some bodily discomfort or actual disease. Holl
have won a name and fame previously unknown in m
their ability of successfully contesting with colds, coughs, quin
and neuralgia. This formidable list of dangerous and painful
pletely under the control of these inestimable specifics: whic
to their accompanying directions, will soon mitigate the to
i flammatory tendencies, and secure the soundest health. Th
price charged for these never failing remedies, places them w
the most humble sufferer, whose ill-health, by rendering

anree rooms, presided over respectively by Bros. J. W. 288, W. J. Hunter 1677, and W. T. Purkiss 1695. After ancing was resumed, and kept up till about four o'clock. ok, Prov. G.S. Herts, and J. Callegari efficiently dis- duties of M.C.'s, while Bro. F. S. Rothschild, the the Ball Committee, and many others, exerted them- ure the comfort of the guests.

EAT CITY LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 1426.

Dinner of the members of this Lodge of Instruction took rsday, at the Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, Basinghall. The Lodge was opened by Bros. Thos. Hamer (Treasurer) per S.W., Moss J.W., Saul Preceptor, Blackie Secretary, . Amongst those present were Bros. James Freeman tevens, N. B. Headon and James Hamilton Townend ird Moody P.M. Secretary; B. Taylor, Kibble, Packer, st, De Leliva, &c., of the parent Lodge; and a good he members and Visitors, the company numbering and sixty. Lodge was opened, and minutes were con- Poore worked the first section of the first lecture, assisted : the fourth, assisted by Bro. Stevens. Bro. Saul ifth section, assisted by Bro. Poore. Lodge was then ind dinner was served in admirable style by Bros. Wood This was what is termed a "frugal spread," but the way ishes were placed upon the table, and the quality of the ar favourable comparison with many banquets we have e the charge made has been double or treble the demanded. On the removal of the cloth, Bro. Hamer, l the proceedings, gave the Loyal toasts. The health the evening was proposed by Bro. Saul, who stated er had felt a little diffidence at presiding, but the so satisfied with the efforts their worthy Treasurer romote the welfare of the Lodge of Instruction, that ore fitting person could be found. In replying, Bro. inently grateful with the kind expressions of approval of t was satisfactory to see so large an assemblage, and ured well for the future. He trusted his association bers might continue for many years, if not as their well-wisher to The Great City Lodge of Instruction. acknowledged the toast—Health and Prosperity to the Masters of the parent Lodge; and on Bro. Blackie ity of replying to that of the Lodge of Instruction. existence for some years, and had passed through the ich attend these assemblies. He urged on all present r of acquiring a knowledge of what was there felt that from the occasion of members which ide that evening, a career of greater use- be anticipated. He then expressed the indebted- mbers to Bro. Poore, who was a most competent in- hose services had been tendered most readily. Bro. now the recognized Preceptor, was also most assidu- for the brethren. After Bros. Saul and Poore had re- a of the Visitors was given, and Bro. Randell acknow- pliment. On Lodge being "called on," Bros Choat, Bertram, Rexworthy, Percoval, Wiley, Dulan, Frost, Morgan were elected members. Bro. Harper will t meeting. Lodge was then closed. During the Bertram, Frost, Townend, Moody, Kibble, Stevens, bers exerted themselves to the entertainment of those

en of Eaton Lodge, No. 533, Congleton, rrangements for a Masonic Ball, to take dnesday next. From the liberal offers of make in connection therewith, we trust e a great financial success. The Lodge give a sum equal to the *total* proceeds of divided among the poor of Congleton; and unt, equal to half the total proceeds, to the ational Masonic Institution. We only hope y be called upon to provide a large amount, neeting will be a pleasant one. The tickets for gentlemen, and 7s 6d for ladies, and

but as we have already described this in numbers, we need add nothing to what we Eboracum Masonic Calendar is a credit head's care and enterprise.

In another column reference is made Bro. John Newton P.M. 174; our readers to know that our brother is progressing fa same time he is not unmindful that the v by his malady behoves him to be especial this trying season. We regret to have to an George Ward Verry is suffering fro acute rheumatism, and is compelled t business duties. We sincerely trust bo friends will soon be enabled to resume cations.

A Lodge of Instruction in connection wi No. 211, has been established. The meml the George Hotel, Australian-avenue, Bar day evenings, at 8 o'clock.

The Annual Ball given in connection wi Lodge, No. 813, is announced to take plac 5th February, at Freemasons' Tavern, Gre London. Dancing to commence at 9 and all information may be had of the Bro. W. H. Main, 171 Kingsland-road. been obtained for brethren to appear in and we understand that every preparation to make this year's ball as successful as its

Those who have recently paid a visit to resting place of entertainment, the Royal stitution, may possibly have availed the opportunity afforded them of testing the lence of the Stokesian System of Mnemo a good deal of quackery in matters of this Stokes has been before the public now years, and his method has received well-m from all classes of people, who have borne w to the success that has attended his efforts cultivation of memory. His lectures on N ficial Memory are one of the most attractiv Polytechnic entertainment, and those who in a very few minutes, in a position themse efficiency. In these he is aided by his pupi he subjects these and his auditors to, are su for all purposes, while those who are anxiou and deeper insight into the working of his so by attending his classes at his residence street, Cavendish-square, or by taking priv terms in either case being moderate. Mr. the author of numerous works on Memo directly or indirectly connected with it, that having reached its *sixty-fourth* edition—a by itself of its surpassing merits. We a have defective memories to consult Mr. Stol sure that in a very short time they will hav rejoice if they do so. The defect will sp almost say immediately, be remedied.

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AFTER THE TURTLE.—Thirty-one Years' M as set forth at Lord Mayor's Day Banquets (from 18

of accepting the office of Steward upon this occasion, will rwarding their names and Masonic rank, as soon as con- tary, who will gladly give any information required.

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UR WEEKLY BUDGET.

received, at Osborne, on Saturday the Envoy inary from the Emperor of China, who was the Marquis of Salisbury, and on Sunday ne service at Whippingham Church. The of Hesse and his children, who had been om Flushing by the Prince of Wales and , arrived at Osborne on Tuesday.

nsels were held on Tuesday and Wednesday, s being present upon each occasion.

een received at the Colonial Office of the ain Patterson and Mr. J. O. Sergeant, who y Sir Bartle Frere on a mission to the King tribe. They, with several of their atten- soned by impregnated water, but there is no e that there was any treachery on the part

of the late directors of the City of k was commenced on Monday, before urt of Justiciary at Edinburgh. A pre- tion to the indictment was taken by the accused, but was overruled by the Court

on the road by armed men near the spot wl Earl was murdered, but they allowed him to ing regret that it was not the agent for the they had encountered.

A coroner's inquest was held on Friday up of Mr. E. M. Ward, the eminent painter an jury returned a verdict of "Suicide whilst mind."

There have been no further military o Afghanistan, the weather enforcing a suspen tary movements. At Candahar fanatical made an attack upon British soldiers, and Willis, Royal Artillery, was killed. The gene the population of that town, however, is not The debate in the French Chamber of Deputie resulted in a victory for the Government. having questioned the Ministry as to its int respect to anti-Republican functionaries, replied that the Government had already dis professed opponents of the Republic, and wo to act in the same direction, but they were r to dismiss all the experienced magistrates n preceding Governments. M. Floquet moved the day hostile to the Government, but an proposed by M. Jules Ferry was carried b against 121, the members of the Right, as voting. The result is regarded as a defeat of M who voted with the extreme Republicans. M de Bort, the Minister of Commerce, has re M. Jules Ferry is mentioned as a probable A statue of M. Berryer was unveiled c in the Palais de Justice at Paris. It that Prince Bismarck is not disposed his Bill for the restriction of Parliamentary sp the general feeling of disapprobation which h pressed in Germany. A letter from the Princ published, in which he advises German agric support the movement for a protective tariff. cial Convention for one year has been signe France and Austria, mutually conferring the ri most favoured nation in treaties existing be Power and other countries. The negotiations f fication of the Greek frontier are about to begi Greek and Turkish Commissioners having reac where the discussions are to be carried on. The el future Prince of Bulgaria is exciting considera in that State, and the Russian representatives the coldness with which the sacrifices of Russi of Slav freedom are regarded. A resolution to President to give notice of withdrawal from th Fishery Convention has been introduced into States Senate, and, it is thought, will be ad Zulu chief Cetewayo has replied to the British offering a partial acceptance of the terms, but Frere has required a full assent. Cetewayo has large force, and hostilities are expected.

Many of our readers will be interested to lear Consecration Ceremony, followed by that of I will be worked at the Upper Norwood Lodge tion, No. 1586, White Hart Hotel, on Monda the 3rd February, at 7.30 o'clock precisely, by Frances P.M. P.P G.S.D., Honorary Precept Lodge. Bro. Frances is well-known for his rendering of all Masonic ceremonies, we can safely promise the brethren who may be prese occasion a most enjoyable evening. The music

...ss D.G. Tyler, and several District Grand Lodge

...rand Lodge having been opened in due form the proposed ...ead, and a few minor alterations having been made, were ...pproved. Notice of a motion by the D.D.G.M. was then ... effect that there be three Trustees of District Grand ..., viz.: the D.G.M. and two members of District Grand ...wo latter to be elected at the Annual Communication. ...s of District Grand Lodge to be vested in their names, ...posited with the bankers of District Grand Lodge. The ...e special meeting being thus completed District Grand ...egularly closed.

...y, 21st October, the usual Quarterly Communication was ...ame place, and was also presided over by the D.G.M. ...he Lodge at 8 p.m. The minutes having received confir... ...er was read from the Grand Secretary, dated 21st August ...Warrant under the hand and seal of the Most Worshipful ...r His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, authorising ... Australia, No. 390, to wear a Jubilee Jewel (the design ...d by the District Grand Master) in commemoration of ...having been founded fifty years. The District Grand ...d the Warrant, and handed it to the District Grand ...ddressed Bro. Mitchell, the present Worshipful Master ...of Australia, and congratulated him and the members of ... the honour that had been conferred on them. The Dis... ...aster stated that he was the oldest Past Master of the ... was highly gratified that so pleasing a duty had de... . The design of the Jewel would have to be placed in ... for it in the Warrant, and a facsimile thereof sent to ... The Warrant would be presented at the Monthly ... Lodge, and therefore he did not consider it necessary ... the present occasion.

...m Bro. DeVine, Representative of the Grand Orient of ...t July 1878, enclosing correspondence and list of Offi... ...that Worshipful Body, and expressing their ...r the welfare and prosperity of the District Grand ... their desire to maintain fraternal intercourse with ...les.

... President, brought up the Report of the Committee of ...howing the amount voted for relief of applicants since ...ation to be £56, and he moved that the report be re... ..., printed, and circulated. This being seconded by Bro. ...G.D. was carried. Bro. Hopson, District Grand Treas., ...h balance to credit as follows:—

...ct Grand Lodge ...	...	£101	4 3
...olent Fund ...	...	43	14 4
...n Fund ...	...	30	11 8

...hat in addition to these balances, £100 had been ...d deposit in the Bank to the credit of each of the ...a further sum of £60 had been invested on account of ...d.

D.G.M. then brought forward the motion as to D.G. ... of which he had given notice at the Special Meeting, ...onded by Bro. Westcott. The D.G. Master thought ...Treasurer should be one of the Trustees, and Bro. ...M. expressed it as his opinion that the Trustees ...anent Officials of D.G. Lodge. He thought that ...and Secretary, who by the nature of their offices ...nfidence of District Grand Lodge, were the proper ... the District Grand Master, to fill the office of ...he therefore moved an amendment—"That the ... Master, District Grand Treasurer, and District ..., for the time being, be the Trustees, in whose ...rities, &c., be invested." Bro. Gordon P.S.D.G.W., ...mendment, upon which Bro. Lee W.M. 1,169, ...further amendment—"That the Trustees be the ... Master, District Grand Treasurer, and two other ...elected annually by District Grand Lodge." Bro. ...17 seconded this amendment. Bro. Simpson in ...as fully as desirous as Bro Smith could be, that ...ould not be changed frequently. He did not think ... to fear on that score. Brethren of well known ...doubtless be elected in the first instance, and ...and again. He could not accept the amendment. ...d the brethren would retain the power of election ..., as proposed in the resolution he had the honour ...G. Lodge. The amendments of Bros. Lee and ... put and lost, and on the original motion being ...d. No other business offering, D.G. Lodge was

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Grand Lodge, Scotch Constitution.—The

the by-laws enumerated in circular receive the app... of Prov. G. Lodge. Petitions for the erection of ne... Macquarie and Rocky Month, Clarence River, w... proposal from Prvo. G. Secretary, seconded by P... The Prov. G. Secretary's report stated that on th... circular was sent to all Lodges under the Prov. ... South Wales, intimating that certain members ha... suspended from all the rights and privileges o... consequence of their contumaciousness and disloya... the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and requesting th... effect to their suspension by refusing to admit ... members into their Lodges unless they produce a c... Provincial Grand Master that such suspension has ... that they are duly recognised as loyal brethren. A... the suspended brethren have availed themselves of ... by petitioning the R.W.P.G. Master for the remov... sion. In each case such has been immediately ... now hold membership to lawfully constituted Lod... were adopted, and the recommendations there... unanimously. After some further business, Prov. G.

NEW ZEALAND.

Auckland files to hand contain the follow...

A meeting of the District Grand Lodge of E... on 5th December, in the large room of the ... surance Company's Offices, kindly lent for the occasio... Order of Oddfellows. The business was the election ... G. S. Graham, Right Worshipful District Grand ... The whole of the Officers were re-elected and ... the D.G.M. A salary was also voted to the D... his services. The proceedings were of the most har...

At a meeting of the Lodge United Service I.C... Hotel, on 27th November, the following Office... for the ensuing year:—Bro. Roycroft the retirin... Immediate Past Master and was elected Treasurer ... W.M., Suiter S.W., Holmes J.W., Hargraves ... Haslett I.G., Porter Tyler, Evans and McEwen St... Secretary. A good deal of Lodge business, ... nominations, took place before the Lodge terminate...

YORK MARK LODGE (TIME IMM...

THE Annual meeting of this Lodge, for the Insta... was held at York, on Tuesday, and was pre... W.M. Bro. T. B. Whytehead. A ballot was take... Duncombe of the University Lodge No. 55, which ... and successful ballots were also taken for ... seven of whom were advanced by the W.M. to the ... The next business was the Installation of the W.M. e... W. T. Orde-Powlett S.W., which was ably perfor... Whytehead, and the W.M. having been proclai... appointed and invested his Officers as follow... Valentine S.W., J. Hollins J.W., Rev. W. C. Luki... Cumberland M.O., C. G. Padel S.O., G. Garbutt J.C... Registrar of Marks, T. B. Whytehead P.M. Secr... P.M. Treasurer, M. Millington S.D., A. T. B. T... Hodgson Organist, I. F. Taylor I.G., T. Humphries... the close of the Lodge the brethren met at ... excellent repast was provided, which called forth h... the management of the Steward Bro. T. Humph... Bro. W. T. Orde-Powlett presided, and was suppo... members and visitors, amongst the latter being ... brethren of the Royal Irish Dragoon Guards. ... and Masonic toasts having been given from the ch... Master gave the toast of the health of the W.M... to the York Mark Lodge, alluding in terms ... interest shown by Bro. Powlett in all Masonic wo... he had taken to master the duties of the office... The toast was received with enthusiasm, as was ... of the Installing Master, proposed by Bro. G. Bal... spoke of Bro. Whytehead's services to the Lodge, ... instrumental in bringing it into allegiance under ... Lodge of England, and now handing it over to his s... undred strong in subscribing members. Bro. Whyt... gave a short *résumé* of the History of Mark Maso... out the importance of the degree, and its c nnec... traditional history. The other toasts were "the Vi... y the J.W., and "the Chaplain," proposed by Bro. C...

louse and Inverness, Freemasons' Hall.
rt-man, City-road, at 8.0. (Instruction.)
y Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
n, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
vern, Carter-lane, Doctor's-commons, at 6.30. (Instruct.)
e Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction.)
, Camden Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
ing, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8. (Instruction.)
Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8. (Instruction.)
n, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30. (In.)
Hall, 33 Golden-square.
New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8. (Inst.)
Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)
asonic Hall, Camberwell.

nark-street, Gateshead.
lotel, Manchester.
Hall, Warrington.
Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
emasons' Hall, Manchester.
embly Rooms, Tenby, Pembroke.
asonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8 p.m. (Instruction.)
Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
nic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster.

ESDAY, 28th JANUARY.

' School, at 4.
ons' Hall, W.C.
elford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7. (Inst.)
les Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
Piccadilly, W.
Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
sen's Hall, W.C.
rect Hotel. (Installation.)
n Dragon, Stepney. (Instruction.)
William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)
Tavern, Dowgall road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)
hem Tavern, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, E.C.
nic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
Bucks, 23 Gresham-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
owns, North Woolwich, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)
ton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-street-rd. at 8. (In.)
dley's Hotel, Covent Garden.

e, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle, 7.30. (In.)
Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8. (Instruction.)
nic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30. (Instruction.)
Hall, Gower-street, Derby.
Hotel, Dartford.
ns' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle.
, Masonic Hall, Oxford.
enstone Hotel, Hales Owen.
ic Rooms, New-street, Birmingham.
ll, Paignton.
e Hall, Liverpool.
asonic Hall, Liverpool.
armony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover.
astgate-row-north, Chester.
sonic Hall, Liverpool.
e Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds.

TESDAY, 29th JANUARY.

ay Tavern, London-street, at 7. (Instruction.)
e Arms, Devonshire-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
lope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., Camden-town at 8. (In.)
en Dragon, Maddox-street, W., at 7.45. (Inst.)
alver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. at 7.30. (Instruction.)
y Farmers, Southgate-road, N. at 8. (Instruction.)
Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8. (Instruction.)
ns Hotel, Wood Green, at 7. (Instruction.)
Bucks, Gresham-street, at 6.30. (Instruction.)
almon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8.30. (Inst.)
rl Russel, Islidon-road, Holloway, at 8.0. (Instruction.)
t, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)
t, Faunce Arms, Kennington Park, at 8. (Instruction.)
ter, Edmonton, at 8. (Instruction.)
ons' Hall, W.C.
on Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8.0. (Instruction.)

ons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
sonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds.
Room, Bingley.
Hall, Boroughbury, Peterborough. (Instruction.)
sonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction.)
el, East Dereham, Norfolk.
losley Hotel, Beswick, near Manchester.
's Institute, Jarrow.
ire Hotel, Strangeways, Manchester.
ooms, Town Hall-street, Sowerby Bridge.
e Hall, Hornsea, at 7.0. (Instruction.)
el, Maidenhead.
nic Hall, Duncombe-street, York.
nic Rooms, Ann-street, Rochdale.
Hotel, Chester.
Hall, Liverpool.

SDAY, 30th JANUARY.

' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8. (Instruction.)
arsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Instruction.)

834—Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-road. (Instruc
902—Burgoyne, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 72 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruct
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1260—Hervey, Punch's Tavern, 99 Fleet-street, E.C., at 8. (Inst
1288—Finsbury Park Master Masons' Lodge of Inst. Isledon-road
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbur
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instructio
1643—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington,
London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-st
R. A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwic

780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30. (Inst
810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton.
1385—Gladsmuir, Red Lion, Barnet.
R. A. 242—Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster.

SATURDAY, 1st FEBRUARY.

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. (
1572—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
1622—Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell.
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street,

308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood.
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30. (Instru
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS

United Mariners' Lodge, No. 30.—The regu
meeting of this Lodge was held at the Guildhall Coffee
ham-street, on 21s instant. Bros. A. T. Gladwell, W.
S.W., J. Clark J.W., J. Driscoll Sec., and the rest of the
good muster of P.M.'s of the Lodge, and upwards of two
amongst whom were Bros. Senecal P.M. 860, H. Stephen
Thompson P.M. 1237, Dodson W.M. 55, Richardson 183,
Garrod 754, &c. Some minor details having been disp
important event of the day was proceeded with, viz., the
of Bro. Chas. Davey S.W. to the W.M.'s chair for the ens
months, Bro. J. Driscoll P.M. and P.G.P. Middlesex, being
ling Master. The W.M. having been installed, was duly
and saluted in the several degrees, and invested his Offi
low:—Bros. J. Clark S.W., H. Cossage J.W., J. Driscoll S
ling Treas., Crosbie S.D., Shipley J.D., Nickerson I.G., H
den Chaplain, and Coulder Organist. The ceremony thro
conducted in a most masterly style, the brethren one and
sing great admiration at the superior working of Bro. I
received the unanimous thanks of the Lodge. The sum of
was voted out of the Lodge funds on Bro. Driscoll's list, v
to go up as Steward for the Old People's Institution, an
was collected for the same object. Lodge was then clo
brethren repaired to the banquet room, presided over b
On the cloth being removed, the usual Loyal and Masonic
given, Bro. Gladwell I.P.M. proposed the health of the W
sure from what they had seen of his working the Lodg
proud of such a President. The W.M. returned thanks in
terms, and proposed the health of the Past Masters.
the opportunity of witnessing the installation ceremony c
for the high esteem with which Bro. Driscoll was regarde
of the Lodge. Bros. Gladwell, Driscoll and Harling Treas
The W.M. next gave the Masonic Charities, coupling with
of Bro. Garrod 754, who, in responding, was pleased to not
interest taken in the Masonic Charities by the members o
which interest was increasing every day. The health of
was proposed, and responded to by Bros. H. Stephen
and Dodson W.M. 551. The Tyler's toast concluded a v
evening, during which several most excellent songs an
were given.

Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.—
Old Rodney's Head, Old-street, Goswell-road, on Monda
sent:—Bros. McMillan W.M., W. Rowley S.W., Hallam
Percy acting Preceptor, Fenner Sec., Wilson S.D., W
Hallam jun. I.G., also a fair number of brethren.
opened the minutes were read and confirmed. Lodge bei
a degree, Bro. Weeden proved his proficiency. Lodge aga
and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Weede
lidate. Bro. Percy worked the third section of the lect

J. K. Pitt Secretary, Geo. Johnson I.G.; Bros. Webb, Hill, Moss, &c. Lodge opened in due form. Bro. Hill self as a candidate for raising, and on his proving himself ceremony, he was raised in ancient and solemn form. The n of the lecture was worked by Bro. Webb, assisted by the Bro. Wm. Sayer will occupy the chair on Wednesday Bro. Maidwell will work the ceremony of Installation. of this Lodge of Instruction will take place at Bro. Maid. roules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, on Wednesday 26th

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Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—Held its usual eting on Saturday, 18th January instant, at Bro. Fysh's, ers, Southgate-road. Present—Bros. Jas. Lorkin W.M., S.W., Mullord J.W., Fenner acting Secretary, Hallam . A. Powell J.D., Garrod I.G., and, notwithstanding the of the weather, a goodly attendance of brethren. Lodge , and minutes read and confirmed. Lodge advanced, and ny of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Brastod candidate. The History being given, the W.M. worked the first, and Bro. he third section of the Lecture. Lodge resumed, and ler, of Loyalty Lodge No. 1607, was elected a member. then closed and adjourned.

Lodge of Honour and Prudence, No. 331.—At f this Lodge, held on Monday, at Truro, Bro. J. H. Ferris nstalled by P.M. S. Serpell, assisted by the following .M.'s:—E. J. Carlyon P.G.S., R. Bell, E. D. Anderton James Bryant, R. John P.P.G.S., W. H. Christoe, W. H. P.G.S.W., J. Jose, all of Phœnix No. 331; also E. M. 131, Thomas Webber P.M. 75 P.P.G.S.W., T. Mitchell J. J. Taylor W.M. 121, J. H. Sampson W.M. 131. in which Bro. Serpell conducted the impressive ceremony treat to the large number present. The Master invested ng as his Officers:—Bro. J. Jose I.P.M., J. J. Hawken son Stephens S.D., J. Christoe Secretary, C. Bryant . J. Christoe J.W., J. H. Reynolds J.D., S. Serpell urer, J. Tregoning jun. D.C., J. Tregoning I.G., W. Steward, W. H. P. Martin Steward, W. Rook Tyler. e Brethren present were—R. Carter 331, Captain Tre- J. Willcocks S.W. 131, W. Angel 131, F. J. Christoe 331, 331, J. Rogers 331, W. H. Watkins 331, R. H. Carter 331, en 331, J. Julian 331, Amos Jennings 331, J. Davey eff 331, &c., &c., &c. W. Tweedy P.M. 331 P.G.Tr. ed Treasurer of the Cornwall Masonic Annuity Fund. further business was transacted the Brethren, joined others who were unavoidably absent from the Lodge, o the Red Lion Hotel, where a sumptuous banquet d for them, and a very pleasant evening was passed.

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d's Lodge, Bangor, No. 384.—The annual Instal. ng of this Lodge took place on the 21st inst., at the , Albion-buildings, Bangor. The Lodge was opened in d with solemn prayer at 2.30. The minutes of the last read and confirmed, also the report of the Audit Com- h shewed that the funds were in a flourishing condition. was then taken for a joining brother, which proved in his favour, after which a brother was initiated at the last Lodge), the ceremony being impressively the W.M. Bro. D. Wynn Williams. The Lodge was then e second degree, and Bro. Wm. Jarvis, the W.M. elect, d; the W.M. retired, and a Board of Installed Masters after which Bro. Jarvis was inducted into the chair of ing to ancient custom, the ceremony being very ably y the I.P.M. After saluting the W.M., the M.M. were d the W.M. was declared and saluted in the east, west, He then invested his Officers:—Bro. D. Wynn Williams Secretary, D. Cameron S.W., Ellis Roberts J.W., W. E. , John Jones J.D., Robert Owen Treasurer, Meshach J. L. Ainsworth Organist, John Hughes and W. J. Parry m. Jones Tyler. The charges to the W.M. and Officers ed by Bro. D. P. Owen P.M. Welchpool, in a way which il to leave a deep impression on their minds. After of money to the widow of a brother, the Lodge was fect harmony. The brethren then adjourned to the where a splendid banquet was served by Mrs. Denman. sided over an unusually large attendance. After the oasts, the brethren parted at an early hour, being high on the work of the evening. Bros. Ellis, Pritchard,

appointed to audit the Lodge accounts for the p ments were also made for holding the annual banquet, about the middle of February. Bro. T the chair for the 4th proximo, the 28th January ballot meeting of the joint Yarborough and Do Benevolent Association. Lodge was closed adjourned.

William Preston Lodge, No. 766.—A on Thursday, 23rd January, at Cannon-street Bros. Dr. C. R. Cutmore W.M., E. Kidman S.W., Worrell P.M. Sec., Capt. G. J. Kain P.M. Treas., E. B. Broomhall D.C., G. Newman P.M. Steward J. Schofield Tyler. Past Masters Bros. W. J. M Brann. Visitors—Bros. F. W. Diggers No. 534 W.M. 90, H. F. Jarmain 1541. The business com Bro. John George Appell, and the initiation of M Burt. Brethren present—Bros. Turle Lee, R. S E. Wood, W. J. Heath, F. G. Barns, J. H. Gunner, W. M. Newton, W. Johnston, R. Lyon, &

Whittington Lodge of Instruction Wednesday, 22nd instant, at Bro. Hyde's, Red Fleet-street, Bros. Tate W.M., Evans S.W., Vi S.D., Brown I.G., Long Preceptor, and others. previous meeting having been confirmed, Bro. I self as a candidate for the second degree, and Lodge was then opened up, and the ceremony the W.M., after which the whole of the sect Lecture were worked by the brethren. On resumed to the first degree, two brethren wer and Bro. Evans W.M. for the ensuing week. T closed.

Hyde Park Lodge of Instruction, usual weekly meeting was held at the Westbourn dington, on Monday, 20th January. Present Williams S.W., Reynolds J.W., Thompson S.D sing I.G., George Read Preceptor, George Davi other brethren. The Lodge was opened and, all with, Bro. Hughes presented himself as a can degree, was entrusted. The Lodge opened up, raising was rehearsed. The Lodge was resu fourth and fifth sections of the second lecture w Read, assisted by the brethren. The Lodge wa fect harmony. We were pleased to observe the c those brethren who attend this Lodge of Instr questionably, one of the best Lodges of Instructio is strong in numbers, and the working is all that members, besides devoting themselves to Masoni a Masonic Benevolent Association, which, during have subscribed in Life Governorships upward the several Masonic Charities. The members Sections at the William Preston Lodge of Instruc Upper George-street, Edgware-road, on Friday,

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Hemming Lodge, No. 1512, Hampton ing of this Lodge took place on Thursday, the presidency of Bro. C. W. Fox W.M., at the Red was a large attendance of brethren, including I.P.M., Wm. Hammond P.M. and Sec., E. Hopw D. B. Raw P.M. and Past Treas., J. C. Jessett J.W., T. C. Walls S.D., F. W. Kent J.D., J. Moody W.S., Crunden, Prime, Papworth, Day, Wheeler, Murphy, Russell, Axford, Davey, Bartl Tozer, and Bro. A. Bowers, a Visitor from the B Charles Jas. Bunyan was initiated, and Bros. Axford were raised to the sublime degree. The fering from a severe cold, was assisted during a ceremony by Bro. J. Hammond. Bro. Ockenden at the Installation meeting J.W., was invested w signia of the office. The same brother proposed guineas be voted to the local fund which is being admission of Tom Chapman, the Hampton candi Orphan Asylum, Watford, at the election on vote was unanimously agreed to. Further busi and the brethren adjourned to supper. The usu

lf of the Charities; incidentally, also, we had men-
icerity as one worthy of imitation. In his argu-
he was content to agree with us, but—here came
what was the motive power that actuated the
gued that there was no very complicated machinery
hat was likely soon to be disarranged or dis-
ly an amount of largeheartedness backed up by
be, "there you are right; energy is what is wanted,
itir up to greater energy the numberless Lodges
e this virtue of charity. However, let me know what
during the last few years, and something may be
ent." With this long-winded preface we come to
business we have in hand, that is, to record the
e at its installation meeting on Wednesday, the
however, commencing with this duty we, in con-
omise to our "cynical" friend, append a list of the
s served by members of this Lodge during the
ther with the names of those brethren who filled
nts they severally collected :—

Date	Steward	Amount
nary 1875	G. J. Hilliard	£51 10 0
y 1875	Chas. Lacey	109 4 0
ruary 1876	W. T. Wells	100 0 0
y 1876	John Appleby	89 14 0
ruary 1877	S. H. Rawley	89 0 0
y 1877	G. J. Hilliard	23 5 6
e 1877	C. Jas. Perceval	130 4 0
ruary 1878	C. Jas. Perceval	109 15 0
y 1878	G. J. Hilliard	72 9 0
		£775 1 6

see for themselves from this record that the
e to its title, and worthily and *sincerely* fulfils the
to be charitable on which Freemasons so
mselves, but not always with justice. It will be
further good work is being done, in addition to what
there being two members of the Lodge, namely,
W.M., and C. J. Perceval, who are actively en-
nds, the former for the Festival next month of the
nevolent Institution, and the latter for that of the
itution for Girls, in April or May. Some of our
will say we are again wandering; therefore we will
rd.

pened on this, the installation day, Wednesday the
o. John Appleby, who was supported by the fol-
s of the Lodge :—Bros. Samuel Rawley, Barlow,
. Hilliard, Bulmer and E. J. Moore; there was a
members, but the worthy Secretary, Bro. John
voidably absent through illness. Amongst the
were Bros. Geo. Withey 1382, R. Smith 1694, T. J.
A. Brown 869, J. J. Berry P.M. 554, George
E. G. Legge W.M. 1196, G. Mellison 1636, Thos.
hapland 511, F. Knight 1185, J. F. Clark 217,
. Anning 1625, H. Massey P.M. 619, G. J. Dunck-
rn W.M. 554, Jas. Terry Sec. R.M.B.I., John Con-
ons Mortlock P.M. 1306, W. W. Morgan Sec. 211.
at three o'clock, and Bro. Appleby called on Bro.
o acted as Secretary during the evening, to read
meeting, which were confirmed. The Auditors'
ad; it showed the Lodge was in a very prosperous
duly confirmed and adopted by the members. Bro.
candidate for the third, was advanced in Bro.
and impressive style. The S.W. Bro. George T.
n introduced as the W.M. elect. He was duly ob-
d of Installed Masters formed, Bro. Appleby com-
as W.M. by installing his successor. On the re-
rethren, the Officers were appointed, as follow :—
.W., G. Jones J.W., S. Rawley P.M. Treas., J. New-
Brown S.D., J. S. Fraser J.D., A. H. Brown I.G.,
., J. Miller W.S., Verry Tyler. Bro. Seddon was
hoice of words as he addressed each brother on
his remarks were appreciated by all who heard
sses to the Master, Wardens, and Brethren were
Bro. Appleby, and he took his seat, amid the con-
present. The first duty of the W.M. was to pre-
iate predecessor the handsome jewel voted by the
ition of his untiring exertions to promote the wel-
uring the past year, and this mark of considera-
dged most gracefully by the recipient. The ballot
two candidates for our mysteries—Messrs. James
William Fearnhall Mumford. It proved satisfactory
the former gentleman, who was present, gave Bro.
sism of disclosing his skill as a worker. Of Bro.

the Prince of Wales," the W.M. offered the toast of th
Master, remarking that when a prince of the blood roy
chair of Grand Lodge, it is customary to appoint a "P
Master, who may preside in his absence. The wisdom
the Grand Master had made in selecting the Earl of
this post must be evident to all. The Earl takes a dee
Freemasonry, and in everything that relates to the w
Craft. The next toast the W.M. had to direct the att
brethren to was, The Right Worshipful the Deputy
Lord Skelmersdale, and the rest of the Grand Office
Seddon) was a Lancashire lad himself, and well knev
which Lord Skelmersdale was held in throughout the
Province. In speaking to the newly-iniated brother, t
that it was a well recognised axiom that all assemblage
kept up, must have fresh blood infused into them. Bro
could look upon as his first bairn in Freemasonry, and
trusted he might prove a credit to the Order. After
Mattei, "Oh! hear the wind blow," well given by Bro. H
Bro. Benson rose to reply; he thanked the members mos
having elected him a member of their Lodge, and hoped
found worthy of the kind things the W.M. had said of hi
Appleby now devolved the duty of proposing the health
which he did most ably. It was gratifying to him to kn
Seddon had had an opportunity to exhibit his proficiency
stage of his Mastership. During the last twelvemonths,
so long as he had held office, the W.M.'s duties had
performed in a capable manner, and personally he (Bro. A
derived great pleasure and gratification in installing h
chair of the Lodge. At this stage of the proceedings
Stirling played a solo on the violin, "Cloches de Co
Planquette, which deservedly drew forth the applause of
The W.M. then assured Bro. Appleby and the brethren h
appreciated their kind expressions of approval. He
endorse one remark made by their Immediate Past Mast
that he had always striven to do his duty. He believed
position he had been called on to fulfil he had met with th
and he trusted in his present position he might not wh
the balance be found wanting. His main desire was, and
be happy himself, and to strive to make others happy.
brother then took a retrospective glance, and alluded
when, six years ago, he had been compelled to retire
participation in the duties of the Lodge. However, h
regret this now, as though he might have reached his pre
position at an earlier stage of his career, he felt the
had necessarily elapsed had tended to mature his experien
the brethren, however, be able to detect any serious fai
conduct of the Lodge during the year of his Mastershi
assure them they would not be likely to arise through et
heart. He sincerely thanked one and all for the kind
they had given the toast. The health of the Immediate
was next given, and after a song by Bro. C. E. Hall, B
rose to respond. He thanked the brethren for their ki
assured all of the great gratification it gave him to kn
endeavours to succeed had met with their satisfaction.
then gave "Prosperity to the Masonic Institutions." S
true Mason from his heart of heart wished well to the Masc
tions. He knew no better theme on which he co
than that of our Charities. In the dual capacity h
filling that evening,—of President and Accompanyist,—h
compelled to entrust to Bro. Charles Lacey the more forc
of the claims of the Benevolent Institution, for which he
taken a Stewardship at the next Festival. However, i
intimated to him by Bro. Lacey that the members
accustomed liberality had responded, and for their support
them. With the toast he would associate the name of
Perceval who, this year, would again ask for their contribu
time acting on behalf of the Royal Masonic Institution
Before resuming his seat he would ask Bro. Morgan to
company with Tennyson's lines "In Memoriam." Young
already was, the Craft had lost two or more of its ablest
and even in their own Lodge that evening the death ha
nounced of one of their most esteemed members. He tho
fore the selection would be a most suitable one. Bro. M
plied with the W.M.'s request, and Bro. Perceval having
the toast, the W.M. gave the Visitors, to which Bros. T.
John Berry, Thorn, Legge and Morgan responded; the latt
to the absence of Bro. John Newton, who he was convinced
with them in sympathy, though, through the illness, wh
much regretted, unable to take part that evening in the
ings. The Treasurer, Bro. S. Rawley, replied for the Pas
It was gratifying to know that he had been afforded this o
once more. It was twenty-six years since he had filled th
the Lodge. He was proud to see the generosity displa

t. John's Festival of this Lodge was held on Tuesday, [illegible] at the Lamb Hotel, when Bro. A. Jackson was installed W.M. ensuing year by Bro. H Claude Lisle P.M. P.G.S.D. Amongst attended the business of the Lodge were Bros. T. R. Jones . C. Gilbert P.M., T. Bower P.M. P.G.S., E. H. Griffiths P.M. . Hockenhull, J. Vaughan, J. T. Vaughan, B. J. Gough, and mongst the visitors were Bros. F. K. Stevenson P.M. P.P.G.S. . Townsend W.M. 1289, H. I. Carrington P.M. 287, C. Jones 5. The Lodge was opened in the second degree. The he name of the Lodge asked Bro. H. C. Lisle P.M. P.G.S.D. he chair as installing Master. The W.M. elect, Bro. A. was then presented for the benefit of installation, and the of the ceremony being completed, the Lodge was opened hird degree. The Installing Master then requested all below the degree of Installed Master to retire. Bro. A. Jack- entrusted, a board of installed Masters was formed, when nly and solemnly placed in the chair of K.S. Having ted and most cordially greeted by the Past Masters, en were admitted, and saluted their W.M. in the several Bro. A. Jackson then appointed the following brethren as s for the ensuing year:—Bros. V. K. Dearden S.W., A. J.W., J. H. Bellyse S.D., Wm. Sandford J.D., J. Brayn Butterworth Treas., J. Martin Sec., Hinde Tyler. lling Master delivered the addresses to the W.M., nd Officers in his usual efficient and able manner. The Lodge d in due form, the brethren adjourned to the banquet, taste- ded by Bro. Oates, at which the W.M. presided. After the e usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and duly ged. Bro. Brayn proposed the health of the W.M., which l to in a very appropriate manner. Bro. Stevenson pro- ealth of the Installing Master, which was duly responded itors was acknowledged by Bros. H. J. Carrington, Steven- Townsend. The Tyler's toast was proposed, and the parated in harmony, well pleased with the days's pro-

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Sussex Lodge, No. 342.—The annual meeting e W.M. for the ensuing year was held at the Logde Room, 's-square, Portsea, on 15th inst. when Bro. J. W. who was elected at the last regular meeting, was duly according to ancient custom, in the chair of K.S. ny was very creditably performed by the I.P.M., Bro. hom a cordial vote of thanks was given. A large number n were present, among them the following—Bros. P.G.T. and P.M. 487 and 1,069, Edgar Goble W.M. 309, ster P.P.G.J.W. and P.M. 487, Hall W.M. 804, Clark S.W. ale P.M. 804, V. Brown W.M. 903, E. S. Main P.M. 903 H. Townsend P.M. 1,428, Cole P.M. 928, Whitcomb W.M. Murrell W.M. 1,770, Rastrick, Wilkins, Cawte, Ogburn, reideburg, Ellis, Wilson, Turner, and Guy, P.M's of Sussex Lodge. After the installation ceremony had ted, the W.M. appointed and invested his Officers, viz.:— rnes S.W., C. Knott J.W., Redward P.M. Treasurer, n P.M. Hon. Secretary, J. T. Craven jun. S.D. J.D., J. C. Buck I.G., T. Good D.C. and Bros. Norris Stewards. After the Lodge had been closed 47 of partook of a banquet provided by Bro. Sherman, in fficient manner. The Loyal and Masonic toasts were persed with songs and recitations. We heartily con- e brethren of the Royal Sussex Lodge on its flourishing s by the the balance sheet the finances are in a state, and the working second to none in the province.

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lfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—17th the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew-bridge, at half-past Present—Bros. Gunner W.M., May S.W., Goss J.W., Costelow J.D., Gomm I.G., Roe P.M. Preceptor, and elect 933, Phillips P.M. 975, Talbot, Pearson, Skinner, having been opened, and due regard paid to ancient minutes of last meeting were read, confirmed and signed. ffered himself as a candidate, and after assisting in the emony, answered the questions leading to the second brethren were then called off to refreshment. After a labour was resumed, and the Lodge advanced to the whereupon Bro. Pearson kindly offered himself as a be raised to the sublime degree; and Bro. Roe (who at the pressing desire of the W.M. of the evening) re- eremony in the impressive manner so well remembered o have heard Bro. Roe's working; for this he was ked by all present. Lodge was closed down by Bro. . May was unanimously invited to honour the Lodge by

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When Bro. Smyth was elected W.M. for [illegible]

The fifteen sections will be worked by Memb Lodge of Instruction in the Percy Lodge of Ins the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, Islington, o of February. Bros. Webb W.M., Wallington Pearcy I.P.M. First Lecture—Bros. Smyth Brasted, Brown, McDonald, T. J. Barnes. Bros. Forss, C. Lorkin, Job, Turquand, Must —Bros. Allen, J. Lorkin, Wallington. The Lodg seven o'clock precisely. C. K. Killick P.M. 169

Gosport Lodge, No. 903.—The installat Bro. Valentine Brown took place at the S on Tuesday 14th inst. The large room at tastefully decorated and fitted up for the occasio of installation was performed by Bro. G. F. L his usual very able manner. After the W.M. he proceeded to appoint the following brethren a ensuing year, viz:—Bros. W. Hillier I.P.M., R R. W. Downing J.W., J. Maling Treasurer, I N. Page S.D., W. Brunwin J.D., J. Maling D.C Organist, W. Smith I.G., W. Wood and J. and L. Canvin and W. Tomlinson Tylers. The of the Lodge were present—Bros. J. Wallingf P.M., G. Wright, C. R. O'Donel, T. Nichols, G. J. W. Stroud, J. Gentle, C. Turtle, J. Butt, G A. Knight, J. Beams, T. Batchelor P.G. G. Irons, W. Perryman. Visitors—Bros. E. J. Dyson P.M. 394, W. Payne W.M. 342, M. E. 1,069, P.G. Treasurer, G. Bond P.M. 487, H. Townsend I.P.M. 1,428, C. B. Whitcomb W. the appointment of the Officers the W.M. p Lancaster P.J.G.D., in very eulogistic terms, which had been unanimously voted by the broth his very valuable services in aid of the several Bro. G. F. Lancaster suitably acknowledge had been conferred upon him. A hearty vote of to the same brother for the able and efficie he had performed the duties of Installing Maste for the satisfactory way in which he had carrie duties during his year of office. Great effec business of the evening by the excellent m several odes, chants, &c., were rendered by of Bros. Stroud, Knight, Pearman, and Grant. Star Hotel being concluded, the whole of the b the India Arms, where a splendid banquet was se A steam launch was provided at 11 p.m. of brethren living on the Portsmouth side of the

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Wandsworth Lodge of Instruction, I ing was held at the Spread Eagle Hotel, Wandsw the 22nd inst. There were present: Bros. J S.W., W. A. Blackmore J.W., P. V. Denham S.D. and Bros. J. G. Carter, C. Digby, A. Mason, J. J don, A. A. Denham, and C. M. Monk, of the Ear Brethren had the pleasure of hearing the ritual Frost, Carter, and Digby—who are by no mea lights" alternately occupying the chair. Bro. the ceremony of initiation, and Bro. P. V. Denh Bro. Carter, in a clear and expressive way, delive Bros. Monk and Landon (the former propose seconded by Bro. Carter, and the latter prop and seconded by Bro. P. V. Denham) were as members. Bro. Reed will be the W.M. at th

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Pembroke Lodge, No. 1299.—A m the 16th inst., at the West Derby Hotel, West I Present:—Bros. John Capel W.M., F. B. Br Bennett J.W., T. G. Fisher Sec., P. Macnald Treas., Spink as S.D., Hiles J.D., Bramwell Ste Robinson Tyler. Past Masters Bros. W. S. Vine Bennett. Visitor:—A Brother from the neigh East Lancashire. There were candidates for t degrees, and the ceremonies were worked to the resolved that the individual subscriptions to th Masonic Educational Institution, amounting to fi paid to the Treasurer in one sum, to constitute Life Governor, and thereby secure to the Lodge

ton P.M. Sec., Tribble S.D., Owen J.D., Clegnorn I.G., ancaster P.M. W.S., Rawles Tyler. The Lodge was the brethren partook of a banquet, provided by Bro. perintended by Bro. E. Dawkins. The W.M., after n said, proposed the usual toasts. In giving the elmersdale and the rest of the Grand Officers of the England, the W.M. said they had a distinguished Bro. the Rev. Dr. Cox P.G. Chaplain, who had held Grand Chaplain for ten years, and also that of e Lord Mayor. Bro. Dr. Cox, in a very excellent d. He referred to the working of the brother who had ir during the last year so admirably; he was glad to gress of so young a Lodge. He had never heard the ormed with greater efficiency. The toast of the en and acknowledged; and Bro. Reed P.M. gave the . Christie now rose. The Lodge had been presided good Masters. Their present W.M. was one they of. He had been initiated in the Lodge, and all to see him now occupy the chair. The speaker felt ar before the Lodge would, under the guidance of a most successful one. The W.M. briefly thanked Ie hoped, with the assistance of each member of the prosperous term of office. He next proposed the .M., and in the name of the Lodge presented him ant gold P.M.'s jewel, which bore a suitable inscrip- ie time he remarked that with it Bro. Christie might e tendered the hearty good wishes of the members for re. The toast and gift having been acknowledged, Visitors followed, to which Bro. Klenck replied. The fficers having received notice from the W.M., the a given, and the proceedings brought to a conclu- he visitors were Bros. G. Goodey 1708, Goldberger Klenck, Popham 511, Smith 1669, Gillon 1607, J. M. Levy P.M. 188.

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e, No. 1357.—The monthly meeting of this Lodge Brooklands Hotel, Sale, on Friday January 17th. E. J. Bradbury W.M., C. P. Murray I.P.M., T. A. Collier J.W., Hy. Miller Secretary, J. C. Coates S.D., John Ogden I.G., John Worthington Tyler, Past ncock, and Bros. Wm. Taylor, G. F. Hywood, W. B. lwin, Alfred Griffiths, T. Heighway, E. Kerry, H. s—R. J. Walker 1009, W. Livesey 163. The Lodge ine form with solemn prayer, and the minutes of the g ratified. Bro. Simcock took the chair in the East, r. Edgar Croseley Poole into the Mysteries of Free- Bradbury advanced the Lodge to the second degree, ble and impressive manner passed Bro. H. Kidson to h Fellow Crafts. The working tools were explained by the J.W., and the charges delivered by the S.W. the evening being ended, the W.M. received the ishes of the visiting brethren, and the Lodge was mn prayer. By request of the W.M., the brethren pper. On the removal of the cloth, the W.M. sub- Loyal and Masonic toasts, which were duly honoured. health of the newly initiated member, Bro. Bradbury is year of office so far had been singularly fortunate nd the pleasure of making worthy additions to the desirable to the Lodge. The initiation to-night of nother instance of that good fortune; he knew Bro. ce a worthy Mason, and would prove an acquisition to called upon the brethren heartily to drink to the ewly initiated brother. The toast was cordially ro. Miller sang the E.A. song. Bro. Poole thanked the privilege conferred upon him in admitting him the Fraternity. Bro. Heywood kindly favoured the song. The I.P.M., by permission of the W.M., pro- of the newly passed brother, and very properly added ve been pleased with the efficient manner in which nd answered the questions; this indicated clearly the in going forward. The toast was drunk with Masonic Griffiths kindly favoured the brethren with a song, Kidson returned thanks. Although he had advanced not given his attention to the requisite instruction he felt additionally impressed with the ceremony. mmand of the W.M., proposed the health of the visit- doing so extended, in most cordial terms, a hearty He had much pleasure in uniting with the toast the Walker of the Shakspere Lodge, and Bro. Lines of the e. The toast met with a hearty response. Bro. he expressed the great gratification he experienced to see the uniform excellence of the working; a highly deserved, and endorsed by the other visiting

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Duke of Connaught Lodge of Instructio—At the Havelock Tavern, Albion-road, Dalston, 22nd January. Bros. Geo. Ferrar W.M., A. R. Olley J.W., Dignam J.D., C. Olley S.D., W. Ferrar I.G., ceptor, Williams Secretary. Bros. C. Lorkin, O. Die Maples. After preliminaries, the ceremony of ini hearsed, Bro. J. Lorkin candidate. Bro. C. Lorkin second, third, and fourth sections of the Lecture, brethren. Bro. A. R. Olley was appointed W.M. week. The Fifteen Sections will be worked in thi first Wednesday in February, Bro. Fieldwick in the c

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Sir Hugh Myddelton Lodge of Instr 1602.—A meeting was held on Tuesday, 21st Januar and Woolpack, St. John-street-road. Present:—Bros. Crosbie S.W., A. Rowley J.W., J. Osborn Sec., Hallam I.G., Hallam sen. acting Preceptor; Stock, Wood, Hylar Godolphin, Kitchener and several other brethren. The evening comprised the rehearsal of the ceremony of Kitchener candidate. The same brother also answere leading to the third degree. The first section of the f worked by Bro. Hallam jun., and the second and third acting Preceptor. Bro. Kitchener of the Mother Lo a member. Bro. Crosbie was elected W.M. for next Lodge was then closed in due form. Much credit Pelikan for the pains he has taken in making hi His working was excellent for so young a member of t

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Kensington Lodge, 1767.—The second gene this flourishing Lodge was held on Saturday, 18th Courtfield Hotel, Earl's Court-road, South Kensingto Bros. Geo. Read W.M., Williams S.W., Hancock J.W Taylor J.D., Barfield Treasurer, Foakes Secretary, C Bidgood I.G. Visitors—Bros. Whittick P.M. 511 Corston 865, Burton 834, Blundle 865, and Geo. D Lodge was opened in the first and second degr Dunstan and Barclay were passed. A ballot was ta Wright, Kirk, and Norman; it resulted unanimousl those gentlemen, and Messrs. Kirk and Norman, being separately initiated into the mysteries of Freemaso mony being performed by the W.M. in a most efficient manner; great praise is also due to the Officers of th able manner each performed his duty. Bro. Oli presided at the harmonium. One gentleman was initiation at next meeting, and the Lodge was closed in brethren afterwards sat down to an excellent banqu Bro. Silcock, the W.M. presiding. The usual Loyal toasts were duly honoured; the National Anthem, Prince of Wales, and several capital songs enlivened t Bro. Barfield, in proposing the W. Master's health, wi heartily received, referred to his Masonic efficiency, a ness at all times to render valuable assistance in the masonry; he congratulated the members of the Ken on having such an able brother for their first W. having responded, the toasts of the Initiates, the Vi Officers of the Lodge were severally given and duly re Tyler's toast brought to a close a well spent and n evening. We understand that Bro. G. Read will repre at the Festival for the Girls' School, and we trust th brother, so well known in Masonry as a most able i not lack support in order to present a good list on the

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important meeting of the Devonshire brethren held on Tuesday of last week, at the Huyshe mple, Plymouth, for the purpose of taking into n the requisite steps for establishing a Masonic Fund for the Province, which should be supple- the great Central Masonic Schools in London, letham, the Dep. Prov. G. Master, presided, those present were Bros. J. E. Curteis, C. J. B. Gover, I. Latimer, and representatives of ll, of the Lodges in the county. Bro. Metham, essed the brethren as to the purpose for which assembled, narrated the course of preceding stablish such a fund, and then Bros. Curteis alk moved and seconded, respectively, the first "That in the opinion of this Meeting it is stablish a fund for the education and advance- of the children of deceased or distressed Free- s Province." Bro. Curteis candidly avowed ormerly been opposed to the establishment of but had since seen reason to change his views, firmly impressed with the belief that such a der the circumstances, not only desirable, but ro. Godtschalk, in his speech, went at con- th into figures. He pointed out that, as Schools, the voting power of the Province was nothing was said of the Votes held by the he Benevolent, which must be looked upon as voting strength—and that supposing 2000 cessary to carry the election of any given can- uld take two-and-a-half to three years to e required number. He illustrated this by e arrangements it had been found necessary der to get a recent candidate elected, and be e successful attempt had left the Province extent of some 600 votes. Consequently, uld hope to succeed with a future candidate, for six half-yearly elections, or three years. me they had no less than ten children whom ere anxious to assist. These were the cir- der which it was thought necessary to create that the local candidates might be assisted ion at home, while biding their time for ad- e London Schools, or in the event of this cessful. Other brethren addressed the nong them Bro. Gover, who pointed out the the scheme, which was to educate the child ol in the neighbourhood of his residence, and th clothes; the W. Master of the nearest arged with the duty of seeing that the youth , and did not destroy his clothing. The ied unanimously, after which Bro. Rev. W. l, and Bro. Latimer seconded, "That a ppointed to carry out the scheme, and that er—first, to frame bye-laws; second, to ions and donations; third, to receive appli- lidates; and fourth, to call a meeting of and Subscribers within three months, to and, if practicable, to receive the applica- s." This was unanimously agreed to, and ere nominated accordingly Bro. Metham

of Plymouth, was not stated—had contribut Harmony Lodge—presumably No. 156, of P given £50, a vote of thanks to Bro. Metham was passed with acclamation, and a subscript in the room, to which the majority of those their names for various amounts.

Such, in substance, is an account of on important Masonic gatherings ever held in th Devon. There can be no doubt whatever scheme was not only desirable, but even neces is a large Province. It boasts forty-seven there is a strong probability that it will a larger number of candidates than it can ever considering the limits of its voting power. If Benevolent Fund Votes and assume that at e can command 600 Votes, it is obvious that, n deserving a case may be, it cannot rely by its efforts in securing its success in less than tw meantime, of course, the boy or girl candid struggle on as best he can, without receiving educational assistance which is so necessary progress in life. Either the candidate must Province itself has recorded the requisite num or Votes must be borrowed, as they would tremely urgent case; and those Votes, of cou paid back again, so that for a time corresp number borrowed, the Province must be powe its own orphans. Another consideration mu great weight in the establishment of such a sch borne on the local fund remain at home unde their parents or guardians, and those home which are so dear to young children are not s must be in the case of children educated in Masonic Schools. This is a decided advanta on the score of religion, for a child may be b follow that form of worship which its guardian whilst at the London Schools religious educati general in its character as possible, so as not particular scruples of these or those pupils. Jew can attend the synagogue; the son of a neighbouring chapel; and the son of an parish church. This is certainly a considerati to be esteemed, and on which in the case of m very considerable stress is sure to be laid. Master of the nearest Lodge will have entruste duty of seeing that the child does benefit by the the fund, and does not throw away the advanta therefrom. Then the time spent in waiting into the London School will be profitably empl of being, as it is now, comparatively wasted, or, not turned to such account as it might be, we means available for helping the children. Of not intended that the Local should supersede th stitution. On the contrary, it is intended to s by helping both those who wait and succeed and those who fail altogether in being receiv Central Schools. Thus, whether we look up as contributing to the work of the London C relieving the latter from some portion of the now has to bear—in short, from whatever p we regard the establishment of the proposal but come to the conclusion that it will be adjunct to the existing Masonic Educational and we trust the Province will support it in

lsome store for the morrow, and this not in the only, but year by year, so that in less time than en Cheshire to accumulate £4,000, Devon should accumulate nearly twice as much—the liberality thren in the two Provinces being equal. And all , Devon, like Cheshire, will still have a wide ft for helping the Central Charities. However, Devonian friends may be able to judge for themthe full advantages of such a Fund, we append s of the Cheshire Institution beyond what were he meeting last week, the particulars being derived Fifteenth Report published last spring. The ed with a balance brought forward of £476 6s, receipts from all sources, to the amount of 9d, raised the total charge to £975 17s 9d. The ire on all accounts reached £511 17s 1d, and ained a balance in Bank and Treasurer's hands 0s 8d to the credit of the Institution. Examining ires more in detail, we find the P.G. Master and eading the way with £5 and £2 respectively (the of their annual subscriptions) followed by the egistrar, who was also the Senior Grand Warden ovince for that year, with a donation of Twenty so constituting himself a Vice-President, and the proceeds of sundry amateur performances and balls. The fees from Lodges and Chapters and ations and Subscriptions of Lodges, Chapters, hren amount to £328 11s 6d, and the interest on nts to £117 5s 3d. The expenditure of 1d is thus made up: in the purchase of bonds, &c., ; in the education of sixteen children £97 5s 5d, advancement of five children £24 9s 7d, or £121 15s; expenses of management, printing circulars, &c., &c., expenses of audit, stapostage, incidentals, £34 17s 1d. At the close of unt the Institution was possessed of moneys awaiting investment, and in Treasurer's hands amounting to £3,202 2s 6d. As showing with idity the invested Funds of this Institution have accumulating, we may mention that in the four 1877 inclusive the investments average but very rt of £300 per annum, the actual amount for the rs being £1,194 2s 10d—a highly satisfactory hings, which we trust will be realised in Devonie short time hence. A word or two as to the tions of Governors and Candidates. An annual subscribes five shillings and receives one vote. A ernor gives five guineas or upwards in the course months and receives a vote for each guinea sub- Twenty guineas in one or more payments within rs constitutes the donor a Vice-President. A lonation in three years by a Lodge or Chapter enty votes per annum during existence. A subLodge or Chapter is on the same footing as an al. As to candidates, the father must have been ibing member for three years, and the child must een seven and fifteen years of age—except where ents are dead, when the inferior limit is six years admitted to the benefits of education, nor can it a recipient thereof after sixteen years, while the age for admission to the benefits of advancement ve and eighteen years.

ad intended closing our remarks with these details heshire Institution, but having chanced to light on for the year 1866 of the West Lancashire Institunded in 1850, we have thought it would be a encouragement to our brethern in Devon to pursue in purchase of a bond £500; printing, stat &c., £26 10s. Be it remembered that the Institution was founded, but eighteen now on the roll of the Province were in ex 1866, the year of this Report, there were shire, of course, cannot hope to rival W which now has eighty Lodges on its roll, o had in 1866—Liverpool alone being able t two—but there is no reason why it should as successful, and we sincerely hope it will added that the qualifications and privile are almost the same as we have state Cheshire, a Vice-President's donation havi one year instead of two. The qualifications admission to Educational Fund were three y to a Lodge in the Province on the part of of age, eight and thirteen—where both pa the inferior limit—and not to remain over Advancement Fund, no one admitted unde twenty-one, and none to continue receivin the fund after attaining the latter age. V severance, and economy, we shall find De circumstanced, having due regard to its r

THE FREEMASONS' LIF

SERVICES OF THE "ALBERT

THE Freemasons' Life-boat, the "A belonging to the National Life-boat stationed at Clacton-on-Sea, was instrume ult. in rendering most important service crew of 14 men. Signals of distress we vessel in question about seven o'clock at which time the wind was blowing very east, accompanied by a heavy sea. The L responded to the signals, and on rea Middle Sands, she found a large barq She proved to be the "Hebe" bound fo cargo of timber. The sea was furious the unfortunate ship, bumping her on th threatening every instant to destroy her. huddled together on the port quarter. viously lost four boats, and a steamer h them, but found it impossible to do s eagerly watched the efforts of their The Life-boat had no easy task before it. was filled with water. Six times the pl to get near the wreck and failed. Agai eleven lives rewarded their perseverance. shifted, and the heavy sea and wreck dangerous to lie by her; but after muc and one or two narrow escapes, the (which numbered fourteen in all) were boat by means of life lines. A great heartily welcomed the Life-boat and freig The ship-wrecked Norwegian sailors pr sight on landing. Several were unable t and cramp—among them the captain, a years, who had to jump overboard with doing so struck heavily against a floa room kindly opened to them by the s of the Royal Hotel, the poor fellows re attention from Dr. Main and man men, who are always ready and foren

an Chapel, a large number of people being present
ervice.

National Life-boat Institution, having conveyed
elligence of this Life-boat service to the Grand
the Prince of Wales, through General Sir Dighton
, V.C., H.R.H. directed the following answer to be
the Institution :—

Sandringham, Norfolk,
27th January 1879.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter
th inst. In reply to the same, I am directed by the Prince
to beg you will assure the Committee of the Royal National
Institution that the information you communicate of the
Albert Edward, which was presented to the Institution last
he Freemasons of England, having been instrumental in
the 24th inst., a shipwrecked crew of 14 persons, has
is Royal Highness much pleasure and satisfaction.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed) D. M. Probyn, L.C.,
Comptroller.

d Lewis, Esq.
Secretary Royal National Lifeboat Institution.

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gh the courtesy of Bro. Lewis we are enabled to place
ur readers the following copy of the return furnished
National Lifeboat Institution in this case by its
on-Sea Branch.

OYAL NATIONAL LIFE-BOAT INSTITUTION.

oat "Albert Edward," stationed at Clacton-on-Sea.

turn of Service on the 24th day of January 1879.

Dates and Circumstances of the Case.

even a.m. on the morning of 24th January, in answer to
m the "Swin Middle" Light Ship, the "Albert Edward"
, wind blowing hard from the Eastward. Proceeding in a
direction, sighted a ship dismasted on the East end of the
dle Sand, and the Sea making a complete breach over her.
g the wreck, saw the crew standing in a group near the port
ropped anchor, and veered down to the ship; about 9.30
l her masts and yards alongside. *After seven attempts* to
w, the boat having filled three times, succeeded in getting
e ship having altered her position, found it impossible to
he wreck again on account of the wreckage alongside, the
three had to be hauled through the breakers by life-lines.
ng the crew in the boat, found the wreck had fouled Life-
le, which was obliged to be slipped in order to save Life-
rew, then made for the shore, and landed about 2.30 p.m.,
ery much exhausted, especially the Captain, who had been
ship before being hauled through the breakers. The
Crew had a great deal to encounter, and it was only after
everance that they succeeded in saving the lives. On
its being low water, the boat had to be drawn out into the
istance before it could be launched, the heavy seas com-
aking over the horses and men in charge. The Life-boat
it to render assistance. The Captain of vessel so much
that he had to be carried ashore. The horse hire, as you
e, is heavy, owing to the horses having to be kept in the
l having to be rubbed down all day long (at intervals). It
ey have not received any serious injury, their work was
r trying and very risky.
was paid to the owner of the smack, who picked up the
cable, &c., and brought same on to Clacton-on-Sea Pier.
ttee beg respectfully to recommend that the crew of the
ward" should for this service receive something extra, as
ly had a most dangerous duty to perform.

Queries.	Answers and Remarks.
f Vessel, and where ging to?	"Hebe."
of Master, and of ers?	E. R. Pone.
onnage, Number of , and Persons on the Vessel?	Full rigged ship; 500 tons regis-ter; number of crew, 14.
Ordered out?	
19. Was any Damage done to the Boat? Extent of Repairs required?	Yes, damag anch der of s
	Names of Crew
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 exer-tion.	R. Legerto J. Cross R. Osborne W. Willis J. Green M. Nichols B. Addis J. Tye J. Knight T. Mason J. Austin H. Kill
21. Amount, if any, of Reward received locally or from elsewhere.	None.
22. Amount, if any, of Salvage.	None.
(Signed)	Robt. Legert
(Certified)	Fred. J. Nunn

Date, 25th *January* 1879.

Case of the Wreck of the "

A return of the expenses incurred by the ". boat, on the 24th of January 1879, in render Crew of the "Hebe," as per annexed Wreck ret

Nature of Expense.

1.—Life-boat's Crew of 13 Men for service c of January, by saving, in easterly wind, t 14 persons from the "Hebe," wrecked on S Sand, at 10s each man - - Refreshment for Crew - -
2.—26 Persons for assisting to launch and Life-boat, at 2s each person, and extra charge of Boat, 2s 6d, and one half ticket, Paid to Smack "Energy," of Colchester, f in Cable, &c. - - - -
3.—The hire of 6 Horses, or other means, for T the Life-boat to site of the Wreck, a dis miles, at — shillings each Horse - Men with Horses, extra for extra work

Tot

We hereby certify that the Services above performed, and that the items specified are cor

Given under our hands this 25th day of Janu

(Signed) Fred. J. Nunn, *Honorary*
Geo. P. Bates, *Officer of C*
Robert Legerton, *Coxswa*

To the Secretary of the Royal National Life-boa

Minute of the Central Committee in 1879.

Jan. 27th Received and acknowledged.
„ 29th Forwarded draft to Hon. Sec. for question of extra remuneration un the General Committee of the Ins

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Amongst events that are fixed for next wee readers that the New Concord Ball will take Hall on Wednesday. On Friday the members Mizpah Lodges give a Ball at Cannon-street H

Miss Matilda Roby, a young lady of whose we have had occasion to speak on several occ First Benefit Concert for Monday, 10th Febr Hall, King's Road, Chelsea. Miss Roby will be Worrell Duval and Miss Martha Harries Alfred Rudland, Mr. Theodore Distin, M

Laws it is desirable to bear in mind the
hat brought this necessity prominently before the
think the suggestion of a Committee originated with
er presiding at a meeting of the Boys' School in June
nd himself obliged to sanction an admitted irregu-
ne laws did not properly define the mode of election

At about the same time some of the Governors of
l complained of "*sharp practices*"; some of "*dis-*
' others of "*packing and nursing Committees*;" and
will be but too well remembered, even the supposed
Lodge itself was somewhat sullied by the result of
commanded by the Pro Grand Master.

en, a revising Committee to have been legally ap-
ould have been their principal duties? Obviously,
alterations in the Laws governing these Institutions
t in the future a repetition of the scandals complained
gulations for the nomination and election of Com-
ensure a fair representation of the Governors in the
enquire into the system of audit, which would pro-
usiness men to recommend the abolition of a cum-
tly Audit Committee and the substitution of inde-
onal auditors; to consider how far plurality of offices
red beneficial to the Institutions; and finally to pre-
idered report to the General Committee for discus-
to the preparation by that body of notices of motion
led for adoption by the General Court.

f this, what has been offered? A—so-called—Joint
ally constituted (or without any constitution what-
l charity funds in printing a series of frivolous verbal
only material suggestions have been refused by one
eneral Courts, which (also illegally) undertook their
he result is, as might have been expected, "con-
founded."

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours truly and fraternally,

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APPROACHING ELECTIONS.

Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

BROTHER,—I trust that you will permit me, through
aluable columns, to appeal to the London brethren
London candidates with their last application, viz.,
F. A. Giles, in order that the same obloquy may not
lon subscribers as at the last October election, when
pplicants only one was returned, and that a half
Hoping I shall be in time to secure sufficient votes to
ess,

I remain, yours fraternally,

CHARLES JOHN PERCEVAL.

e, S.W., 29th January 1879.

ONE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW.

Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

BROTHER,—With reference to the last paragraph
ter in your issue of the 11th instant, I beg to point
t of the two things therein mentioned respecting
formation, there is no law, nor do I see how there
ny bearing upon the points raised. At least, it
s to expect that the laws of a large and important
should condescend to notice such trivial matters;
f fact, they do not notice them. All that Masons
is to fall back on usage or the prescription of
peak with authority. If these fail to supply us
information on such questions, then, it strikes me,
eft us but to fall back on common sense. It is
in my opinion, such guide us in attempting an
's" first question, namely, "Whether a Master
rdens to stand whenever he (the Master) rises to
e, whatever may be the occasion, or howsoever
do so." We know there are occasions when, as a
very properly, the Wardens do stand when the

reasonableness of this view. In the case of a Past M
sufficiently indicates his rank without the collar and
to wear the latter emblem is a needless display of fine

Fraternally yours

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONI

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In answer to "Fo
query in last week's number of the FREEMASON'S CH
me to point out that the Constitutions are tolerably
the clothing which Provincial Grand Officers, both Pa
may wear at Masonic meetings. At p 51 it is laid dow
(the P. G. Officers) "are not by such appointment m
grand lodge, nor do they take any rank out of their
they are entitled to wear their clothing as provincial
or past provincial grand officers, at all masonic me
however, does not apply to provincial grand stewards
"members of their own provincial grand lodge; bu
office they are no longer members, or entitled to wear
and collars, or jewels, nor are provincial grand stewa
wear crimson aprons or collars out of their own pro
Past Provincial Grand Stewards wear no distinc
Provincial Grand Stewards may wear their crimso
collars only in their own province, and other Pr
Officers, Past or Present, may wear their clothing as
Masonic meetings." At p 121 it is stated that "
grand officers," as well as "past grand officers," "
jewel of their respective offices, on a blue enamelled
The Provincial Grand Master is a member of Grand L
to Oliver, who, at p 282 of his *Masonic Jurisprudence*,
the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, says, that, "u
vincial Grand Master, he" (the Deputy Provincial
"is not a member of Grand Lodge." The same lear
pp 279-80 of the same work, with reference to the
Provincial Grand Officers," remarks that the rest of th
—that is, with the exception of the P.G. Stewards—
to appear in their official costume when attending the
or visiting any other; a privilege which the Masters a
private Lodges do not legally possess"—"FORTE"
note this in reference to one of his former questions,
assigned by Oliver—"because it is absolutely necessa
being of a Lodge that its ruling Officers should be
guished by their collars and jewels, which would
obstructed if other Masters and Wardens were in
visitors, decorated in the same manner. The purple
the further immunity of wearing their clothing at ot
Grand Lodges, although they cannot attend these
though they be subscribing members to both province
attend another Provincial Grand Lodge as qualified
reason of being Past Masters within the Province,
more decorous to appear in the simple blue clothing
because a provincial office in one district does not
another. "And a little further on they"—Pro
Officers—"wear their clothing as a matter of courte
Grand Lodge, because they attend there as Past Maste
and consequently must exhibit the proper clothing o
over that of their Provincial Mark. They are compe
after their official term has expired, to wear their offic
long as they continue their subscription to any Lodge,
the legality of this limitation, Dr. Oliver expresses hi
tain, whilst he is "sure that it is expedient." As to
Grand Officers, while the Constitutions say they "
jewel of their respective offices on a blue enamelled ov
I have quoted before—thus leaving it optional, O
that they "are not, however, *allowed to wear* the
jewel, but *must* substitute a blue enamelled oval u
with the emblem of their office." For myself, I do not
for converting the optional "*may*" into the imper
Surely, if the Constitutions had intended the latter, th
so stated it clearly and emphatically.

While I am on these matters I may as well essay
"A J.W.'s" query, about which I do not think it is
can be a moment's doubt. The Constitutions are c
point. "No brother shall be admitted a member of
out a regular proposition in open lodge, nor until his
tion, and place of abode, as well as the name and
lodge of which he is or was last a member, or in w
initiated, shall have been sent to all the members in

an evidently is commonly observed in Lodges.

'. will perase Article 1 on p 83 of the Constitutions vill find that no *Brother* can be admitted a Member of a out a regular proposition in *open Lodge*, nor until his *tion*, and *place of abode*, as well as the *name* and *number* of which he is or was a member, or in which he was all have been sent to all the members in the summons for *gular Lodge meeting*, at which meeting the Brothers' e Certificate *and also the Certificate of his former Lodge* is ced. This seems to make it imperative upon the the Lodge in which the Brother seeks to gain admission to give the particulars above specified in the summons. to add that it is manifest from the foregoing rule that somewhat prevalent, of balloting for joining members after the proposition is *not* in accord with the Book of s, and therefore irregular.

Yo urs fraternally,

J. A. C.

SINCERITY, No 174.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

AND BROTHER,—I think your reporter has hardly done support given by our Sincerity brethren to the different ritable Institutions. There is, as you are aware, a ing the same style and title as the Lodge and working pices, and this Chapter no doubt comprises among its y many brethren of the parent Lodge. During the cluded in your researches, Sincerity Chapter has been t the following Festivals, the names of the Companions Stewards and the amounts they severally collected ed.

Date	Steward	Amount
1876.	Comp. E. C. Mather	£31 5 0
1877.	„ John Newton	116 0 0
„	„ C. H. Webb	64 1 0
1878.	„ E. Bowyer	85 0 0
„	„ E. C. Mather	86 12 0
		£382 18 0

e Companions hail from other Lodges, and therefore just to place the whole of the above amounts to the ncerity brethren, but still a portion must be taken to some total you gave in your report last week.

Fraternally yours,

AN ADMIRER OF GOOD WORK.

he names of the Stewards, last week, in report of e, an error crept in; *for* "C. Jas. Perceval," *read* eval."—ED. F.C.]

ISPOSAL OF LODGE FUNDS.

e Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

AND BROTHER,—In your report, last week, of the , you gave an outline of a conversation you had with I should say must be no other than "our" old cynic; be his counterpart, for the sentiments he expresses e of a member of my Lodge, I took an opportunity the letters in which I gave the balance sheets of , and which you were pleased to insert some time ark was, "Serve them right; if 'UNION JACK' had the paper was not afraid, they would publish the I did not tell him who the writer was, or he might himself a little stronger. Some of our members who the time thought it very "un-Masonic" that such ld be ins rted in a newspaper, and when I defended me how I should like it to be known that I was a f the "refreshment Lodges." I replied,—in such a deavour to reform the ways of the Lodge, and the

BALANCE SHEET OF LODGE———, ONE Y

RECEIPTS.

Balances forward :—		
General Fund	64	15
Benevolent Fund	13	12
Receipts for the year :—		
Subscriptions and Visitors	235	10
Initiation Fees	118	2
Benevolent Fund Subscriptions	26	17

EXPENDITURE.

Refreshment and Rent		
Grand Lodge certificates and dues		
Grant to Masonic Charity		
Grants to private individuals and expenses attend		
P.M.'s jewel		
Tyler		
Printing, postages, &c.		
Secretary's commission		
Secretary, travelling expenses		
Balances forward :—		
General Fund	31	14
Benevolent Fund	21	19

Thus, of the total received during the year £27 3s 9d was devoted to charity, that is, somethi cent. of the whole, while no less than £252 14s 3d ment and rent, the latter as I have before point reality on a par with refreshment. This represent cent. of the receipts, and presents, in my opinion desirable picture. There is one other item I sh word about, viz., Secretary's commission, which notice reaches the large amount of £18 18s 9d, in for expenses. I do not for one moment wish to d bers what they shall or shall not do with their such an item is very unusual. I should like the o your correspondents on this subject.

Yours fraternally,

CANTERBURY—NEW ZEA

Masonic Ball at Ashburton.—The Som held on 2nd December, at the Town Hall, was owing to the arrangements made by the commi o'clock, dancing commenced, and was kept up u next morning. Mr. Schwartz's band furnished was excellent. The hall was handsomely dec evergreens, also pot plants and flowers, being free ments were laid out in the gallery, and Mr. dining-room was converted into the supper-room matting being laid across the lawn to the door of ninety guests were present, amongst whom we from the sister Lodges. As this was the first ball Ashburton, the Somerset Lodge have much reas themselves on its success.

Thistle Lodge, No. 672, S.C., Ashb stallation of the Officers of this Lodge for the held on 2nd December, at eight o'clock, at the Ashburton. Bro. the Rev. James Hill, of Littleton, Officer. The following were duly installed in their —Bros. P.M. Joseph Fletcher R.W.M., G. St. Hill Hampton J.W., Garnet Secretary, Quill Treasu Chapman J.D., T. Smith I.G., G. Shann Tyler, Ewen Stewards. At a future meeting, Bro. R. Cullie W.M., and Bro. W. H. Gates Organist. The Lo

Strube 72, R. Challoner 178, Peter R. Harris 177, W. 15, Searle, Carter P.M. 382, W. C. Banks S.W. vey 1512, C. Philp P.M. 1550, G. Page P.M. 1209. 1446, R. H. Harvey P.M. 902, W. W. Morgan Sec. 1622, N. B. Headon P.M. 1426, James Freeman W.M. W. 1426, Beningfield 1589, F. T. C. Keeble 1426, J. Cunningham, Pickford 282, Dr. Dixon P.M. 73, &c.

rray of brethren our readers will agree with us that ad exhibited their judgment in fixing the future nectings at Freemasons Hall. During the past few lies of this Lodge have been held at various places, s of this gathering is taken into consideration, we ome time ere a change of habitation is again asked was formally opened, and the W.M. called upon Bro. has now held the post of Secretary for ten years, to s, which were approved by the brethren, and were rrect. The Auditors' report was read and adopted.

Ceremonies, Bro. Charles Noehmer P.M., then in- ior Warden, Bro. W. H. Hook P.M., as the W.M. inson acted as Installing Master, and, after he had Hook, and the latter had assented to the usual inistered the obligation. Lodge was advanced, and hat those below the rank of Installing Master would d of Masters was opened, and the ceremony w ith. On the re-admission of the brethren saluted in the three degrees and the ceremony n. Hook now appointed his Officers: — Bros. Allison J.W., Lake P.M. Treasurer, Mann P.M. S.D., Johnson J.D., Tapps I.G., Noehmer P.M. D.C., ist, Horsey W.S., Smith A.S., Woodstock P.M. Tyler. ien, in capital style, delivered the addresses, and took the congratulations of the members and visitors for ably completed the labours of a most successful year. sing, said his first duty was to present to the I.P.M. l which the Lodge had voted. Bro. Hook remarked rned recognition for valuable services, and, person- ally pleased to be the medium of its presentation. acknowledgment by Bro. Robinson, two propositions for additions to the muster roll. Bro. Thos. Mortlock ntention to act as Steward at the Festival of the Boys' m of twenty guineas was voted to be placed on his uities were voted to those brethren who have charge ts, &c., at Freemasons' Hall, and then "hearty good ndered, and the W.M. closed the Lodge. The ban- in the Large Hall, and was placed on the table in an style by Bro. Alfred Best, who personally super- as ably seconded by Bro. Dawkins. The W.M., who devotion to the science of music, had provided a band s, under the direction of Mr. C. Adams, and during ring selection of music was played :—

... "Tancredi" ...	...	... Rossini
... "Viener Kinder" ...	...	... Strauss
... "Alhambra" ...	...	... Riviere
... "La Serino" ...	...	Waldteufel
"Oxford and Cambridge"	...	... Greave
... "Künstler leben" ...	...	... Strauss
... "Soldartenleider" ...	...	... Gung'l
... "Selected" ...	...	...
"Dreams on the Ocean"	...	... Gung'l
..."Lily of the North"...	...	Marriott
... "M.P." ...	...	... Weston

of the cloth, the W.M. proposed the health of Her Majesty and Prosperity to the Craft, after which the National Anthem with full musical accompani- nd toast that was brought under notice was the Master, who the W.M. described as a thorough good fitted in every way to govern the Craft. Here Bro. esses a voice of great peculiarity — Bro. Hook must are in error in calling it a falsetto—sang "Thy ering of the song seemed to please the multitude, not to our taste: however, this may be bad judg.

The Pro Grand Master, the Deputy, and the other re next complimented, and then came an admirable Irlandais," arranged by Sydney Smith, and skilfully F. Smith R.A.M. Bro. Douglas J. Robinson pro- of the W.M. He ventured to say that never in the Lodge had a more genial brother been selected to one of the musical brethren of the Lodge, Bro. d himself to the members, and all would join heartily the cause of the Charities, and deemed it a great honor join the ranks of the P.M.'s of this Lodge. Bro. Bart fied at being able to be with them once more. The eff pelled to make was a great one, but he would strive words to those assembled. Our esteemed brother th the time when the members met at Dicks' Coffee H gratified at seeing so many present who were entitle emblem of the Lodge—the Busy Bees. As P.M.'s the the badge that distinguished them. The members of Lodge who were present, they were gratified to see. The dustry Lodge claimed some sort of relationship with the they had supported their petition for a warrant of constit not say the Industry was essentially a bread-and-cheese he well remembered the time when the funds wo even that moderate expenditure. He was pleased to efforts of the founders of The Great City Lodge had b ful, and concluded his remarks by again saying he wa association with his Lodge, and gratified at being pres Bro. Mann, as Secretary, had had a good deal of exp Lodge, and was pleased to see so many visitors and br Whatever adversities the Lodge had passed through, ably at the present time was prosperous. Bro. Mortlo to the more immediate object he had in view; that the support of the brethren to the Institution he was a a Stewardship for. Ten years ago he brought to th brethren the claims the Masonic Charities had on thei was rewarded, for the Lodge voted him 50 guineas School; the year following they did a like service whe claims of the Girls' School, and two years later the him a third amount—£50—towards the funds of the Benevolent Institution. Thus, in the short space of f Lodge made itself Vice-President of the three Instit then they had not been idle; each year £10 or £20 ha He felt assured, from the liberality already evinced by that in his present Stewardship he should be supported told them he must not go up without a three-figure li toast given was the Visitors—gracefully replied to by Then came Prosperity to the Industry Lodge, and thi the oratorial powers of our worthy Bro. Seex, to whom the reply. The W.M. called on Bro. Moody to respond ties, and this the energetic Secretary of The Great C much to the edification of the company. The Officers were not overlooked, and, after a reply to their toast Bro. Hook favoured the brethren with the following M

Are your glasses charg'd in the West and the South?
The Worshipful Master cries. 'They are charg'd in t
"They are charg'd in the South," are the Wardens' p
Then to our parting toast to-night, your glasses fairly
Happy to meet, Sorry to part, Happy to meet again.
The Mason feels the noble truth the Scottish peasant
That rank is but the guinea's stamp, the man himself'
With us the rich and poor unite, and equal rights mai
Happy to meet, Sorry to part, Happy to meet again.
Dear Brethren of the mystic tie, the night is waning
Our duty's done, our feast is o'er, this song must be o
Good night, once more repeat the farewell strain,
Happy to meet, Sorry to part, Happy to meet again.

The singing of Miss Jessie Royd and Bro. Carter was ciated; indeed, the Musical arrangements throughout of the highest praise. As may be imagined, it was v summons for the Tyler was given.

Royal Savoy Lodge, No. 1744.—A meetin Tuesday 28th ult., at Ashley's Hotel, Covent-garden, —Bros. J. Willi jun. W.M., J. Douglass S.W., F. H W. M. Stiles Sec., Treadwell P.M. Treas., T. J. Hyl Deller D.C., A. Holt and J. W. Smith Stewards, W Jaques Orgt., H. G. Buss Assist. G. Sec., Hon. Mer 40 other members. Among the visitors were Bros. J. 1732, &c., R. R. Browning 176, W. Phillips 511, H. Sp Blake 834, W. W. Morgan jun. 1385, R. W. Brooks Thompson 1601, B. Kauffmann 1732, &c. The usual opening the Lodge having been observed, the ball into requisition. The names of seven gentlemen and on the result bein made known all were decla —the ballot being unanimous in their favour. The advanced, and after the usual examinatio Bro. J. W. S to the third degree. Bro. R. A. Cole n w p ant

(Bro. Willing) and other members of the Lodge took an in
ad was ever ready to help them or any other of the many
n the roll of English Freemasonry, whenever it lay in his
do so. But what the Craft were more especially indebted
ass for, was his willingness at all times to answer every
that might be referred to him, or advise on any matter of
that might come under his notice. So kindly did he and
officials in the Grand Secretary's office always receive
and so willing were they to assist in any cause, that he
ling) almost thought it sometimes a pleasure to have a
in order to spend a short time with Bro. Hervey or Bro. Buss,
matters and getting their advice. The members should
mber that they had a true friend in their Assistant Grand
, and one who would never tire of doing good. Bro. Buss
anked the W.M. and members on behalf of the Grand
He considered the Craft had reason to be proud of
o such noblemen to support the Grand Master as the Earl
on and Lord Skelmersdale; at all times either were pleased
heir energies for the good of Freemasonry. In his official
Bro. Buss had frequently to communicate with those noble-
ovariably replies were received to any question by return
those whose time is as fully occupied as must be that of
bips, to devote such attention to Freemasonry is a sure
ake a great interest in its welfare. With reference to the
the W.M., as to his giving advice whenever applied to,
on delight in doing so, and hoped his opinion would be of
it service whenever such was asked for. He felt sure
ay the same for Bro. Hervey, and although it was
for them always to be correct, he felt that from long ex-
ey were often able to advise as to the best if not the most
de of meeting a difficulty. Bro. the Hon. I.P.M. now
e gavel. He remarked that although it was usual for the
his position to give the next toast he would ask the
allow him to transfer that duty to Bro. Buss, as it was not
d an opportunity of being among them, and he felt sure
uss would do honour to the task. Bro. Buss therefore
ose the health of the W.M. He thought he had some-
l it mentioned that the brethren knew what was coming
I. took to speaking, and therefore he would not further
phenomena. It was a great compliment for a—so to
tor to be called upon to propose the health of the Master.
was not Bro. Willing's first essay as President of a Lodge.
hose in which he had fulfilled the duties of Master he had
e same earnest way he did in the Royal Savoy, and in
d earned the good feeling of the members. Bro. Buss
ed Bro. Willing on the efficiency displayed by the Officers,
e of great service to him. In conclusion he mentioned
at Bro. Willing's exertions were not confined to Craft
ne, he having all but reached the top step of the Royal
, being M.E.Z. elect of a Chapter at Southend. His
e always ready to be devoted to either Lodge or Chapter.
n received the toast with great enthusiasm, and Bro.
ed. He thanked the members for their good feeling;
additional honour to bear the Assist. G. Sec. speak in
ble terms as he had. He should be only too happy to do
is power for the Royal Savoy Lodge or its members. He
the health of the Initiates. It was the proud boast of
hat ever since their consecration they had not had a
out some new members being enrolled. The three they
that evening were gentlemen whom he felt sure would
to the Lodge and Craft generally. Bro. George ten-
nks, hoping he should in time rise to fill an office in the
Wheeler followed, and then Bro. Jazel added his thanks,
e pleasure he felt in being permitted to join the Lodge.
onsidered it would hardly be right if they did not drink
Bro. Cole, who although not actually initiated that night,
for the first time at the festive board, there being no
o night on which he was initiated. He felt sure the
d accord him as hearty a welcome now as they would
outh since, had they then had the opportunity. The
nly received, and Bro. Cole replied. He had experienced
so far as he had gone in Freemasonry, and hoped he
e company of his brethen on many occasions. The
that of the Visitors. The W.M. greeted them as personal
had come, not to find fault, but to enjoy themselves;
he members of the Lodge had done everything to bring
a successful issue. Bro. Buss was called upon to
toast. As an Honorary Member of the Lodge he
ed himself a Visitor. He felt an immense amount of
that the Lodge was so prosperous. Bro. Michael
ssing his hopes that the Lodge would continue its pros-
The Officers were next toasted, and each responded,

P.P.G.T., V. Bird P.P.G.T., L. D. Westcott P.
Harvey P.P.G.D.C., J. B. Gover P.P.G.A.D.C.,
and Sec., W. H. Triplett, and S. J. Hearle P.M.
I.P.M. 1,255, Bros. G. R. Barrett J.W., Jno. Hamn
Holmes I.G. The gift for presentation took the fo
some chaste and elegant P.M.'s jewel, unique in ch
ance. Bro. T. B. Harvey made the presentation.
Godtschalk as one of his initiates; he was prou
protégé had not only done credit to his Lodge, b
name widely known by his services to the Craft
province of Devon in particular. Since Bro. God
taken the important but honorary office of Re
Charity Committee, or, in other words, our Comm
the Great Charities in London, we had elected
placed on the lists, whether they were old men, w
This was not done by the strength of our voting
tact and judgment displayed by Bro. Godtschalk
votes in a judicious manner, and by the influence
other provinces and large holders of votes. In p
to our brother, let me convey to him on your behal
it is given with the united voice of the Lodge, as a
regard for special services rendered to the Craft,
preciation of Bro. Goldtschalk's Masonic abilities.
him every prosperity, and that this jewel may be
as a cherished heirloom. Bro. Charles Godtschal
the honour, said it was his opinion when a presen
was made from a body of one's fellows it should
the one to whom it was presented that he had ea
osteem of the many, and if he was to put faith
sentiments they had just heard expressed by Bro
could not doubt their sincerity. A well-known p
it is not wise to "Look a gift horse in the mouth."
purpose of merely showing the exception that is a
rule, but for his own satisfaction, he did intend to
in the mouth." In some Lodges it is customary to
retiring with a jewel, had indeed is this custo
would it be honoured in the breach. He held tha
a W.M. so far as initiation, passing and raising
routine, and that no Brother should occupy the W
not prepared to perform that routine work resp
work no *presentation* should be given: the incr
Craft pertaining to those who had the privilege of
names being in itself sufficient honour. He did
suppose he would accept this mark of esteem
scrambled into the chair and done mere rou
shuffled our. No, he had been assured the jewel
services rendered, not alone to this Lodge, bu
Devon. To this extent did he look his "
mouth," and for this did he accept it. The work
of charity, and performed out of gratitude for th
honoured him beyond his expectations.

THE General Committee of the Royal Mas
Girls met on Thursday, at the Freemasons
present—Bros. H. A. Dubois, in the chair, Col.
J. E. Peters, A. E. Gladwell, J. J. Berry, Joh
Mason, Thomas Cubitt, P. F. Baker, Thos. W. W
Wm. Stephens, Griffiths Smith, G. Bolton, A. F.
J. Barnes, H. Massey, E. Letchworth, S. Rot
Moutrie, C. J. Perceval, H. Potter, E. Spooner,
W. Hedges Sec. A letter was read from th
"Princess Alice" Fund at the Mansion House
Committee would admit to the Institutio
Captain Grinstead (for whose admission 170
paid) notwithstanding she was over seven
brethren, however, decided that they could not
for that purpose, and in returning a cheque for
directed a letter to be written regretting that th
refuse admission to the unfortunate child. Wh
new candidates were considered, it was found
candidates had sisters already in the School, a
recently passed provided that two children o
should not be in the School at the same time
whether these petitions could be received. The
ford, however, explained that as the new Laws
firmed, the present petitions were governed by
they were accordingly passed. The brethren pa
at the death of Bros. Benjamin Head and John Be
the House Committee; the election of two breth

retary, who will gladly give any information required.
JAMES TERRY, Prov. G.J.W. Herts.
l, London, W.C. Secretary.

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OUR WEEKLY BUDGET.

n, with the members of the Royal Family and and Duke of Hesse and his children, attended ce in Osborne-house on Sunday last. The les left Osborne on Friday, and the next day Princess and family at Sandringham. The naught returned to London on Monday from roceeded to Osborne. Cabinet Councils were y and Saturday, all the Ministers being pre- n Friday, when Lord Cranbrook was absent.

s, troopship, yesterday embarked at Portsmouth iment, 900 strong, with detachments of other vice in India. Reinforcements for the regi- g in South Africa, amounting to 500 men, have to prepare for embarkation for the Cape of March next.

ing appointment has been made:—The Rev. t, Canon of St. Paul's and Margaret Pro- nity at Cambridge, to the Bishopric of Durham to Dr. Baring, retired.

ship Ontario arrived at Liverpool a few days employers refused to dismiss a man who tr Union rules by doing more than the prescri work in the day.

The American Pedestrian, Weston, ha Penzance, is continuing his 2000 miles wal returning from Cornwall.

An explosion of gas occurred on Saturday william Colliery, near Wakefield, whereby killed and five others injured. Two collie and a third dangerously hurt by the fall mineral in a pit in the Forest of Dean. T drowned near Ballynahinch, County Down, on ice which broke under their weight. Sim occurred to two boys at West Malling, Kent, Warrington, and to three men on Lake Wind

At a meeting of creditors of the Cornis on Thursday at Truro, an offer of 16s in t accepted, and resolutions expressing sympath Tweedy were passed.

Bank rate has been again reduced, the being 3 per cent. This reduction, adde favourable weekly return, and the conclusion nightly settlement, led to a considerable im the various stock departments. Bank sha shown much movement during the week, b have been very firm all round.

The accounts received from India are General Roberts has had no further difficu hill tribes, and the Ghundzais have proffered ship, in which course it is expected that followed by other tribes. Wali Mahomed, a of Shere Ali, who commanded the Afgh feated at the Peiwer Pass, having been Cabul by Yakoob Khan, has preferred himself to General Roberts. Shere Ali Turkestan, and, according to the Russian pap very ill, but intends shortly to proceed to Ta weather in Afghanistan is unusually mild, wanted for next year's crops. In France a has arisen. The President, Marshal MacMa fused to sign orders for the dismissal or su several Generals in command of military distr thought that his reluctance refers rather to motion in the Chambers for an impeachment Broglie-Fourtou Ministry. The President, h terday formally notified his resignation, and of Deputies immediately elected as his succes Grévy by 563 votes, General Chanzy receivi Presidency of the Chamber, vacated by M. G is confidently expected, be conferred on M This sudden change of affairs has caused grea Paris, and some anxiety as to the consequence

We have received copy of the Annual R lations and List of Governors and Subscriber to 1st November 1878—of the Royal Masonic Institution. One matter in connection with th anxious to draw Bro. Terry's attention to, es has been again and again brought under our no ren, both Metropolitan and Provincial, but par latter. These latter, indeed, may be said to under a grievance, inso much as, with the List o and Subscribers as at present arranged it is in them, except after an immense deal of trouble, the voting strength of their province in respec stitution, and it has been suggested that if would only have his list drawn up on a somew

g man Lodge of Instruction will be held at the 315 City-road. The members are likely to ange beneficial to the Lodge, as its new position re convenient than was its old. The room in eetings will be held is spacious, and we doubt . Spurgin, the proprietor, will do all in his ke the members comfortable.

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e characteristics of our so-called Jewish Lodges they make to establish and maintain Bene- ls. We do not wish it to be thought that there rovision for misfortune made in other Lodges ; that owe their support chiefly to Israelitish most cases, can boast of being far in advance ws, as regards the relief they are able to give, ching current receipts, to distressed members. ject of adding to the Fund established in con- the Lodge of Israel, No. 1502, which meets , the members have, during the period of the stence, given an Annual Ball, devoting the pro- Benevolent Fund. This year's gathering, we d, is fixed for the 12th instant, at the Adelphi pool, where dancing will commence at nine he Hon. Sec., Bro. H. M. Silver, 98 Crown- pool, will be pleased to supply tickets or any respecting the ball. We advise the brethren cial sanction may appear in Craft clothing) in urhood of Liverpool to avail themselves of this of spending a pleasant evening ; we are con- n our knowledge of the promoters and the t has attended their previous efforts, that all will thoroughly enjoy themselves, and, in addi- ay be the means of adding to a fund which lason must rejoice to see on so substantial a

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been told that the report we inserted last week ed Masonic Ball" was anything but correct ; r as matter of detail is concerned. In it we the duties of M.C.'s were efficiently carried W. Cook and J. Callegari, and this our state- enged. We have consulted our reporter, and is that if any but the brethren named acted as ist have been in another room than that in ncing took place. He further considers that . could have found anything to do, if he had far as he could see, no one tried. Of course elieve that the statement to the contrary is t the same time we cannot account for our ng us astray, unless it be that the presence s" must have given him more to attend to We offer our apology to Bro. Meekham for d mention of his name, and hope he will an opportunity of testifying more fully as to M.C.

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ion of the ability and zeal for Masonry of the Ace, D.D., the Supreme Council 33° has rred on him the thirty-first degree.

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anger, of the Hall-by-the-Sea, Margate, has ts of 1 cwt. of coals to 400 poor people in This was in fulfilment of a promise made to

joined our ranks :—

Oak Hill House, Broomhil

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DEAR SIR,—The courtesy of an unknown friet me the sight of your memoir of Mr. Emra Holm *Freemason's Chronicle*. In that article you allu conducted controversy which arose when I, as was founding the Roman Catholic cause at West the year 1867 delivered a lecture on Feniania lished, in which to save thousands of innocent from the imminent danger then impending over t of the rashness of many and the grave fault endeavoured to point out that it would not be fa mere fact of a secret society, unless we included secret society in the world, and that just as some on the Continent had been interwoven with revolu without thereby involving English Freemasons in the Fenian brotherhood, possessing an organisat quite so complete. Protestants ought not to con but those proved guilty of treason or conniving at suspect all those vast numbers of Irishmen who dience to their Church, kept aloof from all the sec

So far, I think that my argument was just, thou to save many deserving Irish workmen, threatene I may have pushed my apology too far.

The error, which I am glad to be allowed an opp drawing, consisted in the statements regarding wherein I followed the Papal Allocution, and, commands, was deceived by its mendacity.

The Pope had on various occasions issued crim demnations of the Freemason brotherhood, bi Catholics, and rendering it impossible for any beli Roman Catholic to be a Freemason. In the year 1 cution again condemned all secret societies, spec mason and the Fenian! My charges against the were distinctly stated by me to rest upon authorit then believed to be overruled by Providence, and to pain of sin.

In 1870 the Papal absolution culminated assumption which happily caused me to investigat the rotten fallacy of the basis—when I discovered be an unrighteous assumption over God and man. mind rested on that authority disappeared at once a I was the servant of the Roman Church, I acte warning Roman Catholics away from the only world antiquity and her extension, the only powerful org in which no practical Roman Catholic can be found. a freed man and an Englishman, my earnest wish w sion into a society promulgating the very principles ship of God and the service of man ; but the fresh sitated by my secession, did not peaniarily justify out my heart's desire. I am glad that your pat now enabled me to make the reparation I have oft

This letter is entirely at your disposal, and I s amongst others, it were seen by Mr. Emra Holmes will perceive that, though not a Freemason broth such in spirit.

Believe me, Dear Sir,

Very truly yours,

ROBT. ROD

G. M. Tweddell, Esq.

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* Amabel Vaughan, and Other Tales, &c. (being of Tales, Poems, and Masonic Papers), by Emra Masonic Memoir of the Author, by George M. Truro : Lake and Lake, Princes-street.

Fidelity Preceptory, No. 114 (K.T.).—Th or the installation of the E.P., was held at t Carlton Hill, Leeds, on Tuesday last, when there gathering of members and visitors. Sir Kt. C was installed E.P., and he appointed Sir Kts. W. R respectively Constable and Marshal. The cerem formed by E. Sir Kt. J. Marshall (Faith, Braid the outgoing E.P. Sir Kt. Seanor. Amongst t Sir Kts. H. Smith (Wakefield)

MONDAY, 3rd FEBRUARY.

n, Sportsman, City-road, at 8.0. (Instruction.)
Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
, Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
ell Tavern, Carter-lane, Doctor's-commons, at 6.30. (Instruct.)
, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction.)
ed Cap, Camden Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8. (Instruction.)
, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8. (Instruction.)
f Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30. (In.)
ifield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8. (Inst.)
Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road.
old, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.

t Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moors.
ex, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath.
reemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax.
e and Compasses, Freemasons' Hall, Whitehaven.
Ship Hotel, Faversham.
, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.
Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth.
Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover.
onic Hall, York.
he Nile, Freemasons' Hall, New-road, Batley.
Royal Hotel, Ross, Herefordshire.
nd Industry, Smalley's Hotel, Market-street, Over Darwen.
n Hotel, Leamington Priors.
es, Private Room, Haworth.
, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields.
al Principles, Red Lion Hotel, Petty Curry, Cambridge.
Lion Hotel, Oldham.
, Masonic Hall, Oxford.
New Inn, Handsworth, Staffordshire.
own Hall, Holyhead.
onic Hall, Southport.
rga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne.
asonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
, Assembly Rooms, Ashbourne, Derbyshire.
e, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire.
Kings' Head Hotel, Rochester.
thenæum, Lancaster.
el Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire.
rfedale, Private Room, Boroughgate, Otley, York.
, Wynnstay Arms Hotel, Oswestry.
asonic Rooms, New Hall-street, Birmingham.
Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds.
, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.
asonic Hall, Liverpool.
, Masonic Hall, White Swan, Halifax.
ale, Queens Hotel, Waterloo, Liverpool.
tary, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8 p.m. (Instruction.)
vard, Albion Hotel, Clayton-le-Moors, near Accrington.
, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford.
asonic Hall, Caer-street, Swansea.
et Arms, Market Drayton.
w Inn Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales.
hite Hart Hotel, Hampton Wick.
s, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle.
rity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds.
bley, Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe, Cheshire.
bn, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
dale, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.

TUESDAY, 4th FEBRUARY.

Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
: of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
nal, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7. (Inst.)
Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
ip and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
estminster-chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
l, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
urrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
nderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
n, Green Dragon, Stepney. (Instruction.)
lerick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)
Bridge House Hotel, Southwark.
isters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)
, Café Royal, Regent-street, W.
liard, Welsington Club, Upper-street, N.
, Surrey Tavern, Kennington Oval.
cumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
hree Bucks, 23 Gresham-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
n, 269 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)
yddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-street-rd. at 8. (In.)
asonsons' Hall, W.C.
Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N.
on, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8.0. (Instruction.)

se Cups Hotel, Colchester.
uyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth.
reemasons' Hall, Bristol.
aven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8. (Instruction.)
reen Dragon Hotel, Hereford.
Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham.
le, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley.
onic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness.
asonic Hall, Windsor.
, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough.
Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30. (Instruction.)
and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon.
shire, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley.
eorge Hotel, High-street, Huntingdon.
reemasons' Hall, The Parade, Berwick-on-Tweed.
son, Spread Eagle, Gloucester.
wn Hall, Folkestone.
asonic Hall, Liverpool.

Grand Chapter, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7. (In
201—Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, W., at
228—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., Ca
538—La Tolerance, Green Dragon, Maddox-street, W., at
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. at 7
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. at 8.
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, a
1044—Wandsworth, Spread Eagle, Wandsworth. (Instructi
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7. (Instr
1196—Urban, The Three Bucks, Gresham-street, at 6.30. (I
1278—Burdett Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road
1288—Finsbury Park, Earl Russel, Isledon-road, Holloway,
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston,
1558—Duke of Connaught, Faunce Arms, Kennington Park,
1565—Royal Commemoration, Star and Garter Hotel, Putne
1687—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.,

81—Doric, Private Room, Woodbridge, Suffolk.
88—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescot.
125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe.
128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury, Lancas
258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike.
277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham.
298—Harmony, Masonic Room, Ann-street, Rochdale
326—Moira, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol.
327—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton.
380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley
387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley.
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Ne
417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester.
429—Royal Navy, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate.
471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Mo
580—Harmony, Wheatsheaf, Ormskirk.
591—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instructio
606—Segontium, The Castle, Carnarvon.
611—Marches, Old Rectory, Ludlow.
645—Humphrey Chetham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
678—Earl Ellesmere, Church Hotel, Kersley, Farnworth, ne
755—St. Tudno, Freemasons' Hall, Llandudno.
758—Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire.
910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract.
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury.
992—St. Thomas, Griffin Hotel, Lower Broughton.
010—Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship-street, Hull.
013—Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
037—Portland, Royal Breakwater Hotel, Portland. (Instru
063—Malling Abbey, Bear Inn, West Malling, Kent.
085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
091—Erme, Erme House, Ivy-bridge, Devon.
107—Cornwallis, Masonic Hall, Erith.
1167—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick.
218—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Mossley, near Manc
274—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Chester-le-Street
323—Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea.
335—Lindsay, 20 King-street, Wigan.
351—Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh, Lancashire
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at
1363—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester.
479—Halsey, Town Hall, St. Albans.
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, at 7. (Instruction
620—Marlborough, Derby Hall, Tue Brook, Liverpool.
645—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slaithwaite.
R. A. 126—Nativity, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
R.A. 221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, I
R. A. 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street
R. A. 477—Fidelity, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
M. M. 36—Furness, Hartington Hotel, Duke-street, Barrow-

THURSDAY, 6th FEBRUAR

3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq.,
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30.
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8.
211—St. Michael, George, Australian Avenue, Barbican, E.
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W.
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8.
1349—Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars, E.C., at 7.
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, E.C. a
1539—Surrey Masonic Hall, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberw
1614—Covent Garden, Ashley's Hotel, Henrietta-street, Cove
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Cle
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John'
M. M.—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-road, Dalston

24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-stree
31—United Industrious, Masonic Hall, Canterbury.
38—Union, Council Chamber, Chichester.
41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street
50—Knights of Malta, George Hotel, Hinckley, Leicesterst
116—Royal Lancashire Swan Hotel, Colne.
123—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire.
208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury.
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
286—Naphtalia, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood.
289—Fidelity, White Bull Hotel, Blackburn.
275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South-parade, Huddersfield
283—Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Haslingden.
289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hall, Leeds.
294—Constitutional, Assembly Rooms, Beverley, Yorks.
295—Combermere Union, Macclesfield Arms, Macclesfield.
300—Minerva, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton-under-Lyne.
309—Harmony, Red Lion, Fareham.
317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manches

r Manor, White Hart Hotel, Beaminster.
lfordc Chambers, Widnes.
wn Hall, Bootle, Lancashire.
Bell Hotel, Norwich.
of Lancaster, Starkies Arms Hotel, Padiham, near Burnley
King's Head Hotel, Barnsley.
ward, Bush Hotel, Hexham, Northumberland.
n Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire.
treet, Cock Hotel, Stoney Stratford, Bucks.
itude, Corporation Hotel, Tipping-street, Ardwick, Manchester.
gowater, Masonic Hall, Runcorn.
nis, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.

FRIDAY, 7th FEBRUARY.

e of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
rns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
grims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
reston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. 8. (Inst.)
, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-road. (Instruction.)
, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
ke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction.)
tan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction.)
Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
unch's Tavern, 99 Fleet-street, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
Park Master Masons' Lodge of Inst. Isledon-road, N. at 8.
ndard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
of Ripon, Metropolitan Societies Asylum, Balls Pond Road. N.
nsington, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
yon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd. N. Kensington, at 7.30. (Inst.)
Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-street, E.C., at 8.
gorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8. (Inst.)
sonic Benevolent Association, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 8.30.
p, Freemason's Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
eemasons' Hall, Margate.
, Masonic Hall, Todmorden.
e, Guildhall, Doncaster.
sonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds.
est, Hark to Bounty Inn, Slaidburn.
Freemasons' Hall, Watford.
eemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Hudderafield
ew, Dragon Hotel, Walsall.
rkshire of Hope, White Hart Hotel, Newbury
Wrekin Hotel, Wellington, Salop.
lley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth.
lelphi Hotel, Liverpool.
ank-street Hall, Ashford.
ord, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
nd Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon.
ncestershire, Bell Hotel, Gloucester.
l, Railway Station, Welchpool.
l. Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill.
den, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal.
nbigh, Council Room, Denbigh.
, Town Hall, Atherstone, Warwick.
Masonic Rooms, Chorlton Cum Hardy.
sonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
Lion Hotel, Newquay, Cornwall.
e, Masonic Hall, Edward-street, Morecambe, Lancashire
Wales, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
Freemasons' Hall, High-street, Gosforth.
dunteers, Queens Arms Hotel, George-st., Ashton-under-Lyne,

SATURDAY, 8th FEBRUARY.

ly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
City, Cannon-street Hotel, E.
Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)
lbion Hotel, Aldersgate-street.
f Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.
is, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green.
vate Rooms, Meltham.
hmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
l, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester.
lesex, Institute, Ealing.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

odge, No. 14.—A meeting was held on 28th eemasons' Hall, W.C. Present—Bros. C. H. Turner dd Smith S.W., Percy Tatham J.W., Samuel Glover Robinson Sec., E. Montennis S.D., G. H. Hopkinson ichardson D.C., W. F. Nettleship Steward, W. B. John Dayly Tyler. The above are the Officers for the

oriah Lodge, No. 34.—The Installation meeting hursday, the 23rd ult., at Freemasons' Hall, Great Bros. H. Perkins W.M., H. Smith S.W., W. B. Date ilbey Treasurer, Arieus P.M. Sec., G. H. Goodey ate I.G.; P.M.'s Bros. Parker, Hamilton, and dge was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. Wilton and J. E. Hetly were balloted for and duly he Order. Bro. R. Wainwright 1298 was elected a r. A letter of regret for inability to attend was

The Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Ma
Grand Officers, were duly honoured, and Bro.
With feelings of great pleasure he had to propo
W.M. All had seen what had been done during
masonry, and he (Bro. Perkins) was sure at th
year of office he would still merit their appro
was assured he would do all in his power fo
Lodge. The W.M. thanked Bro. Perkins for the
spoken of him. He could see around him face
who had worked with him in Freemasonry. E
at the expiration of his year of office to bear th
and to have the assurance that he had done his
faction. The toast of the P.M.'s was next given
and true men, and those who were absent were
regard. The W.M. referred to the individual qu
he had great pleasure in proposing the toast
associate the name of the brother who had just l
had heard of the manner in which the I.P.M.
duty; he had much pleasure in placing on his br
well merited. Bro. Perkins had passed the chair
Lodge with every satisfaction, and he trusted he
wear this mark of esteem. Bro. Perkins most cc
W.M. for his kind expressions, and the manner t
received by the brethren; he felt it a great ho
among the P.M.'s of the Lodge, which was one of
in the Craft. He hoped to hand the jewel to
would see with pride the manner in which their fa
in the Lodge. Bro. Aricus also acknowledged the
of the Initiates was now given, and they severall
W.M. then proposed the health of the Visitors.
pleasure of greeting twenty-six visitors. The Lod
among them so many distinguished brethren. He
bers would give a hearty reception to the to
P.G.S. returned thanks, and was followed b
The next toast which the W.M. called on the memb
the Wardens, Bros. Waylett and G. H. Goodey. Bu
who had been among them for many years. The
him with respect, and hoped to see him in the cha
equally energetic, and was a good working Mason. T
said he was a very old member of the Lodge, but b
lazy one. However, he hoped in future to realise
the W.M. had said of him, and that he might eve
chair. Bro. G. H. Goodey also replied. The W.M
that every Lodge was proud to honour, and that
the Treasurer and Secretary; he would also as
of the W.S., Bro. Parker P.M. The members kne
tions; without their exertions this influential Lo
have attained the position it held. Bro. Parker
humorous speech, said the Lodge, many years sinc
the East end of London; truly it might be said it h
was pleased to see the manner in which Bro. Ari
work. The Lodge is in a good position and owe
balance is left in the hands of a very good man
Treasurer, whose zeal for the Lodge was appreci
Gilbey was pleased to hear the expressions of B
W.M., in respect to the balance in hand; he hope
larger; this he was sure would be the case under t
W.M., who would do all in his power to assist in
business of the Lodge. The toast of the press was
Bro. H. M. Levy P.M. 188, on behalf of the Freem
With the toast of the Junior Officers, was coupled t
Date S.D., and Patterson I.G., who responded. The
then honoured, and a very agreeable evening concl
visitors were Bros. T. H. Cocke P.M. 222, E. W
Penney 309, Duffield 209, W. Hale P.G.D. Sus
1361, Gardener 385 Phil. U.S.A., S. Smith 171
Phillips P.M. 173, C. F. Barmeister P.M. 531, Fletch
P.M. 1227, R. Baker 188, C. Edwards 231 St.
P.G.S., H. M. Levy P.M. 188.

Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No
usual weekly meeting on Monday last, at Bro. Spur
man Tavern, City-road (opposite Messrs. Virtue's p
ment) Present—Bros. W. Rowley W.M., Hallam
jun. J.W., Weeden S.D., Greer J.D., Pelikan I.G., Ki
Pearcy Preceptor, and a fair muster of brethren.
Viminaries having been observed, the ceremony
rehearsed, Bro. Cox being the candidate. Bro.
efficiency; Lodge advanced a degree, and the cere
was rehearsed, Bro. Wood acting as candidate.
closed down. Bro. H. Cox P.M. Crystal Palace Lo

ected Master for the ensuing year. Bro. Godwin him- xcellence of his work, are well known in the Province, say the ceremony was carefully and most impres- d by him, testimony of which was given shortly after- cial vote of th nks being passed and recorded, on the T. Stopher P.M. (a late Mayor of the city). The d his Officers, and the Lodge was shortly after n d harmony. The brethren then adjourned to an uet, prepared by Mrs. Spriggs, the worthy and much ss, at the Royal Hotel, where a very happy evening r the able presidency of the newly-installed W.M. s were given, and the most hearty good wishes were he welfare and prosperity of the last W.M. Bro. Ban- ntly left the city for New Zealand. On the toast of Godwin paid tribute to Bro. Bryan's excellent qua- essed the great pleasure it had given him to instal o was initiated at the same time as himself. Some little s caused in the course of his remarks by Bro. Godwin and when, on looking round the room, he found a aiter present, he said it seemed to him as if a spell n, for just now he felt a sort of inspiration which oughts and words, and now he had found the cause in ore them, who then left the room, and the current of it were, was again completed. Winchester, as most of ow, is full of ancient and interesting relics, and we t to mention that the building, which is now the Royal nerly a convent, and the banquet on Wednesday was used to be the nuns' chapel, where the altar recess still in existence. Amongst those present, besides mentioned, we noticed Bro. E. G. Legge I.P.M. 1196 1607, Bro. Hickman (son of the D.P.G.M.), South- Snelling P.P. Grand Officer, Bros. Powell, Goslet, Hall, Carter, Goble, and other brethren well-known in the nce.

Lights, No. 148, Warrington.—The regular ng of this Lodge was held at the Masonic Rooms, on g last. The W.M. Bro. J. Rymer Young, was sup- . C. E. Hindley S.W., Dr. Young J.W., John Bowes W. Cumberland and Westmoreland, James Paterson ding P.M., Dr. Mackie, Fr. Walter, Geo. F. Curzon, , A. Crawford, and Thomas Domville Tyler. The ed Bros. E. C. Cooper P.M. 484 Prov. G.S.B., D. W. 250 Prov. G. Stew., W. Pollitt P.M. 1250, W. H. Jen- loway Treas. 1250. The Lodge was opened in due minutes of the last regular meeting were read and correctly recorded. Brother Secretary reported that e W.M. of the Lodge of Israel, No. 1502, an extract utes relating to the passing of Bro. Flatau, and her's acknowledgment of the same. The ballot was Mr. Archibald Crawford as a fit and proper person, unanimously in his favour, and he, being present, was e W.M. in a manner that called forth the congratula- Elder Brethren." The working tools were presented by the J.W., Dr. Young, and the charge was delivered . Hearty good wishes were tendered by the Visitors, usiness presenting itself, the Lodge was closed.

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apter, No. 188.—The regular convocation was y, the 27th ult., at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate. Bros. W. Littaur P.Z. M.E.Z., P. Dickinson H., L. V. Abrahams P.Z. Treas., W. H. Gulliford S.E., H. P. Z's S. Lazarus, L. Lazarus and H. M. Levy; Comps. ckbinder, G. Ellis, Dewsnap, Giancelli, W. Howard, ins, Davis, Brall, Gocheron, N. Baum, &c. The pter and the minutes were confirmed. The names of ates were on the agenda paper, but Bro. Quincey, 1819, tendance, and he was duly exalted into R.A. Masonry. of the M.E.Z., Principals and Officers deserves especial resignation of two Companions was accepted with Chapter was then closed and the Companions sat down ptuous banquet provided by Comp. Jennings, superin- p. Silver. The M.E.Z. in eloquent terms proposed the l R.A. toasts. The M.E.Z. proposed the health of the t Companion Quincey, who in brief but appropriate d thanks. Comp. S. V. Abrahams P.Z. proposed the ; he spoke of the talent exhibited by him, not only on ny previous occasions; his perfect orking was known ed. Comp. Littaur was a true Mason, both in and out

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the candidate. Bro. Gottheil gave notice of motion at the next Lodge meeting, viz., That this Lodge having for some time past been in the habit of app members unconstitutionally, it is necessary that a relating to the privileges of those so appointed. elected W.M. for Wednesday next.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198. Farmers, Southgate-road, Islington, N. Bro. Hallam jun. S.W., Powell J.W., Garrod S.D., Bra I.G., Killick Sec., Halford Treas., Pearcy Preceptor. of initiation and raising were rehearsed, Bros. Ros candidates. Bro. T. Morrison, of the Commercial Lod was elected a member. Bro. Hallam jun. will pre Febrnary. On Saturday the 1st February the Fifteen worked by the following members of the Dalhousie L tion:—Bros. Webb W.M., Wallington S.W., Dall I.P.M. First Lecture—Bros. Smyth, Wardell, Brown, McDonald, T. J. Barnes. Second Lectu C. Lorkin, Job, Turquand, Musto. Third Lectu J. Lorkin, Wallington. The Lodge will be opened precisely. C. K. Killick P.M. 1693 Hon. Secretary.

Lodge of Union, No. 414.—This Lodge he meeting on Tuesday, 21st January, at the Masonic There were present—Bros. Edward Baker W.M. I.P.M., Chas. Oades S.W. W.M. elect, S. Bradley J.W. Rev. N. T. Garry Chap., C. Stephens S.D., R. C. Wheeler D.C., F. T. Ferguson I.G., M. J. Withers St mings Tyler; Past Masters Bros. Weightman, Morris Strickland, Strachan, Smith, Hounslow, Yetts, Stall eighteen members. Visitors—Bros. Hurley P.M. and Sec. 1101, Stransom Treas. 1101, Flanaga Margrett P.M. 1101, Brown P.M. 1101, Hickie Org 1097, Jones 862, Griffith 355, Lyddon formerly 4 Shepherd W.M. 945, and others. The Lodge was first degree. The minutes of the last regular Lodg confirmed. Two gentlemen were balloted for and Lodge was opened in the second degree. Bros. Webb having proved their efficiency, were passed t F.C. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro Installing Master, to whom Bro. Oades was presente pose of receiving the benefit of installation; the who mony was conducted admirably by Bro. Moxhay; th addresses were given with his usual perspicuity. considerably enhanced by the vocal and musical officiated on the occasion. After the final address o Master, the W.M. proceeded to appoint and invest follows:—Bro. Pocock was invested as I.P.M. at Installed Masters; S. Bradley S.W., Chas. Stephens P.M. Treas., Rev. N. T. Garry Chaplain, M. J. Wit Mount S.D., F. T. Ferguson J.D., A. W. Parry D. I.G., Davis Org., D. H. Witherington First Steward, second Steward, C. G. Butler third Steward, W. He After closing Lodge, the brethren adjourned to the where an excellent banquet was provided, to whi sat down. On the removal of the cloth, the usual Loy toasts were given by the W.M., with appropriate Chaplain, the Vicar of St. Mary's, Reading, proposed Masonic Charities. He said that he felt honoured at t with what he considered was one of the most impor the evening. The outside world sneered at Freema of mutual admiration society, the end and object of confer decorations and medals for services not ver themselves, and he said that there was a certain d sneer might be well founded, but the true end and organisation was charity and brotherly love. Fr reminded of this at their initiation; and the Charities which he advocated, were the practical outcome of love; the two extremes of life required support and a in the Schools and the Benevolent Institution for t of those extremes were thought of and provided mended them most earnestly to the liberality and s present, and suggested that a short account of them sh up and given to every brother on initiation. He conclu that the Master, who had said that he was about to go u for the Benevolent Institution, would be well supported Bro. C. Smith P.M. responded. The Visitors was pr Strickland P.M., and responded to by Bro. S

summonses should fail to indicate that we have any
remonies for which we usually meet, the brethren
onclude we are going to have a blank evening. I am
asters of foxhounds, if they expect a visitor of distinction
pecially anxious to give him some sport, will have in
t they technically call a "Bagman," so that if the
of pursuit is not discovered, the party in reserve may be
the proper moment and the requisite sport obtained; so
dge, if there should be a dearth of candidates, I
ur, with the assistance of the more energetic brethren, to
, sections, &c., and also, if the musical brethren will help,
riate music. I want you all to look forward with
ar monthly gatherings, and to feel after they are past that
ave done something towards carrying out the recom-
hich terminates our beautiful charge to initiates, which
thout neglecting the ordinary duties of life, they
mselves called upon to make a daily advancement
owledge." Bro. C. Smith P.M. proposed "the Warden a
fficers of the Lodge of Union," in a speech replete
nmon sense and sound advice. The Senior Warden (Bro.
responding to the toast of "The Warden and Officers
" said,—That after the excellent advice of Past Master
bright example set by the newly installed Master, it
Officers to copy their example, and he believed that he
for all the other Officers as well as himself that
se their best endeavours to maintain the efficiency
. He concluded by thanking them for the cordial
ich they had proposed the Officers' health. The "Tyler's
ht to a conclusion one of the best meetings of the
d occurred for many years. The Worshipful Master and
the Grey Friars' Lodge 1101 was given by the
ponded to by Bro. Flanagan W.M. 1101 in a speech
s and brotherly love.

Lodge of Fidelity, No. 663, Devizes.—The
g took place at the Town Hall, Devizes, on Tuesday,
ary, for the purpose of installing as Master for the
Bro. T. H. Chandler P.M. 355 P.P.S.G.W. Wilts, who
ffice of S.W. There was a considerable muster of the
honour to the much esteemed W.M. elect, including
Burman, M.D., W.M., Harry Howse J.W., D. A. Gibbs
William Nott P.M. P.P.J.G.W. and P.G. Reg. Wilts
ndell J.D., the Rev. H. Richardson P.M. P.P.G. Ch.
. A. Waylen Steward Rev. S. F. T. Ravensham P.M.
., P.P.G. Ch. Wilts, J. Chandler P.M. 355, 663,
H. Chandler P.M. P.P.G.S.B. Wilts, Thos. Raymond
. Wilts, H. J. Ward P.M. and other members of the
mongst the Visitors were Bros. J. V. Toone P.M. 1478
s, W. H. Dill P.M. 906 P.P.G.P. Somerset, Quarter-
t Davis and Serjeant Major Archer of the 99th Regi-
newly established 38th Brigade Depot at Devizes),
fter the usual preliminaries the retiring master Bro.
stalled his successor Bro. T. H. Chandler into the chair
ard of twelve Installed Masters. The W.M. appointed
e Officers of the lodge for the ensuing year, as follow:
P.M., W. H. Burt S.W., H. Howse J.W., Rev. H.
. Chap., D. A. Gibbs P.M. Treas., William Nott P.M.
lell S.D., G. S. A. Waylen J.D., S. Badham I.G., Thos.
, F. S. Hancock Steward, J. Hayter Tyler. Addresses
n their investment were given by Bro. Nott, and the
to the W.M., Wardens and Brethren by the Installing
lial vote of thanks was passed to the I.P.M. for his
chair during the past year. Bro. Nott, on behalf of
s L. Nott, presented to the Lodge a handsome Alms
had worked in velvet and silver. It was accepted
sure, and the warmest thanks of the Lodge were
nveyed to her for the same. Before the Lodge was
Bag was sent round, as usual, and the proceeds on
re devoted to the funeral expenses of Alice McHugh,
ceased P.M. of this Lodge, who, until her death on
ng last, had for some years been maintained by
fter the completion of the business and the closing
brethren adjourned to the Crown Hotel, where Bro.
rovided an excellent banquet, aided, as usual, by
ions of venison and game from Bro. Watson Taylor,
k. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given
, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

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dge, No. 667.—The monthly meeting was held
mple Home-street, Liscard, on Tuesday, the 21st
son I.P.M. 1570, P. B. Gee P.M. 1264, W. T. May
Callow P.G. Treas., B. Marson P.P.G. Steward
Davies FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, &c., &c., in all too
to chronicle. The minutes having been read, the Lod
to the second degree, and Bro. G. S. Willings toc
obligated Bro. Henry Firth the W.M. elect. The L
up to the third, and in due course Bro. Firth was
stalled into the chair of K.S., and proclaimed the W
of the Alliance Lodge for the ensuing twelvemont
ceiving the salutations of the brethren. Bro. Willin
beautiful and impressive ceremony with care and ab
invested his Officers as follow:—John Ellis I.P.M.
S.W., Thomas Peake J.W., David Lloyd Sec., T.
Treas., A. Bucknall S.D., R. Foulds J.D., James B
Lees S.S., R. J. Hudson J.S., Peter Ball P.G.T. Tyle
then gave the ancient charges very eloquently. The
ness was a motion by Bro. Witter P.M., that a sum
voted from the funds of the Lodge towards the relie
ing distress among the poor of Liverpool. The mot
by Bro. Skillicorn P.M., and carried unanimously, a f
well for the generosity of the Lodge, and substantia
benevolence of Freemasons. The business so far
W.M. instructed the brethren to cease labour and adj
which was accordingly done. On the removal of the
proposed the first toast—The Queen, which was loya
brethren singing the National Anthem. Toast number
of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Princess of Wal
of the Royal Family—was equally well received.
"God Bless the Prince of Wales," Masonic version,
Bro. Skeaf on the piano. For the third toast the W
Lord Skelmersdale Deputy Grand Master, Prov.
West Lancashire, and the rest of Prov. Grand Office
cashire. The toast was heartily received, and fo
Queen, Child, Busfield, and Hobart singing a glee,
are in their lair." Bro. Callow responded for Prov
and complimented the Lodge on having such an abl
Willing, who he was pleased to see perform the instal
Bro. Skeaf (in response to the unanimous call of th
replied, first individually, and then on behalf of Pro
Bro. Jackson also replied: He thought that the bre
proper conception of the mission of the Craft, ar
temerity exhibited by Freemasons with reference to
information to their families or friends with regard
and principles of the Order. He thought the
knew of our Institution the better it would be
and the more it would be appreciated. He be
traordinary mystery which brethren wished
Freemasonry did more mischief to us as a
general body of the Craft were aware of. Oth
Officers replied to this toast, but pressure on our
us to curtail this report. The Worshipful Ma
mitted the toast of the West Lancashire Edu
tution, and in doing so said: It was a toast eve
deeply interested in. This noble Charity had grow
beginning to a vast and prosperous establishment, ha
capital of £14,000 to fall back on. Yet there was
brother's energy, to further the interests of so good
He next exhorted the brethren to contribute, every m
his ability; he united with the toast the name of B
P.M. 241. The toast was cordially received, and B
a song (composed by Bro. Skeaf)—"Masonry,
Brotherly Love." Bro. J. I. Knight returned thanks
ized our Masonic Charities as the brightest figures
Freemasonry. He regretted that he had not been
was to respond to so important a toast, as a little pr
have enabled him to produce some interesting
however made a strong appeal on behalf of the Institu
gave the fifth toast on the list, the Hamer Benevolent
also a Provincial Charity, worthy of the cordial
brethren. He united the name of Bro. Callow P.G.R
After a glee by the musical brethren, "The Migh
Bro. Callow returned thanks. He regretted he was
versant with the details of this Institution. It
the Secretary would have been present. He urged
greater zeal in contributing to this excellent institut
next proposed the health of the Worshipful Maste
pleased to see in that exalted position in his mothe
Firth had worked hard, and deserved well the con
in him. He had followed him (the I.P.M.) step by
arrived where he was pleased—and he knew all were
him that night. He now asked them to drink to his

...y and very mighty. The toast was warmly received. ...e interval, Bro. Hobart sang "The British Lion," and Bro. ...plied, in a very unassuming manner, thanking the brethren ...expressions of appreciation and regard. The health of ...s was next given. The W.M. felt he had a staff of brethren ...e aid he would be able to administer the affairs of the Lodge ...ily. The toast was very heartily drunk, and Bros. S.W. and ...nded. The health of the Musical Brethren was cheerfully ...and responded to by Bros. Skeaf P.G. Organist ...eld, after which Bro. Skillicorn favoured the Brethren ...n Bowling," and Bro. Busfield gave "My Pretty Jane." ...proposed the health of the Visitors, with whose presence ...ery gratified. He trusted, during his year of office, to ...y as could favour him with a visit. The toast was heartily ...nd was responded to by Bros. Gee and Jackson. Bro. ...ged with "Auld Lang Syne," which ushered in the ...the Tyler's toast, when, by command of the W.M., the ...ere called from refreshment to labour. It was proposed by ...and duly seconded, that the report and balance sheet, ...ed by the Treasurer, be taken as read,—Carried. The Lodge ...closed and the brethren separated.

Cross Lodge, No. 754.—The first regular meeting ...r Year took place on Wednesday 22nd ult., at the Seven ...tel, Tottenham. Present :—Bros. H. Stephens W.M., all the ...nd a a good muster of the P.M.'s and Brethren; also ...itors, amongst whom were Bros. Killick P.M. No. 1693, G. ...e 228, Moseley 228, &c. The second degree was conferred ...eakstone, and the W.M. then proceeded to raise Bro. Dolman ...d degree rendering that ceremony in a most impressive ...The other business being disposed of, the Lodge was closed ...ethern adjourned to the spacious banquetting room, newly ...e host Bro. Oddy, who in addition has recently enlarged ...room, making it replete with every comfort and con- ...for Masonic meetings. After partaking of an excellent ...l removal of the cloth the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts ...n, Bro. W. Dance P.M. proposed the health of the W.M., ...that he had just completed half of his year of office, and ...t time had acquitted himself in such a manner, both in and ...Lodge, as to gain the universal estoem of the brethren. The ...oked Brother Dance and the brethren for the kind feeling ...at all times evinced towards him. With the assistance of ...s, who had so well supported him, the time had passed ...and harmoniously, and he should regret when his year of ...ed. The health of the visitors was responded to by Bro. ...M., who said he had visited many Lodges, and could ...he had never seen a higher class of working than he had ...hat evening, both by the W.M. and his Officers. The Tyler's ...ing the proceedings.

...n Preston Lodge of Instruction, No. 766.—A ...as held on Friday, 24th January, at Feathers' Tavern, ...rge-street, Edgware-road. Present—Bros. Colonel Adair ...S.W., Tate J.W., Braun Hon. Secretary, Rudderforth Godden S.D., Richards J.D., Hayes Assistant Secretary, ...eward, Cave I.G., Maidwell W.M. of Egyptian Lodge, No. Reid, Darker, Easton, Hixon, Webb, Tribbell, Murch, ...ipper, &c. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation ...sed—Bro. Maidwell candidate. Bro. Maidwell now took ...nd rehearsed the Installation ceremony, Bro. Richards ...ect of the Egyptian Lodge, No. 27, being candidate. Bro. ...as elected a member, and Bro. Hill appointed W.M. for Feb. Votes of thanks were passed, to be recorded on the Bros. Adair and Maidwell, for the manner in which they ...eir respective ceremonies.

Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—On ...y, at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge. Present— ...W.M., Goss S.W., Blasby J.W., Costelow S.D., Talbot ...r Hon. Sec. I.G., Roe P.M. Preceptor, Erwin, Tucker ...ckel, Pearson, &c. Lodge was opened, and the minutes ...ing were read, confirmed, and signed. The ceremony of ...as then ably rehearsed, with Bro. Erwin as candidate. ...n were called to refreshment. When labour was resumed, advanced to the second degree, when Hro. Franckel ...as a candidate to be raised, and having shown his pro- ...ed, while Lodge was advanced. Upon his re-admission, ...as rehearsed, and Lodge was resumed to the first degree, ...loss was re-elected W.M. for the ensuing meeting.

...ancord Lodge of Instruction, No. 813.—A

...and others. The Lodge was opened and the n... read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiatic... Christian candidate. Bro. C. Lorkin worked ... third sections of the lecture, assisted by ... Arrowsmith, of Lodge No. 733, was elected ... of thanks was passed to the W.M. for his ... chair, for the first time. Bro. Polak was el... Tuesday.

Whittington Lodge of Instruction, ...weekly meeting on Wednesday, 29th January, ... Lion, Poppins-court, Fleet-street. Bro. Evans ...as W.M., Hallam S.W., Brown J.W., Tate S.D., ... Long Preceptor, and others. After the confirm... of previous meeting, the ceremony of initiatic... the W.M., Bro. Hallam jun. being the candida... of the lecture was worked by Bro. Hallam, s... third and fourth by Bro. Tate, and fifth by Br... new members were elected, and Bro. Hallam ... week. A vote of thanks having been unanim... W.M. for his able performance of the duties of ... time, the Lodge was closed.

Doric Lodge of Instruction, 933.—... Lodge, on Friday, the 17th ult., at the Duke' ... road, Bro. I. P. Cohen P.M. occupied the chai... lowing Officers :—Bros. B. Cundick P.M. pr... Mansfield P.M. J.W., Whaley S.D., Moss J.D ... Musto P.M. Hon. Secretary. Among others ... Ellis, Wooldridge, Richards, Hopkins, West, T. J ... C. Veal, Wells, and Stephens. Preliminaries ... and Bros. Wooldridge was raised; the cerem... rendered by Bro. Cohen. Bro. T. J. Barnes w... of the lecture. Lodge was then closed down, ... worked the 1st and 2nd sections of the sec... assistance of the brethren. On the motion of Br... by Bro. Ellis, a sum of five guineas was placed ... as Steward for the Festival of the R.M.B. Inst... thanked the brethren for their generous suppor... advantage he sought, but support for a most ... He urged all who were so disposed to assist, p... need of support coming in just now, as upon ... balance of the accounts very little cash rema... gratifying to know that several answers were ... Bros. Tyars and Whaley were elected members.

Duke of Connaught Lodge of Instr... ...—Held at Havelock Tavern, Albion-road, Dalst... January. Bros. A. R. Olley W.M., McDowell ... J. Lorkin S.D., W. Ferrar I.G., Fieldwick ... Treasurer, Williams Secretary; and Bros. J... Dietrich, and many other brethren. After pre... mony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Williams ... Dietrich worked the first section of the Lect... brethren. Lodge was resumed to the first de... worked first, Dignam second, A. R. Olley t... Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. McDo... elected W.M. for Wednesday week. The Fifte... worked in the above Lodge of Instruction on ... 5th February, at seven o'clock precisely. Bro ... Slaiter S.W., C. Lorkin J.W., W. H. Lee I.P.M... Bros. McDowell, Dignam, A. R. Olley, Brast... McDonald, W. Musto P.M. SECOND LECTURE- ... C. Lorkin, McMillan S.W., Slaiter, Stephen ... —Bros. J. Lorkin, D. Moss, Wallington P.M.

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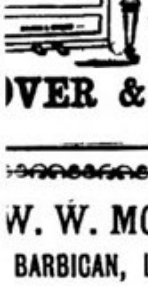
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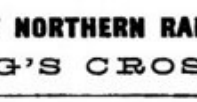
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I look forward with hope, not, however, wholly free from anxiety, to the meeting at Freemasons' on Wednesday next, when Bro. Lieut.-Colonel Le N. Starkie, Right Worshipful Provincial Grand of East Lancashire, will preside at the Anniversary l of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. The ich began a few weeks since opened in some re- more auspiciously than could have been expected. itical outlook is clearer, and there is reason to hope en the appointed time shall come a state of peace restored in Europe, and then of course we may look to a return of that material prosperity which has ied us for the last year or two. But in the mean- must look things fairly in the face, and it is be- estion that at this present time the commercial this country is sadly out of gear. It is beyond hat a very large amount of distress prevails in of our most important industrial centres, and this is being constantly aggravated by the outbreak of fferences between employers and the employed. r, the severity of the weather has been a serious e to many trades, and there is no knowing, what fickle climate of ours, and the known obstinacy ich trade disputes are prosecuted, when our com- prospects may become somewhat brighter. For , we are inclined to be sanguine, rather than to take view of the future that awaits us. Still it would nely unwise if we were to pay no heed to the cir- es of the moment. We sincerely hope that the nt Festival of 1879 will more nearly approach, if not surpass, that of 1877 than did that of last if there should unfortunately be no advance on f—*absit omen*—there should be a falling off in the n this occasion, we shall at least have the conso- knowing that such a result is not entirely out of with the circumstances of the day. However, as ust said, we are inclined to be sanguine rather ncast, and our reasons for being so, with sundry ters bearing on the Festival, may be not unworthy nents' consideration.

ounds of our hopefulness are of a substantial but may be briefly described. In the first place ashire, whose Grand Master will preside on the for the first time at any of the Festivals, is gest of our Provinces in respect of the number ges, there being no less than eighty-nine borne oll of its Grand Lodge, thirty-seven of which al Arch Chapters attached to them. In the , Prov. Grand Lodge has set a magnificent ex- he Province by voting the sum of five hundred wards the Festival, and we are informed there has me past been a numerous and influential body of canvassing the Province. Last year the chair- presided was Grand Master of one of our smallest and though the brethren in his district sup- admirably, still it was not to be expected they ble to accomplish so much as a larger pro- hese circumstances, therefore, coupled with tural and very honourable desire to outvie ghbours of West Lancashire when Lord le took the chair on one of these occasions, ance of what for the occasion must be most important of our Provinces. The Stewards is considerably more numerous 1878. Already on Monday, the 27th ult. in a position to announce that his list o prised the names of 253 brethren, or tw than the total of last year. This has since 275, and there is no reason why, by t this number should not be on a level with t no less than 274 brethren discharged the in which case, and allowing the usual ave we may anticipate a greater result than 1878.

Let us now turn our attention to a few even greater moment, and in stating thi we shall glance rapidly back at the results last five Festivals, as well as at the bene the Institution now and in 1874. In the Lord Waveney presided, the Festival yie 1875, when the Earl of Shrewsbury and chair, the sum announced was in round with eleven lists outstanding. In 1876 L was chairman, and the result was £9,1 Earl of Shrewsbury and Talbot—in the sence, through ill-health, of H.R.H. was again the presiding spirit, and Bro satisfaction of announcing the handsome with fourteen lists still to come. Last was held under the presidency of His G Manchester, and a total of £11,136 was th lists unreturned. Thus 1875 showed an on 27 per cent. over 1874; 1876 an incre cent. over 1875; 1877 an increase of ra per cent. over 1876; and 1878 a decrea over 12 per cent from its predecessor. A it must be remembered that the Festival was considerably more than twice as p of 1874—a most satisfactory result when sideration the shortness of the time that interim. But then there are urgent reas crease should be maintained—we do not bounds, but according to a certain stand We will leave the payments to widows half of their late husbands' annuities out The aggregate amount of such is small—o and £220 last year—so that it will not main figures. Taking the male and fem find there were at the end of 1874, 12 receiving £36 per annum, and 88 of the £28 per annum, the sum required for being £6,784. In 1875 it was swelled to 1 females, at the same rates respectively received therefore among them £7,28 annuities were increased to £40 for the the females, the number of the latter bei to 110, with three over eighty years of a raries, so that in respect of all these the committed to an expenditure of £8,816. further advance in numbers was made b fifteen male and fifteen female annuitants, s required for the service of the year was Last year the number of male annuita altered at 145, but that of the females wa and the amount required for the paym nuities is £10,120. To this must be add

us, as before, possessed of £1,000 stock, but the nale and female, at the end of the last financial en them had £50,400 Government Stock, as ,900 at the end of the year 1873-4, thus show- ase of £12,500 Stock in the four years we have ering. Thus, the Institution is richer as regards oneys, though the income derived therefrom only a few hundreds sterling per annum, and it confers are more considerable and are dis- ong a larger number of persons. To keep up efficiency is the primary object we all have in ar next thought must be directed towards still easing the investments of the Institutions. One to be noted, and we shall close our remarks. re of Willis, Percival and Co., the Benevolent a loss of close upon £1,000.* The Committee, ort just published, express "the hope that in is will be entirely made good." We sincerely but here again we must not lose sight of the the question. At all events, the temporary considerable sum must be included among our urging on the attention of brethren the neces- xists for making, if possible, the Festival of great a success as that of 1877. We sincerely be our good fortune to chronicle such a result next, and that we shall be able to congratulate Bro. Terry, on—to use a familiar term—another

above was written we have been informed the amount in full.—ED. F.C.

DICK RADCLYFFE'S DRAWING.

Certify that at the Drawing of Numbers in Bro. Dick llot for Life Governorships in the Royal Masonic Bene- tion for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, the following were the winning numbers :—

From books sold by—	
W. Smallpeice	7 Gray's-inn-place.
S. P. Acton	Bromley
Mrs. Hunt	38 Portsdown-road, Maida Vale.
W. Eyre	67 Tooley-street.
D. Argyle	King-street, Twickenham.
Hy. Pope	17 John-street, Barnsbury.
Jno. Berry	Holly Grove House, Hounslow.
J. Manton	4 Douglas-street, Derby.
J. Churchley	24 Landfield-street, Dartford.
Ditto	Ditto
W. H. Bowden	2 Sunderland-place, Clifton, Bristol.

JAS. TERRY Sec. R.M.B. Inst.
GEO. N. DIXON W.M. 865 P.P.G.D.C. Berks and Bucks.
JOHN CARTER P.M. 209 P.P.G.D.C. Berks and Bucks.
JOHN CONSTABLE P.M. 185.
ROBERT ROBERTS P.M. 742.

1879.

tague J. Guest, Prov. G. Master (Craft) of will shortly be installed Prov. G. Mark Master at Province, and the Rev. C. R. Davey as Prov. ster Mason of Gloucestershire.

have been issued for two new Mark Lodges, led the Watford, No. 241, at Watford, Herts,

one, as the guest of the Lodge or of one of its m take part in the business, or offer an opinion unles him to do so, but with this exception he is as w had been elected. There is, therefore, no object unseemly hurry. On the other hand, much harm may not be acceptable in the eyes of some membe it may well happen, that owing to pressing engag of those members may be unable to attend an against the proposed candidate. It is the duty o and second candidates, whether for initiation cautious whom they, to all intents and purpos all the caution in the world will not occasionall from proposing some one who may be objectiona fellow-members, and the chance of such a one bei increased by hurrying the ballot. The lax interp tion of a law is always unsatisfactory. Nothing is sary to the welfare of Freemasonry as a cautious e yet the laws which enjoin the exercise of this ca the manner in which it should be exercised—tha delay that must take place between the propositic are constantly being set at nought.

I had intended referring to the same subject in but I felt that I had already sufficiently trespasse

Fraternally y

DISPOSAL OF LODGE FU

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHR

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I hail with satisfactio of "UNION JACK" in your columns. The balan furnished last week is a flagrant case of extravaga receipts were expended, and a hole was made in t forward to the extent of close upon £25, or near amount. Five-eighths of the expenditure were i ment, one-eighth went for dues—I am speaking r and one-sixteenth in charity. Even printing and while the Secretary received two-thirds of what w the I.P.M.'s jewel cost more than was voted to half a sovereign. Ten-sixteenths in feeding, two- three-sixteenths for Tyler, jewel, postages, commi sixteenth in charity. A very brilliant arrangeme on which the Lodge is *not* to be congratulated.

By the way, what does "Secretary's commis mean? Does that Officer receive this amount scriptions? Or is it a kind of honorarium, called for fulfilling the duties of his office? In the latte be a bad thing—at all events it would be highly r Secretary to half a dozen "commissiou"-paying L would not be very onerous—for myself I think labours of a hundred such secretaryships—while exceeding one hundred guineas, would form no in to one's income. Happy thought—to find out paying Lodges, and get elected a member, on t shall be appointed Secretary when a vacancy principles pure and unadulterated.

Yours ever

We have much pleasure in recording only has the balance due to Grand Cha firm of Messrs. Willis, Percival & Co., ba in full, out of the private estate of Comp. deceased, but the Royal Masonic Benov and the Royal Masonic Institution for Bo their balances from the same source. It wi that the Girls' School was indebted to closing of the accounts.

A special meeting of the Grand Lodge Masons of England and Wales, &c., &c. moned for the 18th instant, and will be he Square, for the purpose of passing a vo with the Queen on the death of her daug

nas I.G., J. Boulton Sc., W. Thompson [illegible]
J. Mustoe, J. T. Sinclair, and A. J. Potter. Lastly—we are
m to say something for the ladies; here our pen fails us; we
make those of our brethren who missed the opportunity of
resent envious. Besides, we should be treading upon the war-
otted our esteemed Bro. Main, and we fear our armour would
proof against the sharp sting of his quips and quiddits. We
erefore, content ourselves with saying that our brethren may
eel proud of their sisters. After the first part of the pro-
s had been gone through, supper was served; Bro. W. Stead,
M. of the Lodge presided, and he was ably supported by Bro.
lett P.M. and the Stewards, with the exception of Bro. T. J.
h P.M., who was compelled to be absent through illness.
e good things provided had been fairly discussed, the W.M.
propose the two or three toasts usual upon these occasions.
e health of Her Most Gracious Majesty had been given and
with all heartiness, Bro. Stead proposed Prosperity to the
ncord Lodge, and Bro. P.M. Bartlett briefly responded. Bro.
as called on by the Ladies to respond for them; and
merry brother did most genially. Dancing was then re-
and was kept up till the small hours were almost forgotten.

LLATION MEETING OF THE KENNING-TON LODGE, No. 1881.

nesday, 4th February, at the Surrey Club House, Ken-
gton Oval. In the temporary absence of the W.M., Bro.
harles Reeves, who was prevented from being present in the
t of the evening, through an important engagement, the
as opened by Past Master Bro. George Everett. After the
of the minutes, which were unanimously confirmed, the
as advanced, and Bro. Jenkins a candidate for the third
as examined. He gave evidence that his researches into the
ages had not been unprofitable, and the W.M. declared him
for preferment. He was, accordingly, entrusted, and retired
o the necessary preparation. The Lodge was advanced,
Everett worked the ceremony, much to the satisfaction of
date, and justly receiving the commendations of all assem-
ere was one candidate for the second degree—Bro. Town
ly passed his examination, and retired for preparation. The
M. then worked this ceremony, in the same perfect manner
erformed the former one. The W.M. elect, Bro. Thomas
falls P.G.O. Middlesex, was now introduced by Bro. W.
to Bro. Everett—who, in addition to the duties he had
dertaken, kindly consented to act as Installing Master—
at his hands the benefits of installation. In due course,
ion was administered, the brethren below the degree of
d, a Board of Installed Masters was opened, and the cere-
ceded. On the re-admission of the brethren, the appoint-
ficers took place:—Bros. Köhler S.W., Speedy J.W., E. J.
Treas., Stuart P.M. Sec., Webb S.D., Marston J.D., Robin-
tokes D.C., Stranger W.S., Bolton A.W.S., Longstaff Tyler.
tt then completed his arduous labours by delivering the
n a highly impressive manner, and on resuming his seat
ost deservedly, the thanks and approval of the brethren.
onsider the more deserved as Bro. George Everett had
the work at very short notice; moreover, he has lately
severe domestic bereavement, and his kindness in under-
heavy work of the day was more fully appreciated under
g circumstances. We trust that the efforts of our es-
ther will have a tendency to divert his thoughts from so
eme as he has had to contemplate for the last few weeks.
siness was now proceeded with. It had been notified
as meeting that Bro. Walls would serve as Steward at the
al of the Benevolent Institution, and now Bro. P.M.
imated his desire to serve in a like capacity for the Fes.
Girls' School. This intimation received the approval of
s, and ten guineas was voted from the funds to be placed
A unanimous vote of thanks was passed to Bro. George
his able services, and this compliment was gracefully ac-
. The resignation of a member was tendered, and
h regret. Lodge was then closed. Banquet was served
uperintendence of Bro. Baldock, and the guests seemed
to appreciate the good things provided. Bro. Walls on
e the toasts said, that during his year he should keep his
hin very narrow limits. On this occasion, perhaps, as it
den effort, he might exceed those he had set himself. How-
e would offer for their acceptance The Health of Her
Queen and Prosperity to the Craft. After the other
Lodge) Thomas Keeble [illegible], and [illegible]
honoured, the W.M. gave the health of the P
named them *seriatim*: last of all he came to Br
he presented the Past Master's jewel voted by
Reeves would ever prize the jewel that had that
sented to him. He was the first initiate of the
He had looked forward to the pleasure he sh
stalling his successor; but, in consequence of
that had fallen upon him during the year of his
been compelled to give up this anticipated plea
thanked the members for their kindness. Bro
Everett also replied. The latter brother had n
the time of the Lodge, however he felt he sho
courtesy if he failed to acknowledge the
that had been said of him during the even
twenty-first year in Freemasonry. He was alw
ing to render assistance to any Officer in the Lo
said he, likewise, was always gratified at being
health of the Treasurer and Secretary was no
P.M.'s Page and Stuart replied. For the Chariti
good word or two to say, and Bro. Page who had
for the R.M.B.I. on behalf of the recently cons
Chapter, notified he would retire in order that a
members might be given to Bro. Walls, who rep
for the same Festival. The few remaining toasts
dismissed, and the evening's proceedings closed

We notice that Bro. Henry Æneas
Lodges 1027, 1043, and 1781 has been m
getic efforts to spread Masonry in the po
seems determined to complete the series
Architecture for the names of our Lodge
now established a "Tuscan" as complem
and "Corinthian." We congratulate hi
appointment to the office of Grand Seni
District. Our readers will join with u
"God speed," and ye higher reward
fidelity, if it be possible, in due time.
enterprising leaders of his stamp that
owes the allegiance of groups of men of
worth in the most distant regions, who
far towards maintaining the prestige of
out the world.

The Installation Meeting of the Egyp
took place on Thursday; there was a
Members and Visitors. Bro. T. J. Mai
Master, installed Bro. William Richard
next twelve months. Report will appe

**Tabular Statement showing the In
stitutions from all sources during th
December 1878:—**

	R.M.B.I. £	s	d	R.I £
Donations & Subscriptions	11382	12	9	11,0
Grand Lodge, Grant from	800	0	0	1
" Chapter "	150	0	0	
" " Special	*1,000	0	0	*5
Dividends, &c. ...	1,526	9	10	1,1
Music Fees	...			1
Purchased Admissions	...			3
Life Presentation ...	...			
Miscellaneous ...	21	0	0	
	£14,880	2	7	£13,3

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* This special grant consisted of £500 Co

, &c. The Lodge having been opened by the W.M., the
he last regular meeting, as well as those of a Lodge of
were read and unanimously confirmed. Bro. Muggeridge
ited to take the chair. On doing so he advanced the
ie second degree, and administered the obligation to
Hodder, the W.M. elect. In due form a Board
Masters was opened, and the new W.M. was regularly
o the chair, Bro. G. A. Taylor P.M. acting most
roughout the proceedings as D.C. The newly installed
been proclaimed, appointed the following brethren as
for the ensuing year:—Bros. R. G. Seaborn I.P.M.,
.W., G. W. Hemmings J.W., H. France (re-elected)
Taylor P.M. Sec., W. J. Cattermole S.D., H. Westmore
h I.G., J. Addington D.C. The election of Tyler then
nd resulted in Bro. Gullock being appointed to that
W.M., in the name of the Lodge, presented P.M.'s jewels
or and James, and then a notice of motion was brought
ne Hon. Sec., Bro. Taylor, to the effect that the sum of
be given to each of the Masonic Charities. On
o the Lodge, this vote was unanimously carried.
business offering, the Lodge was closed, and the
aired to the banquet, which was provided by Bro.
his best style. The banquet being finished, and
of the Queen and the Craft, H.R.H. the Grand
the Pro. G.M., the Deputy G.M. and the rest of the
's, having been duly proposed and heartily received, Bro.
to give that of the W.M. It was a toast that he
ld be heartily received by all present. They had known
for several years in connection with the Lodge; had
step by step, and must have appreciated the way in
formed any duty that fell to his part. He felt sure that
er would use every effort to make his year of office a
e. The W.M. in reply expressed his thanks for the way
tion of his name had been received. He hoped to have
rength to carry out the duties of his office to the satisfac-
lf, and trusted that at the end of his year of presidency
rit the approval of his Lodge. He next proposed the
Installing Master. He was sure that the way in which
carried out the duties of his position must be gratifying
Inggeridge thanked the members for the very kind way
had honoured the toast. He had had the pleasure of
ny Masters of the Stability Lodge, and although he had
pportunity of attending their meetings for upwards of
could but remember the kind reception he always re-
's past. He had for a short time been a subscribing
e Lodge, and recalled the time he spent at its meetings
. He was introduced to Freemasonry close upon forty
the night after his initiation he had joined the Stability
ruction, and since that time he had regularly attended
whenever he had been in London. He regretted that the
ruction was not better supported by the members of the
, and hoped that in future the members of the latter
n effort to attend the meetings of the Lodge of Instruc-
nnder its sanction. The W.M. next gave the toast
Masters. The Lodge was possessed of an array that
ght be proud of. They had done good service during
ve terms of office, and since that time had been anxious
ny way they could. After a recitation from Brother
Bro. Seaborn, the I.P.M. replied. He tendered his hearty
e kindness that had been shown him during his year of
nd hoped as a P.M. that he would be able to be of ser-
dge for many years to come. Bro. Drummond followed.
that his business duties would not permit of his regular
the Lodge, but assured the members that he looked
he summons for each meeting as it came to him, and
ore fortunate members who were able to be present. He
to see so numerous a gathering, and happy that the
so prosperous a state. He would remind the Brethren
ne had necessitated the widow of one of their oldest
a claim on their charity. Considering the services
ng had rendered the Lodge, he hoped the members would
e the candidature of his widow successful at the next
Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Bro. Marfleet
thanks for the reception accorded the toast. He hoped
ad had a pleasant evening. The next toast was that of
The W.M. said the Lodge was always ready and
visitors. He hoped each had spent a happy time, and
ld make a point of attending at some future meeting,
an opportunity of witnessing the working of the Lodge.
ing been acknowledged, the W.M. gave that of the Trea-
retary; they were important Officers, no Lodge could
rly without them. Bro. France was the first to reply.

Jno. E. Woodford, E. T. Fitch, A. Williamson,
Allinson, J. A. Harris, D. Price, F. E. Roe, C. J. G
T. Jackson, R. J. Williams, J. Shone, &c., &c.
Lockwood W.M. 425, P.G.S.W. Cheshire, James
M. Hamer 1582, H. Sheppard P.M. 601, P.P.G.
Salop, A. J. Brereton S.W. 1477, G. H. Adams I.
lands J.W. 1477, J. S. Swift 1477, D. Williams 14
S.W. 1432, Jas. Salmon W.M. 1674 P.P.G.J.W.,
J. Driscoll P.M. 30. P.G. Purst. Middlesex, S. M.
CHRONICLE, &c., &c. The Lodge was opened
solemn prayer, and the minutes of the last meeti
This being the meeting for installing the W.M. el
undertook the duty of Installing Master. Bro. L
as the W.M. elect was the Presiding Worshipful
dispense with the greater portion of the cerem
Bro. E. Smith was re-installed the Worshipful Ma
year, and as such received the salutations of
Smith is to be complimented upon receiving
mark of esteem and confidence from the member
Compass Lodge, and the Lodge is to be congratul
for themselves the Mastership of a Brother who
year, ably performed his duty, and advanced the w
by adding greatly to its strength. By his
courtesy, and punctuality he has gained the hig
fidence of such a highly respectable Lodge as 133
Master, with the assistance of Bro. Lewis, in
for the next twelve months as follows: —
Immediate P.M., J. C. Owen S.W., Howel
Fisher Edisbury Treas., John Williams Sec., J.
C. K. Benson J.D., J. A. Chadwick I.G., J. F.
Garratt-Jones, W. Pierce, Thomas Jackson, G. E. W
Thomas Lee Tyler. Bro. Lewis delivered the u
E. and S., and the exhortation to the brethre
Master, before closing, announced the prosperous
as evinced by the Treasurer's report, which show
cash in hand to be £40, with a large amount to
due from members. The Lodge was closed in h
and by request of the Worshipful Master, the br
the Wynnstay Arms Hotel, to banquet. It is he
that a sum of five guineas is to be appropriated fr
Lodge towards the relief of the poor of Wrexham
act, our worthy brethren have demonstrated
teaches the glorious principles of universal b
the brethren had thoroughly enjoyed an a
and well-catered *menu*, the cloth was remove
shipful Master rose to propose the fir
evening, "The Queen and the Craft," which wa
the brethren singing the National Anthem. The
embraced the sovereign head of the Craft H.R
Wales was ably introduced by the W.M., who poi
advantages which had accrued to Freemasonry wi
of His Royal Highness. The toast was received
and "God bless the Prince of Wales" was sung.
proposing the health of the Pro Grand Master, the
and the Officers of the G.L. of England, said the
functions appropriated to those distinguished B
charged with great ability and Masonic zeal. The
drunk. The Worshipful Master on rising for the
the next toast brought them to their own neighb
Wynnstay. No toast proposed in a Lodge in
more heartily received than the one he now had t
mitting, whether they looked upon Sir Watkin
Mason, as a landlord, or as a nobleman enjoying his
they could but admire him for his many excellen
ability and readiness to aid the interests of the Craf
those who participate in the chase, and above all his
which prompts him to relieve the wants of the unfor
regretted to say that their highly esteemed Prov.
the best of health; at the present time he is seeki
recuperation which a more genial climate than o
He considered the Officers of Prov. G. Lodge des
sympathy and support. He united with the toast
Low, Lewis and Bury. The toast was received wit
feeling. Bro. John Williams kindly obliged with a
panied by Bro. Edesbury at the piano. Bro. Low
and brethren for the honour done him and the
Officers. The Worshipful Master had explained
absence from home of the Prov. Grand Master, oth
have been among them. He feared the Prov. Gra
little slack in the affairs of the Province; it was h
in his power for the interests of the Craft general
the Province, of which he deemed it an honour to b

n honour which he considered the greatest he had enjoyed
s lifetime. They had renewed that honour; he felt it very
His only cause for regret on this happy occasion was that
n Jones did not go forward to the chair, but his declining had
him to accede to the wishes of the brethren. His efforts
to discharge the important trust confided to him in the same
e had done in the past, and which he was happy to think
satisfaction. He wished to impress on the minds of the
his conviction that the well being of a Lodge does not
r depend on the members attendance at its
but rather upon the beneficial impression pro-
the minds of each by our beautiful ritual He wished
carry outside the Lodge room those principles
e inculcated within, and trusted the talent of the Lodge
applied to acquiring those offices, which merit and honour
He next proposed the health of the Installing Master, in a
plimentary manner, and Bro. Adams favoured the brethren
g. Bro. Lewis responded. He assured the brethren he did
words when he said that these annual re-unions were
est periods of his life. Against the advice of his doctor, and
severe stress, he had that night attended and endeavoured
e could for the Lodge and the enjoyment of the brethren.
ppy to see so many worthy Officers who had their inspira-
his supervision, and was glad to know the prosperous state
dge. The more the principles of our Order were known, the
ly they would be esteemed, and the addition to our ranks
nore numerous and advantageous. He deprecated the practice
vince of giving the purple to comparative young Lodges in
ns, while a Lodge, full of good deeds, and held in a Metro-
wn like Wrexham was over-looked. He urged the brethren to
Lodges of Instruction, and promised his aid. He
rs at their disposal, to further their mutual interests.
was entrusted with authority to propose the health
sitors, and, in doing so, he extended a cordial greeting
all. He spoke of mutual advantages arising from visiting.
ted that he had not been able to visit as much as he
his private engagements, and the office of Mayor which he
emanded all his time, yet he hoped to be able to visit more
re. He had the pleasure of uniting with the toast the
Bros. A. J. Brereton, S. M. Davies, and H. J. Lloyd. The
drunk with full Masonic honours. Bro. Brereton said it
him great pleasure to visit the Lodge. He had been pre-
consecration, and was pleased to see the great progress it
On behalf of the Sir Watkin Lodge he extended to all a
al welcome. Bro. Lloyd regretted he had not more elo-
express to the brethren how deeply he appreciated the
he had enjoyed, and the hearty manner in which the
ceived. He had one regret only, and that was that he
n the installation ceremony fully performed, as he knew
was an adept in the ritual. Bro. Davies also returned
the honour done the Visitors, after which the W.M. pro-
ealth of the Officers of the Lodge. It afforded him great
bear testimony to the excellence of the working of every
e Lodge. He was greatly indebted to them. He felt like the
a good ship who had trusty Officers and a good crew to com-
nan his Craft. The toast was drunk with Masonic honours.
ll gave a recitation. Bro. S.W. returned thanks for the
e the present Officers of the Lodge, and Bro. Past S.W.,
f the Officers of last year. Both felt that the newly-
Officers could not be excelled in any Lodge, and the re-
ritiable in every sense of the word. Bro. O. Bury pro-
Masonic Charities, and ably advocated the claims of these
utions. He had served a Stewardship for the R.M.I. Boys,
to do so for the Girls; he hoped they would never for. et
ic Charities. The toast was heartily drunk. Bro. A.
favoured with a song, and Bro. Driscoll gave another
The Tyler's toast was called and given, after which the
parated with "Auld Lang Syne."

NEW CROSS LODGE, No. 1559.

Saturday, 1st February, at the New Cross Hall, Lewisham
Road. Bros. W. Simmons W.M., E. H. Thiellay P.G.D.C.
W.. L. Beck P.G.O. Middlesex J.W., F. Walters P.P.G.D
r., H. Keeble P.M. Sec., H. J. Green S.D., E. Smith J.D.,
I.G., Grammant D.C., and a numerous attendance of
and Visitors. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes
ar and emergency meetings were read and confirmed.
f the Audit Committee was read and adopted; it shewed
as in a prosperous condition. The names of candidates
Agenda Paper, but the aspirants were not present.
Installed Masters was opened, and Bro. L. Beck J.W.
had now, with great pleasure, to propose the toast
the W.M. was in every respect worthy to occupy his
was sure to receive hearty support during his
under Brother Beck's able guidance he was convinced
prosper. After a ballad, sung by Miss Moss, th
afforded him great pleasure to return thanks for
which the toast had been received. His best servic
to discharge the duties of the chair, and when his
pired he hoped to have the same amount of satisfac
the brethren. The W.M. in proposing the health o
Bro. Simmons was one very enthusiastic in Freema
however, had prevented him being so frequentl
could be wished, but they were all pleased to see hi
pleasure in decorating him with a jewel, which
mously voted by the brethren. He trusted the
would grant him health and strength to wear it; a
the jewel, the brethren had supplemented their
Bro. Simmons with a handsome clock. As one of t
Lodge, all hoped to see their worthy brother take
years as a Past Master of the Lodge. After
favoured the company, Bro. W. Simmons said he
words to thank them for their valuable gifts.
months he hardly thought he should have lived to s
ever, he thanked Providence he had been spared
brethren had been very kind in giving him the
regard; he would hand them down as heirlooms.
intention to deliver the addresses that evening,
sufficiently well in health. Still, the well-being
not forgotten by him; he had four propositions
initiation, and two for joining. This would t
interests of the New Cross Lodge at heart. The W
the health of the Visitors; the members were
many present who had made their mark in the
call on Bros. Bumstead, Copland, and Kirk to
Solomon here sang a humorous song, after which c
the Visitors, and then the W.M. proposed the health
and Secretary. The former brother was well kn
Freemasonry, and in this Lodge was fully appreciat
tary was also one who deserved praise for his int
of the Lodge. The entertainment given to-night
was due to him. In coupling the names of Bros.
Treas. and Bro. H. Keeble P.M. and Sec., he hope
the toast a hearty reception. After this complim
acknowledged, the W.M. gave the Officers, and
Henton and Moss severally responded. The Tyle
called for, and a very enjoyable evening was brough
Visitors were Bros. A. C. Moffatt 1538, Crosland
P.M. 1326, G. Andrew P.M. 871, Batchelor 72, G.
1326, T. Walls P.G.O. Middlesex, H. Gloster W.M
P.M. 1158, Livermore 1687, Carter 1687, Bumste
Clark 79, Cooper 72, Dunbar 1538, C. Solomons 18
Kirk W.M. 1687, and H. M. Levy P.M. 188.

TREDEGAR LODGE, No. 1

MET on Monday, 3rd inst., at the Royal Hotel,
the absence of the W.M., who has been indi
past week, the Lodge was opened by Bro. Cha
he was supported by Bros. Brooks S.W., Anning
Secretary, Rawley Treasurer, Kendal S.D., Maud
I.G., A. Deason D. of C., J. Tyler Steward. Th
last Lodge, as well as those of the Lodge of Eme
and duly ratified. Bro. E. J. Anning W.M. elect, w
duly obligated and installed Worshipful Master
year, the ceremony being most ably performed
The Officers for the year were appointed by the W
Bros. G. W. Verry S.W., Kendal J.W., Rawley
Maud S.D., W. H. Clarke J.D., A. Deason I.G.,
Steward, Steedman Tyler. The addresses were giv
Bro. Huggett the I.P.M., who arrived at this time,
by the W.M., with the collar of I.P.M., and then,
Lodge, Bro. Anning presented to Bro. Huggett a
had been voted by the Lodge, and which he ho
would long wear as a memento of the many frie
the Lodge, Bro. Huggett, in acknowledging the
was accorded him, regretted that he had
attend earlier. He had long looked forw
when he should be numbered among the P.M.'s
was pleased at having gained that honour. It ha
carry out the duties of the chair during the past yea
of the brethren. He had never had occasion to reb
to ask anything of the Officers without at all ti

, a true Englishman. When his history came to be age which recorded the fact of his being a Mason would e least important. Of our Pro G.M. and D.G.M., we cient to make those noblemen respected and loved. Of nd Officers, the W.M. could only say they were ready ity, and devote themselves to the good of Freemasonry. sts having been honoured, Bro. Lacey rose to propose f the W.M. Bro. Huggett the I.P.M. being obliged, ealth, to leave, it had devolved on him once more to ethren to honour the Master of the Lodge. The present ne of the founders of the Lodge, and had, since the done great service for the Lodge. Bro. Lacey con- rethren had acted wisely in selecting him to fill the post e W.M. sincerely thanked the brethren for the kind they had expressed their feelings towards him. One est writers had said, "Some are born great, some ness, and some have greatness thrust upon them." He might be classed under the third heading; he hoped ict would be such as to warrant the distinction that orded him. He then proposed success to the Insti- considered none were more worthy of support than those th the Craft. Every true Mason must look upon them lle coupled with the toast the names of Bros. Binckes , and Bro. C. Lacey Steward, representing the Lodge at stival of that Institution. Bro. Binckes felt greatly the W.M. for proposing the toast thus early in the e was thereby enabled personally to thank them for the had accorded the Boys' School that evening. He felt diffidence in addressing the members, as of late it had en said that the Masonic Institutions and those who ir claims were a nuisance. Be this as it may, few get the cause which made the appeals necessary. He l that various of the Lodges at the East-end of London their support to the Boys' School in consequence of ckes's) absence from their meetings. He could only say eeling, if it really existed, was most unfair. How could expect him, or either of the other Secretaries, to visit to which they were invited. They often had requests eral Lodges on the same evening, and if they did not is not from any neglect of their duties, or wish to slight ir Lodge, but simply that they were unable to do so. hey could attend, they were frequently told that they ind that their continued appeals should not be allowed ngs. He hoped the result of the efforts that would be Boys during the current year would be in advance of ors. He was not too sanguine, but thought from the ady promised that they might expect such a result. He y urging every brother to do all in his power to make ro. Lacey a handsome one, and trusted it would be he Masons of the East-end ceased their efforts for doing ad pleasure in announcing that Bros. Verry and Mort- en their names as Stewards for his next Festival since among them that evening. Bro. Lacey considered that ast end had such men to advocate the claims of the had supported them during the past few years, it could id they were waiting for visits from the Secretaries, he think such was the case; in fact the slightest exami- e results achieved would show to the contrary. He he memory of those present the fact that the founders School had emanated from the east end, and he now esent Masons of that district to support the Institution heir ancestors. The W.M. next gave the toast of The he members of the Tredegar Lodge were pleased at all e the presence of visitors, and he hoped that they themselves, both in Lodge and at the banquet table. W.M. 174 was the first to respond. The present was portunity he had had of visiting a Lodge since he stalled into the chair of the Sincerity, and he must pleasure he had derived from his visit. He expressed a prosperous future for the Tredegar Lodge, and hoped pleasure of attending another of its meetings. Bro. ed. He hardly felt like a visitor, he knew so many of him. He hoped that the Lodge would continue with od feeling as had been evinced during the evening, he new Master would have as prosperous a year predecessor. Bro. Tucker also replied, expressing and wishing the members prosperity. The W.M. ce of Edinburgh Lodge, No. 1259, was the next it he evidently mistook his company, for he com- a tirade against our Charities as to compel the W.M. to ther to keep to the question or hold his tongue. As he y intended to expose the "awful" character of our Schools, e felt somewhat disappointed at not being allowed to con- was, he merely expressed his thanks for the hospitality

the visitors were Bros. F. Binckes P.M. G. Stewa R.M.I.B., J. H. Cambridge W.M. 15, J. Knight 95, W.M., and C. H. Webb S.W. 174, J. Chappell 511, H. Myers P.M. 820, T. J. Barnes P.M., J. W. Tuck Ellis 933, E. G. Legge I.P.M. 1196, W. J. Kenna Morgan jun. 1385, &c.

TEMPLE CHAPTER, No. 1

THE regular convocation was held at the Masoni street, Liverpool, on Tuesday, the 28th ult. Richard Washington M.E.Z., P. Macmuldrow P.G Yelland H., J. W. Burgess J., Jno. Pemberton P D. A. Davis S.E., Hugh Williams P.P.G.S.B. as S.N P.S., R. B. Burgess and N. Robertson Assi Peter Ball Janitor; R. R. Martin P.Z., also Reeve, J. C. Fisk, Henry Dutton, H. Sayer, P. S. J D. Critchley, S. Gordon, J. Cribbin, &c. Visit 241, T. Shaw P.Z. 823, J. W. Ballard H. 823, 823, S. Schonstadt 203, J. M. King 823, M. Cottrell Jones P.Z. 1086, J. T. Durant 1086, &c. The Chap four p.m., and after the necessary preliminaries had b Comp. Macmuldrow P.Z. P.G.S.N. undertook the i Installing Officer, and invested and installed the th their respective offices, duly proclaiming them to present. These offices are now filled by Bros. R. G J. W. Burgess H., J. H. Bradshaw J. The M.E.Z. invest his Officers as follow:—Comps. J. Pemb Treas., N. Robertson S.E., R. W. Burgess S.N., D. A Ball re-elected Janitor. The Principal Sojourner t assistants. This business being ended the ballot w Joseph Constantine, and proving unanimous he, in other brethren, were exalted to the supreme degree Arch. We have had the pleasure of visiting this r on a previous occasion, and seen the admirable man Officers have done the duties allotted them. U occasion it is most gratifying to bear testimony w our previous conviction, the working of every Officer was really splendid, and reflects the great and all. They seem determined to make the the most prosperous and well-worked one in the Lancashire. The heavy and difficult part of first P discharged by M.E.Z. Yelland, except the lecture, w for the worthy and venerable I.P.Z. Comp. R. Wash he has performed this beautiful portion of our g ably as he has always done his work, never did h to newly exalted Companions and explain the intric Royal Arch Freemasonry with more power, effect, a on this occasion. What a blessing it would be to o numbered in its ranks many such worthy and soul as Comp. Washington. The esteem in which Com held by the Companions of the Temple Chapter w by the M.E.Z., when he presented a very splendid him, which was briefly but aptly acknowledged by the The Treasurer's report was presented, read and p thanks, proposed by Comp. H., conveying the than to the Treasurer, for the very able manner in whic office was seconded and carried unanimously. T evening being ended, the Chapter was closed in anc Companions adjourned to supper. After enjoyi meal, which in its way was ample for any occasion we have a rare banquet inside a Lodge or Chapter sented this evening), the cloth was removed and th the usual Loyal toast of The Queen, quickly fo H.R.H. the Prince of Wales Grand Z. The next brought them to their own province. He had grea proposing the health of Lord Skelmersdale Prov. dent of West Lancashire. Comp. Williams P.P.G. the compliment on behalf of the Prov. Grand Of Comp. Pemberton, both of whom were pleased appreciation manifested towards his Lordship and Officers. Comp. Davis enjoyed the privilege health of the three Chiefs, and he did so with a pleasure, as he knew their Masonic career, and c zeal and assiduity with which each had worked his position now reached. He held each of the chief esteem, for their excellent Masonic virtues, and fe panions present would endorse his opinion by drin to their health and prosperity. He trusted that would be productive of benefit to the Chapter generally. The toast was cordially received, after Washington obliged with a song. Comp. Yelland r

...ighest praise to the Officers for their splendid working, ...said surpassed anything he ever saw. Comp. Macmuldrow, ...ing thanks for the honour done him, said on this as on the ...nstallation of the Chiefs in the Temple Chapter he had ...the task with very great pleasure. Any service he could ...e Chapter he would most readily do. He felt the honour con... ...on him was really conferred on the Chapter. He was happy to ... harmonious state of the Chapter, and to see that there was ...s existing but those which ought to be predominant in every ...and which should be carried out by every Mason—Brotherly ...lief and Truth. By request of the M.E.Z, Comp. Macmul... ...k the gavel to propose the health of the Immediate Past Z. ...oter could boast a long list of P.Z.'s. The last name added ...honourable and worthy list added greatly to the prestige of ...ter. Every Companion present had received benefit from ... ruling and direction. He had produced a great influence ...inds of many as to the grandeur and magnificance of Royal ...emasonry. In fact, Comp. Washington had done everything ...hat words could not express how deeply indebted they were ... Comp. Martin obliged with a song. E. Comp. Washington, ...to the toast, had to thank E. Comp. Macmuldrow for the ...d expressions he had used in inviting the Comps. to receive the ...He also gratefully thanked the Comps. for their manifest ...tion of his efforts, and trusted he would ever merit the high ...xpressed towards him in the Temple Chapter. He had joined ...pter in 1871, had worked up from Assist. Soj., and filled the ...o their satisfaction; although to-night consigned among ... Z.'s, he would ever be as zealous in his efforts, and prompt ...r aid, as he had been. From the disposition and qualifica... ...the Officers as they now stood, he augured proficiency and ...osperity. He should ever wear the P.Z.'s jewel with which ...I presented him with heart-felt pride. Comp. Martin had ...our of proposing the health of the Officers, whom he charac... ...he pith and marrow of a Chapter, excepting of course the three ... The Comps. now in office had zealously attended to their ...and no better choice could have been made. He felt he must ...arly allude to their respected Treasurer, as no praise would ...great to bestow upon Comp. Pemberton for the valuable aid ...always rendered the Chapter. The toast was most cordially ...and Comp. Pemberton rose to reply. He was happy to say ...apter was free from debt, and prosperous, the position it ...was very creditable. As the oldest P.Z. present, he could ... Chapter was never so prosperous. He felt greatly the honour ...again re-elected Treasurer, and wished for the continued ...ity of each and all. Comp. S.E. said he felt the honour ...e Officers in the last toast greatly; after the many remarks ...to the working and prosperity of the Chapter, anything he ...ay in that respect would be superfluous. Comp. N. followed ...ame purport, and Comp. P.S. said he felt a little awkward in ...ent post, as there were now no circulars for him to despatch. ...they had the right men in the right places, and looked for... ...great prosperity. He accepted his post with pleasure. ...at delight was in Freemasonry, from which he had learnt ...ood by its excellent teaching. The M.E.Z. proposed the ... of the P.Z.'s of the Temple Chapter in very kind terms, ...toast was duly honoured. Comp. Pemberton gave the next ...d Ex-Comps. Macmuldrow, Martin, and Pemberton returned ...as P.Z.'s. The M.E.Z. most fraternally proposed the health ...isitors, and followed in the footsteps of his predecessors in ...g a hearty welcome to all. He had great pleasure in ... with the toast the health of Comps. Schonstadt, Shaw, ... Pendleton, Ballard, and Davies. Comp. Schonstadt ex... ...his delight in being present to see the admirable working, ...acterized it as superior to anything he had ever seen. He also ...the M.E.Z. for the honour done, and the kind hospitality ...he Visiting Comps. The other Comps. followed, to the same ...ach and all being highly pleased and gratified. The Janitor's ...ought a most enjoyable evening to a close, and the Comps. ...d much edified.

[ON LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS.

...ETING was held on Tuesday last, at the White Hart, Lower ...apton. Bros. W. Stephens W.M., Jos. Badkin S.W., Thos. ...e J.W., L. P. Coubro Sec., W. Stephens Treas., T. Poore ...acting S.D., Jas. Linzell J.D., J. Glaskin D.C., Fred. Badkin ...Dietrich Tyler. Visitors—Bros. Donald M. Dewar P.G.O. ...l. Sec., W. Fieldwick M.O. Duke of Connaught 192, Thos. ...G.I.G. P.M. 139 W.M. 234, An. McDowall St. Barnabas 97. ...Harwood and Pierrepoint were advanced, the ceremony ...rformed in a most able and impressive manner by the W.M., ...assistance of his Wardens, Overseers and Deacons. Several ...Officers being unavoidably absent at the opening of the

need not fear; he coupled with his lordship' ...D. M. Dewar Assist. G. Sec., and Thos. Poore ...cedingly pleased to meet those distinguishe... ...sion; they were both ever ready and willing t... ...experienced, they could not have got on with... ...he begged to thank them very much, not only ...name of the Lodge for their kind attent... ...most heartily drank. Bro. Dewar, on rising ...brethren's attention to the flight of time. H... ...could most sincerely endorse every word tha... ...W.M. in praise of the Right Hon. Bro. Lord S... ...ship is a most genial, earnest, and hard-wo... ...duty manfully and well. Whenever he was ... Dewar had to address his lordship, he always ...post. Having assisted at the consecration of ...an hon. member, he felt very great pleasure i... ...occasion. We sometimes hear Craft Masons ... ...sonry—we have a good and ready answer to ...to point to the list of our high dignitaries in t... ...felt sure that as long as we had the suppo... ...we need not fear for the welfare of the Mark ...them for having coupled his name with that ...Poore being an adept at speechmaking, he wo... ...for himself. Bro. Poore thanked the W.M. ... ...honour conferred; being a fellow labourer in ... ...Masonry, he was always very pleased to assist ...great delight in aiding any body of brethre... ...He was quite sure that from what he knew of ... ...able and experienced Mason, they must all feel ...vilege to work under his rule. He should alw... ...come amongst them and do whatever he could ...rests. Bro. Dewar then rose to propose the he... ...had taken great delight in witnessing the ma... ...conducted the ceremony that evening. He wo... ...glad to assist him as far as it was in his power ... ...good health and a happy and prosperous year ...was drunk enthusiastically. The W.M. scarcel... ...Bro. Dewar and the brethren for the very eulog... ...the former proposed his health, and the kind re... ...by the latter. Bro. Dewar would say more than h... ...he begged to thank them most heartily. He m... ...he was not so well up in the Mark ritual, but he ...in the fact that the Grand Lodge of M.M.M. iss... ...the ritual, and he felt that if this practic... ...should soon all make ourselves as proficient in ...Mark as we are in the Craft and other degrees. ...mind that the Clapton should be a pattern to all ...of London in respect of its working. The W... ...called upon the brethren to join him in drinki... ...advances, Bros. Pierrepoint and Harwood; he ...deed to see them in his Lodge. He knew that ...rested in the degree just conferred on them. ...crease, he hoped, as they became better acqua... ...fold beauties. Bro. Harwood has this evening ...Hastings to be advanced. These brethren retur... ...able manner, and then followed the toast of the ...that of the host, Bro. B. Barkin, who ...in no measured terms for his assiduity in ...comfort. The toasts were interspersed by seve... ...tions, and ultimately the Tyler's toast brought ...a close, and the brethren separated.

MAURITIUS.

THE installation meeting of the Independent ...was held on St. John's Day, the 27th December ...brethren from sister Lodges were present:—... ...Graves, E. Leblanc, C. L. Larcher, T. Cassidy, J... ...Rosenblom, J. D. Brown, D. Anderson, T. Bradsh... ...brethren assembled at 5 o'clock p.m., and the ... ...opened, with the usual forms and ceremonies, ...wood, who having been re-elected to the chair, ...P.M. Lewison, one of the oldest Freemasons in t... ...assisted by Bros. J. T. Russell and W. C. Ap... ...brethren having been duly elected, were investe... ...J. Cornell S.W., F. Mathews J.W., A. Lister ... ...Sec., G. A. Martin S.D., J. Pierre J.D., F. ...Dumont Tyler. The choice of the brethren hav... ...the re-election of W. Bro. A. G. Rickwood, for six ...Lodge, the proceedings of which were published ...CHRONICLE, No. 198, of the 12th October 1878, ...discharged his duties has met with the entire ...pathy of the brethren. The brethren ...

cretary, who will gladly give any information required.

JAMES TERRY, Prov. G.J.W. Herts.

l, London, W.C. Secretary.

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I the same day Count Karolyi, the Au sador, presented his credentials to Her Cabinet Council was held on Monday, at Ministers were present.

Lord A. Loftus has been appointed Gov South Wales, and is to be succeeded as Bri dor at St. Petersburg by Lord Dufferin.

A handsome piece of plate was presented by a deputation from the London Irish Vol Duke of Connaught, their honorary Colonel testimonial.

The Marquis of Hartington was formall Friday as Lord Rector of Edinburgh Unive livered an address upon the advantages of cation in all walks of life, and especially in c politics.

A petition for liquidation has been pre Court of Bankruptcy on behalf of Mr. Albert liabilities are estimated at £590,000.

The Lord Justice Clerk on Friday sur evidence in the case of the City of Glasgow B and the jury, after two hours' consultatio verdict of guilty, of uttering false balance-she the accused. On Saturday the Court se Potter and Robert Stronach to 18 months' and the remaining five late directors of the Ci Bank to eight months' imprisonment.

Charles Peace was tried on Tuesday at Le the wilful murder of Arthur Dyson, at Ba November 1876. The trial lasted many hours returned a verdict of "Guilty," upon whic Lopes sentenced the prisoner to death.

A gamekeeper at Witmore, near Crewe, v death on Wednesday night last by poachers, discovered. Several arrests of suspected been made, and two men were taken at B Wednesday as they were about to embark fo States.

At a meeting of delegates of the London nected with the engineering trades, on Mo determined to advise the workmen to resist reduction of wages, and a strike is therefore

A bridge over the Manchester and Sheff near Brocklesby Station, which was under re been attempted to be blown up, suddenly fol killing four men, and injuring many others.

There is little to report from Afghanistan, indications that an early advance towards improbable. Civil strife is reported to have Cabul, and Yakoob Khan has been firing upo portion of the city. In France the transfer authority has been quietly conducted. M. G recognized as President by the Ambassadors Powers, and yesterday sent a message to t which notified his election and declared his favour measures beneficial for the country. has been chosen to succeed M. Grévy as Pre Chamber of Deputies. M. Dufaure, alleging age, has retired, and a new Cabinet has been M. Waddington, in which the Left are very presented. M. Léon Say retains the Ministry A treaty between Austria and Germany lished, by which the former Power assents tion of the article of the Treaty of Prague inhabitants of North Sleswig a right, whene of voting for annexation to Denmark. The Plague in Eastern Russia, although denied

t. N. G. Philips as J. There were also present Comps. ey S.E., Erasmus Wilson S.N., Col. Shadwell H. Clerke C. W. Arnold 1st A.S., H. C. Tombs 2nd A.S., James Lewis ord Bearer, H. G. Buss Standard Bearer, Joshua Nunn mes Glaisher, Thomas Fenn, Col. Creaton (President of ttee), H. J. R. Dumas, E. S. Snell, E. J. B. Bumstead, nde Long, Charles Hudson, John J. Pakes, J. M. Case, ell, Peter Robinson, John Anthony Rucker, E. H. Thiellay, ell, Col. Somerville Burney, Hyde Pullen, W. H. Perry. odd, M. D. Loewenstark, Thomas Massa, R. A. Grey, E. J. ter Wagner, H. Massey, H. A. Dubois, F. G. Baker, d. C. Levander, E. H. Letchworth, J. W. Clover, and C. B. tor. After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, g report of the Committee of General Purposes was taken d ordered to be entered on the minutes, on the motion of n, seconded by Comp. Morrell :—

mittee of General Purposes beg to report that they have he accounts from the 16th October 1878, to the 14th 79, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows :—

	£	s	d
Chapter	507	17	6
ppropriated			
Account	191	10	5
receipts	435	3	1
	1134	11	0

	£	s	d
Disbursements during the Quarter	198	16	10
Balance	757	18	9
„ in Unappropriated Account	177	15	5
	1134	11	0

alance, there is in the hands of the Trustees of the late surer a sum of £388 17s 4d, and in the London and West- l Bank of England, £546 16s 10d.

mittee have likewise to report that they have received the titions :—

n Comps. Henry France as Z., John Wordsworth as H., r as J., and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the odge, No. 1019, Wakefield, to be called "The Sincerity nd to meet at the Freemasons' Hall, Wakefield, in the West Yorkshire.

m Comps. Joseph Nicholson as Z., Peter de Egglesfield ., Thomas Mandle as J., and eight others for a Chapter to to the Perseverance Lodge, No. 371, Maryport, to be called olson Chapter," and to meet at the Freemasons' Hall, Mary- County of Cumberland.

n Comps. Walter Wellsman as Z., Henry Wadham Dalwood Henry Dodson as J., and six others for a Chapter to be the St. Dunstan's Lodge, No. 1589, London, to be called Dunstan's Chapter," and to meet at Anderton's Hotel, , in the City of London.

going Petitions being in all respects regular, the Com- mmend that the prayers thereof be respectively granted.

ial having been received from the members of Chapter r permission to change the name from the "Hervey" to ervey Chapter," the Committee recommend—as the M.W. er has granted the permission to its members so to call the ; the prayer of the memorial be granted.

mittee regret to report the lamented deaths of Comps. lead, Past Sword Bearer, an appointed member of Chapter Committee, which occurred on the 24th nd of Companion John Boyd P.Z. No. 145, an elected the Committee, which occurred on the 30th December, in Grand Chapter will have to proceed to the election of Companion.

ons having been granted, Col. Creaton read the paragraph Report referring to Comps. Head and Boyd, and there- S. Rawson said he was sure the Comps. would join in of regret at the death of these two Comps. He did not er he should be in order in proposing from the chair that f Grand Chapter be recorded on the minutes of the ocation" (Cries of "Quite in order.") Feeling, then, ips. would agree most cordially in this expression of his ld move that Grand Chapter on its minutes record its e death of Comps. Head and Boyd. The motion d by Col. Creaton, President of the Committee of oses, and carried. Comp. Rawson informed the Comps. Z. had appointed Comp. A. J. Duff Filer to fill the p. Benj. Head deceased on the Committee of General Comps. W. Stephens, Joseph Clever, and Charles F. then proposed for election to supply the place of Comp. same Committee, and the Comps. elected Comp. W. lington Hall. Comp. W. W. B. Beach presided, were given.

COMMITTEE MEETING—BOYS'

THE General Committee of the Royal Masonic met on Saturday, 1st February, in the Board Hall. There were present Bros. R. W. Stewart (i A. F. A. Woodford, C. J. Perceval, A. Tisley, A. I thal, J. G. Chancellor, J. W. Dosell, F. Adlard, H. Massey, W. F. C. Moutrie, R. Tyrrell, W. Paas F. Binckes (Secretary). The Secretary having r of Bros. Benjamin Head and John Boyd, the Rev. thought the brethren should not separate wit expression of their regret at the loss of these valu Institution. He therefore moved that such an corded on the minutes. Bro. Rosenthal seconded, unanimously carried the motion. A further moti by Bro. Moutrie, seconded by Bro. Durrant, and Secretary forward a letter to the families of brethen, conveying the Committee's deep regret at the Audit Committee's report had been read and didate from Bradford was placed on the list for the There were only two petitions, and one of these application having been made by a former pupil for assistance to enable him to study at Sandhu was directed to make inquiries in the matter, a then adjourned.

DEVON MASONIC EDUCATIONA

ON Tuesday a large and influential committee Huyshe Temple, Plymouth, for the purpose rules by which the fund for the local education, advancement of necessitous orphans of Freemason of Devon should be regulated. The R.W. the Grand Master Bro. A. P. Metham presided. As business, the chairman stated that the scheme had currence of their venerable and esteemed Grand John Huyshe, who would contribute ten guineas t Bro. Gover, the hon. secretary, read letters of conc Walter G. Rogers, the G. Secretary, and Bro. Exeter, also giving it their pecuniary support, and read a letter from Bro. Major Tawner Davy, of Devon, who associated himself with the project. Whittley said he would promise a donation of tw Lodge Harmony, where the brethren on the pre pressed their hearty concurrence with the moveme further expressed that by degrees every Lodge in t gradually come in and give to the Educational Fun but the D.P.G. Master deprecated their ever ma ground for appeal to the funds of the Prov. Gran means they would be able to keep it independent. tion there was an expression of hearty approval. at present there was something like £250 that won start with, though that amount is not yet promised Fund is brought before the Lodges by its friends, it what the amount will be that will be subscribed. it will attain to much larger proportions when it is good may be secured at a small cost by the p ans p

It will be remembered that about three or four y what similar scheme was proposed by the D.P.G Province was not then ripe for it, and it was defeat by a majority of one. Hence it has now been bro tirely independent of Grand Lodge or its personal for good or evil. At that time rules had been fram of success. These had been now gone through c E. Curteis, the Hon. Secretary, and Bro. Gover, to h thanks of the Craft are due for the time that the stowed on the work. The constitution of the body w the Fund was very carefully considered, and each o discussed, Bros. the Hon. Captain Joliffe, I. Lati Davies, Bird, S. Jew, and others taking part.

It was agreed that there should be an annual mee Tuesday in April, and the first election of orphans the Fund will take place on that day in the present endeavours will be made to obtain a wide and gener benevolent scheme which has already met with su the Craft that may be regarded as almost universal

MONDAY, 10th FEBRUARY.

an, Sportsman, City-road, at 8.0. (Instruction.)
Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
Bell Tavern, Carter-lane, Doctor's-commons, at 6.30. (Instruct.)
n, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction.)
Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
reemasons' Hall, W.C.
of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8. (Instruction.)
k, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8. (Instruction.)
of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30. (In.)
thfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8. (Inst.)
, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road.

Honour, Royal Hotel, Falmouth.
Ashton House, Greek-street, Stockport.
Masonic Hall, Newport, I.W.
, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields.
, Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury.
, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
nnswick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
New Masonic Hall, Lincoln.
w Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford.
rederick, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge.
rial, Flying Horse Hotel, Nottingham.
, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne.
, Town Hall, Rugby.
sonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
Love and Liberality, Masonic Hall, Redruth.
e, Royal Lion, Lyne Regis.
lence, Masonic Chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester.
asonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
Hanley Hall, Dartmouth.
, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury.
, National School Room, Millbrook, Cornwall.
on, Masonic Hall, Hindport-road, Barrow-in-Furness.
Brothers, Castle Hotel, Southsea.
le, Sun Hotel, Chatham.
Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds.
s, Queen's Hotel, Manchester.
Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
e, Masonic Hall, Sandgate.
bitary, Masonic Hall, Canterbury.
in, Masonic Hall, Mold.
Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds.
m, Queen's Hotel, Micklegate, York.
de, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea.
erton, Bedford House, Rock Ferry.

TUESDAY, 11th FEBRUARY.

n, Westminster Palace Hotel, Westminster.
tional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7. (Inst.)
y, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
Westminster-chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
, Holly Bush Tavern, Hampstead.
, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
hip and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
nel, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
trough, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, City
gh, Green Dragon, Stepney. (Instruction.)
rederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)
e, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)
nderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
dgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
s, Three Bucks, 23 Gresham-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
litan, 268 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)
n's-le-Grand, The London, Fleet-street, E.C.
n Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-street-rd. at 8. (In.)
rs, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
Garden, Ashley's Hotel, Henrietta-street, Covent Garden.
ary, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square.
cient Brethren, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
Freemasons' Hall, Norwich.
r, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8. (Instruction.)
e, Masonic Hall, Truro.
y, Royal Hotel, Wigan.
Chatham of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Kent.
ite, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
y, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston.
eare, Masonic Room, High-street, Warwick.
n Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-st., Newc.-on-Tyne. (Instr.)
es, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax.
d, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.
e, Star Hotel, Maidstone.
in, Masonic Hall, Liskeard.
, Royal Hotel, Cleckheaton.
ne of Unity, Town Hall, Chippenham.
he East, Pier Hotel, Harwich.
Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup.
dward, Royal Oak, Leominster.
, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport.
urga, Tontine Hotel, Ironbridge.
Greenhall, Masonic Rooms, Sankey-street, Warrington.
214 Gt. Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
Greyhound Hotel, Sutton, Surrey.
n, Talbot Hotel, Cuckfield, Sussex.
Queen's Hotel, Portmadoc.
, Crescent Hotel, Ilkley.
, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baildon.
aval College, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.
ge, New Public Hall, Tonbridge.
am, Walton Institute, Walton, Liverpool.
ket, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley.
ficity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds.
on, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
dgewater, Masonic Hall, Runcorn.
ver and Cinque Ports, Royal Oak Hotel, Tower

1206—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-street, Wa
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalst
1558—Duke of Connaught, Faunce Arms, Kennington Pa
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate,
1707—Eleanor, Angel Hotel, Edmonton, at 8. (Instructi
R. A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-s
R. A. 857—St. Mark, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell,
M. M.—Old Kent, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C
R. C.—Grand Metropolitan, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-squ

54—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Chetham-street, Rochda
146—Antiquity, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton.
191—St. John, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury
204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Man
210—Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton.
225—St. Luke, Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich.
274—Tranquillity, Boar's Head Inn, Newchurch, near M
281—Fortitude, Athenæum, Lancaster.
288—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Todmorden.
290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Hudde
363—Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth.
429—Royal Navy, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate.
483—Sympathy, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend.
625—Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop.
668—Benevolence, Private Room, Prince Town, Dartmoo
750—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Railway-street, Chec
758—Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire, at 7.30
851—Worthing of Friendship, Steyne Hotel, Worthing.
852—Zetland, Albert Hotel, New Bailey-street, Salford.
854—Albert, Duke of York Inn, Shaw, near Oldham.,
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury.
1018—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Brad
1064—Borough, Bull Hotel, Burnley.
1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1101—Grey Friars, Masonic Hall, Reading.
1269—Lewises, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate.
1248—Denison, Grand Hotel, Scarborough.
1294—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instructi
1342—Walker, Hope and Anchor Inn, Byker, Newcastle.
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool
1394—Baldwin, The Castle, Dalton-in-Furness.
1403—West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk.
1424—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chath
1434—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham.
1503—Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham.
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, at 7. (Instructi
1520—Earl Shrewsbury, Public Rooms, Cannock, Staffs.
1547—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1582—Llanidloes, Trewythen Arms, Llanidloes, North Wa
1343—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne.
R. A. 20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham.
R. A. 387—Moravian, Masonic Hall, Shipley.
R. A. 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
M. M. 192—St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, The Parade, Berwi

THURSDAY, 13th FEBRUA

3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq.
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30.
19—Royal Athelstan, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-stre
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C.,
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at
206—Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
211—St. Michael, George, Australian Avenue, Barbican, E
263—Bank of England, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street,
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W
534—Polish National, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
580—Dalhousie, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
1076—Capper, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8.
1349—Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars, E.C., at 7.
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-road, Paddingto
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, E.C.,
1458—Duke of Connaught, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwe
1614—Covent Garden, Ashley's Hotel, Henrietta-street, Cove
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Cl
R. A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John

35—Medina, 85 High-street, Cowes.
97—Palatine, Masonic Hall, Toward-road, Sunderland.
112—St. George, Masonic Hall, Fore-street-hill, Exeter.
139—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (In.
215—Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden.
216—Harmonic, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool.
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instructio
333—Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston.
339—Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Cumberland.
469—Hundred of Elloe, Masonic Rooms, London Road, Spa
477—Mersey, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
546—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Caroline-street, Longton, Sta
732—Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton.
739—Temperance, Masonic Room, New-street, Birmingham
784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal.
788—Croxteth United Service, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
945—Abbey, Abbey Council Chamber, Abingdon, Berks.
971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial-street, Batley.
991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Willington Quay, Northumberlan
1035—Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.
1055—Derby, Knowsley Hotel, Cheetham, Lancashire.
1098—St. George, Private Room, Temperance Hall, Tredega
1141—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne.
1145—Equality, Red Lion Hotel, Accrington.
1147—St. David, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1204—Royal, Imperial Hotel, Malvern, Worcestershire.
1273—St. Michael, Free Church School-rooms, Sittingbourne.
1389—Bala, Plasgoch Hotel, Bala.
1416—Falcon, Masonic Hall, Castle Yard, Thirsk.
1429—Albert Edward Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Newpor
1514—Thornhill, Dearn House, Lindley, Huddersfield.
1583—Corbet, Corbet Arms, Towyn.
1613—West Middlesex, Feathers Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30.

ton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
arnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd. N. Kensington, at 7.30. (Inst.)
sonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-street, E.C., at 8.
'ythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8. (Inst.)
nt Calvary, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square.

norgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary-street, Cardiff.
verance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
and Calder, Private Rooms, Ouse-street, Goole.
ed, George Hotel, Colchester.
l Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
, Town Hall, Stretford-road, Hulme.
gate and Claro, Masonic Rooms, Parliament-street, Harrogate.
desert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard.
eld, Assembly Rooms, Easthorpe, Mirfield.
, Bedford House, Bedford-road, Rockferry, Cheshire.
d Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead.
De Sussex, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle.
Callender, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire.

SATURDAY, 15th FEBRUARY.

, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney.
ston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)
ton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
s Cross, Metropolitan Club, King's Cross.
ter of Instructio-, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.
ty and Charity, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

y Lodge of Instruction, No. 3.—A meeting was th ult. at Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-square. Bros. R. T. Cook Sec. W.M., J. E. W. Smith S.W., J.W., W. Phillips Treas., Breitbast S.D., Knight J.D., S. Past Master Bro. Koester Preceptor. The W.M. worked nd fourth sections of the first lecture. Lodge opened to Bro. Koester offered himself as a candidate for raising, ned and entrusted. Lodge opened up, and ceremony of gether with the traditional history, rehearsed. Lodge was rst degree. On the proposition of Bro. Koester, seconded cLaren, the S.W. was elected W.M. for ensuing week; he nis Officers in rotation. On the proposition of Bro. Koester, by Bro. J. E. W. Smith, a vote of thanks was unanimously n the minutes to the W.M. for the able manner in which rformed the duties of the evening. Proposed by W.M., S.W., that the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE should d to supply the Lodge with a copy of that paper weekly. ll Masonic business being ended, the Lodge was closed armony.

de and Old Cumberland Lodge, No. 12.—tion meeting was held on Monday, the 3rd inst., at Bro. he Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street. The Lodge was Bro. D. Nicols W.M., who was supported by a numerous of brethren and visitors. After preliminaries, the report t Committee was read and adopted, it showed a balance £176 15s 10d. Bro. W. H. Bateman S.W. and W.M. resented to the Lodge, and duly installed into the chair leaver. The customary salutations having been given, pointed and invested his Officers:—Bros. H. Mower S.W., J.W., L. Ruf P.M. re-invested (14th time) Treasurer, A. P.M. Sec., W. H. G. Rudderforth S.D., E. E. B. Kidder Buttenbach I.G., W. J. Beedel D.C., J. F. Meen Org., Gil- Tyler. Bro. W. B. Kidder P.M., at the request of the nted the I.P.M. with a jewel, which had been presented bers in recognition of his valuable services during his e. The brethren now set down to banquet and dessert, excellent style by Bros. C. and A. Painter. Grace having e W.M. proposed the Loyal toasts. Bro. R. W. Stewart toast of the Grand Officers, coupling with it the name Pullen P.G.S.B., who responded. Bro. D. Nicols I.P.M. health of The W.M., whom he described as a Mason in ul, one they had known and respected for seven years. anked Bro. Nicols for his kind remarks, it was seven visited this Lodge, then under the Mastership of Bro. ined, but he did not think he should ever have been so to be installed W.M. He he ly thanked the members tion they had given the toa . Before taking his seat pose the health of the Past Masters of the Lodge. They ed twelve. Bro. Ruf had served them faithfully as fourteen years. Bro. Lilley introduced him (the P.M.) sonry, and Bro. Cleaver installed him; to both of these ks were done; he would call on Bro. Kidder to respond. said he, as well as the P.M.'s, felt a pleasure in re-

such an assemblage was a great pleasure. They better Secretary, and to Bro. Snelgrove the succes Bro. A. Snelgrove followed. The W.M. then propose Masonic Charities, urging the claims of the Institut Their respected Bro. Terry Secretary R.M.B. Instit he (the W.M.) was a Steward for the Charities, Lilley and Cleaver, and he hoped the brethren w scribe. Bro. Terry in responding to the toast ga what was being done by the Institutions. There we cases that came under the notice of the Comm then proposed the toast of the Wardens and Mower and W. H. G. Rudderforth replied. The apologise for not proposing the health of the I. the Past Masters. However, all would agree deserving of a special toast. Bro. H. P. Matt humorous song, which was received with roars of course the Tyler's toast was given, and the b During the evening some capital songs were gi Matthews, Frank Ward, Rudderforth, Pigarche, an the Visitors were Bros. Hyde Pullen P.G.S.B., Dr. Hertfordshire, T. L. Green P.M. 1194, W. Bourn 1614, Jas. Terry P.G.J.W. Herts Secretary R. 811, E. T. Lewis 173, James Houghton 173, W. 933, J. Phelps 471, F. J. Osmond 1328, E. O Edmonds 1507, Stevens 171, Morgan 108, Frank 228, and H. M. Levy P.M. 188.

Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No was held on Monday, 3rd instant, at Bro. Spe Tavern, City-road. Present—Bros. Hallam sen. S.W., Gyer J.W., Fenner Sec., Stock S.D., Willis I.G., Hames acting Preceptor. All preliminari served, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, as candidate. The W.M. worked the first, second fifth sections of the lecture, assisted by the broth the Egyptian Lodge, No. 27, was elected a memb ordered to be sent by the Secretary, to Bro. R. G. their sympathy with him in his severe illness. Br appointed to preside at the next meeting.

Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, No Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, on 28th Ja W.M., Daniel S.W., Sayer J.W., Rich S.D., Roberts Sparrow Preceptor, Holland Sec.; Bros. Luc Richards. The ceremony of initiation was rehe candidate. Bro. Rich answered the questions lea degree, was entrusted, and duly passed. The Lo and on. Bro. King vacated the chair in favour o worked the third degree very impressively, Br The Lodge was closed down. Bro. Daniel was el ensuing Tuesday. A vote of thanks was recorde Bro. Lucop, for the able manner he had worked, in this Lodge of Instruction. The brethren atte Instruction will please note that the members i City of London Lodge of Instruction, on the s February, by invitation of Bro. Lucop.

On 4th February, Bros. Moss W.M., King S Chicken S.D., Roberts J.D., Shadler I.G., Sparrow Secretary; Billing, Maidwell, Hammond, Hill. initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Billing candidate. the chair in favour of Bro. Brown. Bro. Maidwell ans leading to the third degree, was entrusted and Sparrow gave the traditional history. The Lodge the third and second degrees. Bro. Billing, of th perity Lodges, was elected a member. Bro. W.M. for the ensuing Tuesday.

Kendal Castle Chapter, No. 129, Ken convocation of this Chapter was held at th Stramongate, on Thursday, 30th January, at o unavoidable absence of the M.E.Z., Comp. Josep domestic affliction, the first chair was occupied Bowes P.Z. P. Prov. G.S.N., as Installing P supported by E. Comp. Colonel Whitwell, M.P., P. E. Comp. John Holme P.Z. Prov. Grand J., Titus Talbot H. Z. elect, George McKay Prov. G.S.E. P.S. J. elect, Banks, Taylor, Bell, and a goodly members. The Chapter having been opened assisted by other distinguished members of the rest of the Companions were admitted and t

s S.W. W.M. elect, Watson J.W., John Bowes P.M. , John Holme P.M., P.P.G.J.W., John Talbot P.M. . T. Wilson P.M., Hogg Sec., Nelson P.M., Harrison, Gooding, Baron, Taylor, Bell, Atkinson, Medcalf, Winder, ifty other brethren. The Lodge having been opened, and s read and confirmed. The approach at the door of the ie Deputy Grand Master of the Province, Colonel Whit- as announced, and on that Worshipful Brother's entrance ated as became his office and rank. The Lodge being he second degree, Bro. John Banks W.M. elect was pre- he benefit of installation, and the ceremony was ably per- Bro. McKay, who opened and closed the Board of Installed isted by Bros. Bowes and Nelson. All the newly invested e placed in their respective situations, and their jewels fully explained by Bro. John Bowes, who also presented g tools of the three degrees to the W.M. At the con- ne ceremony the Lodge was closed, and the brethren ad- the Commercial Hotel for the banquet. The newly M. Bro. John Banks presided, and was supported on the e Deputy Grand Master, Bros. McKay, Titus Wilson, and on the left by Bros. John Bowes, Holme, Talbot, The company numbered over fifty. Grace after meat said by Bro. the Rev. H. Chaplain, the usual Loyal and ets were duly honoured, and a most agreeable evening We are glad to be able to congratulate this old Lodge on g vitality. It has always borne a good name for correct now there is a goodly company of efficient Past Masters afford instruction to the members in the lower degrees.

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ce Lodge of Instruction, No. 193.—A meeting Wednesday, 5th February, at Railway Tavern, Fen- . Present—Bros. C. Kendall W.M., G. L. Walker S.W., Bush J.W., J. K. Pitt Sec., D. Moss S.D., Thos. W. Bush J. Past Masters Bros. Barnes, Sayer, Webb; Bros. ns, Biddle, Bone. After preliminaries, the ceremony of rehearsed, Bro. Aarons candidate Bro. Moss worked sections of the lecture, and Bro. Barnes dictated the . Walker was elected W.M. for next meeting. The guinea to the Benevolent Institution, for which Bro. eward.

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ance Lodge of Instruction, No. 538.—On , at Green Dragon, Maddox-street, W. Bros. O. , G. Cundy S.W., L. Langdon J.W., C. Davies Treas., , Skinner S.D., S. Cooper J.D., M. Jewell I.G. Past . G. Baker. Visitor—Bro. Foy P.M. 292, Liverpool. econd sections of first lecture were worked. Cere- ion rehearsed, Bro. Bertram candidate. Ceremony of ed, Bro. J. Hemming candidate. Bro. Cundy elected February. Lodge closed in due form.

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fred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—On t., at Star and Garter Hotel, Kew-Bridge, at half-past Goss W.M., Blasby S.W., Costelow J.W., Gunner Hon. tor J.D., Roe (Preceptor) I.G., Bros. Pearson, Talbot, —Lodge opened in the three degrees, and resumed when Bro. Pearson was passed. Resumed to first, and refreshment. Resumed to third, and Bro. Pearson . Blasby was elected W.M. for next meeting, and Lodge

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Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—On Tuesday Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Powis-all-road, Dalston. t., H. Williams S.W., J. Lorkin J.W., Carr S.D., Chris- an I.G., Dallas Sec., Smyth Treas., P.M. Wallington s. Smyth, R. Williams, Collins, C. Lorkin, Weige and preliminaries, the W.M. worked the ceremony of Wardell candidate. Bro. Wardell answered the ques- ge was opened in the second. The ceremony of n rehearsed. The Preceptor now took the chair, and ned up; the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, ain offering himself as candidate. Bro. Polak re- , and closed the Lodge to the first degree. Bro. odge 860, was elected a member. Bro. H. Williams V.M. for next Tuesday evening.

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n Lodge of Instruction, No. 862.—At the Tuesday, the 5th inst., at Bro. Hyde's, Red Lion, Fleet-street, P. W. [illegible]

St. Augustine Lodge of Instruction meeting was held on the 25th ult., at the Masonic Present—Bros. W. H. Vile W.M., H. F. Pringuer J.W., T. Crump Treas., S. F. Pringuer Sec., J. Bing J.D., H. Welby I.G. The Lodge was opened, and It was then advanced to the second and third degr the same, when Bro. P.M. Welsh, the Preceptor, and fifth sections of the Lecture. The previous L nesday, 22nd January, was devoted to refreshmen three brethren partook of the usual annual supper, Shaxby, at the Guildhall Hotel. The W.M., Bro. J pied the chair, supported by Bro. J. Plant I.P.M. Longhurst J.W. 31. Good viands, eloquence and and profit and pleasure resulted.

Wandsworth Lodge of Instruction, meeting was held at the Spread Eagle Hotel, on 29th ult. Bro. F. Reed was the W.M., but, after first degree, he resigned the chair to Bro. W. A. Mor W.M. of 1044). Bro. C. Digby afterwards presid hearsed the third degree, Bro. F. Reed being the S.W. was Bro. A. A. Denham and the J.W. Bro. The other brethren present were Bros. H. R. Jo Marshall, J. G. Carter and C. M. Monk. Bro. A. posed, Bro. Carter seconded, and it was carried n Marshall be elected a member. The Secretary, B be the W.M. for next meeting.

Skelmersdale Lodge, No. 1380.—A mee Monday, 3rd February, at the Queen's Hotel, Wa Present—Bros. Edward Ford jun. W.M., John Col Exton J.W., Richard Brown Treas., F. W. Barnes S.D., R. W. Hickson J.D., Geo. Broadbridge P.M. John Almond Org., Henry A. Tobias as I.G., W. H. Master Bro. T. W. Richardson. Bros. Morrow, Chamberlain, Gittens, Watt, Fairhurst, Davies Visitors—H. Bulley P.G.S.B. Eng., H. S. Alpass P. .M. 594 P.P.G.S.B., W. Archer P.M. 1086 P.G.J .M. 1473, J. Ellis P.M. 1086, Thos. Salter J.W. 241 c. Business—The minutes having been read and pplicant for initiation having been balloted for odge was raised to the second degree, when Br W.M. elect was presented by Bro. Geo. Broadbridge and Ibbs P.P.G.S.B. to Bro. Rev. T. W. Richardson of installation. Having answered the usual questio obligated as W.M. elect. The Lodge was raised to when all the brethren below the rank of Installed and a Board of Installed Masters was opened, In rethren were re-admitted, and saluted the W.M. I down to the second degree, and then to the first, invested as his Officers for the ensuing twelve mont brethren:—E. Ford jun. I.P.M., George Broadbrid Exton S.W., F. W. Barnes J.W., Richard Brown Trea Sec., R. W. Hickson S.D., Fred. Smitton J.D., Ral John Almond Org., W. H. Ball Tyler. The Treasur accounts, showing a balance of £50 3s 6d to the cred Bro. Tobias gave notice of motion that the sum of donated to the R.M.I.G. to give a life vote to the W being of the Skelmersdale Lodge. The Lodge was tl refreshment, and partook of a good substantial tea, a by Bro. Chapman. After the cloth was removed, and Masonic toasts were given, and were cordiall responded to by the brethren present. A collectior £9 9s, was made for the W.L. Educational Institutior the least pleasant feature of the evening was the p P.M.'s jewel to Bro. Edward Ford jun., by the W.M. Lodge and its members. The musical portion of the was entrusted to Bros. Broadbridge, Gittens, Ch Almond, whose masterly rendering of several gle contributed very greatly to the success of the me having been resumed and the usual fraternal greet having been made, the Lodge was closed in due form.

Royal Military Lodge of Instruction, I meeting was held on the 27th January at the Canterbury. Present—Bros. J. Vautier W.M., Lagd mond J.W., E. Beer Treasurer, W. Carter Secreta S.D., Tyler J.D., Mission D.C., Tyler Steward, Cattel Tyler; Past Master Bro. Naylor; also Bros. Business—The Lodge was regularly opened, and the last Lodge of Instruction were read and confirme was then opened in the [illegible]

several other brethren. Bro. Godolphin, a candidate for answered the questions satisfactorily, was entrusted, and ony was rehearsed. The Lodge was resumed to the first The sum of five guineas was voted by the Lodge to Bro. of the Mother Lodge) list, who will act as Steward at the the R.M.B.I. on the 12th February. Bro. Hallam jun. d W.M. for next Lodge meeting.
sday, the 4th instant, the ceremony of installation was by Bro. Halford.

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ur Lodge, No. 1626.—The Installation meeting of this ge took place on the 23rd ult., at the Masonic Hall, Maple- vcastle-on-Tyne, the W.M. elect, Bro. Dr. Luke Armstrong duly installed by Bro. W. S. Hughes P.M., and he after- ointed his Officers. The brethren then dined together at Head Hotel, Guy-street. We are unable to give a full our representative in Newcastle-on-Tyne did not receive any of the meeting.

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y Lodge, No. 1656, Hampton Wick.—A very suc- ting of this Lodge took place on Monday last, at the Hotel. The Lodge being opened, Messrs. Ellis and Ger- initiated, and Bro. Drummond was raised. The Rev. Bro. Crespigny was unanimously elected W.M., Bro. A. Nut- ted Treasurer, and Bro. J. Gilbert elected Tyler. To Bro. nond, who has held the office of Master for the past two M.'s jewel was most heartily voted, and he was highly and complimented on his excellent rendering of the beautiful of the Order, and the great success that has, through his nded the Lodge during its two years' existence. The day has been altered from the 1st to the 2nd Monday in the February, March, November, and December. The instal- ro. the Rev. F. J. C. de Crespigny will take place on th March, and, in order to save time, there will be, prob- mergency" held on Saturday, 8th March. After the he Lodge, the brethren adjourned to the supper-room. Loyal and Masonic toasts were briefly given, and the parated. The following members were present:—Bros. mmond P.P.G.D. W.M., J. W. Baldwin acting S.W., Rev. ohn Champion de Crespigny P.P.G. Chap. J.W. and Chap., lliam Ockenden Sec., John Hurst J.D., Benjamin Richard , Thomas Charles Walls P.P.G. Orgst. I.G., Edward harles Richer, John Featherstone, Charles R. Fitt, Richard rge, Richard Masters, John Piller, John Henry Duffell, ick, Arthur Thomas Aylen, Charles Worthington, John red Humphris, Frederick Lewis Chandler, Alfred Abbett, rner, William Symons White, Alfred John Emms, Charles ard Drummond, G. Harrison Tyler. Visitor—Bro. Jas. Jordan 201.

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nd Lodge, No. 1693.—A meeting was held on e 4th inst., at Bro. Fysh's, Jolly Farmers, Southgate- t—Bros. A. H. Trewinnard W.M., H. P. Isaac S.W., V., J. Crosbie Treas., C. K. Killick sen. Sec., A. W. , H. Hall J.D., C. Western D.C., H. Opperman Steward, G., Steedman Tyler. Past Master Bros. C. K. Killick nt twenty members. Visitors—Bros. T. J. Byng W.M. auge 151. Lodge opened, and the minutes were read d. Bro. Chas. Millington was raised to the sublime . John Kentish was passed, and Messrs. Stanbrook and e duly initiated into the mysteries of the Craft. The ceremonies were excellently rendered by the W.M., supported by his Officers, all of whom are energetic in are well known in London Lodges of Instruction. The closed, the brethren sat down to a plain but substantial ded by Bro. Fysh, in his usual satisfactory manner. The were proposed and duly honoured. Several bretbren the enjoyment of the evening by some excellent songs s, and the brethren separated, after having enjoyed a evening. We may here note that the W.M., Bro. A. l, will act as Steward at the Festival for the Benevo- n; the brethren present contributed liberally to his hope will be a handsome one.

Carthage Lodge, No. 1717.—At Tunis, in , a meeting was held on the 18th January, at the . Present—Bros. A. M. Broadley, barrister-at-law, Perini S.W., G. Pentecost J.W., M. Lumbroso Sec., Treas., V. Finzi as S.D., A. Bokobsa as J.D., W. Dr. Cassanello Steward, M. Le Gallais I.G., J. Eymon

Frank Assist. Sec., E. Hill S.D., H. Spoor Assist. E. Morris I.G. There were also present Bros. Cogan, Barton, Manning, Emery, Flewett P.M. 360, Robinson P.M. 360, Goode W.M. 445, Jones P.M. 4 &c. Bros. Cogan and Barton were raised to the M.M. Bro. Parker performing the ceremony in the Cogan. The D.P.G.M. resumed the chair and raised solemn and impressive manner in which the performed elicited the highest praises from the Bro. Hill the Organist superintended the musical to the ceremonies. After the close of the Lodge journed to the banquet room, where a very harmon spent.

Saint Leonard Lodge, No. 1767.—A me the Town Hall, Shoreditch, on Wednesday last, Br W.M. presiding, assisted by Bros. G. T. Bar Barham J.W., C. Stevens Treas., J. Cox Hon. S S.D., J. A. Jones J.D., A. A. Clement I.G., G. C. Young Organist, and C. T. Speight T good attendance of members of the Lodge, present Bros. W. P. Dukes P.M. 15, W. Hester Parker P.M. 1579, C. W. Cox S.W. 1566. R. W. A. Wagstaff 188, S. J. Wolton 1693. From th minutes, it appeared that at a Lodge of Emergenc Waynforth, King, and Matthews had been raised degree. The usual formularies, Bro. the Rev. was duly entrusted with the distinguishing badge of the ceremony being most impressively worked by Officers. Bros. Tidball, Thrower, and Drysdale passed. Mr. W. J. Stevens was balloted for, and aft into the ancient mysteries of the Order, the work done. Bro. W. H. Brand, No. 1524, was elected Lodge. Other business was also transacted, and n voted to the funds of the Royal Masonic Benev Bro. W. Beasley having undertaken to serve the offi the forthcoming Anniversary Festival. The W.M. invest Bro. the Rev. H. G. Henderson with the co Chaplain of the Lodge, and Bro. G. C. Young, wh been appointed Organist, was now likewise formall Lodge having been duly closed, the brethren retire refreshment, which was served by Bro. Grist in li manner. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts we Bro. the Rev. H. G. Henderson warmly acknowle spirit and excellent working of the Worshipful Visitors expressing high approval the conduct of th Officers, as well as at the unanimity which appeared the whole of the brethren. The meeting was alt satisfactory character, and this new Lodge is e progress.

Royal Hanover Lodge, No. 1777.—An ing of this Lodge was held at the Town Hall, Houn last, when there were present Bros. H. A Dubois P.M. P.Z. W.M., H. Lovegrove S.W., G. Clark jun. Hon. I.P.M., H. B. Marshall Treas., W. H. Barbe S.D., C. C. Cruikshanks J.D., G. J. Dunkley Organi and others; with Visitors Bros. J. W. Baldwin P. Pr Cannon. Bros. H. B. Marshall, W. Heelis, C. J. G. Wood having been entrusted, were passed to th and the ballot having been taken for four gentlem present, Messrs. Walter S. Dunkley and W. A. V initiated into the mysteries and privileges of Fr W.M. (Bro. H. A. Dubois) was indisposed, but through the ceremonies in his usual style, except tl was very kindly taken by Bro. J. W. Baldwin P.M. some business matters, the Lodge was closed. T meeting will be on the 22nd of March. The bre refreshment, when the usual toasts were honoured, Prov. Grand Master (Col. F. Burdett) and the Officers being ably responded to by Bro. J. W. Bald and the party separated at an early hour.

Peace and Harmony Lodge, South January, being the festival of St. John, of the Pea Lodge, there was a numerous attendance of the bre at the Masonic Hall, Bugle-street, Southampton, t stallation of the W.M. Elect, Bro. T. Lashmore, wh was ably performed by Bro. T. P. Payne P.M. The chose his Officers for the ensuing year as follows: S.W., J. C. Strond J.W., Wes on P.M. Treasurer,

ow (in course)—
almonne from ye antient and good Citie of Limerick,
& Cvovmbere savce servyd therwyth.
e ryghte royalle Tvrbote, with Lobstere savce.

re foreign Leibfraumilch wel saved by ye connynge
ntners, ANNO DOMINO 1868, to drynk therwyth.

OURSE wil be—
Compote mayde from ye timide Hare.
Sweete Breades, served hotte, wyth juicie Mvshroomes.

following foreign Wynes to drynk therwyth—
net's *Cuvée Réservée*, Master Heidsieck's Dry Monopole.

ith—
Tvrkey, boyled, served wyth celerie & Oystere sauce.
Ye Tongve of ye Oxe.
Saddles of tendere Mutton rostede.
Hamme from ye goode Citie of Limerick aforesaid,
be-frizzled in ye wyne of Champagne.

Wynes from France to drynk therwyth as:—
Dry Monopole—Mastere Perinet's Champagne.

pere time loke out ffor—
Ye wilde and tastie Dvcke rostede.
yed wyth divers tendere Vegetables as followeth—
Yonge Asparagvs, Peas, and Seakale alsoe.

Ye wynes for this dysh are as folowcth:—
er Perinet's Champagne—Master Heidsieck's alsoe.

daintie wil folow—
Jellie mayde wyth Brandie from France.
A rare dysh mayde from jvicie Apples.

Sherrie Wyne—Champagne Wyne.

reliefe, there wil be—
caroni & Cheese after ye manner of ye Italians.
Puddynge of Ice finely flavovred.

liqueur made by ye pious Monkes of ye Abbeye Chartreuse
France,—lykewise Cognac from abroad alsoe.

—
of sundrie choice Frvits from manie far countrees as:—
Ye Pine Apples from ye Indies.
luscious grape, and jvicie Water Melon, &c., &c.

Ye wyne yclept Claret la Rose.

CHELL, ye Manciple, ye Hostelrie, ye signe of ye Grosvenor

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t **Ebor Preceptory, No. 101, K.T.**—A meeting of
as held at York on Tuesday, E. Sir Knight T. B. Whyte-
acting as E.P., Sir Knight P. H. Rowland as Constable,
ight J. S. Cumberland Marshal, with other Officers and
Comp. A. T. B. Turner of the Paradise Chapter 139 was in-
night of the Order.

"SECRET SOCIETIES."

OP'S FULMINATION ABOUT "DANGEROUS IN-FLUENCES."

FROM THE VOICE OF MASONRY.

D, Bishop of Rochester, better known as Bishop McQuaid,
ist published a lengthy "pastoral letter," in the course of
lls the "faithful" that secret and oath-bound societies
d with horror by the Church. This, of course, will not
the readers of the VOICE, but never before have I seen so
condemnation of these organisations as I shall quote from
al." As Masons make no war on the Catholic Church, nor
her sect or political organisation, it may hardly be worth
e this document any particular consideration, nevertheless
well enough to have a proper understanding as to the atti-
Romish hierarchy and priesthood towards the Masonic in-
or clearly it is Masonry more than any other secret society
garded with "horror." The Bishop says:—"The Popes
ious times condemned these societies, and excommunicated
g to them, or in any way aiding or abetting them. No
a member of these forbidden societies and of the Catho-
at the same time. Many members of secret societies
this fact so well, that now they are unwilling to admit a
membership. He can scarcely be true to them, so they
a betrays his church, and is unfaithful to his religious

be avoided, because, in their aims and methods
with the first class. It is not necessary each tim
ties puts on a mask and assumes a new name,
shoud tear off the mask and brand the exposed
do this work for themselves by remembering t
their guidance. 1. Avoid all societies condemne
name. 2. Avoid all societies whose principles
of the first class, as in any way inimical to rel
government. 3. Avoid all societies whose purp
wrong or injustice to individuals or classes in
Avoid all societies bound by oaths of secrecy a
lawful authority, spiritual or temporal. 5. Avoi
rights and rituals are made up of forms, cer
partaking of a religious character, or
worship, not according to the teachings and
Catholic Church. Some of the societies and Lod
Worshipful Masters and High Priests, are substit
priest."

I have hesitated, but finally concluded, to publi
extract. Rules 2, 3 and 4 seem to me absurd, for
ble that any one can point out as flourishing in th
societies of the character the Bishop says are to
not object, as it is none of my business, to the
"faithful" people to "avoid all societies condemn
name," doubtless meaning Masonic. He may be s
followers will not be molested with any request t
That is not the way we increase the number of c
the closing paragraph of this fulmination about s
fresh and entertaining that I give it entire: "Le
the commands of the church and all religious co
has no right to give up control of his own will,
unknown obligations. He can do so only by sacr
and independence of action. In resigning into the
or Lodge a man's liberty of speech, the boasted fr
is lost. It is a disgrace that, in a country like o
is no possible excuse for oath-binding societies,
ready to yield up their freedom of will, and becom
and irresponsible masters, by the oaths they tak
tire of contemning titles and the *fantastic tra*
tocracy, assume wonderful state and dignity, api
style of the classes they pretend to despis
and silly, and one of the chief signs of weak
our young Republic. The robust vigour and pl
so prevalent among the American people a few y
passing away."

The reasoning of this is somewhat strange, and
culiar. I apprehend that most of our sensible A
think the Bishop looks at our present condition
dyspeptic intellect or jaundiced eye, when h
record the opinion that "the robust vigour and p
so prevalent among the American people a f
clearly PASSING AWAY!" Does he refer to the
characterised the anti-Masonic crusade in th
1830 and 1840? If so, I can happily assure him
political animosity can never again be revived in
against Masons.

"*Fantastic trappings*," too, is *good*. I know o
has more *fantastic trappings* than the Catholic. I
not the church the Bishop had in his mind. Won
forgotten for the moment a certain Catholic soc
secret in our sense of the word) which occasional
streets—a fair looking body of men—in the "tra
circus performers rather than *knights*, as they
themselves. Be this as it may, the Bishop has
resist the organisation, among his own "faithful
of several companies of so-called knights, who a
in public with a counterfeit Knights Templar
casual observer the difference can hardly be
their special tenets of organisation are, I have nev
do I care. But it is plain that the Bishop has a
feeling to these, still for some reason he has failed
ful rhetoric in denunciation of them. Perhaps
from Rome we will hear from him again, infor
Sovereign Pontiff condemns those Knights of
Gregory as emphatically as he now does the Kni
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"ANTI-SECRETS" CONVENTION.

NNESOTA is a far off country, and St. Charles, to us at all events, is an unknown city. It may be exhibiting a most unpardonable ignorance in making ıtement, and that St. Charles is quite a New York-hiladelphia, Chicago, Boston, and half-a-dozen other States Cities rolled into one. Still we confess to never heard of its existence before, and therefore a journal :ontains news of what is going on in its precincts is as interesting as the journal of an exploration of Africa by Stanley, Cameron, or some other well-and veteran traveller. We labour under one very disadvantage in perusing the intelligence which has us from this remote part. We have little or nothing) us in forming an estimate of the people's character shall feel grateful to any of our American friends l vouchsafe us the blessing of a little enlightenment, naterial point. Are the worthy citizens of St. Charles r mortals like the rest of humankind, or have they ally elongated ears, with an asinine propensity to eaded—our readers must kindly excuse the *lapsus* -and obtuse when they should be docile and intelli-Are they distinguished in an especial degree by ıity, or have they maniacal tendencies of any kind, ieularly on the score of religion? The smallest ı of information on these points will be gratefully . Until, however, we obtain this information, we ntent ourselves with the one alternative course open to us. We must form our own conclusions ıatter, and, with every desire to spare the feelings tizens of St. Charles, Minnesota, the opinion we med of them is most unfavourable. We cannot of them as possessing any of that bright intelli-ıd sound common sense by which a very large ın of their fellow-citizens of the United States are shed. On the contrary, we should imagine the Luna must have presided at their birth, and has ə exercised an overpowering influence over their Only in this way can we account for the absurdity some among them, and from the neighbourhood, ty in the month of December, when a convention in St. Charles for four consecutive days, for the of denouncing Freemasonry, its principles and . We have heard of the extreme folly exhibited ı people who are in the habit of kicking against :s—or "bricks," as we once heard an elegant a Civil servant decribe it. And is it not chron-ıe pages of the immortal Cervantes what befel the chilvalrous Don Quixote, when he tilted at nills? We know there are people who are at as ıs to betray their folly as others are to conceal it, ıppose there always will be such, as long as the s; but the spectacle is far from being an agree-ınd for ourselves we would rather keep them in of obscurity for which by nature they are in-only they would have the kindness to let us do r, however, among them are prone to take unto ı the rôle of important public characters, and an :onsideration of their claims to figure in such a ecomes inevitable.

eturn to our sheep—a class of animal which has o brain power—we mean these citizens of St. ho held an "Anti-Secrets" Convention in the *St. Paul Dispatch* of 6th January last. alarmed us not a little. It ran thus:—

"THE ANTI-SECRETS.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE ST. CHARLE

Organised Opposition to Secret Soci

However, a sense of relief overcame us article. We began with something akin at the fate that was in store for Freema pleted its perusal with mingled feelir contempt that people should be guilty o supreme folly, and then expect others t to an account of it. The narrative tak minutes of the proceedings. We are told December, great encouragement was ex appearance of so many earnest Christian wo composed of "men of more than ordinary "come in open conveyances from thirty to hall where the meeting was held was soon meeting having been called to order, Bro (*? Asinorum Magister*) was elected chairn Fenton Secretary. Bro. Hardie then "ma prayer. A hymn was sung, and the necessar appointed. Even thus early, however, a l ceedings occurred. Past Master E. R arrive in time, and the meeting fell back (Stoddard, who "gave a powerful and con the antagonism of sworn secrecy and domestic relations." As early as 9 a.m. th "prayer meeting, led by the chairman, was were fervent, and the Lord seemed near." transaction of some immaterial busines Stoddard lectured on "Masonic Satelli thoroughly, despotic, and world-wide gras was exhibited in the most forcible and c By the time appointed for the afternoon Past Master E. Ronayne had contrived to meeting, so, after more prayer and some just to pass away the time, that distinu proceeded to discuss the question, "are M binding?" and having resolved it in his (the evening worked the first degree of F this, we are told, "the attention of t profound and respectful, while the base ar ter of Freemasonry was overwhelmingl day following (the 13th), prayer meeting Constitution and Bye-Laws of the Organi four resolutions were passed. In the f was denounced as a "revival of the secre old Baal or sun God of Egypt an Hiram Abiff of the Lodge being simp of the Mysteries)." The second we stand, for if it has any meaning what taken as complimentary to those who ass masons. The third expresses heartfelt establishment of schools for Christian cu a faithful testimony against the Lodg fourth and last is denunciatory of the intoxicating liquors, and especially of " which "finds its strongest ally in the its influence in our courts and upon p Later in the day "Ronayne" worked a second degree, and "Stoddard" gave anc Saturday, the 14th, no meeting was held "as all wished to have a little rest bef

ho had " entertained members of the convention
id," the narrative concludes abruptly.
ve already indicated with sufficient distinctness
n of this wonderful story. It is hard to say
its most conspicuous feature, its cant, its
, or its nonsense. We would point out to our
contemporary, in all kindliness of spirit, that
much ridicule must attach to the journal
erts such trash in its columns as to those who
ie exhibition. The *St. Paul Dispatch* cannot
believe its readers, unless they are mentally
will do ought else than laugh at this wonder-
tion, those who composed it, and the proceedings
ed. It is nothing less than a crime to suppose
man of sense could possibly accept this jumble
se as emanating from intelligent people. Let
claim against Freemasonry if they must do so ;
even go the length of condemning a Society of
ure they are ignorant, but let them have some
their own character as rational beings, or pre-
such. The Rev. Stoddard may lecture on
Satellites," and Past Master Ronayne may dis-
uestion whether Masonic obligations are binding,
his wonderful three degrees every day of his
may rest assured that instead of doing harm
sonry, they will only bring upon themselves the
of upright men. Probably by this time they are
f this exhibition of inane folly ; at all events let
hey are, and henceforth will comport themselves
hose long-eared animals we read of in Natural
ooks.

MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

niversary Festival of this Institution was held on Wednes-
12th inst., at Freemasons' Tavern, London. The R.W.
d Master of East Lancashire, Lt.-Col. Le Gendre N.
sided. He was supported by a very large assembly of
or the Order. He hoped they would never
Grand Officers deficient in any particular.
the list — Success to the R.M. Benevolen
the chairman an opportunity of explaining at so
that had been done by the Institution, and the
they would be able to do in the future. He point
establishment of the Male Fund in 1842, when G
grant of £400 to found it, they had relieved no le
there being after the last election 145 annuitant
£10 per annum from the funds of the Institution.
was established in 1849, and now provided £32
135 widows, and £20 per annum each to 13 others
had been elected to receive the benefits of th
alluded to the fact that at the next election the
and 43 female candidates, while the vacancies
respectively. He hoped the brethren would han
and thereby render comfort to their aged and les
Bro. Col. Creaton briefly replied. He thought th
to the words of the chairman would be to her
Stewards' exertions. Bro. Terry thereupon ann
heartiest applause, that the result of the exertion
who had acted as Stewards—the largest board ever
Masonic Charities—was no less than £13,875 10s
to come. As we give below the amount of each l
to sub-divide the various items other than to men
presented by 114 Stewards, was credited with £
Provinces, 171 Stewards, £7,644 13s. Special r
the splendid result achieved by East Lancashire
handsome total of £3,542, which, as Bro. Terry an
amount ever contributed by a Province to one of
Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, as President of the Boa
for three cheers for the East Lancashire Steward
heartily accorded. Sir H. Edwards had the p
the health of the Chairman. He considered th
portant one of the evening. His friend Bro.
throughout his Province as the great Lancash
might he be termed such, for no brother could
to advance the interests of the Order. Lieut.
replied. He was gratified to know that the Ma
satisfied with the exertions of himself and the
he presided. Bro. Martyn gave success to the
tions, and Bros. Hedges and Binckes responded
gave the health of the Stewards, congratulating
of their exertions. Bro. Woodford responded.
repaired to the Temple where, as usual, an exce
vided, under the direction of Bro. Frederick H.

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lowing is a corrected list of the Stewards and amounts collected by them up to the time

LONDON.

W Br. Sir H Johnstone			
gar Bowyer	83	0	0
o. G Stevens	110	0	0
ward Founer	15	15	0
mes Holah	25	14	6
v A F A Woodford	41	0	0
hn Larkin	43	11	0
Gresley Hall	15	15	0
Woodhouse Brain	44	3	6
orge Jeffery	32	11	0
seph Fenn	18	1	6
muel Coste	37	15	6
v R P Bent	27	13	0
R T Pigott	30	0	0
H Bateman	100	0	0
H Lilley	52	10	0
Joseph Clever	31	10	0
C F Tatham			
ery Martin	45	0	0
orge Watson	38	0	0
C Davies	22	15	0
H H Smith	34	2	6
H Wright	28	5	0
seph Driscoll	96	15	0
hn Davis	41	17	0
ery Follett	47	4	0

Lodge			
141 Br. Charles Dairy	107	10	0
Chapter			
142 Comp. H C Levander			
LoJge			
144 Br. Geo D Skeggs	33	11	0
147 Henry Bartlett	69	5	0
162 N J Fenner	19	8	6
167 Ralph Firbank	46	3	0
174 G T H Seddon	135	10	0
180 A L Annett	113	10	0
181 Joseph E Turner			
197 Edward Henry Burnell	16	16	0
198 James T Rowe	35	2	0
205 A M Cohen	34	17	0
228 Robt H Halford	112	1	0
235 Edward H Hewett			
235 Joseph Kincaird			
256 R R Davis	40	19	0
Charles Birch	10	10	0
259 John A Rucker	115	10	0
435 John Holden	30	0	6
511 Wm Game	22	5	0
569 Lewis T Crook	74	10	6
657 Wm Maple	100	16	0
704 E W Young			
715 Henry Birdseye	29	18	0
733 H A Stacey			
742 F A Pullen	21	0	0
754 David Roberts	31	10	0
766 George Newnum	31	10	0
780 W M Gardiner	43	9	6

Lodge			
860 Br. T B Dodson			
861 Wm Groome			
862 / 1612 Thos Kingston			
871 Jas George Th			
898 C P Mills			
907 W H Farnfield			
933 T J Barnes			
969 Wm. Hy. Cotte			
1017 W H Gullifordl			
Chapter			
1056 Comp. Jno Hy Leg			
Lodge			
1076 Br. Jno White			
1118 L G Gordon R			
1155 Joseph Wilson			
1178 Joseph Stock			
1196 E G Legge			
1260 Jno J Southwo			
1278 Wm J Crutch			
1288 Thos. Goode			
1319 Wm A Tinney			
1339 Henry E Fran			
1348 G S Blythe			
Chapter			
1348 Comp. Peter Parso			
Lodge			
1351 Br. Henry Porter			
1366 E C Daines			
1381 Thos. Chas. W			
1383 K R Murchiso			

Rev Dr Brette	-	-	106	11	6
Joseph D Barnett	-	-	42	0	0
Walter W Medcalf	-	-	120	15	0
Walter C Claridge	-	-	65	11	0
Jno Hy Outhwaite	-	-	40	0	0
Alfd H Trewinnard	-	-	63	5	0
J Bagot Scriven	-	-	58	4	6
Jno Dennis	-	-	67	5	0
W M Stiles	-	-	50	0	0
Wm Beasley	-	-	40	8	0

ERKS AND BUCKS.

Barron Fielder	-	-	36	15	0
J Blandy Jenkins	-	-	31	10	0
Robert Bradley	-	-	36	15	0
Dick Radclyffe	-	-	136	12	6
Robert Roberts	-	-	36	15	0
Chas. Oades	-	-	47	10	0
W J Goddard	-	-	10	10	0
			336	7	6

BRISTOL.

Edward Thos. Inskip	-	-	15	15	0

BERLAND AND WEST-MORELAND.

nce, per G J McKay	-	-	63	2	0

DERBYSHIRE.

Hawthorne Webster	-	-	23	8	6

DORSETSHIRE.

ico, per J R F Gundry	-	-			

ESSEX.

00 Comp. Rev H J Hatch			11	0	0

LOUCESTERSHIRE.

ohn Hyde	-	-	52	10	0
W White	-	-	85	12	0
Godfrey, J.P.	-	-	10	10	0
			148	12	0

AND ISLE OF WIGHT.

ev. E W Watts	-	-	63	8	6
hos. Benham	-	-	42	10	0
eo. P Arnold	-	-	81	10	0
			187	8	6

ERTFORDSHIRE.

mes Shilcock	-	-	16	5	0
C Madever	-	-	43	1	0
D R Copestick	-	-	84	15	0
			144	1	0

KENT.

m. Hicks	-	-	62	17	0
ev. H Des Barres	-	-	95	7	6
Joynes Emmerson	-	-	10	10	0
M Baker	-	-	202	13	0
Evans Crook	-	-	30	14	6
os. J Pulley	-	-	30	2	0
			432	4	0

ST LANCASHIRE.

airman	-	-	105	0	0
rincial Grand Lodge			525	0	0
" " Chapter			52	10	0
o. Mellor	-	-	84	0	0
7 Edward Ashworth			105	0	0
2 W O Walker	-	-	63	0	0
J L Hine	-	-	300	0	0
Edmund Ashworth Hutchinson	-	-	10	10	0
Lees, M.D.	-	-			
Harrison, J.P.	-	-	52	10	0
s. Glaister, J.P.	-	-	42	0	0
N Rosslyn	-	-			

	-	-	115	10	0
215 Thos. Hargreaves	-	-	36	15	0
64, 221, 1723 J W Taylor	-	-	10	10	0
269 W H Cunliffe	-	-	10	10	0
1161 Julius Arensberg	-	-	10	10	0
348 Hy. Greenwood	-	-	10	10	0
62 Capt. H A Bennett	-	-	10	10	0
152 Thos. Chorlton	-	-	99	15	0
42 Jas. W Kenyon	-	-	21	0	0
1129 C M Jones	-	-	31	10	0
37 Samuel Crowther	-	-	10	10	0
37 Jas. Walker	-	-	5	5	0
345 S Goldstone	-	-			
350 Martin Thomas	-	-			
37 Jas Newton	-	-	210	0	0
44 A B Bennett	-	-	10	10	0
62 Chas A Schuster	-	-	41	9	6
Chapter					
62 Comp Geo Higgins	-	-	31	10	0
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191 Bro. Alfred Hopkinson		-	42	0	0
221, 1729 J M Rutter	-	-	10	10	0
221, 1723 Geo Ferguson	-	-	10	10	0
266 Samuel Clegg	-	-			
266 Richard Gorton	-	-			
266 Robt A Bridge	-	-			
269 Jas Bertwistle	-	-	21	0	0
269 T T Mercer	-	-	21	0	0
283 R H Hardman	-	-	63	10	0
288 Thos Scholfield	-	-	66	0	0
317 Wm Nicholl	-	-	10	10	0
348 John Wolstenholme		-	31	10	0
369 J E Anderton	-	-	15	15	0
645 Geo Marshall	-	-			
935 Benj. Taylor	-	-	31	10	0
1009 C E Austin	-	-	10	10	0
1030 W H Vaughan	-	-	26	5	0
1253 J F Hoffgaard	-	-	52	10	0
1519 Edmund Heywood	-	-			
1634 Henry Heys	-	-	26	5	0
1723 Nathaniel Nicholson		-	10	10	0
1723 Wm Court	-	-	10	10	0
37 Johnson Mills	-	-	10	10	0
37 Rooke Pennington	-	-	10	10	0
462 John W Walmsley	-	-	17	17	0
467 Rev W Chaytor	-	-	10	10	0
467 Jas L Page	-	}	10	10	0
1504 Jno Collinge	-	}			
126 Jno Bollard	-	-			
221 Thos Morris	-	-	10	10	0
146 John Dasbury	-	-			
345 Denis Towers	-	-	42	0	0
1077 Geo Jackson	-	-	26	5	0
1253 J W Maclure	-	-	10	10	0
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448	C T Rhodes
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910	W F Clark

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having been performed, the brethren were re-admitted uted the new W.M., who appointed his Officers:— N. Taylor S.W., G. F. Dix J.W., Lovick P.M. Treasurer, Verry Sec., Procter S.D., R. W. Biggs J.D., Mears D.C., ld Steward, Steedman Tyler. Bro. Hollington then brought rs as Installing Master to a close by delivering the ancient o the Master, Wardens, and Brethren, which were rendered r splendid manner, eliciting, at their conclusion, great praise resent. The W.M. presented Bro. Hollington with a P.M.'s in evidence of the esteem in which the brethren held him, him personally also for the services rendered him that Bro. Hollington premising that he would doubtless have unity for reply after the banquet, would not make a long it would simply thank them sincerely for the presentation. ciated the recognition of his work that evening, the more, reflected credit upon Bro. T. J. Barnes P.M., to whom he o many other brethren) was deeply indebted for their knowledge. Lodge was formally closed and adjourned. ren repaired to the banquet room, where an elegant and banquet was excellently served by Bro. S. Watkins, the ng effectively decorated with cut flowers. After justice done to the good cheer, grace was sung (*Laudi Spirituali*) by a quartette, consisting of Bros. T. Baxter, G. Harter, n, and W. J. C. Large, who, with Bro. Sherwin Organist, luring the evening a selection of songs and glees in a very nner. The W.M. gave, in brief terms, the Queen and followed by the "National Anthem." The next toast was e M.W.G.M. This as well as the former was received with n, and was followed by "God bless the Prince of Wales." wo toasts on the list were taken together, viz., The Pro uty G.M. and other Grand Officers Past and Present. The these distinguished brethren required no words from him the toast a hearty reception, the brethren being fully with their worth. "When evening's twilight" was here . G. Hollington I.P.M. said: Brethren—Once more the ch I have only just laid by, as I thought, is entrusted to almost my grasp of it had got cold. Nevertheless, I can am as proud to ask you to drink the health of our W.M. install him into the position which I know he will so ably d that in such a manner that at the end of his year of ail all be able to say, "he is a man in whom we are well Song—"Jack's Yarn," Bro. Large. The W.M., in reply, Hollington and Brethren,—I am deeply obliged to you all l manner in which you have just pledged my health. I w why you have said so many kind things of me, but can I will uphold the dignity of the Lodge, and endeavour to a more prosperous condition (if that be possible) than my . The W.M. next proposed the health of the P.M.'s, h, and giving a kindly recognition of their various services thorne Lodge, and that, too, when it was not so prosfortunately it now is. Song, by Bro. G. T. Carter, "Secret part song, "Beware." The P.M.'s then severally ac- l the honour done them, Bros. Lacey, Ashdown and rching upon the many vicissitudes through which the passed, all agreeing in a wish for its continued prose- e next toast, the W.M. said, was the Visitors—one of tance to the brethren of the Langthorne Lodge. On this ey were unusually fortunate in being honoured by the so many distinguished guests. Having enumerated hem by name, the W.M. offered them all a hearty welalled on the brethren to drink their health. Bro. T. a beautiful rendering of "Norah, the Pride of Kildare." arnes P.M. said—When I look round on the forest of faces feel I ought not to detain you; but the W.M. having each visitor to respond, I cannot but feel that, despite the e Craft, "The W.M. can do no wrong," I must depart stomary adherence to it, and feel that the replies must be other has just whispered to me the time allowed each is —but if ten minutes be given, we may get away about morning. However, there may be brethren who are avail themselves of the full time allowed. I will give "There's a chiel amang ye taking notes, and faith he'll Several other brethren followed, all of whom acknowgood reception they had received on that and asions. Bro. Thorp, in expressing his thanks, said— r Visitors who were constant guests, he was there time. This he thought was the fault of the Lodge, his. He had come to reside near, and was open to attend gs with great regularity. The W.M. had now to bring for- not upon the list, at the same time deservedly due to a had at all times served the Lodge in an efficient and wor-

The one he alluded to was Bro. J. G. Stevens, who, as on happy to take any name in support of that Ch drink success to our Charities, and couple with t Bro. Terry. Bro. Thornton here sang "The Blue Bro. Terry, in response, said no matter which of t stitutions were being advocated, they were sure and supported by the Brethren of the Langtho Ward Verry had expressed a wish to know if th London contributed in like proportion to the E acknowledge the generosity of this end of Londo tions. In former years, when to obtain Stewa was a great difficulty, several brethren of this en faces I recognise, such as Bros. Stevens, Hobbs, A came forward, all of whom rendered good ser example to others. Your musical party in the c sang a glee entitled "Beware." Will yo a few words as to its application? Beware t Masonic Chair without the necessary qualifica you accept any position unless you intend fulfill office. Beware how you profess Charity withou our Institutions,—the claims of which I would i Owing, no doubt, to depression of trade, the rec somewhat short in 1878 as against the year 187 additional support from the Craft. Other I doubt, sell out stock, or borrow money from ban the coming Festival in February, which I am san ful, judging by the support already promised. occasion will be the P.G.M. for East Lancashire, fifty-six Stewards. Bro. Terry concluded with support, furnishing statistics of the Institution, it was doing. The musical brethren here s Lady." The W.M. next gave the Officers, whic great enthusiasm, and suitably acknowledged. he felt it his duty to propose the toast of the Pre they all knew the value of the daily and other or they could not fail to acknowledge the claims th upon them. They were on that occasion favoure of a representative of the Masonic Press, and he respond to the toast, coupling the name of Bro. it. Bro. Sherwin Org. having given a spirited Flying Dutchman," Bro. Stephens thanked the terms he had used in proposing the toast, and t heartiness of their response to it. He claimed f a foremost place in the regard of the Craft, salutary duty of stimulating good working, by working Lodges, but especially so by its advoc By its means those eloquent appeals made to a or at the Banquet were communicated over the f globe, thereby awakening dormant feelings of c toast brought a pleasant evening to a close. Th brethren present, among whom were Bros. J. Te stitution, W. A. Tharp P.M. 49, A. J. Hollington 51, J. Baxter 145, G. S. Carter 145, G. Johns J.W M. L. Hayward P.M. 321, J. J. Berry P.M. 554, 554 and 933, J. Hood P.M. 554, E. W. Walters 772, W. H. Myers P.M. 820, R. J. Tucker W.M F. Latrielle P.M. 1056, J. Boulton J.D. 1065, H. W. Dorton J.D. 1076, J. Godwin S.W. 1313, W G. H. Stephens 1623, J. Thornton 1706, &c., &c.

INTEGRITY LODGE, No

THE regular monthly meeting of this prosp Lodge was held at the Masonic Temple, chester, on Wednesday, the 29th ult. Present— W.M., W. Rome I.P.M., J. E. Williams S.W., Sidley Sec., B. Williams P.M. Treas., J. W. Sin P.M. as I.G., J. B. Kirk Tyler. Past Maste P.P.G.D.C., J. Wildgoose, J. W. P. Salmon P.G.D. and Bros. J. K. Taylor, T. Mather, C. S. Allison, Gee, William Livesey, J. H. Woolfensberger, J. Studd, T. Sutcliffe, E. Russell, M. Thomson, Greenwood, R. Cryer, G. F. Miller, J. Wilson, J. M. Owen, &c. Visitors—W. Lett 1387, W. H. England S.W. 1730, A. Love 1387, T. R. William wards P.M. 467, S. A. Cooper S.D. 1637, G. C. Birch 287, C. G. Perkins W.M. 270, and S. M. CHRONICLE, &c., &c. The Lodge was opened solemn prayer, and the minutes of last meeting fied. The W.M. announced that the gentleman the circular for initiation had suddenly died, caused the brethren regret. The Lodge was

ity has true Masons in its ranks. The festive gatherings of dge are productive of very pleasing intercourse and an hour's ent; it possesses rare and versatile talent in the inimitable reenwood Salmon, Senior, Pettit, Heald, &c. The W.M. pro- he Loyal and Masonic toasts, which were heartily received. The of the newly raised Bros. James Collins and J. K. Taylor, was udly proposed, and Bro. Collins responded in an appreciative , which indicated the pleasure he felt in being admitted into nourable Fraternity, and on his attaining the sublime degree. ylor also replied. The W.M. on rising to propose the health Visitors, said he did so with great pleasure, yet with diffidence, id not possess the eloquence of the I.P.M. He wished all to un- d that the brevity with which he prefaced any toast was not cation of indifference to its importance. Every word utt red was sincerely felt. He knew the toast of the Visitors would usiastically received, as it ever was in that Lodge. He with leasure associated with the toast the name of Bros. Perkins 70, 589, Statham P.M. 279, and S. M. Davies FREEMASON'S CLE. Bro. Perkins, in returning thanks, paid a just tribute of o the Integrity for its unbounded hospitality, its good and working, and its commendable zeal in every good work. Bros. and Davies followed, each returning their mead of thanks for our done the Visitors. Bro. Siddeley proposed the health of emed W.M., who he regretted, through the unexpected and be lamented death of the intended candidate, was prevented owing the brethren how admirably qualified he was to hold the nt position confided to him. This being the first night after ion, it was natural the W.M. should be a little bashful, yet he would wear away when work to be done was on the tapis. asked the brethren to drink the toast heartily. This was st cordially,—twenty-one guns and musical honours,—which ly acknowledged by Bro. Walley. Bro. S.W., by command of I., proposed the health of the Past Masters, and paid a high ent to those worthy brethren; the toast was duly honoured. M. Rome replied. Bro. Cordua, by request of the W.M., pro- e health of the Officers of the Lodge. He said the Lodge or better officered than now. This toast was heartily drunk, J. Warden replied. A few more songs, with the excellent niment of Bro. Greenwood, who kept the piano in full swing ne evening, ushered the time for the Tyler's toast, and the seperated highly delighted with the enjoyment of the

EQUITY LODGE No. 1384.

Lodge celebrated the Festival of St. John at the Alford ambers, Widnes, on Thursday, the 6th inst. Present—Bros. onme W.M., W. Thompson S.W., J. White J.W., A Tebbutt V. Carlile Treas., A. G. Kyle S.D., W. Holt J.D., W. B. Cope- W. McTear Stds., J. Foster Org., W. Holt I.G., J. Taylor Bros. J. R. Fowler P.M. 86, J. Rimmer, F. H. Bankhurst, . Robinson, Geo. Purver J. Wilson, C. Gerrard W.M. 758, ews, A. Speakman, G. A. Forster, David Forster, C. Sayer, son, &c. Visitors—S. M. Davies FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, int No. 148, R. Wylie P.P.G.S.B. P.M. 150, J. R. Goepel P.P.G.D.C., W. P. Evans W.M. 1850, E. Owen 823, F. J.W. 484, W. R. Wase I.P.M. 758, R. C. Brook 484, J. W. 758, R. Roberts 758, J. T. Tallow G. Treas., G. Pierce A. Finney W.M. 125 P.G.Std., J. Beresford P.M. 104 D. Cheshire, E. Key 758, E. C. Cooper P.M. 484 P.G.S.B., ton 758, C. C. Wilson 847, J. M. Milnes 1403, &c. The s opened at an early hour, as there were three candidates for , namely, Mr. G. A. Forster, Mr. David Forster, and Mr. C. n. These gentlemen were initiated into the mysteries of reemasonry; but it is with regret that we must add in a man- ditable to Bro. Newsome, flattering to the Lodge, or just h position confided to a Master in the Craft, especially when er he was vacating the chair he has held for twelve months, duties of which he should long since have been proficient. mony being over, Bro. Wylie proceeded to instal the W.M. . Thomson, in as few words as was consistent with the e of the occasion. The brethren were re-admitted, and hat Bro. Thomson had been regularly installed as W.M. suing year, and he received the salutations of the brethren It is deeply to be regretted that an installation ceremony, impressive and so truly grand, should under any circum- hurriedly performed, as many brethren may upon such an me a long distance to witness what they may expect to be he illness of Bro. Wareing, who is, and has always been, rop and support of No. 1384, debarred the brethren from perform the installation ceremony, which, with his extreme

which was in every respect a great failure, being most censurable, and the catering wretch fates were against the worthy brethren of the E On the removal of the cloth, the W.M. prop toast was drunk heartily, the brethren singing H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Princess of W the Royal family was cheerfully received, the Holt in "God bless the Prince of Wales." Next Pro Grand Master the Earl of Carnarvon, the Dep the rest of the G.L. Officers past and present, v ceived, as was that of the Prov. Grand Mas Skelmersdale, the Deputy G.M., and the Office and present. The W.M. in proposing the latt it would be received with great pleasure, as indebted to one of the Officers of Prov. G.L. for c tion ceremony. He coupled the name of Bro. with the toast, and the same was warmly dru favoured the brethren with a song. Bro. Call thanks for the honour conferred by the las he would ever prove worthy of the hono the Province. Any assistance he could at an Lodge would be done with pleasure. The No. 6, said they were approaching those toasts abled to be better judges. He had the pleas health of the I.P.M., and to ensure its hearty say much, but he could not refrain from menti some had to contend with the absence from the Officers during his year of office, a drawbac prevalent in many Lodges. He had the pleas him with a Past Master's jewel, and he asked with him in drinking to Bro. Newsome's good h Bro. Newsome returned his heartfelt thanks for and the kind consideration shown. He said he follow in the chair a very able and experienced r an expert, so energetic, and so thorough a Mason He felt he was not worthy of the mark of mer the best effort. Bro. J. Taylor kindly favoure I.P.M. proposed the health of the W.M. and He was pleased to see Bro. Thomson in the ch tiated, passed and raised in the Lodge. He k fill their various posts with every satisfaction. with great warmth of feeling. Bro. Evans ki song. The W.M. thanked the members. self; he had not done his duty as well as he o of his expectations; when he stood on the thre never thought he should hold the high position day. He only hoped his future efforts would b would try to come up to the standard of his p the great necessity of every Officer and Brother ance at Lodge, as it added greatly to the i ritual. He regretted deeply that Bro Wareing and hoped for his speedy restoration to health. ply to the honour paid the Officers, that it was t to return thanks, yet he could not let the moment suring the brethren that the past confided to h discharged, and he hoped instead of brethren, es ing apologies to the Lodge as absentees, they wo and send their apologies elsewhere. Bro. J.W. wa the duty of responding for the Officers of the L were capable of acquitting themselves in the satisfaction of the Lodge. As regards himself his duty faithfully in his new capacity, the characterize him; he trusted the Lodge would prosperous year. Bro. Milnes kindly favour W.M. rose to propose the health of the Insta so he said they were greatly indebted to Bro. in coming to conduct the ceremony, which all latest moment would have been performed highly respected Past Master Bro. Wareing. that time would not permit of his giving the The toast was cordially drunk, after which favoured the company with a song. Bro. Wyl to be present to render aid in carrying out Hc regretted that Bro. Wareing was not pre brethren would have been greatly pleased to s work the ceremony he had that day performe the W.M. on his accession to the chair, and havi affairs of such a prosperous and rising Lo extended an invitation to any of the brethren Lodge with a visit. Brother Taylor fa again with a song. Toast No. 9 on the list was and the W.M. in urging the claims of the Cha

s extended a cordial welcome, and coupled with the
Bro. Evans W.M. Fermor Hesketh Lodge. Bro. Evans
inks, and expressed the pleasure he felt in visiting the
took exception to the remarks of the W.M. when he
vas usual for the Officers of a Lodge to be absent from
If that were so generally, then his Lodge was a good
, ever since his accession to the chair, he had been
upported. The Tyler's toast ushered in the time for the
rture of many of the brethren.

MICHAEL'S LODGE, No. 211.

lay, the 11th inst., at the Albion, Aldersgate-street,
n. Bro. Alfred Green the W.M. opened the Lodge, and on
vanced, Bro. A. Withers was duly presented, obligated and
W.M. for the year. After receiving the salutations of the
appointed the following as his Officers:—Bros. W. Rad-
Dr. J. Waters J.W., C. Greenwood P.M. Treasurer, W. W.
retary, Usher Bach S.D., W. E. Young J.D., Hentsh I.G.,
ight P.M. Tyler (re-invested for the thirtieth time).
ng the Lodge, the W.M. had the pleasure of presenting a
's jewel to Bro. Green, as some mark of the appreciation
ibers of the services he had rendered during the two
Mastership. He hoped that the members would long have
of Bro. Green's assistance in the ruling of the Lodge, and
ny years to come he would find it convenient regularly
s meetings. Bro. Green suitably acknowledged the gift;
matters of business having been disposed of, the Lodge
The brethren adjourned to banquet, and spent a
ant evening under the presidency of the new W.M.
clusion of the banquet, grace was sung; then the W.M.
o give the Loyal toasts, introducing each with a few
words. Bro. Green, the I.P.M., in proposing the health of
aid: Although relegated to the rank of P.M. he had not lost
ge of proposing one toast, and he now had pleasure in
hose present to drink to the health of the W.M. No society
on without a head; he considered the St. Michael's
especially fortunate in having so able a Brother to presid-
stimes as Bro. Withers. He (Bro. Green) had served
the various offices of the Lodge, and believed the mem-
not have selected one better fitted to fill the chair. He
evinced great interest in the welfare of the Lodge, and
W.M. to relax no effort that would conduce to its prosperity.
having been enthusiastically received, Bro. Withers rose to
heartily thanked those assembled for the kindness they had
drinking his health. He hoped he should carry out
of his present position to the satisfaction of the members of
He next had the pleasure of proposing the health of the
ose work through his term of office had been such as to merit
al of every member. The admirable manner in which he
ned the installation ceremony must have convinced all that
right man in the right place. Bro. Green, in replying,
is sincere thanks for the very kind manner in which his
been proposed and received. He felt especially honoured
eparately toasted as Installing Master. He further ex-
s gratitude for the kindness which had been shewn him
two years he had occupied the position of Master, and
referred to the present that had been made him. He
r look upon the Past Master's jewel of St. Michael's
his most prominent Masonic decoration, no matter what
ers he might attain to, or what other jewels he might have
nity of wearing. Bro. Withers next proposed the health
siting Brethren. He heartily thanked them for their
at St. Michael's, and hoped they were so satisfied with
that they would not have occasion to think twice
cepting any other invitation they might receive to
gs. Bro. Maidwell, who was the first to reply, compli-
e Lodge on the efficiency of its Officers. He was in a
form an opinion of the working exhibited by Bro. Green
lling his successor, as he had performed a similar duty
w days before; he thought the whole of the cere-
been most ably carried out. Bro. Woodward followed;
Bro. King tendered his thanks. It had afforded him great
on to see the way in which the various duties had been
. Bro. Wright also replied. The next toast given was
Past Masters. It was to their exertions that the present
f the Lodge was mainly due, and to them Bro. Withers
aid during his year of office. Bro. Green considered it
faction to know that although the P.M.'s had passed by,
were not forgotten. Bro. Greenwood followed. The pro-
he 30th anniversary of his membership; during that time
ways enjoyed himself at the meetings of the Lodge. He
lain P.M. 1122, J. Wright P.M. 1158, S. J. Pitt
P.M. 27, E. C. Woodward P.M. Unity, E. Smit
Withers 95 Eastern Star, C. Greenwood jun. I.G
jun. 1385, E. W. Collins 25, E. Moss 1706, R. I
Nicholson, and A. Kenningham 1706. Duri
brethren were entertained with a choice selec
W.M. had provided a glee party, consisting o
Edward Collins, Alfred Kenningham and Rol
Bro. A. Green the I.P.M. sang "The King's Hi
able manner. Bro. Nicholson evinced his
of the piano by his performance of "Reget
tion which, we understand, is the comp
Nicholson.

DORIC LODGE, No.

THE members assembled in goodly number at
11th inst. The business before the Lodge
of the new Master for the year. Among the
Nash P.M. 79, G. Chappell 147, J. Stedman 172
193, Harrison P.M. 205, Solomons 194, Crann
P.M. 554, Danco P.M. 554, H. Massey P.M. 619
820, Carter P.M. 1044, Latreille 1056, J. McC
Calverley P.M. 1349, W. Musto P.M. 1349, C. Lac
Herts, Cook 1585, G. H. Stephens 1623, J. H
Ellis, Motion P.M., Richards Wagland, Goodall,
been opened by Bro. R. J. Tucker W.M., C. J
elect, G. Hollington J.W., W. J. Edney S.D.,
Fromm Steward, S. Crane D.C., G. T. H. Seddo
Barnes Treasurer, J. G. Stevens Secretary,
Yetton, Bowron, Griffin, &c., also Bros. A.
Scholfield, A. Calver, E. Williams and many oth
last meeting were submitted and confirmed.
W.M. elect was presented to Bro. T. J. Barne
Installed Masters was formed, and he was du
chair. The brethren on being admitted saluted
the Installing Master delivered the charges.
ceeded to invest his Officers—Bros. R. J. Tucker
P.M. S.W., W. J. Edney J.W., T. J. Barnes P.M
J. G. Stevens P.M. (re-elected) Sec., G. A. Payn
S. Fromm D.C., E. Williams W.S., G. T. H. Sed
Grant (re-elected) Tyler. Bro. T. Yetton was
but he was unavoidably absent. To the many
known Bro. Barnes as a worker and teache
to say how well he performed the installation
all present felt it was done in a most effic
J. G. Stevens P.M., with his usual ability, rende
as D.C., and Bros. P.M.'s Bowron and Wainwrig
the S. and J.W. chairs. The Lodge was close
adjourned to banquet, which was served in ex
grace, the W.M. addressed the brethren,—It
proposing the usual toasts to follow in the steps
and to accompany each with but brief remarks.
and the Craft, always receives a hearty respons
recognise a double allegiance to Her Majesty, be
having three of her children holding high office
being so, I am sure anything that tends to their
great interest to Her Majesty and you all. I t
join me in drinking to the Queen and the Craft.
having sung "God save the Queen," the W.M.
Prince of Wales. I shall not attempt to dilate
it would only be gilding refined gold; he has the
very much at heart, and at all times is ready to
Stedman sang "God bless the Prince of Wale
toast of the Pro G. Master, the W.M. said—We
of attending Grand Lodge know with what
Lord Carnarvon discharges his duties. He is
embodiment of what a Mason should be. He
himself a wife, and I think we cannot do better
and his lady's health. Of the D.G.M. and othe
the W.M. remarked that what he had said in pro
toast was equally applicable here. We alway
posts, doing their duty faithfully, impartially,
Tucker then said,—Brethren, the W.M. having
to me, it becomes my pleasing duty to propos
Digby, our W.M. I said pleasure, because h
associated ever since we took our third degree
he has followed me step by step into the proud p
fills. A Brother more worthy you cannot find,
that during his career among us not a trace of i

impressed me with feelings that [illegible]
to whom I am indebted for much instruction, kindly offered
t me in the installation ceremony, but I felt it would be in
ands if he, the oldest P.M. of the Lodge did it, and I am
of the manner in which he has performed the ceremony. I
forgot to thank the brethren for the splendid jewel they had
e, but I can assure them I shall never forget that it has been
on my breast, and hope, if it be permitted for my son to
a Mason he may wear it after me. Bro. T. J. Barnes P.M. said
sure the P.M.'s from the youngest to the oldest are, and have
een, willing to do all to advance the Lodge, and rejoice to see
perity. The way you have received the toast has deeply im-
all. I myself feel that when the time shall come, and per-
is not long before it will, that I, the oldest P.M., will not be
you, another will succeed to my place and continue to work
continued prosperity of this Lodge. Bro. Griffin also thanked
hren, and told them their W.M. held an excellent opinion of
before he joined it, which he did under his guidance. The
was next given. The toast was one of the highest im-
. There are not less than twenty-eight to-night, all of whom
ge is glad to welcome—nine of these are Installed Masters.
at I had better call upon several to reply, I therefore call
a to drink to the Visitors, and I call upon Bros. Harrison,
, Myers, Taylor and Musto. Bro. Harrison said he would
himself to praising the hospitable reception accorded them.
tionary on the part of the Visitors to praise the working of the
as an old Mason I do not do so. Of such working as that of Bro.
nothing need be said. I congratulate you upon your W.M.,
n you have the proper man for the chair. I have seen him
t the table, and I am sure he possesses that rare gift of knowing
irect you at banquet as well as in your Lodge working. I
e a good account to render to my Lodge of your proceedings.
H. Myers said he had known the W.M. for many years, and
ys found him steadily acquiring Masonic knowledge. The
ight feel proud of him. Bro. Musto said, I am sure I came
evening not expecting to hear my name mentioned. I have
been so intimately connected with this Lodge, and with the
f Instruction held in connection that I scarcely regard
s a Visitor, but almost as having a right to attend. Brethren,
y sincere thanks. Bro. Lacey said, it affords me a great deal
re to attend. During twelve years I have but once been ab-
a Installation. I trust the Doric Lodge may long prove
us, and I hope to visit it again. The W.M. next gave "the
Institutions," to which support is regularly needed; if sup-
withheld for one year, the result would be disastrous. Bro.
again going up as Steward, and as he knows better than
ow to advocate the claims of the Charities, I will connect his
h the toast. Bro. J. G. Stevens here gave a humorous render-
The Bonny bunch of Roses," which greatly pleased the
Bro. Barnes said—W.M. and Brethren—Among all the toasts,
as they are, there is one more so than any other
iz: The Masonic Charities. He traced how the Boys' and
titutions were originated, for the purpose of paying the fees
ing children of decayed Masons in the locality where they
showed how each had expanded its operations until there
200 boys and 200 girls who were attended to in every re-
a funds voluntarily contributed. Brethren must remember
he Order is growing—numbering now about 1,800 Craft
- so the claims upon the Institutions would probably
, requiring a greater response from the brethren to sup-
. An appeal, I am confident, will not be made
or what can be more beautiful than to show sympathy
hildren of brethren who have been taken off by death
e left their children depending upon the Charities
ft. Yet, grand as this is, it is still grander to assist the
e who have fought the battle of life, and from failing health
causes have to seek our Charities. What more grand
ke such a one by the hand, and say,—Brother, you have
t shall not sink; enter herein, and pass what remains of
in comfort and rest. There are no less than 145 males
£40 per annum, 135 females receiving £32 per annum, 11
eceiving £20; making 291 old people, at a charge of
and that not including cost of management,—about
Now, despite the hardness of the times, we, having
people to our Institution, to receive our Charity,
to maintain those we have started, even if we should
any others. Whilst they are there, we are bound to
em. He concluded by making an appeal to the brethren
This was evidently successful, as our worthy brother
that his list approached £300. The toast of the Officers
the W.M. saying he felt himself well satisfied with the
ho would support him in the coming year, and he hoped their
uld be pledged heartily. After replies had been made by
brought a very successful meeting to a close.

He would offer for their acceptance the health of
Majesty the Queen, the Prince and Princess of Wa
the Royal Family. On rising to propose the toast
the health of their respected friend—Mr. Rymill t
retrospectively back, and glanced at Mr. Jackson's
last twenty-five years; he commented on the straig
line of conduct that ever characterised Mr. Jackso
tions. While all deplored the reverses that had fall
be gratifying to the company to know that a bright
in store. Personally, he was pleased to be able to
from his long association with Mr. Jackson, be cou
assert that a better-hearted and more deserving m
sibly be met with. The toast was received most h
calling for three-times-three. After Mr. Jackson
other toasts were offered, and the evening's enjoy
by some capital music, songs, and recitations. T
James Collis Bird, who favoured the party with
concertina, was much admired. His rendering of
"The Ash Grove," with variations specially arran
great musical treat, and was most deservedly appl

MISS MATHILDA ROBY'S C

This event took place on Monday, at the Ve
where, in spite of the efforts of Jupiter Pluvius t
doors, a numerous and appreciative audience as
beneficiare was assisted by Mdlle. Vittoria D
Mathews, Miss Martha Harries, Mr. Lester, Mr. H
Mr. Theodore Distin, Mr. H. Horscroft, Signor Je
Turle Lee, Herr Trousselle, and Mr. T. S. Paddeen
—rather a lengthy one—met with the entire appr
who by their re-demands marked their appreciati
is, we understand, a pupil of Madame Worrell Dur
late the latter lady on the ability she has here
developing. Miss Roby's rendering of "Lov
"Robin Adair" was most finished, while Miss
received an encore for the way in which she sa
Comes in." Altogether a most enjoyable eveni

Northumberland and Berwick I
Master Masons (Time Immemorial).-
of this Lodge was held on the 22nd inst., at the
street, Newcastle-on-Tyne, the W.M. Bro. W
chair, supported by the following Officers:-
I.P.M., R. Lock as S.W., T. Armstrong J.W., R
J. E. Robson S.O., R. G. Salmon J.O., J. Wood
Lax Sec., S. M. Harris S.D., W. Dunn I.G., For
Sims Tyler. The Lodge was opened, and th
meeting confirmed. The ballot was taken f
advancement, which proved successful. A n
was then discussed, and approved of; the fe
the annual subscription were raised. There
ness the Lodge now closed, and the breth
freshment. The usual Loyal and Masonic toas

Ancient Carthage Lodge, No. 1717.
on the 1st February, at the Masonic Hall,
Present—Bros. A. M. Broadley W.M., J. H. St
J.W., M. Lumbroso Sec., A. Blanch Treas.,
Bokobsa J.D., V. Clement D.C., G. Barsotti S
G. Eymon Tyler. Past Master—Bro. P. Sulen
bers. Visitors—Bros. Enriques, Mimmi, an
The W.M. delivered a lecture in Italian, "On
and its progress down to the year 1717," whic
marked attention by the brethren. At its con
was awarded to the W.M. on the propositic
Darmon, Cohen, Samains, Lumbroso, and G
entrusted, and passed to the second degree.
posed for initiation, and the Lodge was closed

DEATH.

3rd FEBRUARY, at Tunis, Advocate NATALE LENGU
1717 E.C.; and Principal H. of the Ancient
Aged 55.

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nonthly meeting of the Benevolent Institution was d on Thursday, at Freemasons' Hall; there were Bros. Col. Creaton (in the chair), Thomas Cubitt, n, H. G. Warren, R. H. Girand, W. Stephens, J. hn A. Farnfield, John G. Stevens, Charles F. John M. Case, William Hilton, C. A. Cottebrune, ettleship, Dr. Jabez Hogg, Henry Smith, and rry, Secretary. Bro. Terry read a letter from Bro. solicitor, in which he enclosed a cheque for 10d, payable to the Institution from the separate the late Grand Treasurer Bro. Samuel Tomkins, dance due by the bankers, Messrs. Willis, Percival vhen they failed. Bro. Terry formally reported s of the Festival, by which £13,875 10s 6d was Thanks were voted to Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, ded at the Festival, and to the Board of Stewards; compliment to the East Lancashire Board of Bro. J. L. Hine, their chairman, was elected a ident. It was also reported that there were 33 idates for the May election, and 17 to be elected; omen, 4 to be elected. Col. Creaton suggested count of the success of the Festival the brethren e on ten more widows. The brethren resolved to the committee adjourned.

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emony of Installation of Principals will be re- n the Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Tavern, Cornhill by Comp. W. Stephens [illegible]

the sick poor in Congleton, being determined pleasant Ball failed financially, Charity sho therefrom. The Assembly Room of the fine T ticularly handsome with the banners which feature of its decoration. The chief of these the Chapter of Faith 321 (Companion Coka Knights of the Godefroi de Bouillon Preceptor No. 46, the Heraldic banners of the R.W. P.G.M of the V.W. D.P.G.M. the Hon. Wilbraham Eger the occasion by Mr. Percy Sheldon), supported Lodge. The spacious court room and ante-ro supper, and tea and coffee, &c. The excellent were provided by Mr. Harper, of the Lion a Ball was opened at nine o'clock, by the W.M. with the Mayoress of Congleton (Mrs. Charl Past Masters of 533, with their partners, com Dancing was sustained with unflagging spirit u in the morning, to the splendid band of Mr. Go The following were present:—Bros. J. E. Read hurst P.M. and S.W. 533 and two Miss White J.W. 533, Mr. Daniel jun., and two Miss Dan John Wilson LL.D. P.M. 533, Dr. Beales P.M. G.J.W. Cheshire, Miss Bradshaw, Miss Ho Barlow P.M. 533 P.P.G.O. Cheshire, and th Gosling P.M. 533 P.Z., P.P.G.S.B. Cheshire, M Lowndes, Andreas E. Cokayne P.M. 533, Cheshire, E. P. Godefroi De Bouillon Preceptor P.M. 293, Mrs. Bennion, Captain Terry P.M Cheshire, E. P. St. Salem's Preceptory Mrs. Terry, Mrs. Bradbury, G. S. Furn Blackshaw P.M. 533 P.P.G.S. of W. Chesl S. Cotterill S.D. 533, and Mrs. Cotterill, J. E. Mrs. Garside, Dr. Spencer (Preston), S. Black 533, Miss Blackshaw, A. Wingate I.G. 533, D. well, Miss Bradwell, T. G. Sheldon, Mr. Percy Mrs. Brown, John Brown, Mrs. Brown, Miss Bar Mrs. Broadhurst and Miss Broadhurst, H. Bar Chaddock (High-street), Miss Brown, Miss Bo 295, Leech S.W. 295, the Mayor of Congleton Denny, Mr. and Mrs. Williamson (Ramsdell H Miss Perry, Mr. James Perry (from Macclesfi Miss Barlows, Mr. H. Brown, Mr. Rowbottom Devonport, Mrs. and Miss Dodd, Mr. Lock Stoke-upon-Trent), Mr. Buckley, Miss Buckl Taylor, Mr. Harry Taylor, Mr. R. Taylor, Mr. (Lawton), Mr. Rigby, Miss Yates (Derby), Mr Miss Clarson (Tamworth), T. Wood (Staffor Bro. Larthwood and Miss Larthwood, Miss I Cope (Alsager), Mr. R. and Miss Gaskin (Eat Miss Hart (Nottingham), Miss Wood, Mrs. I Berisford, Mr. Clarson, Miss Clarson, Dr. and M Miss Latham, Dr. Baird, Mr. Harper, Mr. Burt Mrs. and Miss Washington, Dr. Johnson, Mr Patterson, Mr. W. Farrington, Mr. Hammersle Terry wore the costume of the 30th degree Accepted Rite, together with the jewels of the Mark, Royal Arch and Craft degrees, and the Royal Order of Scotland. Bro. Cokayne appe the Order of the Temple, with Craft and Royal Dr. Spencer and Mr. Blackshaw wore the cloa Order. Bro. Samuel Blackshaw wore Royal Bro. Furnivall, and most of the other brethren Craft.

A Sermon will be preached in St. Pa mere, on the morning of Sunday, 16th behalf of the Cheshire Masonic Educa by the Rev. G. F. Dean, LL.M., vicar.

The installation meeting of the Burgoy will take place at Anderton's Hotel Monday, 24th inst., at 5 p.m. Bro. S. J. W.M., will instal his successor.

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The Fifteen Sections will be worked

great event is nothing less than the self-appointment by one of Four Masonic Publications" *(The Freemason)* to the office of Chief Justice of the Court of Masonic Jurisprudence. For the ext of his Lordship's first two learned judgments, your readers refer to the "Leader" in last week's number of that journal, the e in pamphlet form for future reference and guidance not hav- t been announced.

first of these judgments is on "THE POWERS OF A QUARTERLY ," and is opened in the following powerful sentence :—

some misapprehension appears to exist on this subject at the s meetings of the Boys' and Girls' Schools, it seems well to out what are the exact powers of the Quarterly Courts. In st place they are the Supreme Courts of the two Institutions, preme Courts of Appeal and of Legislation. They are com- superior to the General Committee, whose decisions on nearly subject they can approve or reject, and from their final decision, s no appeal. They ultimately approve of all the candidates for mber of vacancies, and, in fact, are supreme in all matters affect- general interests of the Schools."

wise and upright judge!" Supreme is a very fine and sive word, though perhaps open to the criticism that it is non- t in the Laws referred to; and moreover, loses somewhat of e when repeated three times in one short paragraph. Had the Judge referred to Clause 35 of the Laws, defining the powers ties of the General Committee, he might have read, "A ry of their monthly proceedings shall be reported to the ng Quarterly General Court. Seeing then that their proceed- e only to be reported to (not confirmed by) the General Court, t the General Committee (having three meetings to one of the l Court) may confirm, and also carry out, their own resolutions fore the time arrives for reporting a summary of them, it s an intellect equal at least to that of the learned Judge him- discover in the Laws a power of approval or rejection by the letely superior" court.

re further informed: "Indeed, there are practically no other o the powers of a Quarterly Court, except such as the laws nstitution provide, or the common sense regulations of public gs prescribe. Some one has been pleased to contend, we , that the Quarterly Court cannot order an inquiry as to the ppoint a Committee, or receive a report, but that all such ments must be left to the General Committee. But we need t out to our readers that the Quarterly Court can appoint, own inherent authority, and from the necessity of the case, nber of committees, and receive any number of reports, and General Committee has nothing to do with the matter at all rily."

oble Judge!" Truly, there are no *other* limits to the powers arterly Court except such as the Laws of the Institution but as six clauses of these Laws are devoted to setting out mits, the learned judge might have omitted this weighty ; and although the etiquette of journalism should have d the acknowledgment that the writer was indebted to the LE for the subject of his judicial wrath, it is to be hoped that ing its matter, but ignoring its existence, he has neither injured the digestion of the editor, nor materially decreased ulation of the paper. That he "need not point out" to his as facts, conclusions that exist only in his own superior imagination, is too obvious to need comment, as some of his (ignorantly or obstinately, perhaps), may prefer to peruse for themselves, and retain the opinion that the language used e and clear; that it is the duty of the General Committee he General Court) "to appoint Sub-Committees, receive the of *all* Committees, consider and decide upon their ndations," without any other reference to the Quarterly an reporting a summary of their proceedings as previously to.

ntext of the last quotation is quite too awfully sublime to be noticed. Read!!!

od any such view can only be based on an impossibility of ing the objects of the laws on the one hand, or pure inability stand the Queen's English on the other. Any such objection y futile and ridiculous, and can neither could it be (*sic*) made by a sensible person, nor properly entertained by any t chairman of a Quarterly Court."

niel come to judgment! yea, a Daniel!" "Whether we ate the pure, heavenly spirit by which only such sweetly e sentiments could have been dictated, or muse on the scholarly "Queen's English" in which they are couched, we equally lost in wonder and admiration; doubting, possibly, t has not been providentially granted that one of the inspired f old should revisit the earth in disguise, with a special

London, E.C., 10th February 1879.

THINGS ONE WOULD LIKE

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—As your corresp THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE of the 25th ult. manner in which joining members should be pr take the opportunity of giving him some mor subject, as he may one day be a W.M.—for W for the negligence of their Secretary. That b is ballotted for, his G.L. certificate must be pr not a member of any Lodge a clearance certific was last a member of; and if he is already a m Lodges they must be communicated with, and t read aloud in the Lodge, so that the members idea of the position he holds in the other Lodg he is a member. Neglect of an enquiry in t member is both uncourteous and disrespectful t the candidate is already a member.

I am, yours frate

"P.M

SOC. ROSICR, *in A*

Yorkshire College.—A meeting of this Saturday, in the Eboracum Lodge Rooms, Quee trying weather which has lately prevailed ha attendance, numerous letters of apology being re from the R.W. Ch. Adopt Fra. S. B. Ellis, of S fined to his bed. The W. Celebrant Fra. T. B. the ceremonies of reception for two candidates, Fratres T. Blair V. P.S.G., J. S. Cumberland III W. C. Lukis, T. J. Wilkinson and several others paper on "The Relation of Ancient Magic to Cr Fra. T. J. Wilkinson, for which the sincere than voted, and it was resolved that the same shou names of several brethren were submitted as the close of the meeting the Fratres met at refr social evening.

AMOY—CHINA.

THE following Officers were installed on the December for the *Ionic* and *Corinthian* Lodges o ford performed the ceremonies of installation, a Alabaster and Cox:—

IONIC.

T. D. Boyd W.M., H. A. Giles S.W., R. H. P. Treas. and Org., T. G. Harkness Sec., J. Hennit J.D., N. Moulle I.G., J. Mesney Tyler.

CORINTHIAN.

A. Leigh W.M., W. de St. Croix S.W., W. C. Bain Treas. and Org., J. G. Cass Acting Sec., J A. Gorder J.D., W. Paisen I.G., J. Mesney Tyle

The ceremony of consecration was performed evening of the 11th, by several District Grand Of

The R.W. District Grand Master has made th ments in District Grand Lodge, Hongkong, for W. Bro. H. Æ. Sidford P.M. 1027, 1133 and 178 Bro. T. D. Boyd W.M. Ionic Lodge 1781 E.C. D Leigh W.M. Corinthian Lodge E.C. A.D.C.D.C. W. Bro. Sidford are rewarded in the honour of highest Mason in the Province, and both the Ar efficiently represented in District G. Lodge.

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ter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.
ty and Charity, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge.

MONDAY, 17th FEBRUARY.

Master's, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
Man, Sportsman, City-road, at 8.0. (Instruction.)
ity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
nes's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
millity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
ry, Bell Tavern, Carter-lane, Doctor's-commons, at 6.30. (Instruct.)
gton, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction.)
n, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
ire, Balham Hotel, Balham.
n of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8. (Instruction.)
Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8. (Instruction.)
ess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30. (In.)
Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8. (Inst.)
gar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)
m, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend.
Masonic Hall, York.
x of Honour and Prudence, Public Rooms, Truro.
and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton.
h, Half Moon Hotel, Gateshead.
George Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton.
berga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne.
igh, King's Arms Hotel, Kenilworth.
n, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
Derby Hotel, Whitefield.
dra, Masonic Hall, Holbeach.
n, George Hotel, Wellington Road, Heaton Norris, near Stockport.
nd, Royal Breakwater Hotel, Portland.
ssex, Assembly Rooms, Horsham.
rge, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
ture, Honey Hall, Congresbury.
ian, Royal Hotel, Dover.
Albany Hotel, Twickenham.
ilitary, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8 p.m. (Instruction.)
Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
asalem, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool.
radise, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
arity, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford.
owley, Athenæum, Lancaster.

TUESDAY, 18th FEBRUARY.

ral Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
Mariners, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
ational, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7. (Inst.)
ity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark.
Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
Westminster-chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
e, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
l, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C.
ugh, Green Dragon, Stepney. (Instruction.)
Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)
ne, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)
ll, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell.
ncer, Swan Hotel, Battersea Old Bridge, S.W.
dgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
n, Three Bucks, 23 Gresham-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
olitan, 269 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)
h Mydelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-street-rd. at 8. (In.)
apton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8.0. (Instruction.)
y, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8. (Instruction.)
rance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich.
uts, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30. (Instruction.)
ve and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon.
d, Masonic Rooms, Bangor.
Masonic Hall, Reading.
, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
asonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
ow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrier, Cornwall.
r, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
land, Fountain Hotel, Sheerness.
a, Bull Hotel, Llangefni.
Stanley Arms Hotel, Seacombe, Cheshire.
Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
lasonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle.
, Town Hall, Dunstable.
46 Berry-street, Bootle, at 6.0. (Instruction.)
. George Hotel, Prestwich.
rthur, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool.
Cross, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton.

WEDNESDAY, 19th FEBRUARY.

ittee G. Lodge and Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, at 6.
r, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
emasons' Hall, W.C.
ce, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7. (Instruction.)
Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
trength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., Camden-town at 8. (In.)
ance, Green Dragon, Maddox-street, W., at 7.45. (Inst.)
t Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. at 7.30. (Instruction)
cord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. at 8. (Instruction.)
ton, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8. (Instruction.)
ing's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7. (Instruction.)
The Three Bucks, Gresham-street, at 6.30. (Instruction.)
Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8.30. (Inst.)
1040—Syke, Masonic Hall, Driffield, Yorks.
1096—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, I
1129—St. Chad's, Roebuck Hotel, Rochdale.
1161—De Grey and Ripon, Corporation Hotel, Tipping
1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. Germains, Cornwall.
1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich.
1301—Brighouse, Masonic Room, Bradford-road, Brigh
1337—Anchor, Masonic Rooms, Durham House, North
1353—Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster.
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverp
1443—Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon.
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull.
1634—Starkie, Railway Hotel, Ramsbottom.
R. A. 258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmond
R.A. 461—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newc

THURSDAY, 20th FEBR

House Committee, Girls' School, at 4.
3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at
23—Globe, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street E.
63—St. Mary, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth,
169—Temperance, White Swan, High-street, Deptford.
181—Universal, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
211—St. Michael, George, Australian Avenue, Barbica
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-stree
813—New Concord, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street,
1139—South Norwood, Public Hall, South Norwood.
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., a
1287—Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1349—Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars, E.C.,
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, E
1475—Peckham, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1614—Covent Garden, Ashley's Hotel, Henrietta-street,
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. J
M. M.—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-road, Dal
42—Relief, Albion Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, L
56—Howard, High-street, Arundel.
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
268—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, George-street, Ashton-
343—Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Starkie-st.
345—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Church-street, Bla
367—Probity and Freedom, Red Lion Inn, Smallbridge
523—John of Gaunt, Freemasons' Hall, Halford-street,
600—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Brad
683—Wiltshire of Fidelity, Town Hall, Devizes.
1011—Richmond, Crown Hotel, Blackfriars-street, Salf
1042—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Le
1082—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at
1099—Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, near L
1132—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon.
1133—Fitzalan, Wynnstay Arms, Oswestry.
1212—Hemming, Lion Hotel, Hampton.
R. A. 275—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, South-parade, H
R. A. 1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonia
R. A. 1386—Gladsmuir, Red Lion Hotel, Barnet, Herts.

FRIDAY, 21st FEBRUA

House Committee, Boys' School, at 4.
Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, a
35—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwe
706—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st
734—Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-road.
902—Burgoyne, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8. (Instr
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8.
1156—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instructior
1260—Hervey, Punch's Tavern, 99 Fleet-street, E.C., at
1288—Finsbury Park Master Masons' Lodge of Inst. Isle
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road,
1335—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (In
1342—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Ke
London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen V
R. A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street,
M. M. 104—Macdonald, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-stre
R. C.—Invicta, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square.
48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead, at 7.30.
127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate.
152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
347—Noah's Ark, Wagon and Horses Hotel, Tipton.
516—Phœnix, Fox Hotel Stowmarket.
541—De Loraine, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, N
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.3
993—Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Levenshulme.
1096—Lord Warden, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal.
1311—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Great George street, Leeds
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruct
R. A. 521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street,
R. A. 837—Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon.
R. C.—White Rose of York, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.

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SATURDAY, 22nd FEBRU

containing the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE to hang in the Lodge-
the convenience of brethren.

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e of Friendship, No. 44.—The regular monthly
of this Lodge was held at the Masonic Temple, Cooper-
lanchester, on Friday the 7th inst. Present—Bros. Rev.
ottam W.M., H. J. Cutter S.W., W. F. Parkinson J.W., John
P.M. P.P.G.S. of Works Sec. and Treas., Holmes-Poulton
H. Smith J.D., S. Barratt I.G., Wm. Sly Tyler, Past Masters
derson P.P.G.S. of Works, Henry Pool, H. Warren ; Bros. John
on, M. J. Lyon, John Dando, W. J. Wilkinson, G. H. Cook,
ard, &c. Visitors—W. R. Pullen Past S.W. 175, S. M. Davies
ON'S CHRONICLE, &c. The Lodge was opened about seven
d the minutes of the last regular meeting were read,
l, and subsequently ratified. There was considerable
discussed, which being over, the W.M. received the hearty
hes of the Visiting Brethren, and the Lodge was closed in
with solemn prayer, the members adjourning to refreshment,
omary in this and most other Lodges. The W.M. rose to
he usual Loyal and Masonic toast of the Queen and the
ch was followed by that of the Sovereign Head of the Craft
d Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales and the rest of the
mily. The foregoing toasts were cordially received. The
t submitted that of the Pro Grand Master the Earl of
n, which was duly honoured. The health of the Deputy
ster Lord Skelmersdale, united with that of the rest of
odge Officers Past and Present, was heartily drunk. The
r introduced the toast of the Province, and the Brethren
l by cheerfully drinking to the health of the Prov. Grand
olonel Le Gendre N. Starkie. The Deputy Prov. Grand
'o. Miller, and the Prov. Grand Officers Past and Present.
inson favoured the Brethren with a song. The W.M. had
pleasing duty of proposing the health of the
Brethren. This toast was always received with great
in the Lodge of Friendship, every member was pleased to
a visitor. In order to ensure a hearty response to this
as not necessary to preface it with any further remarks;
usk them to receive it with the usual heartiness. The toast
with Masonic honours. Bro. Pullen thanked the W.M.
ren for the honour done the Visiting Brothers, and was
by Bro. Major, who had visited the Lodge for the first, but
t for the last time. Bro. Davies also thanked the W.M. for
ality; he had a matter more weighty to comment upon
r of the foregoing Brethren. In his capacity as a repre-
of the leading Masonic journal, he had visited a multitude
at home and abroad, and the uniform kindness which always
ed his reception indicated the high appreciation in which
ASON'S CHRONICLE was held. He pointed out that from the
e Grand Mastership of H.R.H. the Duke of Sussex, whose
heir warrant bore, up to the present day, Masonic literature
t home and abroad universally diffused and rapidly on the
He had oftentimes found that the most brilliant and best
lasons of the day were readers. Such authors as Preston,
liver, Cook, Mackay, Morris and others, most certainly
rs of current Masonic journalism, which kept them posted on
ents at home and abroad. On the same principle that the
oyed commercial and general intelligence to the public, so,
regard to propriety, the Masonic Press had an enormous
treating upon matters relative to the Craft. He wished
ere was far too much surface or superficial Freemasonry
re existing, invariably contracted the ideas and provin-
operations of the Craft. As a brother who had seen a
of the workings of Freemasonry in the Lodge room, and
in the outer world, he knew the best and the happiest
re those who identified themselves with the universal
reemasonry, and felt the power and the pleasure of being
member of that Brotherhood which was spread over the
. Taking this aspect of our whole, and always working
d field, he was surprised and grieved to hear a brother
ak against the high mission of Masonic journalism, and as
of the most glorious Institution extant to be afraid or
secing his name published in connection with that Order
s and Princes longed to join. The W.M. proposed the
e P.M.'s of the Lodge, and in doing so said no Lodge was
orted by its Past Masters. He had pleasure in uniting
ne the name of Bro. Bolderson. That Brother said it was
pleasure to reply for the P.M.'s of No. 44. There was
existing, and all have the interest of the Lodge at heart,
se with great pleasure to propose the health of the W.M.
ew the very kind manner in which he had administered
f the Lodge, and the deep interest he had always taken

Prudent Brethren Chapter, No. 1
this Chapter was held on the 11th inst. at Freem
were present—Comps. E. H. Thiellay P.G.D.C. M
Cox H., H. Venn J., and the following Past Pr
Dicketts, T. Bull, E. Moody, W. Platt, G. S. States
P.S., W. H. Braine 2nd Assist., H. Sadler Janit
Whiteway Wilkinson, J. Chinnery, J. H. Legg
Lenty, C. A. Woods, J. Waugh, T. A. de Lolm
Kerrell, G. Clark, A. W. Woodliffe, the Rev. W
following visitors:—Comps. Smallpeice P.Z. and
minutes of the preceding convocation were r
Bros. A. W. Martin and H. Smith, the candi
balloted for and unanimously elected, and duly e
the ceremony being performed by the Officers in
which has become so notorious with the Prudent
An address of condolence was voted, to be
Jermyn Boyd, son of the distinguished Mason
departed from this life, leaving such a vacancy
in the Chapter of Prudent Brethren. Owing
occurrence, the M.E.Z. requested Comp. Thoma
oldest eligible member, to take the Treasurship
the next annual election of Officers, which unanim
cheerfully accepted. Letters of apology for
received from Comp. D. Haslett S.N. and others.
the Chapter was closed in due form and adjourne
dined together at the Freemasons' Tavern, due
served.

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No
was held on Wednesday, 12th February, at
Fenchurch-street. Present—Bros. G. L. Walker
S.W., D. Moss J.W., Bush Treas., J. K. Pitt Se
John E. Fells J.D., W. Woodward I.G. Past
Preceptor. Bros. Biddle, Johnson, Goldbury,
second degree was rehearsed, Bro. E. Goldbu
D. Moss worked the first section of the Lect
brethren; Bro. Gottheil worked the second and
brethren. Bro. Gottheil gave notice of moti
moneys belonging to the funds of this Lodge, ab
shillings, shall be expended until after due notic
open Lodge, and confirmed at the next Lodge mee
it shall be in the power of this Lodge to confer
ship upon any Brother who has distinguished
of Freemasonry, or has rendered special service
only after due notice of such intention has been
which must be confirmed in open Lodge at the n
S.W. Thos. W. C. Bus was elected W.M. for ne

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 18
on Saturday, 1st February, at the Jolly Farmer
Present—Bros. C. H. Webb W.M., Wallington P.
Pearcy P.M. I.P.M., Killick P.M. Sec., Powell I.
tions were worked by the following members of
of Instruction, viz., Bros. Smyth, F. Carr, Da
McDonald, and Turquand; Forss, C. Lorkin,
Stephens; Allen, J. Lorkin, and Wallington.
lently rendered, and a vote of thanks ordered t
minutes for the able manner in which Bro. We
Webb briefly expressed his appreciation of the
ner in which the brethren of the Percy Lodg
always received him. Bros. P.M. Wallington
Dallas J.W. were elected honorary members, a
accorded by the brethren who had kindly work
phens being requested to reply for them, briefly
for this mark of appreciation. Bros. H. Fo
Smyth, H. W. Clements, E. J. Allen, W. Beasly
G. H. Stephens were elected members, and Lod
form.

Carnarvon Lodge, No. 804.—A meetin
day, the 4th inst., at Havant. Present—Bros.
C. H. Liddell S.W., J. Weeks P.M. Treas., T.
W. Dart S.D., H. Kimber J.D., J. N. Hillm
Richardson Steward, J. A. Elverston I.G., W
Past Masters Bros. H. R. Trigg, E. Good, J. H
Visitors—Bros. Mark E. Frost P.M. Prov. G
I.W., E. L. Main P.M. P. Prov. G.D. of C., A.

o, C. Lorkin, Bolton, Gilter, and others. The Lodge was cned. Bro. Polak gave proof of his proficiency, and was he degree of Fellow Craft. The Preceptor, to enable Bro. Vestbourne Lodge 733, who is W.M. elect, to invest the k the chair, and rehearsed the ceremony of installation. resumed the chair, and Bro. Brasted worked the third sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. J. elected W.M. for next Tuesday evening.

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ngton Lodge of Instruction, No. 862.—On 12th February, at Bro. Hyde's, Red Lion, Poppins-court, t. Present:—Bros. Kidder W.M., Abell S.W., Vizzard m jun. S.D., Nance J.D., Brown I.G., and several others. er and Preceptor Bro. Long. The second degree was Bro. Hallam sen. candidate. The sections of the lecture worked by the brethren, the questions being put by Bro. ., Hallam jun., Abell and Brown. The Lodge was then nd Bro. Abell was elected W.M. for ensuing week.

Lodge of Instruction, No. 933.—A meeting was February, at the Duke's Head, Whitechapel-road, E. Bros. Green W.M., Forss S.W., West J.W., B. Cundick eptor, W. Musto P.M. Sec., I. P. Cohen P.M. S.D., McDonald I.G. Past Masters Bros. T. J. Barnes, Bros. Richards, Webb, Ellis, Hinds, Williams, &c. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. s candidate; after which Bro. Williams worked the first, rd, fourth, and fith sections, assisted by the brethren. A nks was passed to Bro. Green for presiding. Bro. Forss l to preside at next meeting.

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pere Lodge, No. 1009.—The regular monthly meeting lge was held on Monday, the 3rd inst., at the Masonic per-street, Manchester. Present—Bros. Geo. F. Smith Marshall I.P.M., S. Statham P.M. P.P.G. Treas. as S.W., P.M., as J.W., S. Redfern Sec., C. Austin P.M. Tre s., s S.D., G. W. Wilson J.D., V. Kilbourne P.M. D.C., G. ., H. Robbards P.M. Org., H. Heap Tyler. Bros G. T. Ellis, J. M. Mangnchie, &c. Visitor—S. M. Davies N's CHRONICLE, &c. The Lodge was opened after the nd partaken of a well supplied tea, and the minutes of egular meeting were read and ratified. Matters of im- cupied the attention of the brethren. The W.M. declared ss of the evening ended, and the Lodge was closed in t about eight p.m. By the request of the W.M., the ljourned to assemble at the festive board. In response to nd of the chair the Brethren filled their glasses and drank y to the first toast of the evening, the Queen and the Craft. , with equal pleasure, proposed the hleath of the G.M. e Prince of Wales, followed by that of the Pro Grand e Deputy Grand Master, and the Officers of Grand Lodge resent, which was heartily received, with due honours. The brought the W.M. to their own province, and he had great proposing it, because he knew with what cordiality each could respond it—the health of Lieut.-Col. Le Gendre N. ov. G.M. E. Lancashire. The Brethren honoured the toast ly. At this stage Brother Robbards favoured the brethren g. The W.M. rose with great pleasure to propose a toast heartily received in every Lodge, but particularly so in the Lodge. The brethren aways felt happy to see Visitors r festive board, and to-night they had a visitor in Bro. ies, who had seen as much Masonry at home and abroad as He had great pleasure therefore in coupling the name of , with the toasts; drunk with Masonic honours, and in a hich showed how truly hospitable are the worthy brethren lge. Bro. G. W. Wilson favoured with a recitation, well Bro. Davies in reply to the honour done the Visitors, the gratification he felt in visiting the Shakspere Lodge. n the annals of English history could do a Lodge more n that of the immortal bard whose name it bore. The Avon, pre-eminently the bard of the enlightened Anglo- e; the star of poets, whose mighty genius the whole orld gave homage to, and whose name was blended with poetical and philosophical in the universe; was also the e human family, and has taught the grand principles of ue, honour, brotherly love, relief, truth and justice. Bro. ced in the writings of Shakspeare abundant proof that he light" which true Craftsmen hold so dear, and held there feeling of the Lodge. In the future, as in the pa to the same purpose, and he should discharg committed to his care with the utmost zeal. and a pleasant chat, brought a very pleasant ev

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Wandsworth Lodge of Instructio
Wednesday the 12th inst., at the Spread Eagl there were present:—Bros. A. A. Denham S.W., W. A. Blackmore J.W., J. Frost S.D., and of 1044), J. G. Carter, H. R. Jones, and C. the Lodge being opened, Bro. Past Master C several working tools. The Lodge having be mony of the first degree was worked, Bro. Mon The question was raised of altering the evening Carter gave notice of motion—"That the meetin evenings." This will be discussed at the nex tary being requested to write to the members, attendance.

Stamford Lodge, No. 1045.—A meetin day, 3rd February 1879, at the Town Hall, Present—Bros. W. Agar Renshaw W.M., A. H. Cooke J.W., Jno. Siddeley P.M. Treas., R. Newl Sec., Jas. Hamilton S.D., S. Thompson J.D., J. O., Byrom an Gibson Stewards, W. Ambler I. Tyler. Past Masters Bros. J. A. Birch P.P P.G.R., R. Baker P.P.G.D.C., W. Alcock, Hy. K bers. Visitors—Bros. W. Mavitta W.M. 887, The Lodge was opened at 6.30. After the minu approved, the ballot was taken for Mr. John and for Bro. Charles Bousstow from Lodge 16 Mr. Greenhalgh was admitted, and initiated Lindsell was raised to the sublime degree of a M P.M. J. A. Birch, in a manner that gave great p in the Lodge. Bro. Birch, though comparative one of the best delineators of the Masonic rit England. The brethren then proceeded with th for the ensuing year, when Bro. Gilbody S.W. was Bro. P.M. Siddeley was re-elected Treasurer, a Tyler.

Perfect Ashlar Lodge, No. 1178.—
meeting on Thursday, the 7th February, at the Southwark. Present—Bros. Joseph Stock W Bell J.W., Challoner Sec., Ebsworth Treas., C J.D., Smith P.M. D.C., Gibbs A.D.C., Lover P I.G., Laing Tyler. P.M.'s Bros. Garbett, Ebsw Harmsworth; and a good muster of brethren. was taken for Mr. Walter Abrahams for initiat Smith as a joining member, and the result w W.M. gave the explanation of the tracing board After some complimentary remarks from the the Lodge was opened to the third, and the W. of the tracing board of that degree. The nam a candidate for next meeting was handed in. proposed by Bro. Garbett I.P.M., seconded by the W.M. for the treat the brethren had receive unanimously, and ordered to be recorded. that an application was to be made for a new C with the Lodge. The brethren then adjourne where after a substantial repast, the W.M. proce The proceeding were interspersed with some Bros. Royal, Challoner; Recitations from Bros. P.M. Smith.

Gilbert Greenall Lodge, 1250.—T meeting was held at the Masonic Chambers, Wa the 11th inst. Present—Bros. D. W. Finney W.M T. Sutton J.W., Spencer, Wallhead Sec., J. J. Knight S.D., T. Hutchinson I.G., T. Donvi Massey, Speakman, Eddleston, Reid, Hannah, W Jones, Fairhurst, Taylor, &c. Visitors—M. Stai 131 California, S. M. Davies FREEMASON'S CHR was opened with solemn prayer about seven p.m last meeting read and ratified. In consequ of the intended candidate we regret we were d the Officers of this Lodge work. However, the good account, as the former custom of subscribi

was made too manifest from the attention paid to the several
of the evening, that sincere sympathy, affection, and
ation, was entertained towards the spirit, goodwill, and fellow-
reading the Craft. The Lodge was opened in the usual
manner, with the Officers in their respective positions; and
ing no initiations, passings or raisings, the brethren pro-
o instal the W.M. (Bro. Robert Payne). This was done with
g solemnity, the charges being read by Bro. J. Lewis Thomas
y, and answered in a very satisfactory manner. The collar
placed upon Bro. Payne by P.M. Reginald C. Mount, who
reat applause by his eloquent delivery of the text of installa-
he W.M. thereupon proceeded to the investiture of his Officers
ensuing twelve months, and selected Bros. William Rhodes
enjamin Turner J.W., Frederick West Treasurer, J. Lewis
P.M. Secretary, Walsh Thomas Chaplain, Frank Kirk S.D.,
ld Gardner J.D., Frank Swain I.G., Wilson D.C., Albert
W.S., and Woodstock P.M. Tyler. Bro. P.M. Mount then
d to deliver the usual homily on the excellence and purity of
onry, and received well-merited approbation. The W.M.
is decorated the breast of Bro. Mount I.P.M. with a splendid
e unanimous gift of the Lodge, and in doing so the W.M.
the jewel was symbolical of affection entertained for Bro.
or the effective manner in which he had discharged his duties
dge. Bro. Mount, in acknowledging the precious character
ft, said he should always regard it as the happiest moment of
or he felt it was the pith and embodiment of the goodwill
wship of one and all alike. The Auditors' report was read,
d the Lodge to be in the possession of abundant funds, not-
ding the most liberal allowance to the Charities. Bro.
ved the adoption of the report, which was seconded by Bro.
and carried. The members then proceeded to the banquet,
ing justice to which Bro. Payne in proposing the
Her Majesty said, that during her reign the country had
; he trusted her life might be spared for many years
e her auspicious reign over her subjects. The toast was
thusiastically, and the National Anthem sung by Bros.
Baxter, George Carter, and W. Winn, the assembly joining in.
the next toast, that of the M.W. the G. Master H.R.H. the
Wales, Bro. Payne observed that his merits as a Mason were
world; he had proved himself a patron of the liberal arts
es everywhere, and had set an example it was hoped would
d throughout the kingdom. The next toast was that of the
Pro Grand Master the Earl of Carnarvon, the Deputy Grand
rd Skelmersdale, and the rest of the Grand Officers past
nt. Lord Carnarvon, he said, a few weeks ago enunciated
perfect and beautiful principle that could actuate Free-
rough life; and if they would only act up to that principle
elp to extend Freemasonry throughout the known world.
d with the toast the names of Bros. Colonel Glashier, Cotte-
J. Lewis Thomas, who severally responded in appropriate
. Thomas making the remark that it was a very difficult
o manage the Office of Pro Grand Master, having regard to
at the Lodges had increased in a few years from 500 to
. P.M. Blount then gave the health of the W.M. Bro.
in doing so said he could not say enough in praise of the
He alluded in touching terms to Bro. Payne's kindness of
iality of disposition, and his skill in the Craft; qualities
d endear him to every one. Ever since Bro. Payne had
masonry, he had been a thorough one. The toast was cheer-
nded to. Bro. Payne in reply remarked that to occupy
as an event in his life which showed him he had gained the
regard of the brethren. The only grateful recognition of
ciation he could make was to assure them he would do his
e Lodge. He heartily thanked them for their kindness.
the next toast—the Visitors, Bro. Colonel Petrie said,
ry was simply brotherly love and good feeling, extended at
to one another, and they were glad to be able to
raternal greetings. He was made a Mason thirty-two
n India, when it took six months to communicate with
hereas a communication was now obtained in as many
During the Crimean war he instanced many cases where
me of the soldiery being Freemasons they were admitted
t of the enemy, and their lives saved. When he looked
saw the display of brotherly affection, the prosperity
rking of the Lodge, he offered his congratulations to the
nd Bro. P.M. J. Lewis Thomas for its success.. Col. Bur-
l. Botchford thanked the Lodge for coupling their names
st. In response to the toast of the Past Masters, Bro.
he could scarcely credit the transition that had occurred
ase, for it seemed only the other day he was an Entered
His journey through the several stages of Freemasonry
pleasant one. He expressed his gratitude to the Lodge
him a jewel. The W.M. then gave the health of the

successful. He thanked them sincerely and he
The next toast was that of the Junior Officers of
being duly responded to, the Tyler's toast closed
the evening Bros. W. Winn, Thomas Baxter and G
well chosen selection of music.

Fermor Hesketh Lodge, No. 1350.—T
meeting was held at the Masonic Temple, Hope-
Monday, the 10th instant. W. P. Evans W.M., V
T. F. Cooper S.W., H. Titherly J.W., M. Jones as
S.D., G. Gordon J.D., R. Montgomery I.G., Chas
John Hodgson Org., Peter Ball Tyler; and Bros.
Clayton, M. Jones, H. H. Jones, W. C. Riches,
Browne, R. Wylie P.P.G.S.D., J. R. Goepel P.
tors—W. G. West 1356, T. Hill, W. Danger
William Rowbottom J.D. 1028, C. S. D
Newman P.G. Steward, H. Williams Pas
F. H. Stevenson P.M. 537 P.P.G.S.B. Chest
P.P.G.J.D. North Wales and Salop, S. M. D
CHRONICLE, &c., &c. The Lodge was opened abo
minutes of last meeting read and ratified. The
Lodge to the second degree, for the purpose
John Francis of this, and John Hill De Grey and
degree of fellow Craft. We were under the i
Fermor Hesketh had a Lodge of Instruction a
Officers will do well to attend it. The Lodg
vanced, and in the Lodge of Master Masons, Bro
his lecture on the "Pyramids of Egypt," which it
by circular should be delivered under the banner
the first place it is deeply to be regretted that so
of Liverpool availed themselves of the able and
discourse delivered by our worthy brother. Ind
so few is unaccountable. There is a charm and
the unveiling of the hidden mysteries of nature
ancient land of the Pharaohs, and when any revel
eminent and gorgeously arrayed land, and high
bears on the teachings of our glorious Order, how
to intelligent members of our Fraternity. So it
but appreciative audience which listened to Bro. H
plained the threes and fives and sevens in conn
operative Masonry, and Oriental symbolism, a
emblems of the N.E. corner stone of the Pyram
the initiation of the inexperienced. Continuin
Order, he ascended windingly to the more adva
Craftsman, and showed how, with tuition, we were
pate in the hidden mysteries which none but Cra
Next he alluded, with an inspiring touch, to the ri
of the worship of the G.A.O.T.U. with operative
the few who had adhered to that true worship a
tive skill established in the Valley of the G
civilisation, and made Egypt, as history has disc
the arts and sciences from which all the nations
been educated. Continuing further, Bro. Rowbot
to that sublime position, to many themes of cont
that centre which leads us the created to adore
the Creator, and from which no Master Mason ca
the cubit measure of the ancients, he adduced
struction of the passages to that centre or King
bore out the dates of Holy Writ and Masonic rec
drew to the completion of his able discour
the cope stone or the crowning pinna
stepped on to the threshold of holy Royal Ar
which the builders rejected. In completing the
Masonic temple, whose base covered the surface
whose centre was emblematical of the hidden mys
the earth's bowels, and whose ceiling is the can
said he had received much elucidation in his stud
mysterious structures since becoming a Freemas
of the Craft bore out the operations by which t
unquestionably erected. In dealing with a ther
great drawback for us to have to condense the abl
Bro. Rowbottom explained his subject. It is evide
tion in the study of Ancient Craft Masonry, a
Modern Freemasonry, is receiving the attention of
of our Order, and the lecture listened to on this
the brethren consider that there are more things
Freemasonry in earth and heaven than is dr
philosophy. On the termination of the lecture, th
Lodge down, and in a very cordial manner move
to Bro. Rowbottom for his highly instructive and i
This was seconded by the I.P.M., and carried unan
some further business of a private nature, during

ully appreciated. The subject had proven interesting
d studied it. Before he became a Freemason it had
d him to understand what he could not otherwise account
.M. proposed the health of the W.M., who he said was
egularity and punctuality; he had ever the best inte-
odge and the Craft at heart. The W.M. thanked the
the discharge of his duties he did his utmost, with
romote every interest of the Lodge, and if his work
acceptable, he was rewarded. The same zeal
cterised his exertions in the past, it would
ect to maintain in the future. He felt he
ss to carry on the affairs of the Lodge without
ion of his Officers, and to them he was greatly indebted,
ent; he had much pleasure in uniting the names of
Cooper and S.W. with the toast. Bro. Wylie kindly
a song. The I.P.M. returned thanks. He regretted he
ry representative of P.M.'s on the occasion, but generally
their posts more punctually than the members. He
self to considerable inconvenience to be present that
regretted that Bro. Collinson, who had missed only one
en years, had been prevented from attending through
S.W. briefly returned thanks for his fellow Officers, and
. proposed the health of the Visitors, uniting therewith
Bros. Keet, Danger, Davies, Newman, Williams, &c.,
eturned thanks for the hospitality shown, and the great
y had been permitted to derive from the interesting
e. Rowbottom. The Tyler's toast was demanded and
which the brethren separated.

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at City Lodge, No. 1426.—The usual monthly
e Great City Lodge, No. 1426, was held on Saturday
February, at the Cannon-street Hotel, and was numer-
d, both by members and visitors. Bros. James Freeman
S.W., Catchpole J.W., and the junior Officers were all
des Past Masters Stanway, Headon, Stevens, Secx,
ody P.M. Secretary. After the confirmation of the
e last meeting, the next business was the passing of Bros.
bson to the second degree. On the Lodge resuming to
ee, a ballot was taken for Mr. George Owen Mogridge
y Parker King, candidates for admission to the Order,
being unanimous in their favour, they were separately
ad in a most careful and correct manner were initiated
eries of Ancient Freemasonry. After some other business
posed of, the Lodge was closed in due form, and the
urned to the banquetting-room, where a very substantial
repast was produced. After the withdrawal of the
al and Masonic toasts were given, Bro. the Rev. R. J.
Grand Chaplain and Chaplain of the Lodge, responding
he Grand Officers. Alluding to the two initiates, he con-
m upon becoming members of The Great City Lodge,
that he knew no Lodge in which he met the members
eater pleasure, as they were distinguished for their
rance, general benevolence, general kindness, and
, and it was impossible to find a higher tone of good-
to be found amongst the members of The Great City
the very first, every Master who had been installed
had set his face against making the Lodge a mere place
nd as it increased in interest, so it would be their
nat the quality of its members should increase also; and
id the Masters and Past Masters do all they could
lly feelings amongst the members, that they almost felt
e all members of one family. He trusted that they
to give as good an account of their Lodge in the future
ne in the past. Bro. J. Stevens P.M. said, in conse-
immediate Past Master (Bro. Stanway) being compelled
uty devolved upon him of having to propose the health
an, their Worshipful Master. He was sure that they
owledge the kind and genial spirit with which he had
hem, and the unvarying courtesy and goodwill which
ied his Mastership over them. In the words of the poet,
d of him:—

"None better knew the feast to sway,
Or keep Mirth's boat in better trim,
And Nature had but little clay
Like that of which she moulded him." (Cheers.)

l Master, in replying, said he almost felt at all times a
eaking of himself, but that night he felt so more than
would be the last time he should speak in the
ad then the honour to occupy. He should not

known "Balaclava Charge." The Tyler's toast
ings to a close.

Clapton Lodge of Instruction, No.
was held on Friday, 7th February, at the
Clapton. Present:—Bros. J. Forbes W.M.,
Cogan J.W., Soper Treas., T. Goddard Sec., H
J.D., Hepburn I.G., also Bros. P.M. Cnsworth, H
Abrahams, and other brethren. The ceremo
rehearsed, Bro. Goddard candidate. Bro. L. Co
the degree of F.C. Bros. Breveter of No. 72 s
were elected members.

Duke of Conaught Lodge, No. 1524.—
W.M. took place on Thursday, the 30th ult., at
Albion-road, Dalston. Bro. Lee P.M. installed
and Bro. Green appointed his Officers as follow:
Brasted J.W., Smyth Treasurer, Lee P.M. S
Lorkin J.D., Payne I.G., A. Ferrar D.C., Polak
Tyler. The brethren sat down to a sumptuous
very satisfactory manner by Bro. W. Ferrar, he
Bro. N. Green presided, and after the cloth had
usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly h
A.G. Sec., returned thanks for the Grand Officers
the health of the newly installed W.M. He co
the cordiality and good feeling which prevailed
was convinced he would have the co-operation o
Bro. Green W.M. assured the brethren he would
to promote the prosperity of the Lodge. The to
was responded to by Bro. John Green P.M. 27.
Masonic Charities the W.M. stated that both H
and himself had undertaken to represent th
Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institut
brethren would support them in their efforts.
Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution replied;
claims of the Masonic Charities to the support of
trusted that as the Lodge would be represented
the lists would be creditable to the brethren. T
vourably responded to; indeed a handsome su
Bros. Lee and Chapman responded for the P.M,
S.W. for the Officers, after which the Tyler's
The proceedings of the evening were throughout
factory character.

The Fifteen Sections were worked in the Lodge o
above address on Wednesday, 5th February, by
Lorkin, A. R. Olley, Brasted, W. H. Lee, G.
Stephens; Bros. Brasted, C. Lorkin, Stephen
Stephens; Bros. J. Lorkin, Brasted and Wallingto
to the W.M. for his efficient working, and to the
able assistance were unanimously carried.

Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611.—The regula
Lodge was held on Monday last at York, when t
Cumberland presided. The routine business of
been concluded the W.M. announced that in cons
illness their excellent brother Thomas Cooper P.M
not be able to attend the Benevolent Festival as
do on Wednesday. It was a great disappointmen
who had got an excellent list, but he should go
himself with Bro. Turner Assist. M.C., and they
carry up with them a list of £40 from so young
nouncement of Bro. Cooper's illness was received
sions of regret. Bro. Cooper was the first Master
Lodge and is a P.M. also of the York Lodge 2
repeatedly passed through the Z. chair of the Ze
the chairs of nearly all the Christian and Mark D
lution of sympathy with him was passed by the L
Whytehead P.M. presented to the Lodge library t
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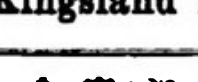
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ALYSIS OF THE SUBSCRIPTION LIST, R.M.B.I.

regards our Charitable Institutions, the year 1879 as opened most auspiciously. We were fully pre- o hear Bro. Terry announce a list not greatly, if at xcess of last year's contribution. We pointed out week preceding the Festival of our youngest Insti- hat the circumstances of the time were not favour- ile it was well known there was widely-prevalent in the Province whose Grand Master had so aken upon himself the duties of chairman on the . We were, therefore, the more agreeably sur- when a result was announced which not only ded the most sanguine hopes we had permitted s to form, but likewise far exceeded anything ad ever previously been done at a Festival of any stitutions. There is no doubt this brilliant suc- ue to the zeal and energy of the East Lancashire s, who, to the number of seventy-nine, supported ov. G. Master to the extent, as stated by Bro. Terry, 3,542, though, as will be seen hereafter, our figures exactly tally, and including a certain sum yet to ed, represent very nearly £200 more than he has e Province credit for. There is only one instance an individual Province has achieved a greater l that was in the year 1869, when a supreme effort le to clear off the mortgage on the Boys' School , and Bro. Binckes was able to announce at the of that Institution that East Lancashire, led by Bro. Stephen Blair, its G. Master, with the magni- nation of a thousand guineas, and supported by . G. Lodge to the extent of 500 guineas, and allender and Wike with one hundred guineas tributed £3,885, the thirty-five other Stewards among them 2000 guineas. Thus East Lanca- been surpassed at this Festival only by itself ten ce at another Festival, and there is no other in the country which can proudly point to two precedented achievements as the contribution in ne of our Institutions of £3,885, and in 1879 of s 6d, according to our reckoning—to another. Prov. G. Master of East Lancashire was also loyally d by the Metropolis and twenty-nine other Pro- ho among them, gave in round figures £10,000. ratulate our R.W. Bro. Lieut.-Col. Starkie on so brilliant, and we trust, if this is an earnest of nce he is able to exercise, that we shall find him uming the responsibilities of a chairman at other stivals. We also congratulate East Lancashire rly, and the Craft generally, on the result of the , and we trust the Chairman and his Board of will not regard it as idle flattery if we affirm er were votes of thanks, such as were passed y the Committee of the R.M.B.I. on the day after val, more richly deserved. We now proceed to mary analysis.

rand total as announced by Bro. Terry in the the evening of the 12th instant, when the toast rity to the Institution had been given, was stated 5 10s 6d, with fifteen lists outstanding. We have e-cast the figures as they appeared in our columns , and we find they amount to £13,726 11s 6d. however, a sum of £400 which Bro. Terry took cre- it which was not [illegible]

ever, been definitively arranged that t shall find its way into the coffers of the it can be forwarded, so that, according the amount of Bro. Terry's list n £14,126 11s 6d, and there are other However, the figures we propose deali which appeared last week, and the sum have stated already, is £13,726 11s 6d, Lo able for £6,153 9s, and the Provinces London was represented by 115 Steward were unattached, while 106 represented the remaining six as many Chapters. A time ten lists still to be sent in, the £6,1 gate of the lists of 105 Stewards. Of the c this sum, the following are the most cons J. Barnes, the able Preceptor, who acted Doric, No. 933, has outdistanced all brethren, having won the place of honour of canters with £325 10s. Bro. Clement Steward for the Merchant Navy, No. 7 with the goodly amount of £178, and th appear Bro. Robbins of University Lodge £157 10s, and Bro. J. Freeman, of The £151 2s. The two next, also very close to G. T. H. Seddon, of Sincerity, No. 174, and Bro. F. Brown, of the Loyalty, £134 18s 6d. Bro. W. W. Medcalf, of Mi figures well with £120 15s. At his heels Stock, of the Perfect Ashlar, No. 1178, wit and then well together, Bro. Thos. Goode, of No. 1,288, with £116; Bros. A. L. A St. James Union, No. 180, and John A. Ru of Wales, No. 259, each with £115 10s; Br chison, of the Friends in Council, No. 1383, Bro. J. L. Mather, of the Islington, N £113 8s; Bro. Robert H. Halford, of the U No. 228, with £112 1s; Bro. G. M. Felton, gate, No. 1613, with £111 6s; Bro. J. W the Royal Commemoration, No. 1585, with £ John G. Stevens, acting independently, witl Charles Dairy, of Faith, No. 141, with £ Rev. Dr. Brette, of the Aldersgate, with £ Bro. J. H. Southwood, of the John Hervey, N £105; Bro. W. Maple, of the Canonbury, w and Bro. W. H. Bateman, one of two St senting Fortitude and Old Cumberland, wit the other Steward, Bro. A. H. Lilley, had a guineas, and Comp. Joseph Clever, of t Chapter, No. 12, one of thirty guineas, this ol worthily borne out its reputation as a liberal our Charities. Of young Lodges, the Ancho was represented by Bro. J. Bagot Scriven; No. 1716, by Bro. John Dennis; King's 1732, by Bro. W. M. Stiles; and the S No. 1766, consecrated only last year, b Beesley, whose list, though it amounted only, must be looked upon as a fair com The East takes the lead among the Metropolit but West, South and North are well represent result that is eminently satisfactory when w London Lodges represented, and that not o oldest Lodges uphold their fame as supporters stitutions, but likewise that their youngest sist the laudable example thus set them. Of thes[illegible]

, North Wales and Shropshire (25 Lodges), Vales, Eastern Division (13 Lodges), Staffordshire ges), Channel Islands, Jersey, and Isle of Man. rds the last three, there is nothing strange in ng rarely, if ever, represented at our Charity s. They are out of the way, to say the least. he other eleven, the case is different, and as k to receive help in time of need, so we expect render it under similar conditions. Nine of the o this cheerfully, according to their means, though nes are wanting in the present list. Thus Cheshire, Educational Institute of its own, has been nevertheresented moderately at all the Festivals in the last rs. Cornwall was represented by its Prov. G.M. . Hughan at the Benevolent Festival last year, the it contributed being £570, while in 1876 Bro. was Steward and took up between £400 and In this case, too, the recent disastrous Bank failure improbably have had something to do with its Herefordshire was modestly represented at the stival, and has also figured on previous occasions. absent, but only for the second time in thirteen . Durham gave £155 8s to the Boys' last July, same sum in 1877, more liberally in 1876, and e liberally the preceding year. Northumberland an absentee at all the Festivals which have been e that of the Boys' School in 1877, and it strikes t is nearly time some of its Lodges bestirred themgain. North Wales and Salop figured last year Boys' School for £169, and at the Girls' for neas. It supported the same two in 1877, Lodges are raising, if they have not already he Watkin Testimonial. South Wales East y fairly represented at the School Festivals last nd Staffordshire, as we must all remember, uty admirably under its late Grand Master, the of Shrewsbury and Talbot, and sent up a fair list enevolent Festival last year, besides a small con- to the Boys' School in July. Even Cambridgeerged last year from its state of torpor, and a of one of its Lodges twice served as Steward for ol Festivals, but Beds apparently neither does nor ght for the Charities.

We now to the Contributing Provinces. First in Berks and Bucks, which is down for the handsome £336 7s, the joint contributions of seven Stewards ing five out of the nine Berkshire Lodges, none of Bucks Lodges having been at the pains to send ards. Under these circumstances the honour of evement must be awarded to the former county. given to understand there is a strong undercurrent ling exhibited by some of the Bucks towards the ethren or Lodges, and it may come within the scope uty to offer a few sharp comments on the subject. e the grounds of this ill-feeling is not material at ment, but we must remark that no Province nore zealous and able Grand Master, or one serves to be treated with greater loyalty than d Bucks, of which Sir Daniel Gooch has been for upwards of ten years. We are prepared to ater or less discontent everywhere, and when we at it is groundless, we are equally prepared to assistance in stamping it out. The Etonian No. 209, dsor Castle No. 771, both of Windsor, the Union of Reading, the Loyal Berkshire L. of Hope No. Newbury, and the Vale of White Horse Lodge No. Farringdon, are the five Lodges which uphold ame of Berkshire. The first of these sent up two s, of whom Bro. Dick Radclyffe furnished a list 12s 6d, part of which was raised by the ticket the last followed its example, and though the £63 2s. The same Brother was Boys' Festival, when the amount of Derbyshire (nineteen Lodges) was r brother of No. 731, the Arboretum of for £23 8s 6d. Last year its Pr Marquis of Hartington, and anoth handed in £170. It figured likewise amounts, at the Girls' Festival in May Boys in July. For Dorsetshire its I Gundry, acted as Steward, but the a not stated, as it had not been receiv pate, however, a good one, as the been to the fore on these occasions. P. Montagu was its Steward for all and took up £150 to the Benevolen Girls, and £401 12s for the Boys, or for the year. Essex, which has had th its G. Master lately, was nevertheless r Rev. H. J. Hatch, of the Priory Chapt end, with a list of £11. It figured at last July for over £233, and has bee sented at other Festivals. Glouce Lodges), though it distributed no le among our Institutions last year, h representing two Lodges, and their jo £148 12s. Hants and Isle of Wight, wi has only been once absent at the last Its contributions, in this instance, amo the result of the joint efforts of thr senting as many Lodges, namely, the Ne of the Aldershot Lodges No. 723 (Pan mouth No. 1428, the United Service. Lodges in Herts are represented by as r aggregate of their lists being £144 1s. recollection of our readers that at the last year this little county headed the total of over £645, subsequently raise represented for a small amount both Girls' Festivals. It has given over £ (inclusive) 1875, having been absent on Festivals. The Hitchin, Berkhampste Lodges uphold the credit of the county Kent, with its forty-three Lodges, has s sented by as many Stewards, the total £432 4s; Bro. H. M. Baker, of the Co of Dover, taking the lead with £202 Barres being next with a very useful £3 also gratified at finding Bro. Joynes Cinque Ports No. 1206, Sandwich, amo with, we presume, a personal contributi We now come to East Lancashire, wi Lodges and an array of seventy-nine banded together to support Bro. Lt.-Col. Master, who occupied the chair. The t tributed, we find to be £3,338 7s 6d, bu £400, bequeathed by a deceased brothe and, from the list we published last week to be twelve of the Stewards who have r their lists. At all events, East Lancash figure this year for £3,738 7s 6d, if not Fifty of its Lodges and one Chapter w some by three, four, or even more brethr Master's personal donation was a P. Grand Lodge gave five hundred guin fifty guineas, and P.G. Mark Lodge, by sixty guineas. Of the other lists, Bro. Lodges Nos. 64 and 1,009, is to the fore Jas. Newton, of No. 37, follows with £ Matier, of No. 645, has furnished £137 Tweedale, of Nos. 64 and 277, £120 1s East, of No. 163, £115 10s; Bro. E. Ash

ıy to the worth of the Province. Lincolnshire, again, ly misses an opportunity of lending a helping hand, though its four Stewards, representing three out of twenty Lodges, are only entered for £68 14s 6d, it ed at all the Festivals in 1877; in 1876 it gave the s over £573, and in 1875 the Benevolent received 3. Middlesex is a regular contributor. Seven of its ity-nine Lodges, and one of its nine Chapters, together one Steward acting independently, contribute amongst £440 7s. One entry in the list deserves especial e. It is described as "The First Labour of an Entered entice," and is the contribution of Bro. Marshall, a ber of the Royal Hanover, No. 1,777, of Hounslow, of our youngest Lodges. This raises the amount by this Province to over £4,581 for the thirteen vals, or, an average of over £352 per Festival. Monhshire, with its eight Lodges, appears for £136 10s, ibuted by the hands of Bros. W. Williams, for the nce, and W. Watkins, for No. 1429. Its Grand r represented it at the Boys' Festival last year, when it was £166 19s, and in 1877 it gave two hundred as to the Benevolent. Last year Northamptonshire funts very liberally supported its G. Master, the Duke nchester, who presided at the Festival of this Insti-, its contribution, including His Grace's personal ion, reaching £300. It has also contributed on other ons, and, in this instance, the Eleanor Cross, No. 1764, ampton, consecrated only last year, and, therefore, ungest of its Lodges, is entered for £50, by the hands . Hamilton W. Parker. This augurs a busy and useful for so young a Lodge. Norfolk (fifteen Lodges) Bro. Barwell as Steward for the whole Province, and . A. Tyssen H. Amherst for Lodge No. 52, the Union wich, gives £306 12s. At the Boys' Festival last year ed for over £279, and in 1877, when Lord Suffield, M., presided at the Girls' Festival, it supported him extent of £210. Of Notts, with its nine Lodges, only say that one of them, No. 402 of Nottingham, red, but the amount of the list has not yet been d. However, though till lately it has laboured under ious drawback of having no Provincial organisa- has been represented at one or more of the Festivals -6-7-8. Three of the nine Oxfordshire Lodges—the University No. 357, and the Churchill No. 478, both rd, with the Marlborough No. 1399, of Woodstock, in last Wednesday's list, but one of the three has nished his statement. So far £41 18s, is the con- n of this Province. At the same time it has given ast twelve Festivals £1,186, or an average of nearly r Festival. We wish we could point, as we said occasion last year, to as satisfactory a result in of Cambridgeshire, the other University County. e Pro Grand Master to preside over it, it is to be l that Somersetshire should take a prominent part occasions, and Captain Perkins, representing the , is entered for £38 17s. At the Girls' Festival in t, when the Earl of Carnarvon presided, it gave . It supported the Benevolent in 1877 to the f over £253, while, when its Grand Master was at the Boys' Festival in 1875, it contributed over with one list still to be handed in. There is, ut one occasion, as far as we can call to mind, since ning of 1875, when this Province with its nineteen as been unrepresented. The Province of South . Division, with nine Lodges, is entered for the e sum of £225. Last year it figured for £236 5s irls' Festival. It has likewise contributed sepa- conjointly with the Eastern Division of the County t one Festival in 1877, 1876, and 1875. Thus be no gainsaying the fact of its liberality towards utions. Three of the nineteen Suffolk Lodges,

One Warwickshire Lodge out of thirty Last year it gave over £423 between the Schools; in 1877 it distributed among the close on £600; while in the year previous Boys' School £2,000, and to the Girls £26: its ten Lodges is down for £237 10s, and sented at eleven out of the last thirteen over it has invariably done well, having School £267 5s in May last, and the Bene Festival £164 11s. In 1877, it gave at t £538 10s, the Benevolent receiving the li shape of £273. Worcestershire with ten to use a hackneyed phrase, conspicuous by all the Festivals of the last four years. On Kidderminster Lodge, Hope and Chari assumed the *rôle* of Provincial repres Steward is entered for forty guineas ex small, but by no means despicable beginni lows close upon the installation of a new let us hope we may regard it as an earnest expect under the reign of Sir E. A. H. M.P. Now that No. 377 has done someth stigma which must necessarily attach to a sistent neglect of certain important duties other Lodges will follow the good examp set them, and will occasionally send up Both Bros. Hedges and Binckes, we feel will welcome them most cordially at the rapidly approaching, and Bro. Terry will, of similar assistance on future occasions. remain two Provinces to notice, and one West Yorkshire, may be dismissed in a In the period we have glanced at, it has represented once, and that was at the Fest Masonic Institution for Girls—we were n sion it had been represented at the twel in 1875-6-7-8, but this turns out to have However, in that time it contributed just the sum of £550, contributed at last W tival, has raised this to £7,262, which giv over £605 for each of the twelve Festiv Benevolent has received, omitting odd shi its five Festivals; the Girls' School, £2,3 four Festivals; and the Boys' School, £ Festivals. We admit that West Yorkshir six Lodges, is one of our strongest Provin time, an average contribution of £110 period we have been considering, must be in the highest degree commendable. Turn w able picture to the state of things in the a of North and East Yorkshire, in which City of York, with all its proud traditions dating back to an antediluvian, if not t period, which boasts of that important s that fashionable watering-place — Scarb twenty-six Lodges, and what do our read influential and fairly numerous Province l Charitable Institutions in the period begin 1875 to date? It has given, so far as we for two lists were outstanding, and the am tered in some of the published lists to whi belong—just a little over £418, or an avera £16, that is, taking the present number of four have been created since 1876—as the ing, not quite *five-and-twenty shillings pe* matter of fact, and as far as the published to judge, only four Lodges have done any if we excuse the third Scarborough Lodg short time, on the score of its hardly havi look about, we find there are no less Lodges in North and East Yorkshire whic

Charities, which are sorely in need of help
dministered regularly every year. Whether
re than one Lodge contributed at the Girls'
1875 does not appear, the amount being entered
it of North and East Yorkshire, without further
Apart from this, we find that the Humber
57, Hull, has been represented at five Festivals,
ntributions at four were £111 11s, the amount
l on the fifth occasion being unstated. Minerva
lso of Hull, has figured five times, and given
£138 9s. Denison, No. 1248, of Scarborough
he list of the Boys' School in 1877, but the
its list is unstated. The Eboracum, No. 1611, of
ded only in 1876, has sent up Stewards to five
Festivals since its foundation: twice in 1877,
1878, and on this occasion; the amount of its
ons being £133 10s. Thus, the two senior Hull
Scarborough Lodge—not, however, the oldest—
nior York Lodge—the senior can find time and
making a fuss over its centenary, and receiving
Knight Templar Pilgrims, but appears to be
to the claims of our Charities on all English
are the only Lodges in North and East York-
ch have figured in the lists published in THE
N'S CHRONICLE of the last thirteen Festivals.
inted at this before; we trust the present hint
e more effectual.

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sums of £10 10s from Bro. P. C. F. Tatham, of
odge No. 14, and £10 10s from Bro. Joseph E.
f Lodge Universal, No. 181, have been received
Perry in respect of last Wednesday's Festival.
es the London total, as stated in our Analysis, to
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CORRESPONDENCE.

hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of our Corts.

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L MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

IR AND BROTHER,—It was only yesterday afternoon that I elf in a position to justify a definite correction of a statech has obtained wide-spread publicity, through the columns e Masonic and ordinary daily press.

Willis, Perceval and Co. were the *bankers* of this Institute late Bro. S. Tomkins, a partner, was neither Trustee nor as he was to Grand Lodge and the other Masonic Institu- it is held that this Institution has no *locus standi* as a on the private estate. The information, therefore, should claims of all the Masonic bodies on the estate of Messrs. rceival and Co. have been paid in full,—*with the exception of Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.*

equence of the loss thus sustained, in amount £894, *and on ut alone*, we are compelled to obtain assistance from our ankers to discharge the bills for the past quarter.

under these exceptional circumstances, we have the best basis for an exceptionally urgent appeal for sympathy, and sed practical support in our hour of need.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT FESTIVAL.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Although the suc the Benevolent Institution was financially ve should be given to those who laboured so hard to I am sorry to note the fact that the Prov. G. shire was but meagrely supported by the prom Grand Officers who reside in and about Lo thought an effort would have been made by welcome the brother who came from so gre Stewards, 60 in number, who accompanied him

I do not wish to make invidious comparis from noticing the fact that the prominent m organisation, which has recently come very mu this year three members belonging to its h with the purple), were conspicuous by their was only the result of accident, and not desi the claims of Masonic charity, or yet to slight does not happen to belong to their community.

Forgetting any apparent neglect, the East L right to feel proud of the result, and the com that district need not be ashamed to vie southern brethren in the support of our valued

Yours fraterna

THINGS ONE WOULD LIKE

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The London Ma ation have kindly undertaken to assist the ca F. A. Giles, candidates for election into the E. E. Williams into the Girls' School. Subscri forward their votes to the Secretary, Bro. Al Clifford's Inn. A Brother Alfred Tisley, of has, in the same generous spirit, recommend Herbert Stone, as worthy of support. One v the Bro. Alfred Tisley of Clifford's Inn, and Long Ditton, are one and the same person, an proportion the votes forwarded to the Sec Masonic Charity Association are to be divide candidates? (1) Will the boy P. H. Stone be residue after securing the election of the other steps will be taken by the executive of the I arrangement known to the subscribers?

I read the appeal of Bro. Perceval in the Frost and Giles, inserted in your issue of the 1 also find room for epistolary addresses from porters of the other candidates? There are whom such insertions would be of inestimable

Yours truly and

19th February 1879.

The statement contained in our issue the effect that the amount due to the stitution for Boys at the time of the Willis, Percival and Co., had been pa estate of the late Bro. S. Tomkins, wh that firm, as well as the amounts due Grand Chapter, and the Royal Masoni tution, turns out to have been erro School was paid the composition of ni pound, as arranged to be paid by the chased the business of the defunct I amount standing to its credit at the tin stated in Grand Lodge to be £1,560, t be a loser to the extent of between £8 fact, this is the only Institution whic loss, as Grand Lodge, and Chapter, a have been paid in full, while the Gir sum considerably in excess of the ba

e the others, from the oldest to the youngest, are never weary ntributing in their several positions, and as far as in them lies, phold the prosperity of the Lodge. We have glanced through a ier Masonic journal for the records of this Lodge's proceedings, as far back as 1858, when it was located at the George and Boar, in Holborn, we find the accounts given of it were inva- y satisfactory. Bro. Buss, the Assistant Grand Secretary and surer of the Lodge, was even then a Past Master and Secretary, he latter office, after filling it for four and twenty years, was only ted by him in order that he might undertake the duties of Trea- r. Bro. J. Coutts P.G.P., who is deservedly one of the most popu- as he undoubtedly is one of the ablest, of its members, filled the of Junior Deacon in 1863, and was twice unanimously elected its Worshipful Master—for the years 1867 and 1868. Bro. C. B. e, the present Grand Tyler, was Senior Deacon in 1859, and in course rose to be Master, fulfilling the duties of the chair in ear 1862. Bro. Buss's predecessor in the Treasurership, the Bro. B. P. Todd, held that office almost the whole time that Buss was Secretary. Pro. Todd was W.M. in 1851, the year Great Exhibition, and by a singular coincidence, was pre- d by the Lodge with a very handsome testimonial on the 1st 1862, the opening day of the International, or second Great ition held in this country. Moreover, the late distinguished John Savage, Past G. Deacon and a member of the Board of ral Purposes, as well as of the General Committee of Grand ter, was an honorary member, and for the long period of thirty- ears played the part of Installing Officer, and inducted the ssive Masters during that period into the Chair of the Lodge, mediate successor, Bro. John Coutts, to whom we have already d, fulfilling those duties, as recently as the year 1876, the lation meeting in that year being the first that was held after avage's decease. The Lodge, too, has been laudably active in the rt of our Masonic Institutions, and is at the present time a Vice n of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and the Royal ic Benevolent Institution, and a Vice-President—and no doubt oon will be a Vice-Patron—of the Royal Masonic Institution for

About the beginning of 1875, it started a Benevolent Fund own, and in a very few months the contributions thereto ex- l £150, of which £100 was straightway invested. The relief administered in cases of distress has been both liberal and nt. In short, the Egyptians are worthy of the scientific of the ancient people after whom they are named, as they are reputation for generosity which distinguishes the modern people m its members belong. However, before we proceed to recount ents of its latest meeting, we will mention in the order of ccurrence a few particulars which will doubtless prove of t to our readers. In 1859, when the Lodge met at the George lue Boar, the Installation Meeting of the Lodge was, on otion of Bro. Buss, changed from the month of January bruary. At the installation of Bro. Payne, in 1862, Bro. was assisted in his duties as Installing Officer by Bro. nith as S.W., the late Bro. Farnfield Assistant Grand Sec. as J.W., all three chairs were occupied by "Purple Brethren." The hree brethren acted together at the first installation of Bro. in 1867, with the slight difference that Bro. Farnfield was nd Bro. Smith J.W. In 1868 the Lodge moved its quarters to on's Hotel, where it has ever since remained. This year, too, ayne on retiring from the chair, was presented with a handsome aster's jewel, in token of his services as Worshipful Master, and months later the late Bro. Todd, Treasurer, acting on behalf of dge, presented a very valuable gold watch to Bro. Buss, as a tion of his services to the Egyptians. It was also in the same at, on appeal being made for a member to serve as Steward at stival of the Benevolent Institution, it was incidentally ned that a lady had served on one of those occasions; on which dd announced that his daughter should act as Steward for the and he promised to constitute her a Life Governor. In 1867 8 we come across the name of our "literary brother"—Bro. Levy, then, as now, P.M. No. 188—among the Visitors; and evy, we are told, contributed to the amusement of those by giving imitations of different well-known theatrical

In one account he is described as "our facetious friend." latter year the Lodge contributed to the Grand Master 1) Commemoration Fund. In January 1869, Bro. C. Atkins, the present P.M.'s, was raised to the sublime degree, and arrison, another of the P.M.'s, was J.D. At the installation this year, Bro. Coutts completed his second year as W. and was presented with an elegant gold jewel, together with a pron and collar, with jewel attached, in token of his admirable y in the chair. The cost of this testimonial was defrayed ut of the Lodge funds, and partly by subscription among the s. In 1870, Bro. Green, now a P.M., was initiated, and the meeting. Bro. Walker was installed Wors and Bro. Maidwell was his successor in the remains for us to note the proceedings of the at Anderton's on the 6th inst., when Bro. W in office as Master. The Lodge was opened who was supported by Bros. W. Richards S.W man J.W., H. G. Buss Assist. Grand Secret J. B. Poole P.M. Secretary, Past Masters—E P.G.P., C. B. Payne Grand Tyler, Charles Gibbon, Harrison, S. R. Lamble and Walker, and visitors to the number of 104, of whom were visitors, and amongst whom were Bros. T. T. Bull P.M. 145, H. F. Masters 145, T. F. K. E. P. Barlow P.M. 15, W. H. Gray S.W. 704, H. Massey P.M. 619, A. Furness 1421, A. R. Green W.M. 1524, W. H. Lee P.M. 152 1321, E. Berger S.W. 435, J. T. Smith 157, J. Lloyd J.D. 1201, N. T. Hooper I.G. 43 W. Sumner 877, W. H. G. Rudderforth S.D. A. J. Berry Sec. 1695, Charles Corrick 101, S W. Wells J.D. 299, W. T. Howe G.P., E. P Morgan Sec. 211, J. H. Southwood W.M. J. Auley 177, W. H. Ellis 554, Thos. Cubitt P.M. 861, J. H. Watts P.M. 1201, Chas. Dani P.P.G.W. Kent, W. N. Waghorn P.M. 946, T. Mills P.M. 299, William Musto P.M. 1319, roy P.M. 299, Alex. Jones 1612, M. Leslie 1 Thomas D. Hamo P.M. 209, James Rei 1287, George Tedder 11, H. Brookman 1446, R. S. White 340, C. Bennett, C Binckes P.M. Grand Stewards, &c. Formalit was presented for installation, and duly inst —who is not only letter perfect in his know has likewise a good voice and delivery, and —the board of Installed Masters numbering five. At the conclusion of the ceremony claimed and saluted, and then appointed and brethren as his Officers for the current year man S.W., Coulson J.W., Maidwell I.P.M., Grand Secretary P.M. Treasurer, Poole [nominated] Senior Deacon, Cuthbertson J mer I.G., March M.C., D. Jacobs P.M. W.S., Potter Tyler. The Lodge then confirmed th the Benevolent Fund to a distressed brothe brother in distress lately a member of the siderable discussion, it was agreed to place for the approaching Festival of the Girls' Sch guineas. The Lodge was then closed, and the banquet, under the presidency of Bro. Richa toasts were given in due order, Bros. Buss Ass. responding for that of the Grand Officers pr Maidwell I.P.M. proposed the health of the work they had as yet had but little experien had had the opportunity of judging, what he had been perfect. The W. Master, in reply, said make long speeches, and he should content hi during the years he had been a member of the many happy hours and made many firm f received the highest honour it was in the p bestow, and he should do his utmost to merit in him. He then proposed the health of Bro. so expressed the great pleasure it gave him t with a Past Master's jewel in token of he had rendered during his year of offi Bro. Maidwell might live many years Maidwell excused himself for any shortcomi the score of the novelty of his position as a Pas appreciated this testimony to his labours. H stantly a visitor, that at last he began to be ask so often coming in that capacity. Hence he joi every office he had held had striven to do his du ability. Bro. Binckes acknowledged the to Charities, and bore his testimony to the hi Egyptians of the great Masonic principle of Cha then announced that his list for the Girls' Scho already to 112 guineas. Bro. Buss replied for t and Secretary, and took occasion to warn the L liberal in the dispensation of their funds. If give even fifty guineas to the Charities he neve way, but with too great liberality their funds w bausted. Bros. Poole and D. Jacobs also assuring those present that in his capacity of

Harris, R. Z. Bloomfield, N. Moss, John Constable, J. H. Barnett, N. Gluckstein, E. Gottheil. Bro. George Pare, P.M. elect was then presented, to receive at the hands of Bro. for the benefit of installation. In due course a Board of Masters was formed, and Bro. Pare was elevated to that Chair into the chair in conformity with ancient rite. The Installed Master appointed his Officers as follow:—Bros. D. Cohen, P.M., W. D. Bailey S.W., F. Croaker J.W., John Peartree P.M., Phil. Levy Sec., George Bilby P.M. Org., W. Bush S.D., J. Hall, Staley I.G., B. D. Barnett D.C., Sol. Barnett W.S. The appointments seemed to give general satisfaction. The Installing Master next addressed the W.M., Wardens and Brethren, upon their respective duties, the principles, aims and objects of the Order, with a fervent appreciation of what was intended to be conveyed, and the assembly listened with breathless attention, and at the conclusion to hearty cheers and applause. The auditors' report was then read, was unanimously adopted. From it we learn that during the past year amounted to £397 16s 2d, and the expenditure £347 11s 1d, leaving a balance of £50 5s 1d. The position is stated to be as follows:—Lodge Fund £201 1s 8d, Benevolent Fund £851 1s, a state of affairs with which the members have reason to be satisfied, especially as half yearly subscriptions are due, and indeed were being paid simultaneously with the audit of the accounts. In pursuance of notice of motion given by Bro. John Constable P.M. at a previous meeting, to the effect the sum of ten guineas be voted from Lodge Fund to each of the Masonic Institutions for Boys, Girls and Aged Annuitants, the proposition was submitted for consideration. Several of the Past Masters objected to the grant, not from any feeling of opposition either to the proposer or the Institutions, but actuated by motives of economy and over anxiety as to the future prospects of the Lodge should the time arrive when the present favourable condition might possibly decline. The resolution was, however, in the end carried, and the thirty guineas voted. The W.M. then in appropriate terms addressed Bro. Posener, and placed upon his breast a handsome and elaborately wrought gold Past Master's jewel, voted by the Lodge in testimony of the high esteem in which the retiring Master is held, and as a slight acknowledgment of services rendered during his year of office. Bro. Posener feelingly accepted the gift, but failed to find words which might adequately represent the depth of their kindness and goodwill, or express the gratitude by which he was animated. A luxurious banquet followed, and after the removal of the cloth, Deum Laudate was sung, to which followed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. To that of the Queen and the Craft followed the National Anthem. The toast of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master H.R.H. Prince Leopold was followed by a glee, "The Red Cross Knight," by the emi-nently skilled vocalists, Bros. Moss, Barnett, Kenningham, and Lacy. Then came the Pro Grand Master, followed by "There was once a time, my darling," by Bro. Kenningham. The toast of the Grand Master and the rest of the Grand Officers Past and Present received attention, and with this toast was coupled the name of the two P.G.P.'s, Bros. T. Cubitt and E. P. Albert, both of whom replied. The I.P.M. next asked to be allowed the use of the gavel, and taking possession of that emblem of power, remarked only a short while ago when the gavel was handed to him the time had flown so quickly that already he had to hand it to a far better (oh! oh!)—well, he would say a far more able brother, who, he was sure, would carry on the duties of the Lodge to the satisfaction of the brethren, and to whom his past experience of his work in the various offices through which the W.M. had passed, would give *éclat* to the Lodge during his year of office. He would, therefore, ask that the health might be drunk with best wishes for a prosperous year of office. Song, "Rock to Rock," by Bro. E. Moss. Bro. Pare, in reply, said it was a most difficult task that evening. At the moment when his long cherished ambition was gratified, and he had reached the highest and most honourable position in the Lodge, he was inspired with diffidence and inability to carry out the duties devolving upon him satisfactorily to himself and the brethren. He was, however, very sensible of the kind feeling and expressions of goodwill by which his election was accompanied, and trusted when the time arrived for his leaving the chair, he might, by his conduct during the year, have established a right to the same fraternal kindness he had experienced that evening. He could assure them that his best attention would be given both to the interests of the Lodge and the comforts at the festive board. The W.M. then proposed the Visitors, coupling with it the names of Bros. Spiegel, Lazarus, Bassington, and Barnett, all of whom are sister Jewish Lodges. Glee, "The Sailor's Song," by the Brothers. Bro. Lazarus, in thanking the brethren for his hearty welcome, remarked that it was now many years since he had the pleasure of visiting this Lodge, and could not help noticing the marks of progress evident in all its affairs. The ordinary working in any Lodge was expected to run smoothly, but in all his experience he had never listened with more pleasure than he had that evening to the ceremony of installation, which was rendered in a manner

newed prosperity. Nevertheless, he trusted that he was in a position to render substantial assistance to those who in the time of prosperity participated with them in the pleasures and enjoyments of the Lodge, not by doling out or giving such amounts as would secure another ballot, but at least in some degree, their former social position. He would leave this subject that night without making any further attempt at "gilding refined gold." He desired to propose John Constable. The advent of that Brother into the Lodge. It was he who rescued the Lodge from obscurity, and by introducing fresh blood and vigorous candidates, consisting of his own personal friends, possessed a wonderful number,—and who can deny it?—raised it to its present proud pre-eminence. Throughout all his life, he had never come across any one who displayed more energy and perseverance in the cause of Charity; he was an effrontery; to whom a negative is half an affirmative, a shake of the head to imply a nod, and who has whom the orphan and widow have more reason to bless. Bro. Constable was loudly called upon; after some hesitation he said, that from the remarks of Bro. Solomon, he thought he was a pachydermatous animal, but he could not, after such a compliment he was perfectly invulnerable, however, he could not praise where merited. The good natured sarcasm of Bro. Solomon, in regard to his published History, did not affect him in the least, for it took a vast deal to disturb his equanimity. He had always endeavoured to do his duty to the Lodge and the Charities; how he had done so others must know. He hoped to be actuated by the same motives in future as in the past. The pleasure of the evening was considerably marred when Bro. Phil. Levy, Sec., rose to announce that the Secretary and Treasurer, for he announced that Bro. John Peartree P.M. and Treas. was then lying in a highly dangerous malady, which, it was feared, might prove fatal. For twenty years he, in conjunction with the Treasurer, had worked and given their best attention to promote the interests of the Lodge, and this absence under such sad circumstances was much felt by him. He, however, prayed the G.A.O.T.U., in His wisdom, to see fit to restore their Brother to health and strength, who is acting Treas., most feelingly joined in the toast and spoke of the kindness of heart and generosity which every action of Bro. Peartree was guided. The toast was then drunk and the proceedings to a close.

ST. DAVID'S LODGE, No

THE Festival of St. John was celebrated on 13th Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester. Bros. T. Williams I.P.M., Ishmael Davies S.W., John Taylor J., J. O. Evans S.D., F. Griffin J.D., R. Barlow Treas., J. B. Seel I.G., J. Sly Tyler. Past Masters T. Williams, J. W. Jones, T. Gibson, T. R. Peel, R. Brown, M. Fairweather, H. Elliott, F. Ste R. Renshaw, E. Tootill, &c. Visitors—Bro. C. Heywood P.M. 645 P.P.G.Reg., W. Harding West Lancashire, W. Scott Brown P.M. 999, G. H. Wylie, Morris Jones, T. J. Cowen Sec. FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, &c. The Lodge was p.m., and the minutes of last meeting read and readiness for the important event of the day, Ishmael Davies, was introduced to the Installing Jones P.M., by Bro. T. Elliott, the retiring W interrogations having been satisfactorily answer was solemnly obligated. The Lodge was a degree, and all below the degree of W.M. having elect was introduced to a board of Installed M installed. On the re-admission of the brethren was proclaimed Worshipful Master of the St. D ensuing twelve months, and as such received th brethren. This portion of the ceremony was T. R. Peel P.M., who in turn relinquished the p P.M., and the I.P.M. With their assistance his Officers as follow:—Bros. T. Elliott I.P.M. William Hadden J.W., J. O. Evans Sec., R. Bar J.D., F. Griffin Treas., T. R. Williams P.M. D.C E. Staveley I.G., H. Elliott, F. J. Brown, J. Pal Tyler. The ceremony so far being successfully charges were ably given by Bro. T. R. Williams being completed, the Lodge was closed in harm adjourned to the Queen's Hotel, where a most re provided. The menu was excellently catered, a everything that could be desired. After the the W.M. rose to propose the first toast. In doi a touching manner to the poignant grief Her M

...more than ordinary enthusiasm. Through our Prov. Master, East Lancashire has greatly signalized herself in ..., and, as a result, the whole Masonic world will know how Col. Starkie is esteemed in his Province and among the Craft ...land and Wales. It is gratifying to know that our re- Provincial G. Master had brought into the R.M.B.I. more ... by far than any brother who has held a like position at any ... Not only on this occasion has the Province responded to the ...appeal of the great central Charities; some years ago the ...G. Master made an appeal on behalf of the R.M.I. for ...and East Lancashire answered with over one-third of the ... subscribed. They would do their Prov. G. Master a great ...e if they did not drink most heartily to the toast. Bro. Peel ...d the health of the Deputy Prov. G. Master, the Prov. G. ... of East Lancashire, and other Provinces past and present. ...oducing this toast he regretted that Bro. Mellor was prevented ...ing with them, yet he was with their every effort in the ...f the Craft. He was glad to have the presence of so many ...fficers, and pleased to see Bro. Barker, who had always taken ...terest in the St. David's Lodge. Bro. Heywood was also ...own to all, and highly appreciated for his many Masonic ... and his inseparable connexion with everything charitable. ...arding, from West Lancashire, had been in the habit of ... among them, and who they were always pleased to see. ...ish was that West Lancashire might prosper in the future as ...n the past. The toast was drunk with full Masonic honours. ...renbach kindly favoured the brethren with an overture on the ... Bro. E. Heywood, in response to the last toast, said—It ...th sincere gratitude he responded. It was apparent ... that they were thoroughly acquainted with the deep ... the Deputy Prov. G. Master took in the Craft of the Province; ...gratifying to the Prov. G. Master and his Deputy to know ...a esteem in which they were held by the brethren. It was ...g to him to announce that the Province was increasing in ... Bro. Harding also returned thanks. He regretted there ...t more West Lancashire Prov. Officers present to witness the ...cent hospitality of the St. David's Lodge. He was proud of ...nder the directorship of Lord Skelmersdale. Every East Lan- ...Mason must feel proud of their chief, who as chairman for ...M.B.I. surpassed all their expectations. It must be very ...ng to the brethren of East Lancashire to have such an able ... Master, and a very great honour for any man to be at the head ...yal a Province. He was very pleased to see the able manner in ...he Installation Ceremony had been performed. Nothing could ...on better done. He always liked to see work in a Lodge, and ...ratulated the Past Masters who took part in the ceremony on ...ciency. Bro. T. Elliott I.P.M. considered it unfortunate that it ...is lot to propose the most important toast of the evening, the ...f the Worshipful Master of St. David's Lodge, Bro. Ishmael ... He congratulated the members of the Lodge on the very ...election they had made in the appointment of this worthy ... to the important position he had attained that day. It ...es occurred that Masters were selected to preside over a ...hrough private partiality or personal influence, but in the ...nent of Bro. Davies to the exalted post, they had unanimously ...ured to recognise integrity, ability, and Masonic zeal. Their ...as initiated under the banner of the Red Dragon, and he ...he was correct in saying that almost from his earliest days ...aft he had held Office, discharging his duties with assiduity ...ctuality, until he had attained the high distinction of hold- ...most important Office in a Craft Lodge. Their W.M. under- ...responsibility devolving upon him in his high capacity, and ...ost consoling that they had perfect confidence that the same ...d zeal which characterized him in the minor Offices would ...ht into requisition in the government of the Lodge. With ...arances of Bro. Davies' eminent qualifications it was but ...o anticipate a most enjoyable and prosperous year. These ... were frequently applauded, and the toast was drunk with ...m and full Masonic honours. Bro. Ellis Jones kindly ... the brethren with a Welsh song, which was highly appre- ... The Worshipful Master suitably acknowledged the kind ...which the toast had been proposed and received. To be ...the exalted position of W.M. in a Masonic Lodge, he con- ...n honour not to be lightly esteemed, but to be appointed to the ...e by the members of the St. David's Lodge, was an honour ...ld not be exaggerated. The able and highly respected ... of St. David's Lodge, most of whom he rejoiced to see ...em that night, chose a name held in deep veneration by ...n to designate it—a name synonymous with devotion, zeal, ...d unbounded benevolence. They were taught that the good ... lived for the happiness and weal of humanity, and died to ...er as the patron Saint of Wales. Their Lodge, bearing in

Bro. Past Master Gibson proposed the sister ... Gibson regretted he had not a more intir... working of the Welsh Lodges, but if all the ... and their affairs managed as ably as the ... reason for congratulation. Bro. Gibson bore ... W.M. with reference to the Cosmopolitan n... being an initiate in that Lodge as well as ... that there was no representative from North ... but he was sure the toast would be cordially ... part song was given in Welsh, "Pennillion to ... and Bros. Ellis Jones P.M., J. W. Jones P.M. ... J. O. Evans Sec. Bro. J. W. Jones P.M. h... pleasure in responding to the last toast. He ... ciple was ably carried out in all Lodges in Wa... no sect, no politics, no illegitimate exclusivene... Taking this Lodge, as instituted by Welshmen ... deduce that everything was carried on ve... brethren would not be so harmonious and so ... proposer of the toast undoubtedly felt the ... initiated in this Lodge, and becoming in due c... Masters. As a Past Master of the Lodge he ... believed the Welsh brethren esteemed the hon... Craft as much as any could. He was glad to ... Wales was progressive, and was very happy t... doing its work in breaking down many barriers ... brotherhood bodies of the community which ... estranged. Bro. E. Williams was entrusted wi... the health of the Visitors, which he did very ... cordial welcome to all, both in the Lodge and r... He, as well as the other members of the L... appointed in receiving the announcement at ... inability of W. Bro. Bulkeley Hughes, Deputy ... Wales and Shropshire, to attend. He was v... They also felt the absence of Bros. Spaull, ... Thomas, of Oswestry. He united with the toas... respected Bro. Barker and Bro. Heywood, and ... from any Brother who would kindly respond, as ... the Visitors who had honoured the Lodge with ... day. The toast was drunk with Masonic honou... kindly favoured with a song. Bro. Atkinson re... bore testimony to the bounteous hospitality of t... and expressed the great pleasure he had derived ... and seeing the able working of the Officers. ... Heywood spoke to the same purport, after which ... the Masonic Charities, and with great ability u... all present. He coupled with the toast the nam... which was heartily received. Bro. Howard ... with a song, and Bro. Heywood replied to the ... exhaustive manner, but we regret we have not ... speech. The W.M. proposed the health of the ... complimentary terms, and said at all times ... duties in Lodge. Bro. Elliott again favoured ... song, after which he, as the junior Past Mast... As the time was quickly drawing on which we... leave, Bros. E. Williams and Gibson briefly repli... brethren for the honour done. Bro. Williams p... Press, and united Bro. Davies' name, in connect... MASON'S CHRONICLE. Bro. Davies returned than... in proposing the health of the Officers of the Lo... feelings were centred in this toast, as upon the ... a deal depended. He advocated giving merit ... would not extol or promote unless deserving. ... he propounded the glorious principles of the C... and all feel the deep responsibility of being Ma... Officers in a Masonic Lodge. The toast was che... S.W. contented himself with stating he would d... followed by Bros. J.W. and Sec. Bro. Ebrenbac... that a good Mason required no incentive to do hi... himself, it was a pleasure for him to do his. He... among the brethren; they were especially happy ... of pleasure for him to see Bro. Davies present, as ... the Press, which meant freedom, liberty, and wa... Nation's greatness. He wished all Nations and ... follow the light that England held up to them. ... brought a most enjoyable evening to a terminatio...

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Lodge of Benevolence met on Wednesday evening, Freemasons' Hall, and was numerously attended. t the brethren present were Bros. J. M. Clabon nt), Joshua Nunn (Senior Vice-President), James Junior Vice-President), Dr. Jabez Hogg P.G.D., F. A. Woodford P.G.C., A. J. Duff Filer P.G.S.B., Giddy D.G.M. Griqualand, W. T. Howe G.P., Cottebrune P.G.P., John Hervey G.S., H. G. Buss G. Sec., J. M. Case P.G.D., A. A. Pendlebury, son P.D.G.M. China, E. P. Albert P.G.P., James P.G.S.B., and the following elected members of the W. Mann P.M. 186, Henry Garrod P.M. 749, Bartlett P.M. 147, C. F. Hogard P.M. 205, W. n P.M. 1662, Charles Atkins P.M. 27, W. H. an P.M. 3, and H. Massey P.M. 619. The amount), recommended to the G.M., and granted at last was first confirmed, and the sum of £542 was voted ty-seven out of thirty new cases.

NSECRATION OF A LODGE AT BOW.

onday afternoon, Bro. James Terry P.G.J.W. Herts, conse- ed the Coborn Lodge, No. 1804, at the Vestry Hall, Bow, i ence of a large number of visiting brethren. As the need for a this district of the metropolis was great, a petition emanated All Saints and Tredegar Lodges, praying for a warrant, Bro. C. A. Heimann, P.G.D. Treasurer Japan, as the first

brethren on the nature of the meeting, an the prayer. After the transaction of so acting Secretary, Bro. J. Dennis read the p which the presiding Officer enquired of the of the Officers named in the petition and assented in Masonic form. The Consecrati a beautiful oration on the nature and pri and, at its close, Bros. H. Ashton, J. Kift, a the direction of Bro. F. H. Cozens, Organist the 133rd Psalm, "Behold how good and joy to dwell together in unity." After the first prayer, the *omnes*, "So mote it be," and t Thee, O Lord," were beautifully rendered the Consecrating Officer read 2 Chron. chap. Lodge-board was then uncovered, and the Wardens *pro tem* carried the elements of round the Lodge (solemn music being pla east at each perambulation. During the fi sang:—

"When once of old in Israel,
Our early brethren wrough
Jehovah's blessing on them f
In showers of corn, and wi

On arriving at the east, the Consecrating C emblem of plenty, the musical response b on high." During the second circuit of sang:—

"When there a shrine to Him al
They built, with worship sin
On threshold and on corner-sto
They poured out corn and wi

The Consecrating Officer poured out wine, happiness, the musical response being the s the third circuit the brethren sang—

"And we have come, fraternal b
With joy and pride, and pros
To hon ur him by votive hand,
With streams of corn and wi

The Consecrating Officer then poured out the mus cal response being as before. The cated, the following anthem was sung: "Gl peace on earth, goodwill towards man." T then carried the censer three times round t being played during his progress, after w Lodge. *Boyce's* anthem "I have surely buil in," was splendidly rendered, the full rich Henry telling to good effect. The benedictio and the Lodge was resumed to the secon of Bro. C. A. Heimann proceeded with, all b of W.M. withdrawing. The brethren being appointed the following as his Officers fo F. J. Hunt S.W., W. H. Farnfield J.W., J. Dennis Secretary, Dr. Talbot S.D., G. T Coleman I.G., G. Harrison Tyler.

The W.M. proposed a vote of thanks to Bro so kindly coming forward to consecrate the could speak for himself, and no doubt for al that he felt exceedingly gratified at all they return to Japan he would carry back with hi portant lessons. Bro. Farnfield seconded t carried with acclamation. Bro. Terry, retur of himself and Bro. Clarke, said it had afford to perform the consecration ceremony sincerely hoped that the new Lodge would East of London, as the other Lodges had d return to Japan would, he felt sure, carry which he would not easily forget. He also greater honours awaited him in that country Dennis) here announced that the W.M. had g towards the furniture for the Lodge.

The Lodge was shortly afterwards closed brethren dined together in the ante-room, a being provided, it comprised most of the de Bro. Heimann W.M. presided, and on the re toast of the Queen was most loyally respo Anthem being sung by Bros. Ashton, F. B Chaplin Henry. The W.M. gave the Prin England. He alluded to the wonderful growt Royal Highness had become G.M., and stated tion, seven years ago, 400 Lodges had been o drunk with Masonic fire, Hobbs' ode, "Hail t sung, Bro. F. B. Cozens taking the solo part. posed the R.W. Pro G. and D.G. Masters and th

...ter). The W.M. expressed his thanks for the honour that ...een done him; he hoped that when he returned from Japan, ...e thought would be in a year hence, he would have ...d him a good working Lodge, and he then would feel in a fair way ...ccess. He felt much indebted to the Officers of All Saint's ..., and also to the Tredegar Lodge, for the kind assistance he had ...ed at their hands, which he would not easily forget. He ...xceedingly sorry he should not be able to be able to be with the ...e during the whole term of office, but he felt sure that those ...o would leave in charge would carry out the duties devolving ...them with credit, and satisfaction to their brother members. The ...proposed the toast of the evening, the Consecrating Officers, ...ring that he did so with peculiar pleasure, seeing they had carried ...e ceremony in a most beautiful manner. He was sure that all ...witnessed it must have been greatly impressed, seeing the lessons ...t and expounded were exceedingly sublime. The toast was ...ically received. Glee—"Hart and hind are in their lair"—*Sir ...Bishop.*

...s. Terry and Clarke responded, expressing the pleasure it gave ...to be present that day, and adding that from what they had ...-sed of the W.M.'s working, they felt sure the Lodge would ...its mark in thedistrict. The W.M. proposed the toast of the ...rs, coupling with it the names of Bros. Marsh, Candick, Anning, ...k, Thornicroft and Coleman. Each of the brethren named re-...ed. Bro. Marsh thanked the founders of the Lodge for the ...ficent reception they had accorded the Visitors. As he was ...expecting a Warrant for the consecration of a Lodge at Bromley. ...ch he was to be the W.M., he would secure to them and his Bro-...Visitors an equally cordial reception. Bro. Coleman observed ...he All Saints Lodge, of which he was a member, had during ...teen months' existence, paid into the Benevolent Fund upwards ...60, and he hoped the Coborn Lodge would beat that sum. ...W.M. proposed the Treasurer and Secretary, coupled with the ...of Bro. Dennis. Humorous song, Bro. J. Kift. Bro. Dennis ...nded, and amidst loud applause declared he would work hard ...alf of the Lodge, and that he would do all he could, and see ...more but proper men were brought forward for initiation. ...W.M. proposed the Officers of the Coborn Lodge, which was ...most enthusiastically. Part song,—"The hunt is up"—*J. L.* ...u. Bro. Hunt thanked the brethren for the honour they had ...him in placing him in the proud position of S.W.; he ...ld them he would do his best to become a hard working Officer ...e Lodge. Bro. Farnfield also responded; for the last ...n years he had noticed that the East of London was very much ...ted in the matter of Lodges Since that time he had seen ...l Lodges opened, and was exceedingly gratified to assist in ...ening of another one that day. He believed there was plenty ...m for it, and that it would grow and flourish. If the Chairman ...allow him, he would be happy to become the first Steward of ...dge, and should the W.M. return by the time he should have ...sent himself at Grand Lodge, they would go hand in hand ...er. The All Saints Lodge, since its formation. had been ...d to contribute £170 to the Benevolent Institution, and he saw ...son why the Coborn Lodge should not in the course of twelve ...s do the same. If he could in any way help the Lodge he ..., either by taking the chair or filling any subordinate ...on, for in so doing he felt he must be but doing his duty. Dr. Talbot, Seaborne and G. Huckett also responded, the ...amed brother stating that he would be pleased to assist in ...w Lodge, in whatever position the brethren liked to place him. ...W.M. proposed the Masonic Charities, with which he would ...the name of Bro. Terry, Secretary of the Royal Masonic Bene-...Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons. ...Terry, in responding, said he could not help referring to the ...ficent sum paid in at the Anniversary of the Institution the ...us week, it being about £14,000, the largest sum that had ever ...eceived at any previous Festival. Although the distress was ...in the provinces, East Lancashire had contributed £3,540, ...s her previous contributions in former years. The Province, ...er, was to be highly honoured for doing what it did. The ...0 had been raised by 171 Stewards, and he had no doubt that ...all the lists were in, the sum would reach £14,250. He was ...d to announce that the East of London contributed as much ...to the Institution as any other district. Since the All Saints ...had been opened, it had sent up three Stewards, and a fourth ...coming up. They had, therefore, much cause for thankfulness, ...though the wise men came from the east, the rich men also ...ed to live in it. He felt sure that Bro. Farnfield would prove ...f as able a Steward for the Coborn Lodge as he had been of ...l Saints. The Tyler's toast closed the proceedings, which ...ery enjoyable throughout.

DEATH.

first toast—"The Queen and Craft," which ... save the Queen." W. Bro. Sidford then rose ... "The Most Worshipful the Grand Master, ... Wales." To judge from a very important ... band-writing that had come to his hands th... enjoying very good health. He was sure the ... join in wishing their M.W. Grand Master ma... over the Craft. Song—God bless the Prince ... toast—"The District Grand Master, the D... Master, and the Officers of the District Grand ... was given. Bro. Sidford acknowledged, i... assistance they had day received from Bro. ... services of the Consecration; he trusted that ... had received the highest approval and confi... power of the authorities to bestow, they woul... approbation of the Grand Lodge, and the test ... science. W. Bro. Adams, in acknowledging th... the progress of Masonry in the Province, and ... tion he felt at finding the young plants git... vigorous growth. He pointed out, however, ... the Official Toasts, as printed on the list befor... attribute this to the fact, as he had been given ... stand, that W. Bro. Sidford had himself comp... his happy privilege to supply the deficienc... Brethren present to charge their glasses and ... knowledging the undoubted services that their ... to the Craft. Nothing that he, V.W. Bro. Ad... Amoy and the District could say in praise ... exertions would be sufficient to defray the d... owed him, and, in saying that, he was sure he ... opinion, and might safely leave the toast with t... in acknowledging the toast, said that the om... not accidental, as all the reward he could wish ... tion of his fondest hopes. The success of the ... assured now, as to render it unnecessary for hi... this: Our success in the future will now depen... exertions of each member of the Craft in Amo... Lodges working in fraternal rivalry side by sid... could arise. He must, however, give one word... Order has been founded with so much unanim... might it long continue; and the word of advice... Non-Masons of Amoy see from the outward ... that there was something more than a *grip* an... Up-hill work, honest hard work was still before... was not yet the occasion at which we were to... Before resuming his seat W. Bro. Sidford state... that the *Ionic Lodge* of Amoy had already don... Masonry. The D.D.G. Master proposed the ... installed Masters, and alluded in feeling terms ... esteemed and worthy Bro. Boyd; he was confid... the services of such a worthy and distingu... Immediate Past Master of the *Ionic* they had a... strength sufficient to uphold the two edifices s... in their midst, and had no doubt but that wh... consecrate the *Corinthian Lodge*, two such tab... now would not be large enough to afford th... coupled with this toast the name of W. Bro. L... Master of the *Corinthian Lodge*. W. Bro. Le... "Worshipful Sir, Very Worshipful Sir, and Br... great pleasure, as Master of the *Corinthian Lo*... you for the honour you have done W. Bro. Boy... and myself in proposing our healths, and for th... which the toast has been received. I know I ... all the Brethren when I say, I much regret the... Boyd on this occasion, as also the cause of that... Boyd been here I am sure he would have disch... has devolved on me in a far abler manner tha... Brethren,—In the Old Book it is written:—... putteth on the armour boast like him that tak... Bro. Sidford has borne the brunt of the battle, ... nobly won his spurs. He has, almost unaide... masonry in Amoy, has established the *Ionic*, a... material for the erection of the *Corinthian*, the ... I enter upon my duties as Master of the *Cori*... considerable amount of diffidence, as although ... have been so many years disconnected with Ma... remembrances of the work carried on in the *Old* ... under the Mastership of Right W. Bro. Mercer... I only found out this afternoon that I am quite ... vidual, and may be pardoned for feeling a little ... Standing, as I now do, in the presence of the V... District Grand Master and other Brethren o... Lodge, who have favoured us with their prese... Mason in the assembly. Brethren, I consider i...

he *N. E. Corner* by himself, and he was sure they would ne to unite with him in forming a column of mutual fra- port, and that the Masonic enthusiasm now existing had proached its culminating point; onward and upward was otto. In reply to this toast Bro. Bruce said:—"I beg to on behalf of the newly initiated Brethren, and myself as for the cordial manner inwhich you received the last toast. that I express the sentiments of all when I say that we ady derived some benefit, moral and mental, from Freema- we hope for much more in the future. I therefore wish to sense of indebtedness to those who initiated the idea of hav- e in Amoy, without whose zeal and energy years might have fore we could have emerged from utter darkness to the f studying the Craft. Among the many good things taught y, it is very evident from what we have heard to-night bility to make a speech is included, but my short appren- ust be my excuse for not having acquired the accomplish- I can only repeat our thanks for your kind reception of the

There are some of us who, before their initiation, o get toasted in a very different manner."

Master then called upon Bro. Giles to propose toast No. 6, ing Brethren." Upon which Bro. Giles said:—"There ed upon me this evening the very pleasing task of proposing *Our visiting Brethren*. In an open-handed and hospitable such as that of Amoy and Kulangsoo, I feel that the bare such a toast as this would be sufficient to secure its

Such a course however is wholly out of keeping with my rpose. For, as I take it, the wording of this toast includes her who is not a resident member of our com unity. tly it must include the Very W. Deputy District Grand d his colleagues of the District Grand Lodge of Hongkong. not as if those Brethren had merely run down by an train to assist in the various ceremonies which have taken y, and were to return to-night to their own comfortable e twelve o'clock express;—in fact I find by referring to that they would hardly catch it now if they tried. I must you to remember that these worthy Brethren, in com- Hongkong to Amoy at this season of the year, did so in the n terrible North-east Monsoon. I need not dilate upon the quality of steamer tea and coffee, and such other miseries, lusive of sea-sickness, travellers by sea are compelled to may remark, however, that the stout ship "*Yesso*," com- my friend Capt. Ashton, by which the majority of those rrived, is regarded by some timid navigators in the light tacle *coffin*. No! no! Messrs. Douglas Lapraik might at, and I beg to retract it all. The "*Yesso*" is a noble ro. Ashton is a noble Captain. I have travelled by her o so again. The fact is I am but an indifferent sailor, and mpathise with all others who are so. With these points now beg to bring to your favourable attention the toast of Brethren." W. Bro. Cox in reply said:—"W. Sir and I am much pleased that the privilege of returning thanks pated to me, as I have been for some time in communi- W. Bro. Sidford in regard to various details in connection Masonic work, and have moreover enjoyed the privilege some of your meetings, while your other visitors who lay were lying in Swatow harbour. I know that I express feelings of my other Brethren from Hongkong in stating ve received a truly fraternal welcome, and that you have l quite at home, *because* we are amongst *Brethren*. It our visiting Brethren great pleasure to see the very satis- onic progress made in so short a time in Amoy. It is an the power and vigour of Masonry, perhaps the most e of all institutions, that, while old established ideas and connection with almost every other Society are dissolving of recent scientific discoveries, it still preserves the old vitality, and is spreading out its branches in every part d. Let us hope that the worthy example thus set in Amoy owed in the other coast ports, so that wherever a steamer ing a Mason travelling may find a Lodge, *a Mason's home*. a very cordially on behalf of the visiting Brethren, and the kind reception you have given them makes their the most pleasant reminiscences of their Masonic career. r two other toasts the proceedings terminated.

STATION TO BRO. W. H. DEAN, P.M. 417, P.P.G.S.B. DORSET.

BER of brethren, from various Lodges of Instruction, abled at a banquet at the Masonic Hall, Air-street, et, on Thursday the 13th inst., for the purpose of pre- Bro. W. H. Dean an elegant and chased gold P.M.'s jewel,

President, with Bro. J. B. Dodge S.W. The capital banquet was served, and it reflected Bro. Nichols. On the cloth being removed, the toasts were duly honoured. Bro. P.M. Swal complimentary speech, stated the great plea the subscribers to the testimonial to place breast, wishing him a long life of happiness, all have the pleasure of his society for many y said he hardly knew how to find words to expre for the very distinguished and unexpected h ferred on him; indeed, he might call it a tr him to the splendid banquet, presenting him jewel, and also the testimonial, which he sh he looked over the names of his friends and many distinguished and excellent working the honour and pleasure of meeting for instr past, and by whom he had attained the know conduct the business of his Lodge with or believed to the satisfaction of all his brethre he should ever wear, with pride and pleasu custom to present a jewel in his own Lodge, this token of regard with the greater amount felt he hardly deserved so much at their han one of the happiest he had ever spent in his forget the many pleasant hours he had enjo brethren, who had at all times treated him wit He was about leaving London for a few month ward with the greatest pleasure to his retu health of the President was proposed by Bro. of the Vice-President by Bro. R. M. Dean. Br each replied, and this brought an exceedingly close. Bros. Burrows and Wilson presided at were some capital songs, well rendered by son

CENTENARY OF THE BRUNS No. 159.

ONE hundred year ago yesterday, the warr Lodge, No. 159, Plymouth, was dated an Secretary, Bro. James Jones. The documen served—was signed by the Duke of Athole, Gr D.G.M., Wardens and Secretary. Singular to signed, sealed, and delivered, it is said to have b Right Worshipful and Most Noble Prince J Marquis and Earl of Athole," and yet, as a mat man died some five years before. Other warr containing a similar error, but the explanatio of the warrants being printed, or engraved, and succeeded by the fourth Duke of Athole, i necessary to have the words altered! For so warrant issued by the same authority for New spurious because a deceased duke was declared its regularity. Originally the Brunswick Lod in Cumberland, but early this century was held meeting in 1813 at the Phœnix Inn, and after House Inn, when the name of the town was c Subsequently the members met in Union-s afterwards assembled in the hall occupied by Stonehouse, but for the past few years their me in the Masonic Hall, Union-street, Plymouth, Lodge assembles. The number of the Brunswi to 1813 was 208, whilst under the Grand Lodge constitutions (known as the Ancients). At the u Lodges in December 1813, it was agreed tha Lodges under each Grand Lodge should be arra first number falling to the Ancients, and that of Lodge. In 1832 by the moving up of the numb 185, and in 1863 it became 159—its present following Lodges in D vonshire have obtained w bers to wear centenar medals (the first four selecting the design) —39, St. John the Bapti 1731; 70, St. John, M sonic Temple, Plymouth, ditto, 1759; 112, St. George's, Exeter, 1762; George's Hall, Stoneh use, 1769; 202, Friendshi Devonport, 1771. It is hoped that the Br succeed in obtaining warrant for a centenary it will form the seven so distinguished in Devo bouring Province of C rnwall there are but two tained the much-cove d honour.

One feature in cour ection with Freemasonry i worthy of notice, viz. that each Lodge assemble Hall of its own or in private room; and, there

James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
Industry, Bell Tavern, Carter-lane, Doctor's-commons, at 6.30. (Instruct.)
Abington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction.)
Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8. (Instruction.)
Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8. (Instruction.)
Fortitude of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30. (In.)
Havard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square.
Lodge at Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8. (Inst.)
Stepney, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)
Dockyard, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell.

Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead.
Royal, Queen's Hotel, Manchester.
Charity, Masonic Hall, Warrington.
Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
Derby, Royal Assembly Rooms, Tenby, Pembroke.
Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8 p.m. (Instruction.)
Museum, Queen's Hotel, Micklegate, York.
Peace and Friendship, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
Stability and Regularity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
Faith, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford

TUESDAY, 25th FEBRUARY.

Lebanon, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7. (Inst.)
Temperity, Hercules Tavern, Londonhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
Mark, Criterion, Piccadilly, W.
Smith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
Excellent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
Eastern, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
Industry, Freemason's Hall, W.C.
Lionel, Cannon-street Hotel.
Kensington, Green Dragon, Stepney. (Instruction.)
Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)
Warehouse, Sisters' Tavern, Powmall-road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)
Salem, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, E.C.
Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
Kennington, Three Bucks, 23 Gresham-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
Shirley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
Metropolitan, 269 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)
Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8. (In.)
Royal Savoy, Ashley's Hotel, Covent Garden.

Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle, 7 30. (In.)
Unity, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8. (Instruction.)
Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30. (Instruction.)
Derwent, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby.
Regulation, Bull Hotel, Dartford.
Union, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle.
Apollo University, Masonic Hall, Oxford.
Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen.
Star of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
Kingston, Masonic Rooms, New-street, Birmingham.
Langley, Town Hall, Paignton.
Thematic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
Lieut Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
Beth Down, Music Room, Hurstpierpoint. (Consecration.)
Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness.
Grosvenor, Eastgate-row-north, Chester.
Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, 26th FEBRUARY.

Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7. (Instruction.)
Alban, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
Barbrates, Masons' Hall, Basinghall-street, E.C.
United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8. (In.)
United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
Tolerance, Green Dragon, Maddox-street, W., at 7.45. (Inst.)
Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. at 7.30. (Instruction)
Kennington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8. (Instruction.)
Aldsworth, Spread Eagle, Wandsworth. (Instruction.)
Thanet, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7. (Instruction.)
Salem, The Three Bucks, Gresham-street, at 6.30. (Instruction.)
Burdett Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8.30. (Inst.)
Canbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-road, Holloway, at 8.0. (Instruction.)
Prince of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)
Prince of Connaught, Faunce Arms, Kennington Park, at 8. (Instruction.)
Manchester, Angel Hotel, Edmonton, at 8. (Instruction.)
Peckham, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
Pythagorean, Dominatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8.0. (Instruction)
Royal Masonic Charitable Association, Swan Hotel, Stratford. (Anniversary Dinner at 7.)

Prince George, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool.
Salopian, Union of Charity, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury.
Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
Langley, Garston Hotel, Garston, Lancashire.
Panthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds.
Pendle, Masonic Room, Bingley.
Peterboro', Masonic Hall, Boroughbury, Peterborough. (Instruction)
Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction.)
Phœnix, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk.
Pilgrim, George Hotel, Lichfield.
Pilgrim, Parker, Mosley Hotel, Beswick, near Manchester.
Pilgrim, Mechanic's Institute, Jarrow.
Pilgrimways, Empire Hotel, Strangeways, Manchester.
Pilgrim, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction.)
Prudent, Private Rooms, Town Hall-street, Sowerby Bridge.
Prudent, Stanley Arms Hotel, Stanley-street, Bury, Lancashire.
Prudentia, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull, at 7.0. (Instruction.)
Quadrangle, Bell Hotel, Maidenhead.
Queen's, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
Queen's George, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall-square, Bolton
Queen's Humanity, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire
Queen's Prosperity, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield.
Queen's Belvidere, Star Hotel, Maidstone.
Queen's Isle Grey and Ripon, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.

111—Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Archer-street, Bat
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30.
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruct
286—Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Bacup.
349—St. John, Bulls Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton.
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal.
807—Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich.
904—Phœnix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham.
935—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Sal
966—St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek, Stafford.
1313—Fermor, Masonic Hall, Southport.
1325—Stanley, 214 Gt. Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8.
1459—Ashbury, Justice Birch Hotel, Fyde-road, West Gr
1505—Emulation, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1613—West Middlesex, Feathers Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30.
1626—Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Maple street, Newcastle.
R. A. 216—Sacred Delta, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
R. A. 360—Northampton, Masonic Hall, Abington-street,
R. A. 431—Ogle, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, North Shi
R. A. 1086—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkda
M. M. 34—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street,

FRIDAY, 28th FEBRUA

House Committee, Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution
Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at
25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8.
607—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwel
669—Fitzroy, Head Quarters, Hon. Artillery Company,
766—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st.
834—Rawclagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-road.
902—Burgoyne, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8. (Instru
933—Dorie, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8.
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction
1260—John Hervey, Punch's Tavern, 99 Fleet-street, E.C
1288—Finsbury Park M.M., Earl Russell, Isledon-road, N
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, C
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (In
1642—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd. N. Ken
London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen V
R. A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street,
R.A. 1471—North London, Crown and Woolpack, St. Joh

780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.3
810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton.
1345—Gladstonair, Red Lion, Barnet.
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1621—Castle, Crown Hotel, Bridgnorth.
1712—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcas
R. A. 61—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place,
R. A. 242—Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster.
R. A. 680—Sefton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
R. C. 20—Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle

SATURDAY, 1st MARC

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at
142—St. Thomas, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street,
1572—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C
1622—Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell.
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlic
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regc
R. A. 975—Rose of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kew Bri

1223—Amherst, Kings Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent.
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newto

UNITED STRENGTH LODGE

ON Tuesday, 11th inst., at the Guildhall Tav
There was a good muster of members and vis
opened by Bro. R. H. Halford W.M., support
Past Masters of the Lodge:—Jas. Terry P.
Hill, Jas. Hillhouse, R. Griggs, J. While. B
Pearcy J.W., T. A. Winsland P.M. Treas., J
G. H. Patmore S.D., A. H. Hickman J.D.,
Bro. Hunter officiating as I.G., W. Steedman
members were also present. The Lodge being
of last meeting were read and approved. The
brought up and read; the result gave great sati
was advanced, and Bro. Logan was raised to
the W.M., in a very impressive manner. Lodge
Jas. Hill P.M. presented Bro. R. Pearcy the
the benefit of installation, which ceremony Bro
formed in a manner which proved that he had
Masonic ceremony to perfection, and great pr
the effective manner in which he gave the
appointed and invested his Officers as follow
Patmore J.W., Winsland P.M. Treas., J. Crum
P.M. Assistant Sec., Hickman S.D., Alford J.D
Bellott A.D.C., Hunt I.G., Terry P.M. Steward
man Tyler. The ballot was then brought into
mission of Mr. Thomas Green; the result prov
W.M. at once set to work, and gave proof of
office by initiating Mr. Green into the myst
The Lodge was afterwards closed, and the bre

rgies to promote the success of the Lodge. The next toast e health of the I.P.M.; they all knew how he had per- the duties of the chair, and the manner in which he had ed the installation ceremony was sufficient to prove to the n how worthy he was to receive the P.M.'s jewel voted by ge, also a collar and jewel presented by the members, which ıker had now the pleasure of presenting him with; he also ɔd the hope that he would live long to enjoy the fruits of his Bro. Halford could hardly find words sufficient to express ngs at the kindness shown him. He was very proud of these ɔf their approbation; he thanked the W.M. and brethren very y, and assured them he would do all that lay in his power to their interests. The Visitors' toast was responded to by Grace P.M. P.P.G.D.C. Hants, who thanked the W.M. and ı for the honour done the Visitors; he congratulated the 's in having such a W.M. to preside over them, and also on ellent manner in which the business of the Lodge was ed. The Charities, Officers, and Tylers' toasts brought a evening to a close. The following contributed to the en- of the evening:—Bros. Parry, Jackson, C. Halford, Hick- ıvies, and Pearce, with songs and recitations. The following Visitors, twenty in number:—Bro. S. Andrews, Comber- S. Wales, A. Grace P.M. P.G.D.C. Hants., Harmony 309, erwood P.M. Dalhousie 860, Cundick P.M. 1241, H. W. W.M. Pomfret 360, J. Stock W.M. Perfect Ashlar 1178, W.M. Crusaders 1677, A. W. Fenner S.D. Upton 1227, J. D.C. High Cross 754, A. T. Pearce Carnarvon 1572, W. F. Crusaders 1677, A. Henson Asaph 1319, W. A. Shaw Isling- , C. T. Smith The Great City 1426, J. S. Lear Villiers 1174, H. usaders 1677, B. Jackson Crusaders 1677, J. G. Tongue Polish 534, H. N. Mills Globe 23, Thos. H. Cox Ivy 1441.

VINDSOR CASTLE LODGE, NO. 771.

nnual meeting took place at the Masonic Hall, St. Alban's- et, Windsor, on Tuesday the 11th of February. The events ɔd were the installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. Fleck S.W., re-opening of this beautiful hall after the recent restoration coration, and the general business of the Lodge as set forth enda. It may be mentioned that the original fabric was ted by the famous Bro. Sir Christopher Wren, the builder of s Cathedral, in the latter part of the 17th century, and who leading Freemason of his time. The outer walls are con- ine specimens of brickwork (at least in the Province of Berks ts). The beautiful curves and niches being at the present inely pointed and as sharply defined as when (more than two years ago) the building was pronounced as finished by its s architect. The fabric originally was built for schools in ɔn with the parish church of New Windsor, and continued to ıs such until about the year 1859 or 1860. In the year 1863, old was purchased by the brethren of the Windsor Castle nder the auspices of Bro. Devereux P.M., who was supported bscriptions of numerous and influential brethren of the The plans and decorations, to utilize the fabric as a Masonic mitted by the late Bro. Edgington P.P.G.S.W. Berks and ere approved of by the appointed committee. The work l, and, in 1864, the beautiful temple was opened and re-con- by the then Acting Grand Master of the Province, Bro. Æneas gre, the Grand Registrar of England, and during the Master- ar late respected W.M. Bro. Captain W. Farrer, of Willow- on. Since that period the Lodge has held its meetings. will fade and dim the fairest of structures; so, after the fourteen years, our W.M. Bro. W. Valentine Brown, con- ɔ idea that the Hall should be renovated and re-decorated s year of office. He accordingly appealed to the brethren of e, who responded with handsome donations. Encouraged ıbscriptions from the Windsor Castle Chapter, 771, and the of the Etonian Lodge, who hold their meetings under its work was completed, and has secured to the W.M. the hanks and congratulations. A leading feature in the re-decora- he sunlight in the centre of the building, in which is ɔd the letter "G.," which, by its light, reflects the beautiful pavement, and the stalls for the brethren, with their minia- ıns on either side. Rising higher, is the overhanging cor- b supports the ribbed roof, and which in its turn represents ethereal sky, dotted with golden stars; the W.M.'s ds in a stately niche, while two grand columns, arched d emblematic keystone, form the central attraction of the Bros. Wm. and J. Goddard contracted for the work, and the Bell, of Reading, superintended the same, and to him thanks recorded. The Lodge was opened at 3.30. Mr. Francis Bowyer Slough, was duly initiated, and Bros. Vogel and Spooner

clusion of the ceremonies, the W.M. prese Lodge, a beautiful jewel to Bro. W. V. Bro tion of his services as W.M., and as a mark of the brethren of the Lodge. After Lodg adjourned to the Castle Hotel, where a ba served by Bro. T. Kemsley, the proprietor, guests, 43 in number, by the elegant repast the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts, the early hour, after having celebrated a festival.

Strong Man Lodge of Instruct Spurgin's, the Sportsman, City-road, on Present—Bro. Stock W.M., W. Rowley S. Preceptor, Fenner Sec., Willison S.D., W. also Bros. Isaac, J. W. Smith, Sillis, Spur Gush, Simpson, Weedon, Fox, Pearcy, Hyl jun., King, Killick, W. W. Morgan jun. L third degree, and the ceremony of raising an excellent manner, Bro. Pelikan as ca History was given. Bro. Isaac worked t second, the W.M. the third sections of the brethren. Lodge resumed, and Bros. F Jordan Lodge No. 201, were elected men elected W.M. for next Monday.

Prosperity Lodge of Instructio Tavern, Leadenhall-street, 18th Februar Hollands S.W., Maidwell J.W., King S.D., Moss, Robarts, Rudderforth, Wiseman. The t Bro. Robarts candidate; also the ceremony didate. Bro. Wiseman of No. 65 was electe of Instruction. Bro. Hollands was appoin Tuesday. A vote of thanks was recorded Sparrow for his kindness and attention to t time he was Preceptor to this Lodge of Instr

Northern Counties Lodge, No. 4 Lodge took place on the 6th, at the Masonic castle-on-Tyne, Bro. R. L. Armstrong P.G.P. W. Monday I.P.M., J. Page S.W., R. G. Salm Treasurer, G. W. Lax Secretary, S. M. Harri J. S. B. Bell I.G., McDonald and Hume Ste The Lodge being opened, and all formali brethren were passed to the degree of F. impressively. On the motion of the Treasu the Local Distress Fund. No other business was closed, and the brethren adjourned to re were Bros. Bell S.W. 1626, R. Simons J. S.D. 48. A complimentary benefit to Bro. magician and ventriloquist, was given on W 12th, at the Town Hall, Newcastle-on-Tyne. being present, the entertainment, which was and varied character, was under the patron Earl Percy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Ald. Newcastle, and the Mayoress, Bro. J. G. You the Worshipful Master, Officers, and Brethre Province. The concert was altogether c the audience expressed its gratification in a h

Lodge of Union, No. 414.—Held an Tuesday, the 11th of February, at the M Present—Bros. Charles Oades W.M., R. Brac Charles Stephens J.W., M. J. Withers Sec 1328 S.D., F. J. Ferguson J.D., A. W. Parı Steward, S. Wheeler jun. I.G., W. Hemmin Bros. Pocock, Morris Yetts; Bros. D. Webb, C. G. Hawkes, J. W. Martin, J. E. Sydenha Moffatt. Visitors—Bros. J. G. Shanks P.M. W. P. Ivy P.M. Sec. 101, J. H. Hawkes Stew J.D. 1101. Mr. Edward Davis and Mr. C. G the ceremonies being performed by the W.M. manner; the charge after initiation was bea was closed according to ancient form.

This Lodge held its regular monthly meetin of February, at the Masonic Hall as above. I Oades W.M., Samue Bradley S.W., Charles Withers Sec., F. Blackwell Steward (acting) J.D., A. W. Parry D.C., D. H. Withering Stewards, S. Wheeler jun. I.G., W. Hen Masters Bros. E. Baker I.P.M. S. A. Pocock

ottheil's notice of motion was duly carried. The Lodge
will be held at Bro. Maidwell's, Hercules Tavern, on Wed-
next, at seven o'clock, when the annual dinner will be

Peter's Lodge, No. 481.—The regular meeting of this
took place on the 10th, at the Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street.
tle-on-Tyne, the W.M., Bro. R. Eynon P.P.G.P. in the chair,
on S.W., J. Usher J.W., G. Thompson P.P.G.S.W. Treasurer,
ins Secretary, J. Duckett S.D., E. B. Trard as J.D., R. Ferry
t, T. Printer I.G., Stafford Steward, and Sims Tyler. Past
J. Cook P.P.G.S.W., J. Spearman P.P.G.P., R. L. Armstrong
The Lodge was opened, and the minutes of last meeting
ed. The Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge were then
oed, and received by the brethren in due form. One gentleman
en initiated into our Society, and one brother raised to the
egree, both ceremonies being very creditably given by the
The Provincial G.S.W. complimented the Lodge on its work,
pressed the satisfaction the P.G. Officers felt at their visit. The
was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment,
e usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given with all honours.
alth of the Visitors was responded to by Bro. Robertson
V. Some capital harmony contributed to the enjoyment of
ning. The Visitors were Bros. Adam Robertson P.G.S.W.,
lale P.G.J.W., G. Anderson P.G. Treasurer, R. L. Armstrong
B. Ord P.G.O., W. M. Bell W.M. 1557, Charles Sinclair P.M.
J. Keany 541, S. M. Harris S.D. 406, &c.

al Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—At the
d Garter Hotel, Kew-bridge, on Friday, 14th inst. Present—
oe P.M. W.M., Gunner S.W., Talbot J.W., Franckel S.D.,
J.D., Harrison I.G., Tucker Treas., Hogg P.M. 1349, Goss
780, Kyezor, Skinner, Erwin, Gow, Gilbert, Blasby, Dorey, &c.
vas opened with due observance of antient custom. Bro. P.M.
who was introduced to the W.M. and brethren by Bro. Franckel,
the three sections of the first Lecture, to the great advantage
present, who at the proper time carried unanimously a cordial
thanks to the worthy P.M. for the instruction imparted to
and expressed a sincere wish to see him enrolled amongst
mber, so that they might frequently receive the benefit of
onic knowledge: to this he made a happy reply. Bro. Gunner
forward the case of an aged P.M. of a country Lodge (Pro-
f Hants), who was in distressed circumstances. The appeal
h a hearty response, a sum being voted from the Lodge funds,
oluntary subscription added, with hearty good wishes for our
's future prospects. Lodge was then closed.

ousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—On Tues-
the Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston. Bros. J. Lorkin
arr S.W., Christian J.W., Forss S.D., Polak J.D., Smyth
allas Sec., Smyth Treas., P.M. Wallington Preceptor; Bros.
s, Allen, Finch, Jones, Weige, Wyman, Collins, Fieldwick,
ers. Ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Fieldwick
te. The W.M. worked the first, and Bro. Fieldwick the
sections of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bros.
Lodge 1385, and Clark of Lodge 1178, were elected mem-
Bro. Carr was appointed W.M. for next meeting.

ismuir Lodge, No. 1385.—A meeting was held on
31st January, at the Red Lion Hotel, Barnet. Present—Bros.
oung W.M., Venables S.W., Gray J.W., P.M. Lowthin Treas.,
skew Sec., Enerby S.D., Allen J.D., Yolland D.C., Purrott
l, Brittain as I.G., Goddard Tyler. Past Masters Bros.
s, Livingston, Cutbush; Bros. Triggs, J. E. Wilkin, M. E. Wilkin,
t, Lewis, Whitehouse, Hopkin, Ashforth, and Evans. Visitors
Terry R.M.B.I., Breasy G.S. Lodge, Swann, Andrews,
n, Willson, and Cox 403, P.M. Hunt 194, P.M. Edwards,
479, Godfrey P.M. 1261, Hasfield 1585, Weld 1579, White
alo 1208, Briggs and Andrews 25, Olney 504, Whaley 176. Bro.
oung installed Bro. Venables into the chair of K.S., according to
custom, after which Bro. Venables, in the name of the Lodge,
ed a P.M.'s jewel to the I.P.M., and a Secretary's and P.G.D.'s
ation jewel to Bro. P.M. Askew P.P.G.D., on his resigning
retaryship, which post he had held for the past five years. The
was closed in due form, and the brethren retired to the
to enjoy the good things that Bro. Fisher had provided.

ed Service Chapter, Royal Arch, No. 1,428.—The
ation of this Chapter took place in the Freemasons' Hall,
outh, on Wednesday, the 12th inst. The ceremony was per-
by M.E. Comp. W. W. B. Beach M.P., and among those
were Comps. W. Hickman H., and G. S. Lancaster J. of the

answered by the brethren generally, the working
degrees were explained. The Lodge was regularly
in due form.

Albert Edward Lodge, No. 1557. — Th
of this Lodge took place on Thursday, the 7th
Hotel, Hexham. The Lodge was opened by Bro. W.
ful Master, supported by Bros. R. Humphry P.M
G. Robinson S.W., Turner Treas. as J.W., J. Ni
Harris as S.D., J. Pervis J.D., J. Johnson I.G., an
The minutes of the last meeting were read a
Lodge was then opened in the second and thir
brethren were raised to the sublime degree of
W.M. 1427, who, on the invitation of the W.M.,
in a most impressive and perfect manner. Apolo
for the non-attendance of several Officers. No oth
itself, the Lodge was closed, after which the
refreshments. The nights of meeting of this
be the first Friday in the month, instead of the

West Middlesex Lodge, No. 1612.—
meeting on Saturday, the 8th of February, at t
Present—Bros. Thomas Kingston W.M., Henr
Chambers Roe P.M. Secretary, H. E. Tucker Tres
S. Dyer J.D., W. Seward jun. D.C., J. W. Fish
Bourne I.G., Harrison Tyler, F. Delevanté Org
A. Beasley I.P.M. Visitors—Bros. J. Headon J
1287, J. March 27. Business—Lodge was open
and confirmed. The W.M. invested Bro. Bourne
having been prevented attending the installati
serious illness. Bro. Youens exhibited his
trusted and retired. Lodge was advanced, and
passed. One candidate was proposed for initiati
was given by Bro. Kasner S.W. to alter Bye-La
Lodge was closed. The brethren adjourned to
where an excellent repast was served by the
The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts having been
Beasley I.P.M. rose and proposed the health of
ably replied. The health of Bro. H. Youens, th
meeting, was given and responded to. The W
Visitors. The toast was received most cordially,
the W.M. proposed the health of the I.P.M. Bro
of the Lodge. Bro. Beasley thanked the breth
ception given the toast; he had worked very
Lodge, and during his two years as W.M.;
was at the service of the brethren whenever they
to discharge any duty, from the lowest office up
to the health of the "Officers of the Lodge," gi
by the W.M., Bro. Chambers Roe P.M. Sec
endorse all that Bro. Beasley had said regarding
Lodge; he had worked hand and glove with Br
take that opportunity of announcing to the
would retire, or shut his ears—that at the me
monial would be presented to Bro. Beasley in a
services. Bro. Kasner S.W., Tucker Treasur
Officers having replied, the Tyler's toast conclu
The evening was enlivened by some excellent sin
Watkin Browne, Kasner, Clarke, Green, Henry
and others.

West Middlesex Lodge of Instruc
The weekly meeting was held on Thursday even
the Feathers Hotel, Ealing. Present—Bros.
Wright S.W., Barr J.W., Green S.D., Porter
Tucker Treas. and Preceptor; also Bros. Clark,
After opening, the W.M. worked the ceremo
Tink Brown candidate. Bro. Tucker Preceptor
and opened up, and Bro. Brown was duly rais
and Bro. Seward re-occupied the chair. Bro.
W.M. for the ensuing week.

North London Chapter of Impro
menced working, under the Warrant of the 1s
the Companions will meet every Friday even
Crown and Woolpack, St. John-street-road, nea
J. L. Mather Z. 1471 Preceptor, R. H. Halfor
C. K. Killick P.S. 228 S.E. The proceedings
termination at 9.30.

Metropolitan Mark Lodge of Inst
was held on Wednesday evening, 12th, at Harp
Present—Bros. J. Mander W.M., Copeland

a catafalque covered by a costly pall, on which various R.A. emblems were embroidered in gold, and which has ased by the Ancient Carthage Lodge, to be used at the its members. W. Bro. Lenghi was buried in the Jewish t Tunis, on the 4th inst., the funeral being attended by more ersons. The coffin was borne by relays of the Masonic he pall bearers being six W.M.'s or P.M.'s of Tunisian gether with Sir Richard Wood K.C.M.G., C.B., Her Majesty's Agent and Consul-General at Tunis; Bro. the Tulin de la Tunisie (No. 1717), Consul-General of he Empire; the Chevalier Theodore Roustan, Consul-General of he Chevalier Paul Grande, Vice-Consul of Italy, and the I. Cesana and D. Mangano. The brethren were dis- by wearing a spring of acacia. At the meeting of the catafalque was adorned with the regalia of the deceased. being duly opened, the funeral oration was pronounced in the W.M. Bro. Broadley. It contained a sketch of the reer of the deceased Brother, who had been initiated years ago in an Italian Lodge at Susa, in the Regency of Bro. Lenghi founded the Lodge "Caprera," at Alexandria, which he became W.M., and two years later he joined as an ber the English Lodge "Hyde Clarke," No. 1082, to which d very material assistance. At Alexandria he was elected ster of the Egyptian Order of Memphis, and received y the 30th, 31st, 32nd, and 33rd degrees of the Italian te. He took a very active part in the Masonic Charities In 1877 he assisted the Chev. Edward Rosenbusch of Malta and W. Bro. Broadley to found the Ancient Lodge. He received the R.A. degree in June last, and e Second Principal of the Chapter, which he attended as the 30th November 1878. The remarks of the W.M. were with marked attention, and the peroration produced much mongst the brethren. The funeral oration being concluded, . Fanaro expressed, in appropriate terms, the sympathy of Lodge Risorgimento, and was followed by the Chev. a relative of the deceased. The brethren then maintained some minutes, and it was ordered that the Lodge remain g till the month of April. A vote of thanks was accorded Baron Castellnuovo, M.D., for his unremitting professional o the deceased; to Bros. Attia and Catalanotti, of Lodge to, for their exertions as to the organisation of the funeral, e W.M. for his care and attention in arranging the , both at the interment and as regards the funeral service ge. The charitable collection amounted to £1 10s, and the closed at 8 p.m. At the regular meeting of the 8th inst., initiated Mr. Ludwig Aron, of Tunis and Manchester, the firm of S. Hinrichsen and Co., and at an emergent the following day, Mr. Antonio Ronzetti.

r Cross Lodge, No. 1764.—It was our pleasure in last to record the consecration of what at the time pro- a most successful Lodge. The whole of the proceedings sion were arranged and carried out with such thoroughness eave a doubt that this addition to our roll of Lodges ler most favourable auspices, nor from the number of handed in after the more important business of the day ny fear that the officers would lack opportunity of showing lities. The best proof that the former of these surmises to be found in the fact that at the Festival of the Bene- tution, held last week, the Lodge was represented by a hose list reached the handsome total of £50; neral aspect of the Lodge evinces a like state of pros- regards the other point; the members have been obliged emergency meetings, in addition to the regular monthly h of which occasions there have been candidates for one ie degrees. From our experience, the new members could n more impressively received in any Lodge than they and we hope the ceremonies in which they took part favourable impression on their minds; if they have not, annot be from a want of efficiency on the part of the onducted the proceedings. At the regular meeting, held ic Hall, Northampton, on the 18th inst., Bro. M. A. I.D.C. the W.M. opened the Lodge, supported by Bros. as Dep. Prov. G.M. as P.M., Rev. S. J. W. Sanders S.W., J.W., Rev. S. Wathen Wigg Chaplain, Henry Brown . Hill S.D. and Organist, H. Spoor J.D., E. Morris nd Dean Tyler. The visitors were Bros. Cotton P.M. W. Morgan jun., FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE. The usual usiness having been disposed of, the Lodge was advanced. aning and Barnes were raised to the degree of M.M., the ng performed in the case of the former by the W.M., the latter by Bro. Butler Wilkins. Lodge was closed

be the case, the brethren of Northampton balls we know of.

Metropolitan Chapter of Imp
Coffee House, Cornhill, on Tuesday. Pr
Arnold Gd. 1st A.S., G.J. of Surrey, Z. 139
of Surrey P.Z. 370, Rev. A. Hill Z. 75
E. H. Thiellay Z. 145, 1423, Wood Z. 538,
P.S. 538, Clarke G.D.C. Surrey, Stephens
Middleton, Lawrence, Darcy, Briggs, Wal
Bull, Massa, Wyer. Comp. Stephens reh
installation of Officers; afterwards the
Clarke Z., Brown H., Stephens J., Wyer
candidate. Comps. Arnold, Wainwright, Co
elected members, which compliment th
election of Officers for ensuing fortnight t
following result:—Gompertz Z., Wyer H.,
Wainwright P.S. Chapter was then closed.

An especial Grand Lodge of the Pr
be held at the Music Room, Hurstp
next, for the purpose of consecrati
Lodge, No. 1797. Lodge will be ope
under the direction of the Prov. Mas
Wyndham Burrell, Bart. The ceren
and installation will be performed b
the Deputy Prov. G.M., assisted by t
Officers. Bro. G. Kelly King P.G.S.,
the W.M. designate. We wish our b
Lodge a prosperous career.

Bro. James Terry will rehearse the
cration at the La Tolerance Lodge of I
Green Dragon, 2 Maddox street, W., o
26th inst. Lodge will be opened at 7 o'c
clothing.

In consequence of the lamented deat
Annual Supper of the Percy Lodge of
was to have been held on Monday, b
Due notice will be given of a fresh date

On Tuesday, 11th inst., a meeting of Freema
Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, to co
Hertfordshire Provincial Lodge that the resto
of St. Albans Abbey be undertaken by the F
Bro. Clabon P.G.D. presided during the earlier
and afterwards the chair was taken by Bro. t
P.G. Chaplain, of Suffolk. Bro. Keyser, of the H
Lodge, explained the steps which had been
proposals put forward were either to restore th
a cost of £2,500, or the side porches, costing
west front, at an estimated expenditure of
mentioned that he had received the patronage
and Prince Leopold, who each had sent £5, w
and gentlemen had also subscribed to the
resolution was passed to undertake the work, t
depend upon the manner in which the appeal i
individual members of the various Lodges th
The proposal for the restoration to be undertak
is based upon the argument that St. Alban
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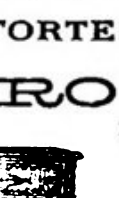
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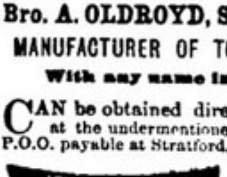
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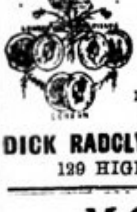


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rterly General Court has the power of adjournment.

31 provides that a Special Court shall be called on ition in writing; Law 32 appoints the Chairman s the quorum of five members; Law 33 stipulates ry motion shall be in writing; and Law 34 reads :—

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Three shall form a quorum.

The succeeding clauses refer to the Hou Committees, and have no other bearing on th discussion than that their proceedings are the General Committee; no mention beir General Court.

The main point of difference, as we und these Laws confer upon the General Co appointing Sub-Committees? We think speaking, a *Sub*-Committee can only be Committee. It would clearly be within th Court itself, under clause 30, and after advertisements, as required by clause 34, to ment any number of times, to alter, abroga existing Laws; but it would also appear th twelve representative members of the Ger the Court had already exercised the full pow nomination originally contemplated, and ences by the Court should be to the Ge whose authority to appoint a Sub-Committe purpose is indisputable. Indeed, if the Cou power, the *policy* of its exercise would be ve since the General Committee might reas the appointment into a "want of confid will be observed that Law 30, besides specify of a Quarterly Court, specifically gives the p ment, and if it had also been intended to conf appointing Sub-Committees, this would don likewise expressed. The General Committe report a summary of their proceedings to Court, as well as to recommend the candida placed on the list for election, but on no of either of the Committees required to comm General Court. As to receiving reports mittees, if the Court can override the wri particular, we see no reason why it could n General Committee in the elections of the H Secretary, &c., or override the House Co appointment of School staff. We doubt if encourage any deviations from a commons the regulations, but we have no wish to s of dictator, nor do we desire to assert that e fails to see the question in the same light necessarily devoid of sense.

DECORATIONS—WHAT AR WORTH?

IN this Nineteenth Century the old s unadorned is adorned the most," ma to heart by Freemasons. Wherever we as ally, we are sure to find many of those w gled with tinsel and meaningless gee-gaw played on a wild Indian, would be greet ridicule. Why all this outward show? s fashion; and, as such, we suppose must n We do not find fault with those who have the popular taste; but who can describe s proaching ease the *posé* of a brother who

with a costly testimonial that it has become a heavy tax on the members." He also thinks that "these fasters having all been supplied with testimonials rdly expect another, and thus the practice can be up without hurting the feelings of any one." ly hope, as does our transatlantic brother, that n end may be accomplished, for it would remove s, in our opinion, the most obnoxious principle nection with Freemasonry. We do not know to xtent American Masons have carried the system, lging from the remarks of the *Advocate*, we think ave gone as far as the mother country. In this very many Lodges would as leave think of passing installation night without investing the various as they would think of omitting to present the W.M. with a jewel. That such a system, carried thout the slightest regard to the services of the g Master, is demoralising, is patent to any one who onsideration to the matter. Here is a Lodge started the year in a prosperous condition, y and good feeling being predominant. The W.M., y bad management or wilful injustice, or perhaps o take advantage of the first opportunity he has ising his power, causes ill-feeling to be engendered, isions to arise among the members; instead of o settle the difficulty amicably, he acts in such trary manner as to widen the breach, and not ntly drives, during his term of office, several mem- n the meetings of the Lodge. Then, again, there is ther who enters the chair totally unable to work ony, his duties having to be performed by the sters. Such brethren usually attempt to open and ir Lodge, and then the members are compelled to an unintelligible jumble of words which seem eyond the comprehension of the elected Master. re among the disadvantages which arise from g Officers by seniority, without any regard being heir capability for a post, and then going through of voting a jewel for services (?) rendered.

e afraid the evil is not likely to be so easily as our contemporary points out. The vanity nembers of our Order is such that they will even as to buy their own jewel, and for ever after th *just pride to the moment when it was presented to* never miss an opportunity to comment on the sant evenings they spent when "conducting the the Lodge." But even this would be better than the funds of a Lodge to be wasted as they too . It has often appeared to us very peculiar; we wonder that the propositions for P M.'s jewels y are brought forward are not more frequently it can only be that brethren are thoroughly ith the spirit of charity, and are thus kept from g their feelings; yet, is this charitable? does d to bring our Order into ridicule, not only from t from without? where, as often as not, a man's or presiding over an assembly is widely known.

ITTEE MEETING—GIRLS' SCHOOL.

nthly meeting of the General Committee of the Royal ic Institution for Girls was held in the Board Room, Free- ll, on Thursday afternoon. Bro. Joshua Nunn presided. n assembled in large numbers to vote at the election of rs on the House Committee to Bro. Benjamin Head and loyd, both deceased. Three candidates for election in

back on soundly existing, and an entire de rather of intellectual and useful occupation, long winter evenings, and an old and enthu having settled down there he was not long in remedying this monotonous state of things Lodge, and so bringing together a lot of loos —and uniting it in a common bond of fel as was this idea, the task was not an easy could be found in the parish. A Brother, how Lodge, had settled at Henfield, a small tow after one of the largest business establishmer the hands of an old Past Master, and steps we the assistance of several Brighton brethren— tioning Grand Lodge for a Warrant of Constit occasioned by the very stringent, though comr obtains in the Province of Sussex, of requirin the former Lodges of the signatories, but thes supplied, and the petition presented to Sir W the Prov. G.M., it was in due course forward dation to Grand Lodge, and a Warrant was of the new Lodge are to be regulated by the members residing at a distance the benefit of as the nocturnal luminary has been sometin tingency renders it necessary, in order that t lose the chance of advancement in the severa regular meeting of the Lodge should take pl 5th March, that being the nearest to full mo the interval of seven days between the p and the ballot, the Consecration of the the Prov. Grand Master for Tuesday las the ceremony, in the unavoidable absence Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart., M.P., Prov. Grand at the Music Room, Hurstpierpoint, by W Deputy Prov. Grand Master, assisted by Officers. At three o'clock the brethren as room, after which the Prov. Deputy G.M. and tion met in an adjoining room, and then wall in procession. The Lodge being opened in Deputy Prov. G. Master addressed the breth also given by the Prov. G. Secretary, when directed that the members of the new Lodge order. This was done by the Prov. Grand his Assistant. After the petition had been r Secretary, the Prov. G. Registrar read the wa sive address was then given by the Past Pr some very excellent choral singing, the Depu the Prov. G. Wardens carried the elements the Lodge, the ceremony being accompanied Deputy Prov. G. Master having dedicated and its duties were resumed in the second deg George Kelly King, P.G. Steward England, duly installed. He then appointed his O Hudson P. Prov. Grand Deacon as I.P.M. Curtis P.M. 315 S.W., Walter Fitch P.M. 1410 Secretary, J. Musson S.D., J. Fitch J.D., R. P Tyler. Bro. J. Curtis proposed, and Bro. W the W.M. and Officers constitute the committe laws,—Carried. Bro. G. Kelly King W.M. wa to serve on the Charities' Committee of Prov. G readings concluded with seven propositions fo joining. Among the brethren present at the c Bros. John H. Scott Dep. Prov. Grand Mas S.G.W., H. M. Davey Past Prov. G. Chaplain, G. Registrar, V. P. Freeman Prov. G. Secr S.G.D., Mark Tanner Prov. G.J.D., J. M. Kidd Sharp Prov. G.A.D. of C., J. H. Farncombe King Prov. G. Organist, W. T. Nell Prov. G. I shed Prov. G. Steward, E. Bright Prov. G. St Prov. G. Steward, Frank Holford Prov. G. Ste Prov. G. Steward, C. Tomkinson Prov. G. Sup Tyler, Bros. H. Davey (Mayor of Brighton) P 732, W. Hudson P.M. 315 P. Prov. G.J.D., P.P.G.R., F. J. Rubio P.M. 341 Prov. G.S. designate, James Curtis S.W. designate, Wall Broadbridge Secretary, J. T. Musson S.D. de designate, H. H. Hughes Tyler, T. Wilkinson 271, John P. M. Smith S.W. Royal Clarence 27 56, H. S. Gates St. Cecilia 1636, C. J. Carte Tanner W.M. South Saxon 311, J. Robertson E. S. Byass W.M. Ockenden 1465, E. Taylor V H. F. Hanxwell J.W. Royal Brunswick 732, H. 1141 P.P.G.D. E. Edmund P.G. W.S.

ıpplied by Messrs. E. Geer and Son, and served to enhance the appearance of the banqueting room. At the conclusion of quet, the usual Masonic toasts were given and duly honoured. ısical arrangements were under the care of Bro. Alfred King Grand Organist, who was ably assisted by Bros. F. Broad- W. Roe, H. S. Gates, and G. Cole. Bro. Alfred King, among riginal music, composed for the consecration ceremony an e chorale, and a cordial vote of thanks was accorded to him help he, with the other Prov. Grand Officers, had rendered. o singing of Bro. Broadbridge was an especial feature of the :. The Southdown Lodge bids fair to prove itself a valuable to the cause of Freemasonry in Sussex. The first initiations :e place next Wednesday. Under the care of Bro. G. Kelly ıd his experienced Officers, the Lodge seems to have a bright before it. Before closing this report we may state that this third Lodge which owes its origin to Bro. Kelly King, the wo being the Mid-Sussex, No. 1141, at Horsham, and the lra Palace, No. 1541, at Muswell Hill.

LANGTHORNE MASONIC CHARITABLE ASSOCIATION.

members of this Association met for the despatch of business d celebration of the Association's Anniversary on Wednesday the Swan Hotel, Stratford. Present:—Bros. J. G. Stevens 4, 933, P.Z. 933, President; W. A. Tharp P.M. 49, 1228, Z. 53, ·esident; C. Lacey P.P.G.D. Herts. P.M. 174, 1327, 1421, er; R. W. Biggs J.D. 1421, H. N. Taylor S.W. 1421, R. J. P.M. 933, J. Boulton J.D. 1056, Members of the Committee. ylor W.M. 1421, S.W. 554, Hon. Secretary, and the following ı: Claridge, J. Hunt, Owen, Bright, Medwin, R. Barnes P.M. , F. Binckes Secretary Girls' Schools, H. Massey, O. Dietrich son's Chronicle, &c. The Hon. Secretary read the report and sheet, which was adopted. Two ballots for life-governorships in favour of T. Jex and J. Jessett. A letter from Bro. F. R. ges, Secretary of the Girls' School, excusing himself for non- ce, and wishing the Association success, was read. At the on of business, the brethren adjourned to the supper-room .n excellent repast was served, under the direction of Bro. . At its conclusion, Bro. J. G. Stevens called upon the com- drink to the health of the first lady in the land, Her Most ı Majesty the Queen. Masons never met without mentioning e with honour and reverence. At the present moment many sons of this country were on their way to meet the foes of ; let us wish them success. Bro. Stevens concluded a feeling llent speech by coupling with the name of Her Majesty the ; sentiment: Loyalty to the Throne and Success to the The call was most enthusastically responded to by the . Bro. Greenfield obliged the company with a song. On ing, the President said that the next toast he had to submit ess to the Langthorne Masonic Charitable Association; on this they had met to celebrate the third anniversary of the founda- ıe Association, and he thought he could honestly and sincerely late all present upon its success. During the period of its there had been 71 life-governorships, 60 of which had been and paid for. During the three years £750 had been col- f this sum the Boys had received £196, the Girls £155 10s, and £260. These facts and figures were incontestible, and he that if they had not banded themselves together in the hey had done, the Masonic Institutions would never have re- e support they had. They could not tell what amount of had thus been the means of achieving. Would it be drawing upon their imagination, when they thought that by their sy had relieved broken-hearted widows and mothers; had o further the success of their sons and daughters. The In- hat received these children provided for them a thoroughly ıcation and moral teaching. They were not branded with of charity, but were looked upon as the children of one ily. They might also fairly congratulate themselves upon en able to assist distressed brethren in the decline of their ıeir success had been marvellous, and he thought that the) and subscribers deserved the highest encomiums for the way the objects of the Association had been carried out. He ple with the toast the name of Bro. Binckes, and call upon pond for the Charities. The toast having been well received, tes said he felt himself much complimented by having his ciated in connection with the toast. It had been stated— ie authority he did not know—that he looked unfavourably self in any cause he had taken in hand; h cause he had now in hand would reflect a lasting a name that would live even after its owner had toast was most enthusiastically drunk, after whic with a song. The President, on rising to retur feeling terms to his friendship with Bros. Lacey known them for nearly seventeen years, and h associated with them in Masonic work. The health of their worthy Hon. Secretary. The Asse its success to Bro. Taylor's pertinacity and enor hard work devolved upon him, and the propose fact of not one single error having occurred, n having been made in drawing for ballots, great credit. The toast having been drunk, Bro. Hunt Bro. Taylor then said that his was a labour o nothing for himself, and he trusted that on the Association he should be able to give up his offic ness that he had done his duty. The next toas brethren by the President was that of Bro. W. A President, who was described as a most genia brother. The toast was heartily received, after obliged the brethren with a song. Bro. Tharp very happy terms, eulogising the objects of the Stevens next called upon the brethren to drink Lacey; he could scarcely find words appropriate he would, however, call upon them to drink to hi perity. The call was responded to enthusiast Bro. Stevens obliged with a song. Bro. Lacey the brethren shortly afterwards separated.

THE CITY MASONIC CHAR ASSOCIATION.

THE third annual meeting of this Association w ult. at Bro. Maidwell's, Leadenhall-street, of the past year were audited, after which the proceeded with. The Secretary, Bro. Newton, th the receipts of the evening allowed of two Life G ballotted for, which fell to the lot of Bros. Coombs The members present then sat down to a very supplied in his usual excellent manner by Bro. supper the Chairman, Bro. S. H. Rawley, announc year of the City Masonic Charitable Association v and that the auditors, Bros. F. Brown, C. H. We had rendered their report, which the Chairman s factory. The Treasurer, Bro. G. Ward Verry, ann the year he had paid the following amounts:—

To Benevolent Institution...	
To Girls' School	
To Boys' School	
Total ...	

He also stated that the amount in hand (which immediately be paid over to the Secretaries of th the successful drawers at the ballot had intimate Institutions the amounts standing in their names utility of these and kindred Associations was t conversation, and all seemed desirous of startin termination of this Association, at the close of Thanks to the Secretary and Treasurer were very and a pleasant evening was brought to a clos S. H. Rawley President of the Association, C. La G. Ward Verry Treasurer, J. Newton Secretary, J. S. Fraser, Ellis, C. Webb, Jones, Forss, Maidw gan.

Complaints are made in the present day tha cannot be procured; that the wine we are drinki brands of some dozen years ago. The cause is not tion when we remember the demands made on the during the brief era of prosperity. Such was the brands that 1873 vintages were used in 1874 and every one drank young wines. Messrs. Moët, hav

was held. The usual patriotic and [illegible] were pro-
d responded to, and a very harmonious meeting was carried
in a creditable manner.

Lodge, No. 348 (I.C.)—The annual installation of
of Ara Lodge, I.C., was held at the Masonic Hall, Princes-
n 6th January, and was conducted with unusual *éclat*. The
ce was very large, every Lodge in the city being represented,
s several other Lodges, and the following dignitaries of the
ere present—Belonging to Lodge Ara were Bros. Levy
eather P.M., Rev. Dr. Kidd Chap., S. E. Hughes P.M., W. R.
P.M. The chief Visitors were Bros. G. P. Pierce R.W.P.G.M.
. C. M. Nelson D.G. Chap. E.C., Rustson W.M. 1710 E.C.,
kinner P.M. 1338 E.C., J. Goodacre W.M. Lodge United Ser-
, T. M. Howson R.W.M. St. Andrew's S.C., F. Roycroft P.M.
Service I.C., T. Cole I.P.M. Lodge Waitemata, W. Lodder
. E.C., J. Hatswell W.M. Waitemata, H. Burns P.M. United
I.C., F. W. Dawson W.M. Prince of Wales Lodge E.C., Leers
pt. of Works E.C., and numerous others. Bro. M. M. Levy
the newly-elected W.M. Bro. E. W. Page, in a very impres-
nner, after which the following Officers were invested
newly-installed Master:—Bros. M. Levy I.P.M., T. E.
S.W., I. B. Crothers J.W., W. J. Rees P.M. Treasurer,
Mitchell P.M. Secretary, Rev. Dr. Kidd P.M. Chaplain,
ng S.D., Western J.D., Heather P.M. D.C., Kummer and
e Stewards, P.M. Rees Org., L. Phillips I.G., Porter Tyler
ge and Officers received the congratulations of the various
represented, and the Lodge was closed formally. An
nent then took place to the banquet. A very choice spread
pared by Bro. Hood, host of the Masonic Hotel, to which
and brethren received a cordial invitation, and most of those
remained. Ample justice was done to the various courses
es, after which the W.M., who was supported on his right by
ce, and on his left by Bro. Levy, called attention, and pro-
e toasts of the Queen, the Prince of Wales, and the rest of
al Family, which were duly acknowledged. The S.W. then
l the toast of the Three Grand Lodges. This was drunk
ueluff honours. Bro. Levy proposed the "District Grand
f England, and the P.G.L. of Ireland." He was pleased to
resentatives of both Constitutions present. The toast was
ith honours. Bro. Leers responded on behalf of the D.G. Lodge
d Bro. Irving for the P.G. Lodge S.C., each eulogising the
ty of the Agra Lodge, and commenting on the good feeling
existed amongst the three Constitutions here. The W.M.
se to propose a toast which he said it afforded him great
to do. It was the health of a brother who was present, who
ked hard for Freemasonry. He had the honour and pleasure
ng him several times at Masonic banquets, but he had met
more frequently at those small meetings where the actual
d to be done. He alluded to the R.W.P.G.M. of the Irish
tion, and he congratulated the Irish Constitution of New
in having such a brother at the head of affairs (Cheers).
his chief experience had been as an English Mason, but if
ld could become a Scottish Mason, or they should have a Grand
f New Zealand, he hoped there would be such a man as Bro.
t the head of affairs. He called on all present to drink in
the health of the R.W.P. Grand Master. The toast was
stically drunk, amidst Masonic and musical honours. Bro.
ierce, in responding, thanked them very much for the hearty
which the toast of his health had been proposed and responded
was quite sure that the fact that there were three Grand
here would tend to benefit Masonry, for there were many
hich would be considered by the three, now that they were
ether in the city, and much good would result. As to the P.G.
f Ireland, he could say that the work which had been in
vas now up to date, thanks to the energetic Secretary, but
se efforts this would never have been accomplished. He
to Bro. Rees, who he regretted to notice was absent. He
the other day, in a speech delivered at the Working Men's
at a Minister of the Crown had said that he was not a Free-
nd that he did not intend to become a Freemason, and that
ot recommend his hearers to join the Freemasons' Society.
s not a benefit society. It was true that the Charity of
ons was not of an obtrusive nature. They did their work of
in silence, and had not their deeds blazoned abroad in the
ers or in public. But he was also struck with the idea
they could not in some way show the outside world that
ld do something, that they were not a myth, but a reality,
first step in this direction should be the erection of a Masonic
ey had a most advantageous site in their possession, the best
which could be selected in the city, situated on a plateau,

the good of their Institution better than
piles of writings, that Masonry was a reali
posed the toast of the W.M. and Officers of
gratulated the Lodge on their selection, and
of the Lodge and the progress which it
behalf of himself and the other Officer
thanked the brethren for the high honour c
he would endeavour to hand down the warr
his successor in as healthy a state as he
son P.M. proposed the toast of the Past O
and Levy responded. The toast of The Si
by Brother Heather P.M., and responded
Lodges Waitemata, United Service, Prince
Manukau, and Remuera. The toast of Th
proposed by the J.W., and responded to
A number of other toasts followed, and a v
spent.

Waitemata, No. 689 (E.C.)—The
of Lodge Waitemata, E.C., took place at t
Hotel, on 16th December. Bro. E. T. Wil
as Installing Master, and the following br
office:—J. L. Hatawell W.M., who nomin
Wright J.W., Waddel S.D., Butler J.D., Br
Stewards, and Porter Tyler. The office
filled. The Grand Lodge Officers presen
D.D.G.M, J. Warren S.W., Lodder J.W., Mos
Treasurer. After the impressive installati
the brethren adjourned to a banquet sp
Bro. Hood. The tables were tastefully
vided with all the delicacies of the se
flesh, fowl, fruit and vegetables, and an ur
and other liquors. It was such a sprea
good reason to be satisfied with. The ch
newly-installed W.M., supported on the r
D.D.G.M., Cole I.P.M., Wade D.G. Sec.; on
Lodder, Warren, Moat and Burns. Bro. F
vice-chair. After the viands were discussed
the Queen and Craft, and the M.W. the G.
Wales. These toasts were loyally responde
proposed the toast of the District Grand L
name of Bro. Wildman, and referred to the
had found to accrue from a District Grand L
them. The toast was drunk with loud cheer
rising to respond, was received with renewed
behalf of the District grand Lodge he retur
kind manner in which the toast had been rec
he had also to express his thanks for the wa
tioned the services of the District Grand Lo
referred to the duties and functions of the D
the desirability of working in harmony. He
the newly-installed W.M., and urged the bret
his office and the discharge of his duties.
thanks, and said he would endeavour to carr
office for the good of Masonry and Lodge Wa
his ability. Bro. Moat proposed the I.P.M.
invested Officers. Bro. Cole and the D.C. re
the sister Lodges I.C. and S.C. were propose
the Ladies, the Press, and the Host and Host
evening was spent.

St. Andrew Lodge, No. 418 (S.C
Officers of the Lodge St. Andrew, S.C., took
Lodge-room, Princes-street, on 23rd Decembe
attendance of the brethren of the Lodge and
amongst the most distinguished of which wer
W. Grant P.M. 1710 E.C., J. E. Provis P.M.
W.M. Ara, C. M. Nelson D.G. Chaplain E.C.,
H. G. Wade G. Sec. E.C., G. M. Mitford
P.G. Director of Works, M. Niccol W.M. M
Andrew, Dawson W.M. Prince of Wales,
Remuera, A. Brock P.M., Major-General
Bro. M. Niccol officiated as Installing Offic
were carried through in a most impressive m
Officers for the ensuing year were installed
R.W.M., T. Witson D.M., E. B. Dickson S
Jas. McEwen J.W., W. C. Walker P.M.
M. Gallagher S.D., J. Hughes J.D., R. F.
Closky Bible-bearer, J. Slator S. Steward,
Steward, A. R. Greenway I.G., A. Webby S

luded to his long experience; to the interest he had taken in the ; to the fraternal spirit he had shewn as a visitor at sister s, and to his other good qualities, concluding as follows:—He od man, a good friend, and a good Mason. These are the three ualities that can be given a man. A good man is sure to be a good ; a good friend is almost sure to be a good Mason, and a good is bound to be a true servant of the Great Architect of the rse. The chairman responded. He hoped they would rith any shortcomings that might be apparent, feeling, as he did, diffidence in taking office after Bro. Walker. He thanked them, er, for the manner in which they had responded to the toast. Bro. ees proposed the toast of the Immediate Past Master, referring in itic terms to Bro. Walker's conduct as Master, and his enter- spirit in this and other affairs. The speaker referred at some to his experience with Bro. Walker in the Maori war. Bro. briefly responded. He would continue the efforts he had made advancement of St. Andrew Lodge and Masonry generally. se efforts would not be required now as they had been. The was in a prosperous state, and they had the prospect of having est Master in New Zealand. The health of the Installing Master er toasts, were proposed and responded to, after which the assume a convivial turn.

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ice of Wales Lodge, No. 1338 (E.C.)—At the regular of this Lodge, held on 2nd January, on the proposition of Bro. Leers P.M. (President of the Board of General Purposes for . Lodge of Auckland) Bro. T. B. Whytehead P.M. Eboracum 1611 (York, England) was elected an honorary member of the

The Prince of Wales Lodge has suffered a severe loss in the eath of Bro. W. H. Kissling P.M., one of the most popular of worthy of citizens and genial of friends, who died of a sha p of typhoid fever. The *New Zealand Herald* of 7th January gives owing account of the funeral, which was conducted with honours: The remains of Bro. Kissling were buried yesterday tephen's Churchyard, Tauranga (Judge's Bay), the attendance ne of the largest assemblies we have seen on any similar . Bro. Kissling, it will be remembered, was for a long time er of the Harbour Board, for some time of the County Council , and had he pleased, his ability and influence might have him even to a higher representative capacity. He was also er of the Masonic Craft, and the brotherhood had announced tention to attend the funeral, by the following order:— et Grand Lodge, E.C.—The Officers of the District Grand nd the brethren of the various Lodges of this Constitution are summoned to attend the funeral of our late Brother W. H. , District Grand Registrar and P.M. of the Prince of Wales No. 1338." The Freemasons, in regalia (covered with crape), ed at the Alexandra Hotel at 4 o'clock, and walked in on from that place to the late residence of the deceased. ile, the members of the several public bodies were assembling ges in front of the house. The chairmen and members of the Board were present in a body, without a single exception. l profession may be said to have been represented by Mr. . Mr. Hesketh, Mr. MacCormick, Mr. Mackechnie, Mr. H. H. hough there were several other members of the Bar present ges. Messrs. Buchanan, Hay, and other members of the City ere also at the funeral. The funeral cortege, as it passed down oad, was of a most striking and solemn character. The chief were Mr. Schwartz Kissling, Mr. Theophilus Kissling, Mr. Kissling, and Colonel Haultain. The Masonic brethren paid onour to the deceased brother, an office-holder in the District dge of England, by mustering in very large force, about present in the procession, although numbers must have at great personal inconvenience. The District Grand Lodge d by Bro. Lodder S.W., in absence of Bro. Graham D.G.M., Wildman D.D.G.M. On behalf of his Masonic brethren, rson and Skinner, of his own Constitution, Bro. G. P. Pierce ish Constitution; and Bro. M. Niccol, as representing the nstitution, acted with Messrs. E. Hesketh and J. Alexander, as pall-bearers. The hearse was met at the churchyard by Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese, the Venerable Archdeacon and the Rev. C. M. Nelson in his capacity of Masonic The body was carried to its last resting place. Arch- nnsell read the impressive funeral service prescribed by the England. The Rev. C. M. Nelson read the Masonic form and the coffin was lowered into the grave. There is nothing ded to the notice already published of the claims of gentleman to the remembrance of friends and neighbours. f many of the ships in harbour, and of the houses of business d Parnell were half-mast high. The poor of his district will ss him, for to them he was ever a generous friend. Bro.

banquet was held afterwards. The brethren sat lently laid and plentifully supplied dinner. Patriotic and Masonic toasts were proposed and re very pleasant evening's enjoyment, diversified by selections, was spent, the whole breaking up after joined hands in singing "Auld Lang Syne."

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THE MASONIC CHARITI

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHR

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In the "Analysis of List of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution," your last week's number, after a by no means comp to the Province of North and East Yorkshire by reas lack of support of our Charitable Institutions. I m remarks having especial reference to the "York" L (i.e. the York Lodge) can find time and means f over its centenary, and receiving American Knight but appears to be indifferent to the claims of our English Masons."

With regard to the Province (as such), I have ha that it has not done its fair share in contributin Charities, and therefore shall not attempt to justify observe that no one would be more pleased than m its proper position in supporting those Institutio movement now in contemplation, with that obje success.

My present intention is to state the *facts* so far York Lodge in order that your analyst and your that the Lodge has not been *quite* indiffrent (as the to the claims of our Charities, but before doing so, allowed to say that any Lodge may be excused mak an event which happens once in a hundred yea brethren who were present can scarcely expect to another centenary. The reception of the American Pilgrims, however, is not amongst the shortcom Lodge at York, the credit (or otherwise) of that re to the junior Lodge.

I now proceed to the more important charge Lodge, viz., its *indifference* to the claims of our Cha it will be admitted that a Lodge may be charitab without making a "fuss" over it, or in other word a Steward with a big list to the Anniversary Fest over the books of the Lodge, I find that from 1873 the Lodge remitted to the Masonic Charities £11 true, a large amount, but sufficient to show that it h forgetful of that virtue which is said to channel Probably it might also be found, on enquiry, tha the Province have contributed to the Charities in a although unrepresented at the Festivals. At all eve odd Lodges you refer to contributed the same amo total would be the result.

I do not wish it to be understood that I consid contributed by the York Lodge to be an adequate c for many years been a special reason why the same large as it probably ought to have been, viz., a b Masonic Hall, which, I am happy to say, has just bee efforts of the brethren of the senior Lodge at York. clusion, to observe that it is scarcely fair to assume th is unrepresented at the Anniversary Festivals it i different to the claims of the Charities, and that I whether the strong remarks contained in your " partakes too much of the schoolmaster) are at all ca brethren to exert themselves on behalf of those lu

If brethren do not of themselves feel sufficie Charities to give them that support to which th amount of *lecturing* will, in my opinion, be of any

Yours fraternally,

JOSEPH TOD

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acum Lodge 1611, and Ancient Ebor Encampment K.T., York.

SUPPORT OF OUR CHARITIES.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

AR SIR AND BROTHER,—I was much surprised, after reading in last issue your comments on the way in which the "Bucks" ren support our Masonic Charities to receive an application for otes from that county on behalf of a case for the Boys' School, hows, that although they will not support the Institutions they ot above receiving their advantages! Is this worthy conduct?

Yours fraternally,

A LIFE GOVERNOR.

ORTH AND EAST YORKSHIRE AND THE CHARITIES.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

AR SIR AND BROTHER,—Your remarks under this head on the February, have been thoroughly appreciated by several brethren, like myself, have the pleasure and privilege of visiting Lodges h the Yorkshire Provinces. I know that the Deputy Prov. G. r of North and East Yorkshire has, for a long time, been us that every Lodge in that Province should adopt some plan eans of which the Charities should receive regular and constant rt, but I fear that his suggestions for that end have not been ally adopted. Probably, very few young Lodges in the Pro- s have done as much for the Charities, in the same brief period e Eboracum Lodge at York, of which body you have very rly spoken in terms of praise. I have been an invited guest of odge on more than one occasion, and have been delighted to the zeal for the welfare, not only of the Lodge itself, but of ary in general, and the Masonic Charities, exhibited by its bers one and all. Its working, too, is equal to any, and superior st Provincial Lodges. Perhaps you will allow me, as a guest of Lodge on the occasion of the reception of the American Pil- at York last year, to correct a slight error into which you have . The "Pilgrims" were entertained by the Eboracum Lodge y the Ancient Ebor Preceptory of Knight Templars, and not by ork Lodge, as you suppose, the latter body having given the atlantic visitors the cold shoulder, and refused to join in the tion. Hospitality is, after all, only one branch of charity, and rill generally find the two go hand in hand. The hospitality of boracum Lodge has never, however, stood in the way of its y.

I am, yours fraternally,

AN HONORARY MEMBER OF SEVERAL LODGES.

k, 25th February 1879.

THINGS ONE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

,—You no doubt know the Farce "Box and Cox," and may mber that the lodger, Box, found fault with his landlady, ncer," for using a word out of place, and recommended her to to a dictionary to discover its meaning, I would advise the course to be pursued by your correspondent "FORTE." Let him o the letter "R," and he will find the word "recommend," ctive, "to commend to another's notice" &c., &c., and that is Bro. Tisley and myself have done, not necessarily to give them tes, but that we know such and such a case is worthy of sup- om our personal knowledge, and none but those adverse to our iation, or ignorant of the true meaning of words they use, could ue it otherwise. Again, "FORTE" apparently measures other 's corn with his bushel, for he evidently knows the way uld manipulate the votes if he had them in his power; but assure "FORTE," that not only Bro. Tisley, but the members Committee, are Masons, not in name only, but in act. With l to myself; let your correspondent give his true name, and what he has done for the Masonic Charities, before he takes himself to rebuke you for inserting, or me for asking the inser- the addresses of the three London candidates about to lead the hope, and I trust successfully plant their banners on the walls Pilgrims to York, I believe I am correct Lodge 236 did not spend one penny in ei tertainment, but, on the contrary, they dec there was no necessity for it. The mem 1611 did entertain them and their ladies evening the Knights Templar of the Anci gave them a grand banquet, at which ladie

I think, in justice to the members of th Ebor Preceptory, this correction ought t glad if you can find space for this letter i

Yc

PROVINCE OF WEST

To the Editor of the FREEMASO

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In your An List of Royal Masonic Benevolent Institutio shire, as having missed being represented during 1875-6-7-8, and say that you were u been represented at all the twelve Festivals statement of amounts contributed to the which you will see that W. Yorkshire has more during that period than you give cred pression was correct that it has been repres

		Benevolent			Boys			
1874	...	198	10	0	425	0	0	3
1875	...	440	7	0	815	1	0	5
1876	...	585	15	0	351	15	0	6
1877	...	695	11	0	587	4	0	8
1878	...	766	11	0	504	0	0	8
1879	...	550	0	0				
		3,038	4	0	2,258	0	0	2,9

The total amount contributed by W. Yor in question is £8,252 16s.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours faithfu

JOHN

Vice-Chairman County C

Oakenshaw, Wakefield, 26th February 18

[We print Bro. Wordsworth's figures as to see how he can include the £550 for 187 the "four" years.—EDITOR FREEMASON'S

THE LATE BRO.

The remains of Bro. Botly were interr deceased gentleman was held in high este and as a mark of respect most of the neigh shops or drew their blinds down on the occ deceased in his life-time was a leading me of Freemasons. He had passed through ev connection with the Lodge, and as a tribut Masons attended his funeral obsequies. T the house of the deceased at a quarter p met at the Cemetery gates by about thir Craft, each wearing a sprig of acacia. read by the vicar of St. Mary's—the Rev. N were Bros. Baker, Oades, A. Welch, and M. of the oldest members of the Province of Be and Treasurer for upwards of twenty yea 414. Among the Freemasons presen Bros. R. Bradley P.M. P.G. Secretary Berk J.W., J. M. Withers Secretary, Baker I.P. P.M., Hounslow P.M., Yetts P.M., C. Smi Morris P.M., Stallwood P.M., Ferguson Sydenham, Higgs, C. Ayres; of Lodge Stransom Treas., Ivey P.M. Secretary, Ma F. W. White, Scammell. The W.M. was u

In the report of the Tranquillity L last week, reference was made to Bro. John Peartree P.M. and Tr announce that Bro. Peartree's [illegible]

uncil No. 1. A resolution was agreed to that the annual subscrip. n to this Council should be 10s. All business being ended, the uncil was closed, and adjourned to Wednesday, the 2nd of April.

PORTRAITURE BY ARTIFICIAL LIGHT.

THE rapid strides made during the past few years in photography has removed, to a great extent, the feeling of surprise which ght be expected when any new discovery in connection with that s announced. So far, the greatest drawback to those who were gaged in its pursuit, either as a source of pleasure or business, has n the effect the weather has upon their operations, it being necessy, in many cases, to suspend all exertions in consequence of a ndy or foggy day. To obviate this difficulty, many of our most ntific men have devoted a great part of their time without at sent having achieved anything which has been universally pted as a substitute for the solar rays. The question of making of the Electric Light has been settled as possible, but until that it can be produced at a much less cost than is at present the case, is practically shut out from every day use. It is, therefore, essary that some other means be found to overcome the difficulty, this, according to Messrs. Alder and Clarke, of 13 and 14 Pall East, London, has been accomplished, by their "Patent Lucesph Apparatus," which, by a judicious arrangement of coloured t, transmitted through carefully prepared blue glass, produces all actinism of the solar rays; this is afterwards concentrated and cted by a large drum-shaped mirror, the result being a beautiful et coloured light, pleasant to the sitter and perfectly effective as substitute for the sun. On a recent occasion we saw several raits taken, during the evening, which for softness and fidelity he minutest details were equal to those taken by sunlight. The rument necessary is not an expensive one, and can be used in room, thus obviating the necessity of ascending the numerous s which generally have to be mounted, much to the discomfort e visitor; and by its use photographs may be taken at any time e night, with as much certainty as in the brightest day of mer.

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he Stewards of the recent Festival in connection with Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution held their final ting at Freemasons' Hall, on Monday. The President he Board, Bro. Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, occupied the r. Various matters of detail, including the passing of nts were disposed of. Votes of thanks were passed ro. Lieut.-Col Le Gendre N. Starkie for presiding, to Rev. A. F. A. Woodford for fulfilling the duties of ident, and to Bro. T. Cubitt Treasurer, and Bro. J. y Hon. Secretary of the Board of Stewards. The ce shown by the accounts was disposed of by the ase of Life Governorships for the President and surer of the Board, a gift to the collector and clerk in Secretary's office, and a well-merited honorarium to Terry the Secretary of the Institution.

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e total which has been announced as the result of Festival, now amounts to £14,364 17s 6d. The lists ed since those given in our previous issues being as :—

			£	s	d
ce of Dorset, per	Bro. J. R. F. Gundry		101	1	0
No. 142	„ Comp. H. C. Levander ...		29	8	0
No. 235	„ Bro. Jos. Kincaid		10	10	0
402	„ Bro. C. T. Jacoby		21	15	0
1,397	„ Bro. R. Inglis		28	7	0
	„ Bro. Denis Towers		26	5	0

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our present issue appears an announcement that Henry Murray, Past District Grand Master, &c. for Past Deputy Provincial Grand Mark Master for ckshire and Staffordshire, will give a recital of llo." at Birmingham, under influential Masonic

Murray's great grandfather was a mem and, as far back as the third decade century, actively promoted the spread of the continent of Europe.

We take the earliest opportunity of e pressing our regret for, an error which o in our Analysis of the Subscription L Festival of the Royal Masonic Benev We said that West Yorkshire had be twelve out of the last thirteen Festivals, from that of the Girls' School in 1876, written with the lists before us of all the as published in this journal, and certai Girls' in 1876 there was no return fro question, as will be seen on reference 13th May 1876, of the FREEMASON'S CH however, overlooked the fact that the Yorkshire from that list was purely an it in fact contributed on that occasion, b G. Master and thirty-five other Steward some sum of £707 16s. Thus, We contributed £3,028 (in round figures) to of £2,320 as we stated last week. Th of its contributions to the last thirteen instead of £7,262, and raises its average £605 to £613. We trust this instant error into which we were betrayed by which we were not primarily responsible, able to our West Yorkshire brethren.

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GRAND LOD

THE following is the business to b Lodge on Wednesday, 5th

1. The Regulations for the Government c time of Public Business will be read.

2. The Minutes of the Quarterly Commu ber 1878 will be read and put for confirmat

3, Election of a M.W. Grand Master.

4. Election of a Grand Treasurer.

5. Report of the Lodge of Benevolence fo are recommendations for the following gra

The five Orphans of a Brother of the C Lodge, No. 1365, Clapton ... ...

A Brother of the Belvidere Lodge, N Maidstone ... ...

A Brother of the Albion Lodge, No 9, I

A Brother of the Barnard Lodge, No. Barnard Castle ... ...

The Widow of a Brother of the Vit Lodge, No. 87, London ... ...

A Brother of the Lodge of Freedom, N Gravesend ... ...

A Brother of the Royal Kent Lod Antiquity, No. 20, Chatham ...

The Widow of a Brother of the Athelstan Lodge, No. 19, London ...

Note.—A Grant of £100 was made t Brother on the 4th of December which lapsed, in consequence of his on the 24th of December, before con tion of the Grant by Grand Lodge.

The Widow of a Brother of the Ra Lodge, No. 834, London ... ...

A Brother of the Loyal Berkshire Lod Hope, No. 574, Newbury ... ...

6. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GE

To the United Grand Lodge of Ancient F of England.

The Board of General Purposes beg to su Grand Lodge Accounts, at the meeting of held on Friday, the 14th day of February ins the Bank of England of £7,828 16s 1d; and Secretary for Petty Cash £75, and for Serv

(Signed) JO

Freemason's Hall, London, W.C.
18th February 1879.

7. Report of Bro. R. P. Harding, Auditor of Receipts and Disbursements during the y

8. Appeal and Protest of Brother Geo Grand Senior Warden of the Argentine Re of the District Grand Lodge in repealin against the wishes of the District Grand M provisions of the Treaty entered into be of the Argentine Republic and the Gra authorising the establishment of a District Ayres, under the English Constitution.

9. Notice of motion by Bro. John M. Cla the Lodge of Benevolence.

"That the Grand Lodge desire most respec sympathy which they feel at the loss Gracious Majesty the Queen, and by H Most Worshipful Grand Master, and the re by the death of Her Royal Highness, the Prin of Hesse Darmstadt.

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The Vitruvian Lodge of Instructio

the guests of the Lodge rapidly arrived, and by 9 p.m. the room was well filled. The brethren had secured the spacious netting-hall for the occasion; it was tastefully and appropriately rated, with symbols of the Craft, &c. The musical arrangements under the directorship of Bro. J. H. Greenwood, who personally ided, and during the evening gave his highly amusing vocal h of "the Wild Beast Show;" later on, the same brother ired the company with "My Wife's Relations," much to its rment. The dancing was briskly kept up until the hour for er, 10·30, when the ladies and guests were escorted to the Lodge-, which by this time had undergone a complete change. s had been laid the entire length of the room; these were spread the choicest delicacies of the season, and were resplendent with e exotics. It was a pretty and novel sight to see so many ning ladies in a place where men alone are wont to assemble; air sex looked like so many sweet flowers, enriching the desert The banquet was approached with due observance of ancient and every one seemed delighted, as everything was a complete ss. Bro. R. A. Eldershaw I.P.M. ably carried out the pro-me, as Master of Ceremonies. On the removal of the cloth Bro. P.M., as the oldest P.M. present, proposed, in as brief a manner s consistent, the health of the W.M., in doing so said, he never ho chance, the good fortune, or the courage to assemble such a ring as graced the Masonic Hall that night. The presence of lliant a gathering was a sure indication of the high esteem in the W. Master is so justly held. He therefore called upon the ren to drink to his good health and prosperity; this was done musical honours—and three times three. The W.M. returned s for the presence of all who had honoured him and the Lodge night, and for the enthusiastic reception given the toast so proposed by Bro. Clay. He assured all present, he loved the and from the day of his initiation he had resolved to acquire, if le, the high post he had the honour to fill that evening. He that to aspire to, and attain the chair of K.S., were two nt things; but he assured his brethren that reward would ably follow merit in the Craft. He hoped the present auspicious ccessful event would stimulate those who might follow him, tinue these happy festivities, in which the ladies could join husbands, their brothers and their sweethearts; he promised ail being well, a reunion in the merry summer months, when ys would be longer. The remarks of the worthy Brother were d with frequent applause, and evidently pleased all. Bro. Clay trusted with the gavel to propose the toast of the evening—the . To their graceful presence the brethren were indebted for cess of the soirée, without them we should be nowhere. The as fast gaining ground that if the ladies were permitted to as much of our Order as was consistent, and were invited to pate more in such happy gatherings as this, the Craft would engthened, and its interests greatly enhanced. With their scence and support we should be happier men; with the toast ld unite the name of the I.P.M., and asked the brethren and nen to drink heartily to the toast, which was done most . Bro. Eldershaw then, on behalf of the ladies, replied e honour done him in associating his name with st. By permission of the W.M., the I.P.M. proposed the of Bro. Robbards, which was cordially drunk, and Bro. ds briefly responded; he did not feel disposed to inflict a on the ladies, who were eager to reassemble in the ball-room. alth of the Stewards was proposed and heartily drunk, and the turned thanks on their behalf. By command of the W.M. the was resumed, and was kept up, with little intermission, ter 4 a.m. In the fore part of the evening Craft clothing was y the brethren, and after banquet Royal Arch was worn by the ions present;—by special dispensation. There were present, rshipful Master, with Mrs. Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. T. Roberts, E. and Mrs. Roberts, Bro. R. A. Eldershaw I.P.M. and ldershaw, Bro. Pritchard P.M. 58 and Mrs. Pritchard, Bros. s, Percival and Cliffe, Bro. H. T. Robbards P.M. 993 and Miss ds, Bro. and Mrs. Duckworth, Bro. and Mrs. Bagnall, Bro. and estoridi, Bro. and Mrs. Derden, Bro. J. Battye P.M. and Mrs. Bro. and Mrs. Lawton, Bro. and Mrs. Mullock, Bro. and Mrs. , Bro. and Mrs. Taylor, Bro. and Mrs. Paulden, Bro. Southern 5 and Mrs. Southern, Bro. and Mrs. Olliver, Bro. Whittaker 33 and Mrs. Whittaker, Bro. Clay P.M. and Mrs. Clay, Bro. rns, &c., &c., in all about seventy.

WAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—During every break of wintry weather should be made by the afflicted to recover health before unremitting trying storms set in. Throat ailments, coughs, wheezings, asthmatical s, shortness of breath, morning nausea, and accumulations of phlegm ily be removed by rubbing this fine Derivative Ointment twice a day chest and neck. Holloway's treatment is strongly recommended with f giving immediate ease, preventing prospective danger, and effecting st relief. These all important ends his Ointment and Pills can accom- I will surely prevent insidious diseases from fastening on the consti- imply themselves of

then entrusted Bro. Johnson, and subsequen degree of M.M., with able assistance of his Of Sykes was initiated into the mysteries of the the work was most creditably performed. The the brethren did ample justice to a well served being removed the W.M. gave the usual Loya sharp business-like manner, each toast being he P.M. West, in proposing the health of the W.M he felt in proposing that toast. He was sure t felt proud of their W.M., for the manner in wh the duties of the Lodge and at the table. W perform his duties in so able a manner th gratified, and would feel sure the Lodge was s hands. The W.M. thanked Bro. West and the b and receiving the toast in such a hearty man said if he continued to discharge his duties as evening, &c., but he could assure them of his i no worse, and as much better as possible. "The given, was heartily received, and Bro. Sykes brethren for admitting him into the Order. The Visitors, offering a hearty welcome to each, an West P.M. and J. A. Thomas to reply. Bro. J humorous recitation, Bro. West thanked the breth he had experienced. He had been very much working; this being his first visit, he hoped to h repeating it. Bro. J. A. Thomas expressed derived in visiting them that evening. Having once previously, he congratulated them upon taki quarters; his own Lodge was also located there. them again, as he was sure their working was Stephens favoured the brethren with a recitat the toast of the P.M.'s, Bro. Brien alluded i the domestic affliction which prevented Bro. Whit with them. He had received a telegram from h that on account of the illness of his children he w The W.M. was sure they would all sympathise wit also regretted his absence for another reason. O White had paid fifty guineas to the Royal M Institution, thereby entitling them to a Vice Presi have told them much of the Festival, had he been the array of P.M.'s before them was sufficient te proud of that body; he also had to acknowled rendered him in the performance of his duties. H replied, and the toast of the Masonic Press was p expressing his indebtedness to the press for the re proceedings. They were favoured with the prese and Stephens, both of whom all were glad to w upon them to reply. Bro. C. Jolly thanked the cordial reception he had experienced, and expressed brethren were as pleased with him as he was wit H. Stephens also thanked the W.M. for his hea for making a special toast of the Masonic Press—s mony to its value. He claimed for it the support that the work it so ably performed might be extend of the press reports of our meetings were carried globe, enabling absent brethren to read with pleasu done at home; but the most important work to Fre service rendered by the Masonic press to our n which alone justified the esteem in which it was he The Officers was next given, the W.M. compliment efficient assistance; to the Secretary he especia thanks, not only for valuable assistance in the remo but for his having at all times done good service to assisted in bringing it to its present prosperous state Bro. Mitchell having replied, the Tyler's toast brou to a close. The proceedings were most enjoyable an the future of this Lodge.

Wandsworth Lodge of Instruction,

meeting was held at the Spread Eagle Hotel, Wandsworth, on Tuesday, the 26th inst. There were present—Bros. W.M., A. B. Blackmore S.W., J. Frost J.W., W. J W. F. Wardroper J.D., F. Reed I.G., C. Digby, W. A Carter, H. R. Jones, A. Newens, A. Mason, W. Mars Denham. The Lodge being opened, Bro. Newens of candidate for the first degree, which ceremony was wo vacated the chair in favour of Bro. W. A. Morga No. 1044), who worked the second degree, Bro. being the candidate. The brethren afterwards proce a motion of Bro. J. G. Carter—"That the evenings changed from Wednesday to Tuesday." This was mously. Bro. W. F. Wardroper proposed, Bro. W seconded, and it was carried nem con—"That the tim be 7.30 instead of

Strong Man, Sportsman, City-road, at 8.0. (Instruction.)
Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
Industry, Bell Tavern, Carter-lane, Doctor's-commons, at 6.30. (Instruct.)
Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction.)
Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
John Hervey, Albion Hall, London Wall, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8. (Instruction.)
Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8. (Instruction.)
Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30. (In.)
West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8. (Inst.)
Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)
Royal Leopold, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1139—Panmure, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.

Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moors.
Royal Sussex, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath.
Probity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax.
Sun, Square and Compasses, Freemasons' Hall, Whitehaven.
Harmony, Ship Hotel, Faversham.
Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.
Harmony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth.
Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover.
York, Masonic Hall, York.
Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, New-road, Batley.
Vitruvian, Royal Hotel, Ross, Herefordshire.
Harmony and Industry, Smalley's Hotel, Market-street, Over Darwen.
Priory, Crown Hotel, Leamington Priors.
Three Graces, Private Room, Haworth.
St. George, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields.
Three Grand Principles, Red Lion Hotel, Petty Curry, Cambridge.
Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham.
Churchhill, Masonic Hall, Oxford.
St. James, New Inn, Handsworth, Staffordshire.
St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead.
Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport.
St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne.
Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon.
Egerton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
St. Oswald, Assembly Rooms, Ashbourne, Derbyshire.
Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire.
Randulph, Kings' Head Hotel, Rochester.
Rowley, Athenæum, Lancaster.
Hilton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire.
Royal Wharfedale, Private Room, Boroughgate, Otley, York.
St. Oswald, Wynnstay Arms Hotel, Oswestry.
Edward, Masonic Rooms, New Hall-street, Birmingham.
Aldrich, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds.
Unsworth, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.
Prune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
Warren, Masonic Hall, White Swan Hotel, Halifax.
Delmersdale, Queen's Hotel, Waterloo, Liverpool.
Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8 p.m. (Instruction.)
Albert Edward, Albion Hotel, Clayton-le-Moors, near Accrington.
Penclolium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford.
Pendoc, Masonic Hall, Caer-street, Swansea.
Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton.
Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales.
Pendoc, Town Hall, Rhyl.
St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle.
1645—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds.
1707—St John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
1858—Holmesdale, Royal Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells.

TUESDAY, 4th MARCH.

Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
Royal York of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7. (Inst.)
Asperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
Temple, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
Ch, 2 Westminster-chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
Concord, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
Castle, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
Fidelity, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
Peborough, Green Dragon, Stepney. (Instruction.)
Duke Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)
St. James, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark.
Prudhoe, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)
Lavenor, Freemasons' Hall, Gt. Queen-street, W.C.
Green Rule, Café Royal, Regent-street, W.
Royal Standard, Wellington Club, Upper-street, N.
Kennington, Surrey Tavern, Kennington Oval.
Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
Kingston, Three Bucks, 23 Gresham-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
Metropolitan, 289 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)
Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8. (In.)
Rose, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
Peckham, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N.
1707—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8.0. (Instruction.)

Royal, Three Cups Hotel, Colchester
Prince, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth.
Somerset, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
Salisbury, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8. (Instruction.)
Cadian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.
Louis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham.
Thomas, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness.
Julian, Masonic Hall, Windsor.
Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough.
Phoenix, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30. (Instruction.)
Perfect Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon.
Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley.
Thistle, Freemasons' Hall, The Parade, Berwick-on-Tweed.
Mount Lebanon, Spread Eagle, Gloucester.
Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.
Johnian, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
Northumberland, Assembly Rooms, Westgate-road, Newcastle.

Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street
201—Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-stree
228—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crownda
538—La Tolerance, Green Dragon, Maddox-stree
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-ro
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-ro
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fle
1044—Wandsworth, Spread Eagle, Wandsworth.
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at
1196—Urban, The Three Bucks, Gresham-street,
1278—Burdett Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal
1288—Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-road,
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road
1558—Duke of Connaught, Faunce Arms, Kenning
1585—Royal Commemoration, Star and Garter Ho
1707—Eleanor, Angel Hotel, Edmonton.
R. A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, R

81—Doric, Private Room, Woodbridge, Suffolk.
86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescot.
125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe, K
128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bu
258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Hecknond
277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street
298—Harmony, Masonic Room, Ann-street, Roch
326—Moira, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Brist
327—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton.
380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-str
387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley.
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple
417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorche
429—Royal Navy, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate.
471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Ne
580—Harmony, Wheatsheaf, Ormskirk.
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.
606—Segontium, The Castle, Carnarvon.
645—Humphrey Chetham, Freemasons' Hall, Co
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8.

678—Earl Ellesmere, Church Hotel, Kersley, Far
755—St. Tudno, Freemasons' Hall, Llandudno.
758—Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ripponden, Ponte
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury.
992—St. Thomas, Griffin Hotel, Lower Broughton
1010—Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship-street, Hu
1013—Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1037—Portland, Royal Breakwater Hotel, Portland
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, De
1091—Erme, Erme House, Ivybridge, Devon.
1107—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Clayport-street, Aln
1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich.
1218—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Mossley,
1274—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Chester-
1323—Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swans
1335—Lindsay, 20 King-street, Wigan.
1354—Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh, I
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Li
1363—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Glo
1479—Halsey, Town Hall, St. Albans.
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Horusea, Hull, at
1620—Marlborough, Derby Hall, Tue Brook, Live
1645—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slaithwaite.
1766—St. Leonard, Town Hall, Shoreditch.
R. A. 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Gt. Geor
R. A. 409—Stortford, Chequers' Inn, Bishop's Sto
R. A. 477—Fidelity, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
M. M. 36—Furness, Hartington Hotel, Duke-stree
M. M. 65—West Lancashire, Masonic Hall, Liverpo
R. C.—Palatine, Palatine Hotel, Manchester.

THURSDAY, 6th M

3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fit
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-stree
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lam
211—St. Michael, George, Australian Avenue, Bar
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Totte
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.
1349—Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars, E.
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenu
1445—Prince Leopold, Mitford Tavern, Sandringha
1539—Surrey Masonic Hall, Surrey Masonic Hall, C
1614—Covent Garden, Ashley's Hotel, Henrietta-str
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-
R. A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel,
M. M.—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-road

24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grai
31—United Industrious, Masonic Hall, Canterbu
38—Union, Council C[illegible]amber, Chichester.
41—Royal Cumberlan[illegible], Masonic Hall, Old Orcha
50—Knights of Malta, George Hotel, Hinckley, Le
116—Royal Lancashire Swan Hotel, Colne.
123—Lennox, Freemas[illegible]ns' Hall, Richmond, Yorks
208—Three Grand Prin[illegible]iples, Masonic Hall, Dewsb
249—Mariners, Mason[illegible] Hall, Liverpool
266—Naphtalia, Mason[illegible] Hall, Market-place, Heyw
269—Fidelity, White B[illegible]ll Hotel, Blackburn.
275—Harmony, Mason[illegible] Hall, South-parade, Hudd
283—Amity, Swan Hot[illegible], Market-place, Haslingde
289—Fidelity, Masonic [illegible]all, Carlton-hill, Leeds.
294—Constitutional, As[illegible]embly Rooms, Beverley, Y
295—Combermere Unic[illegible], Macclesfield Arms, Macc
300—Minerva, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton-under-Lyn
309—Harmony, Red L[illegible]n, Fareham.

ive Union, Masonic Hall, Horncastle, Lincolnshire.
oyal Arthur, Village Club Lecture Hall, Wimbledon
aminster Manor, White Hart Hotel, Beaminster.
nity, Alforde Chambers, Widnes.
ootle, Town Hall, Bootle, Lancashire.
alpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich.
ed Rose of Lancaster, Starkies Arms Hotel, Padiham, near Burnley.
riendly, King's Head Hotel, Barnsley.
ee, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire.
delewain, Public Rooms, Newtown, Montgomeryshire.
est Middlesex, Feathers Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
atling-street, Cock Hotel, Stoney Stratford, Bucks.
5—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford.
9—Thanet, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate.
3—Bridgewater, Masonic Hall, Runcorn.
39—Stockwell, Half Moon, Herne Hill.
—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.

FRIDAY, 7th MARCH.

on Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
obert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
nited Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
illiam Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. 8. (Inst.)
anelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-road. (Instruction.)
urgoyne, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
ric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction.)
etropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction.)
elgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
lm Hervey, Punch's Tavern, 99 Fleet-street, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
insbury Park M.M., Earl Russell, Liledon-road, N. at 8. (Instruction.)
oyal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
apton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
oyal Kensington, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 7.30. (Inst.)
Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-street, E.C., at 6.
—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8. (Inst.)
71—North London, Crown and Woolpack, St. John-st.-rd., at 8. (Inst.)
olitan Masonic Benevolent Association, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 8.30.

riendship, Freemason's Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
nion, Freemasons' Hall, Margate.
rudence, Masonic Hall, Todmorden.
. George, Guildhall, Doncaster.
lfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds.
oyal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Slaidburn.
atford, Freemasons' Hall, Watford.
ruth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield
. Matthew, Dragon Hotel, Walsall.
oyal Berkshire of Hope, White Hart Hotel, Newbury
. John, Wrekin Hotel, Wellington, Salop.
olme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth.
fton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
ictia, Bank-street Hall, Ashford.
oyal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
e Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon.
oyal Gloucestershire, Bell Hotel, Gloucester.
ccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill.
ord Warden, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal.
oyal Denbigh, Council Room, Denbigh.
thelstan, Town Hall, Atherstone, Warwick.
horlton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton Cum Hardy.
amer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
ors, Red Lion Hotel, Newquay, Cornwall.
lbert Edward, Bush Hotel, Hexham.
orecambe, Masonic Hall, Edward-street, Morecambe, Lancashire
rince of Wales, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
osforth, Freemasons' Hall, High-street, Gosforth.
ouglas, College Gateway, Maidstone.

SATURDAY, 8th MARCH.

orcy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
e Great City, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
celeston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)
izpah, Albion Hotel, Aldersgate-street.
hapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.
ace, Private Rooms, Meltham.
rince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood.
mmercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester.
dlscombe, Surrey Club, West Croydon.
aith, Masonic Rooms, 20 King-street, Wigan.

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of Lodges for which warrants have been granted by the M.W. Master since the last Quarterly Communication of Grand

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98.—Sir Charles Bright Lodge, Teddington.
04.—De Vere Lodge, Nottingham.
05.—Combermere Lodge, Albury, New South Wales.
06.—Balranald Lodge, Balranald, New South Wales.
07.—South Down Lodge, Hurstpierpoint, Sussex.
08.—Zion Lodge, Manchester.
09.—Arnold Lodge, Walton-on-Naze, Essex.
10.—Memorial Lodge, King William's Town, South Africa.
11.—St. George Lodge, Dargaville, Auckland, New Zealand.
12.—Vernon Lodge, East Retford, Notts.
13.—Cornhill Lodge, Lombard-street.
14.—Coborn Lodge, Bow,
15.—Bromley St. Leonard's Lodge, Bromley, Middlesex.
16.—Corinthian Lodge of Amoy, Amoy. China.

Tavern, Fenchurch-street, as usual, when th
will be worked by Bro. Thos. J. Barnes and the
—Bros. W. Musto P.M. 1349 S.W., C. H. We
E. Gottheil P.M. 174 I.P.M. First Lecture—I
Bush, Moss. McDonald, Calver, Stephens. Sec
Sayer, Williams, Job, Musto, Gardiner. The
Cohen, Webb and Burr.

Tudor Chapter. No. 277, Oldham.—
Chapter was held on Monday evening, the 17th ul
Hall, Oldham, at 6 o'clock. The proceedings
form, and with the usual solemnities, under the p
P.P. Henry Lees Hollingworth as M.E.Z., Hec
James Lees Page J. The minutes of the prec
read and confirmed. The next business being th
Principals for the ensuing twelvemonths, the
worthy Companion James Hall, P.P.G.P.S. of
quested to perform that ceremony, and the thr
were duly presented to him in open Chapter and
clave of Installed Principals was afterwards for
cipals invested, after which the other Companion
the Chapter, and saluted their newly-installed su
Henry Thomas M.E.Z., James Lees Page H., an
Lees J. The Officers having then been severall
monished by the Installing Principal, the magnifi
ceremony was concluded by an earnest address
generally. So complete was the satisfaction of
very able manner in which Companion P.P. Jam
the beautiful ceremony, that it is their intenti
honorary member, as a slight token of their appr
vices, and his kindness in having for several y
Principals. The Chapter was then closed, and t
journed to a banquet of the most *récherché* chara
the highest credit upon Mr. Chew, the manager
Hall.

Yarborough Lodge, No. 633.—The
meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday
Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester. P
Aspland W.M., John Rohmer I.P.M., Geo. Sm
Whitehead J.W., S. Walkden Sec., W. H. Hopkin
Treasurer, S. Witton S.D., R. Buckley I.G.,
E. Nathan P.M., &c. Visitor:—S. M. Davies Free
The Lodge was opened with solemn prayer, and
last meeting read and ratified. Sundry business
was despatched, after which the Lodge was closed
journed to refreshment.

New Concord Lodge, No. 813.—On T
bruary, at the Guildhall Tavern. Present Bros. W
R. R. Harper S.W., S. George J.W., J. Stilwell
Main P.M. Secretary, William Gabb S.D., Jam
Pierpoint D.C., J. Boulton Steward, J. Thomas
Tyler. Past Masters Bros. T. Bartlett, Cusworth
Lodge opened in due form, and the minutes of pre
read and confirmed. Messrs. Chadwick and Ha
for and unanimously elected. Bro. Johnson
Harnutt was raised to the degree of W.M. The I
and Mr. Chadwick being in attendance, was duly
mysteries of the Craft. The ceremonies were ad
the W.M. Bro. R. R. Harper S.W. was elected W
year. Bro. Stilwell was re-elected Treasurer,
unanimous, and Bro. Speight Tyler. A P.M.'s
the W.M. for his eminent services. A strong and
tion took place among the brethren as to who sh
Lodge at the ensuing Festival for the Girls' Schoo
arranged that Bros. Blyth and Pierpoint repres
Bro. Gabb P.M. the Chapter. All Masonic busin
Lodge was closed in due form.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No
day, at Bro. Smyth's, Sister's Tavern, Pownall-r
sent—Bros. Carr W.M., Christian S.W., Wardell
Smyth J.D., Lovelock I.G., Dallas Sec., Smyth T
ton Preceptor. Bros. Brasted, Collins, Weige, C
others. The W.M. worked the ceremony of i
Lorkin candidate; also the ceremony of passi

in, &c. Lodge was opened and minutes of previous meeting rmed. Ceremony of raising was ably rehearsed. Bro. Barnes ed the first, second and third sections of the lecture. Bro. Job elected W.M. for next meeting.

›bert Burns Lodge, No. 999.—The monthly meeting of Lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Man-er, on Monday, the 24th February. Present—Bros. Alfred ı W.M., Jas. Glossop S.W., J. McKinless J.W., J. Townes tary, Geo. E. Wike S.D., J. Sutton I.G., T. Oliver and R. W. ıs Stewards, Jas. Lawton Tyler; Past Masters E. H. er, H. J. Stephens, W. Scott Brown, J. Whittington, &c., Bros. J. Kirby, E. G. Glasbrook, R. Jones. The Visitors largely in excess of the members present, and never have cen so few brethren assemble for an installation meeting. ı we take into account the ability and popularity of the lling Master, Bro. James A. Birch, P.P.J.G.W., &c., &c., is all the more to be regretted. It is quite a treat to listen e power and eloquence with which our worthy Brother rms this sacred rite. We do not know much of the past ›ilities of the Officers of No. 999, or of its prosperity, but deplorable to witness the working as now set forth. Do rethren fancy that the name of the immortal Robert Burns will ›t recruits; and the honour of sitting beneath this banner hold ›piring Mason spell bound? The name of Robert Burns awakens ıation, teaches duty, method, and the reward of indomitable verance. He who "saw that hieroglyphic light which none but ımen ever know," would have us see and teach it thoroughly. every kind and brotherly feeling we say to the brethren of 99, Onward, forward. Do not let your sun set in the east (one of ·.M.'s at a certain stage of the proceedings said it did), but · let it traverse its course and fulfil its glorious mission. We end Lodges of Instruction, as b ing capable of imparting a vast ıt of practical knowledge. Bro. Glossop having been duly ed Worshipful Master for the ensuing twelvemonths, with the ssistance of Bro. Birch, proceeded to invest his Officers for the ·ear. It was proposed by Bro. Townes, that a sum of five ıs be voted from a fund (this fund is called the "Suspension " instituted for obvious private reasons) to the R.M.B.I.; this ·conded and carried unanimously. The business of the evening ended, the Lodge was closed.

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erton Lodge, No. 1030.—The monthly meeting was held George Hotel, Heaton Norris, near Stockport, on Monday the alt. Present:—Bros. W. H. Vaughan W.M., James Abbott as I.P.M.), F. Staples S.W., J. Ledgard J.W., E. S. Newton A. E. Ferns Treas., A. Ferns as S.D., O. Wilkinson J.D., Wm. Orgt., J. Meadows Tyler. Past Master E. Hardon P.S.G.D., ·os. A. Pemberton, C. Crush, W. H. L. Cameron, &c. S. M. , FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, visitor. The Lodge was opened, e minutes of the last meeting confirmed. The W.M. worked dge to the third, for the purpose of conferring on Bro. W. H. ıeron the sublime degree, which ceremony was performed. The then resumed labour in the E. A. degree, and it was announced ro. C. J. Howard had presented to the Charity Fund of the the handsome sum of £5. As a mark of the appreciation of ·thren for this gift, Bro. Ferns moved and Bro. S. Warden ed a vote of thanks, the same to be entered on the minutes, to ·oward for the donation, which was unanimously carried. The ı of the evening being ended, the Lodge was closed with solemn and the brethren adjourned to supper. On the removal of the ›e W.M. proposed the toasts, which were duly honoured. In ng the health of the Prov. G. Master, Colonel Le Gendre N. ›, the W.M. said every member present ought to drink that ·ith more than usual heartiness, as their Province had been brought before the Masonic world in a manner they were all ›f. The esteem in which their Prov. G.M. was held was fully by the splendid subscription sent up through him to the recent ı of the R.M.B.I., and the able manner in which the R. W. Bro. on the important duties devolving on him on this great ı, and indeed at all times, evinced to every Mason that East hire was Masonically governed by one of the ablest and most ›steemed brethren. He therefore called upon the brethren to l heartily to the toast. This was done, with Masonic honours. · Hope favoured the brethren with a selection on the piano. .M. then proposed the health of the Visiting Brother, and regretted there were not others present to receive their cordial e. He felt he was expressing the true feeling of their brethren ıe said that the Egerton Lodge was always happy to see at their meetings, to partake of the hospitality for which lge is distinguished. They were pleased to see Bro. Davies, ped he would come again. Bro. Vaughan called upon the

confirm former impressions, which were very deavour to correct an erroneous impression got into the minds of some brethren who of the adjoining province. He was sure the of this Lodge wished to be put in a proper li who have formed an erroneous idea of members, and the administration of now the satisfaction of telling the W brethren that he should, through the mediu CHRONICLE, convey to the brethren of Stock in no Lodge had he seen a more strict regar tenets of our Order, more efforts to please or more dutiful respect paid to the chair, or mo between Officers and Brethren, and finally, no tallity than in the Egerton Lodge. He ha much pleasure in visiting them as any ot entered. After a song by Bro. Meadows, Br rose, by permission of the W.M., to propose an auspicious occasion to celebrate the toast proposing; the Worshipful Master had ever the affairs of the Lodge, in the Province, and he had just returned from London, where he as Steward for one of the noblest Charities o permission of the W.M., he would say a few what Bro. Davies had remarked. This Lod position in relation to the sister Lodges of the province, yet on the borders of Cheshire. F the Chapel House Inn, and it had been move by an old P.M. of the Lodge; we have thus l to our Cheshire brethren, but the members understood there was no unseemly rival this Lodge to any Lodge or brethren. We, little, but there is no Lodge that extends a r Visitors, and we have many who honour us, We have no disinclination to visit our Sis accept invitations, and our W.M. and others as possible. He was sure Bro. Davies would respect. But to return to the toast. All w the W.M. so well up in his work. The worki is not an easy task, even for old P.M.'s, and l to-night showed how truly he discharges th position. He would now call on the membe health in a bumper, which was done with t S.W. gave the next song, the W.M. then for the manner in which the toast had been r had occupied the chair, he had experienced brethren. During his year of office, he shou his duties with satisfaction to all. It was his the leading Lodges of the Province. It had recent Festival by Bro. Hardon, to w indebted. As a Lodge in the corner of t not lost in oblivion. On his return from Lo pleasure in the knowledge that their Provinc supporting the Prov. G.M. It speaks well f raise the largest sum that has ever been su Charity. People who know nothing of our C sent us, will now admit that Freemasons are Masonic Lodge is not a convival club. He his visit to London as Steward to the R.M.B. and would wear the jewel, which commemorat He trusted the members might continue to such noble Institutions, and that they mig votes to make them as a Lodge conspicuous Abbott proposed the health of the Officers; talent possessed by the Officers enabled the E working Lodge. The toast was warmly rec Ferns obliged with "The March of the Me accompanied by Bro. Hope. Bro. S.W. replie a difficult toast, yet he felt he should be justi to do his work thoroughly, and he thought th tained the same idea. Bro. Ferns felt th filled so efficiently as the W.M. discharged hi brethren would use their utmost efforts for fu the Lodge. Other Officers returned thank asked permission to propose an extra toast, pointed Organist, a brother who, in every utmost he could to conduce to the comfort of efficiency of the Lodge. Bro. Hope, for this expressed himself as always ready to do al welfare of the Lodge. The Tyler's toast was separated, pleased with having celebrated an

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Sykes Lodge, No. 1040.—The [illegible]

ndsworth Lodge, No. 1044.—A meeting of this Lodge eld at the Spread Eagle Hotel, Wandsworth, on Wednesday g, the 19th ult, when the following were among the brethren t:—Bros. W. A. Morgan W.M., A. N. Newens S.W., A. B. r J.W., W. J. Huntley S.D., J. J. Holland J.D., F. W. oper I.G., J. Frost Secretary, S. C. Landon D.C., S. Steed E. H. Boddy P.M., H. R. Jones P.M., J. G. Carter P.M., J. G. y P.M., and Bros. R. Walker, John Stirk, George Fortescue, A. Denham. The Visitors were: Bro. C. Digby (the newly- d W.M. of the Doric, 933), and Bro. W. S. Stewart (of the Man Lodge, No. 45), who wore the centenary medal. The being duly opened, the W.M. very impressively initiated Mr. Arnison, Truro Villa, Wimbledon, and Mr. W. T. Bell, of New worth. The brethren afterwards proceeded to elect two Past as Trustees of the Lodge Benevolent Fund, and after some on, Bros. Carter and Boddy were unanimously chosen. The was closed in due form, and an adjournment was made anquet room. The W.M., upon the cloth being removed, gave al Loyal and Masonic toasts, with his usual felicity. Bro. in replying to the toast of the Visitors, referred to a remark e W.M. that brethren were always welcomed at the 1044. o. Digby) had heard of "knife and fork" Masons; but he that, as the ruling principle of Freemasonry was Charity, that ttention to the Charities, and less to the fourth degree ater) — would be better. Bro. Stewart also humorously and said that in his Lodge the brethren were induced to banquet so as to subscribe more to the Charities. He thought sacrafice—one of the stomach—was deserving all praise. er). The other usual toasts having been given, the Tyler's the evening's meeting to a close.

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ington Lodge, No. 1085, Derby.—A very dis- d gathering of Freemasons took place at the Masonic Hall, reet, on Wednesday, the 5th ult., the occasion being the ary meeting of the above Lodge, and the Installation of its the ensuing twelve months. The Lodge was opened by rge Pipes P.G.O., the retiring Master. Bro. M. H. Bobart .S.G.W. Derbyshire subsequently assumed the chair, and . Joseph Heathcoate S.W. was presented by two P.M.'s— Pipes P.P.S.G.D., and J. Worsnop P.P.G.P.—for the benefit ation, which ceremony was thereupon proceeded with by art. It was most efficiently and impressively performed, and th high encomiums. The newly installed Master invested ipes the I.P.M., Bro. Bobart the Treasurer, and his Officers :—Bros. W. B. Hextall S.W., J. O. Maston J.W., W. Butter- J. E. Russell S.D., C. D. Hart J.D., J. Parkins M.C., an I.G., and G. Johnson and J. Lane Stewards. A band- t Master's jewel, voted by the Lodge, was afterwards to Bro. G. Pipes in recognition of his very able Mastership past twelve months, and was suitably acknowledged by him. also an amount of ten guineas voted from the Lodge funds onic Institution for Girls. At the close of the Lodge the adjourned to the banquet table, and the usual Loyal and oasts were given. At an early stage of the evening the compelled to retire, owing to indisposition; the toast of the hat to the W.M., therefore, was robbed somewhat of its nevertheless, the W.M. was very highly spoken of, and his e subordinate positions in the Craft was very favourably l upon. The toast to the Visitors was the next in interest, d that the Hartington Lodge heartily welcomed members Lodges, and that its welcome was fully appreciated. aps, stands the toast to the Officers of the Lodge. In the the Senior and Junior Wardens, it was confidently antici- the chair of the Lodge would not lack a suitable occupant some time to come, and as regards the other Officers, hitherto proved that much might yet be looked for amongst space is too limited to give the names of all those present, difficult matter to make a selection from such a large Masons of high rank. However, we give a few names:— ox P.M. Prov. G. Treas., W. Naylor P.M. Prov. G. Sec., den P.M., and F. Campion P.M., each of whom are also 's of the Province, E. R. Ward W.M. 253, G. Small P.M. Hammond P.M. 253, and W. Merry P.M. 1179. Bro. Stone was almost overlooked in our report, but such a deserving such a well-informed Mason is at all times prominent, and, as, he very suitably "tyles" this report.

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riars Lodge, No. 1101.—A meeting was held on 12th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Reading. Present—Bros. orge Flanagan W.M., John Early Danks S.W., William

vey," and thus unmistakably identifying this L teemed Grand Secretary, who was one of its four M.W.G.M. was graciously pleased to grant the pray be henceforth called the "John Hervey" Lodge, No

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John Hervey Lodge of Instruction, N under the sanction of the Mother Lodge. Bros. Sa Edward A. Baber P.M. 452 Sec., H. J. Dean Org. struction having removed to a private room, in the don-wall, City, members of the Craft are invited operate. Bro. H. J. Dean Org. has generously of services in conducting the Musical portion of the meeting of the Lodge of Instruction, in its new qu Monday, 3rd March, and every succeeding Mon o'clock punctually.

Hilda Chapter Rose Croix.—The annual installation of M.W.S. and Officers for the year Queen's Hotel, York, on Wednesday evening. attendance of members and visitors although many were read from members laid up by illness. Th Cooper presided, and opened the Chapter, after wh of installation of the M.W.S. elect (Bro. the Hon. W. was proceeded with by M.I. Bro. C. J. Banister 3 S.G.I.G. for the Northern District. He afterwar Officers as follows:—Bros. T. B. Whytehead H.P. corder, J. S. Cumberland First Gen., Rev. W. C. Lu T. Cooper P.S. Treas., M. Millington G.M., A. T. B. Richey Herald, P. H. Rowland C. of G., P. Pearso Equerries. A committee was appointed to draw u bye-laws; a satisfactory balance sheet was presente and the Chapter was closed. The members dined t evening, and a pleasant reunion was experienced.

Royal Military Lodge of Instruction A meeting was held on 24th February at the Maso bury. Present—Bros. Tyler W.M., Cattelle S.W., B Beer Treas., W. Carter Sec., Vautier S.D., Miskin J. D.C., Widgery Steward, Price I.G. Past Master Hammond. Business—The Lodge was regularly minutes confirmed. The working tools of the E.A. plained, and the questions leading from 1st to 2nd w the brethren generally. The Lodge was opened to t and closed in due and ancient form.

New Finsbury Park Lodge, No. 1695.— of this Lodge at its new quarters was held at the A on Tuesday, the 18th ult. The members present b Purkis W.M., T. Press S.W., H. B. D. Dunn J.W., R. A. J. Berry Sec., H. C. Frampton S.D., J. N. Th Eldridge D.C., George Edmunds I.G., E. Grout Steward; T. Jackson, C. Hutchinson, J. Cox, J. H. B kins, G. Chalter, J. Reed, J. Brown and G. E. Vistors were Bros. H. Hallis P.M. 167 P.G.S.B. Her 167, J. Shackell P.M. 193, J. Yeoman W.M. 167, J. G. Searle 1288, A. Sheller 217, J. Wilkinson 167, J. and A. J. Mucklow 1658. The Lodge having been Reed was raised to the sublime degree of M.M., and was passed to the degree of F.C. A ballot was take Frodsham of No. 3, who was unanimously elected a The W.M. having announced his intention to serv the forthcoming Festival of the Girls' School, the was voted from the Lodge funds to be placed on his positions for joining and initiation, the Lodge was brethren adjourned to an elegant banquet, provided by Bros. Bertram and Roberts, the spirited pro Alexandra Palace. The usual Loyal and Masonic to that of the Visitors was eloquently responded to Several vocal contributions by the brethren conclud able meeting.

King's Cross Lodge, No. 1732.—Amongst t ful of our recently consecrated Lodges, we may just first rank No. 1732. It will be in the recollection of this Lodge, consecrated in 1878, is an offshoot of t which formerly held its meetings at the Metropolit cross-road. In course of time, the number of memb

L. Rumford P.M. 91, T. M. Ormiston 1507, M. Little 1507, mberger S.W. 1366, H. J. Flaws 228, G. H. Churchley W.M. I. Douglass 1507, J. Irvine 862, E. Moss 1706, A. J. Thompson C. Sheath 1507, J. G. Humphreys I.G. 167, H. Connew Bar-, E. Kelly 851. G. Musgrove 1507, W. Harmer 71, &c. The pre-ary business being disposed of, Bro. W. M. Stiles was introduced o. Michael, who acted as Installing Officer, and the ceremony erformed, Bro. Terry rendering goodly assistance as Director of ionies. Our respected Bro. Michael, though suffering from e indisposition threw into his work all his wonted zeal and y, and on completion of his labours received the applause e Brethren. Bro. Stiles then appointed his Officers :— J. T. Briggs P.M. S.W., H. Stiles J.W., J. J. Michael I.P.M. ., F. Saintsbury Sec., H. Higgins P.M. S.D., L. Solomon J.D., oobs I.G., G. H. Gorringe D.C., B. Kauffmann A.D.C., C. B. nd W. Steward, W. R. Yates Assist. W. Steward, J. Daly Tyler. ew W.M.'s first duty was to present, on behalf of the Lodge, .'s jewel to Bro. Michael for his eminent services, for which a vote of thanks was proposed by Bro. P.M. Knight, seconded by S.W. Briggs, and carried unanimously. In addition, the members e Lodge had requested Bro. Stiles to offer for Bro. Michael's tance, an illuminated address, which bore the following inscrip-—

is Testimonial, together with a P.M.'s jewel was presented to

BRO. J. J. MICHAEL P.M.

ie Officers and Members of the King's Cross Lodge of Ancient and Accepted Masons, No. 1732, held at the Metropolitan Club, 's Cross, as a mark of their esteem, and in recognition of able valuable services as First W.M. and Founder of the Lodge, 9. Here follow the signatures of the Officers and Founders.

e way in which Bro. Stiles expressed himself as he handed Bro. ael these tokens of the members' regard seemed to have an over-ring effect, and Bro. Michael was compelled to ask the indul-e of the brethren, as his physical prostration was indeed . However, later in the evening he would strive to thank . After hearty good wishes the Lodge was closed. The ren then partook of a capital banquet, which was well d by Brother Cox, the manager of the Club, and on the val of the cloth the customary toasts and complimentary hes were given. We regret our space will not permit of our ding this report; we will merely add that under the new er, Bro. Stiles, the King's Cross Lodge is sure to prosper; he is of the most sincere Masons we know.

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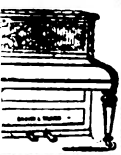
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ND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS.

M the last issued "Proceedings" of this Grand odge, we learn that a Special Communication was the Masonic Temple, Boston, on Friday, 1st er 1878, the special object of the meeting, as d by the Grand Master, being to perform the last ies over the remains of the late Recording Grand ry, Bro. Charles H. Titus. Bro. Titus, who was 11th April 1819, was admitted into Freemasonry ing David Lodge, Taunton, in 1858. The two g years he received the Capitular degrees in m Chapter of New Bedford, and the Orders of ood in St. John's Commandery, Providence, R.I., g the 33rd degree in 1865. He was appointed ng Grand Secretary in April 1871, by Grand Gardner, and in the June following was duly by Grand Lodge to that office.

l Lodge being opened, was called off, and the proceeded by train to Providence, R.I., being the way by the relatives, having in their charge ains of the deceased, and later on by the Members les H. Titus Lodge, together with a delegation g David Lodge. Upon the arrival of the train at ice, the Grand Lodge was met by St. John's Com- of Knights' Templars and members of various bodies of the district, who together proceeded by he town of Warren, where, in accordance with the quest of the deceased, his remains were to find t resting place. At 2 o'clock a procession was to the Methodist Church, where the funeral service ucted by Revs. Edgar F. Clarke, Dr. Samuel C. Dr. Micah J. Talbot, Dr. Morrison and John Rev. Dr. Brown giving an oration on the of the deceased. After the completion of ce the brethren, by invitation of the Grand Rhode Island, proceeded to his mansion, where hospitably entertained, and left for their homes m expressions of friendship between the two dges. Grand Lodge was closed, at Boston, just e o'clock.

11th December the Annual Communication the Grand Master, Bro. Charles Alfred Welch, siding, supported by a large and influential of Grand Officers and brethren. The records arterly Communication of 11th September, and Communications held on 13th September, 3rd d 1st November having been approved, various re presented, and the brethren named therein recognised. The Grand Master then read Report, in which he states that the general f the Lodges throughout the State is satis- found that the records of the Lodges were ept, harmony prevailed, and the duty which owed to the Institution was freely ac- . The number of initiates during the August 1878, was 982; the membership late reaching 25,742. Two new Lodges added during the year, making up the 1, besides which two are working under . The Grand Master expressed his opinion impolitic to warrant new Lodges unless the m was very apparent, as the founders of a new very apt to under-estimate the expense, and

liabilities they admitted persons who, und circumstances, would be rejected. He refe granting of dispensations to confer the deg intervals than the Constitutions required, and he had expressed his opinion to the District order that a stop should be put to such a co future. He then, at some length, referred to Grand Lodge had sustained in the death of and Recording Secretary, Bros. John McClella on 29th September, and Chas. H. Titus, who October, and also mentioned other cases whe taken members of the Grand Lodge. He had in Samuel Wells and Bro. Tracy P. Cheever to vacancies. Special warrants were issued duri for the purpose of installing the Deputy Dis Masters of Districts Nos. 8 and 10, to formal candidates of Districts Nos. 2 and 19 respectiv Bro. John A. Hall D.D.G.M. for No. 10 Distr cate a new Masonic Hall at Conway. 1339·9 been received since last Communication for t members of the Fraternity who were sufferers fever in the South-west. Of this sum only 300 been expended, the balance being withheld, as sidered that sufficient funds had been raised requirements. The Grand Treasurer's accou that the indebtedness of Grand Lodge at the year was 12,000 dollars less that at the co period of 1877, the principal item in t being 21,156 dols. from the capitation tax. T of the means to be adopted to meet the expens Lodge after the end of 1879, when this tax cea to be a most important one to the members of Lodge. The Grand Master estimates the recei at 23,000 dolls., and as Grand Lodge will sta with about 265,000 dolls. indebtedness, close dolls. of this amount will be absorbed for i other expenses raising the estimated expenditur dolls. or a deficiency of 14,000 dolls. for To meet this difficulty the Grand Mas out two courses. Either the Masonic Tem pictures, libraries, furniture, jewels, regalia, be disposed of, or the capitation tax must b If the latter course is adopted, it may rea expected that under similar arrangements as exist, the rate of interest can be reduced to 6 the mortgagees will have further security than and if properly managed the result should be end of twelve years the debt would amoun 40,000 dolls. only. He did not consider they n couraged, for they were much better off t time the Temple was finished. Then 16,0 owed 450,000 dolls., now over 25,000 Mas provide for a claim of 265,000 dolls. It arranged that a committee of one or more District should be appointed to consider the s report on it at the next Quarterly Communicati

The Deputy Grand Master now assumed the Grand Lodge proceeded to the election of Offic ensuing year, it being announced by Grand Sc the whole number of votes that might be cast w Committee was appointed to examine the vote declared that 455 had been cast for Grand M which were for M.W. Charles Alfred Welch thereupon declared unanimously elected Grand Committee of Past Grand Masters, attended by

D.G. Masters, abstracts of returns of Lodges, Lodges in sonic Districts, List of Lodges and Secretaries, Past ficers and Permanent Members, and Organization of the and Lodge for 1879.

HE SCHISMATICAL GRAND LODGE OF NEW SOUTH WALES.

A SHORT time since we wrote an article on this mushroom Grand Lodge of Freemasons lately clared to have been established in New South Wales by sentient brethren of the Constitutions already working der regular Governments in that Colony. A late mber of the *Australian Freemason* contains abundant in- mation, fully corroborating the views we have stated, d justifying our condemnation of those who had set up s schismatic Grand Lodge. We learn from our contem- rary that while the representative Grand Lodges of gland, Scotland, and Ireland have, or had, on their roll ty-two, twenty-three, and six Lodges respectively; even supporters of the schismatic Grand Lodge only claim it some twelve or sixteen Lodges, and that while the mer muster among them several thousand brethren, the ter are about two hundred, or, at all events, within three ndred strong. Three of the Irish Lodges have seceded, or her two, for the Master of one of the three remains loyal, l still retains the warrant granted by his Grand Lodge. e Grand Lodge of England has refused to recognise the Unconstituted schismatic body, that of Scotland has sus- ded the ringleaders of the movement and the contu- cious, while that of Ireland has called upon the dis- tient Lodges and members to pay their dues, which have mined unpaid for years. Notwithstanding these facts, ich they are challenged to contradict, if they can, the ismatics have impudently declared themselves to be a jority of the Freemasons in the Colony. But though y have applied for recognition to several of the Grand lges of the United States, they have been courteously firmly cold-shouldered. They have started an organ heir own, which is distinguished by its scurrilous abuse Dr. Sedgwick, Prov. G. Master Scottish Constitution other leading members of the legally-constituted therhood. But one other matter remains to be recorded, ich is about as astounding a piece of impudence as we e ever heard of. It is announced from Tarbolton—so says contemporary—that "the Grand Lodge of New South les having been duly erected, the functions of the various vincial Grand Lodges hitherto existing have ceased; and Brothers Sedgwick and Higstrim" (P.G.M. and P.G. retary respectively, under the Scottish Constitutions) e not Officers of the Grand Lodge, they have no Masonic hority whatever in New South Wales." Let these shroom schismatics bear in mind the fate of the frog in fable, which tried to swell itself to the dimensions of an and—burst.

. Grand Chapter for Holy Royal Arch Chapter and k Masons will shortly be inaugurated for Jamaica.

he ordinary meetings of the Phœnix Lodge, Port Royal, maica, are now held on the first Tuesday of each month, ead of the first Thursday. The first meeting under new ngement took place on Tuesday, 4th February 1879.

LLOWAY'S PILLS AND OINTMENT.—Influenza, Coughs, and Colds.—In dis- of the throat and chest, so prevalent in our changeable climate, nothing eedily relieves, or so certainly cures, as these inestimable remedies. These ders are too often neglected at their commencement or are injudiciously ed, resulting in either case in disastrous consequences. Whatever the tion of the patient, Holloway's remedies will restore, if recovery be ble: they will retard the alarming symptoms till the blood is purified and

truth of the Masonic Dunckerley version the facts and the arguments as printe 7th December, their opinions were al brethren, after he heard what I had to s me, now, that Dunckerley was neither nor of the Prince of Wales."

The *stunning* argument of Bro. Q. i George the 3rd (who, by the bye, Q. lectually bright) must have believed in D he would not have given £800 per an Magazine mentions a Lord H. and a Mr. probably meant Lord Harcourt and Mr. to have been paragons of wisdom and vir "giants in the land;" therefore, the Mas believed.

But, in the first place, assuming that and Worsley, and that they were giants i they themselves had signed a certifica Dunckerley narrative, then, I would be bo Here, however, we have *only* Dunckerley so, or wrote so, and for obvious reasons ported testimony. With regard to the ju fore I go further, I must relate an anecd

James the 2nd showed Waller, the poe palace; the king observed that Waller picture of Queen Elizabeth, and in the cou Waller for his opinion of Elizabeth; the high terms of her ability, &c. "Oh!" measures of her government were not du wisdom of her ministers." "Sire," repl but it is only a wise sovereign who k ministers."

There were undoubtedly in the early y good men, wise men, intellectual men in h "giants," but there were also there at selfishness, of corruption, and of meanness not endowed with the intellect of an Eliz his confidants and his favourites from the l a glance at all his ministers up to the time or even after, and we will not find a solit himself intellect, honesty, and independ himself for any length of time in the kin ingham ministry, which was really com liberal-minded men, was turned adrift b other reason but because they were hones Camden, who was another good man, appointees of King George with such cout to keep away from the Cabinet meetings d the Wilks' troubles and the American trou endure it no longer, and spoke out boldl when, of course, he was dismissed. After n of Chatham consented to hold office; fo did not improve matters. The history of imbecility and corruption; both inside a the mean, the crafty, and the selfish, fo the king. Wholesale corruption was car in government offices; but as the tools of l fit therefrom, the king approved of it. D Pitt (the younger) an inquiry was called mons to the corruptions going on in the were exacted from Post-office appointees by *friend*. Pitt did not dispute the fact—i mitted, but inquiry was quashed by the ki House of Commons. His Majesty imagi divinity, and he exacted divine worship fro words the king's favour was confined only his conceits and prejudices. Under tho can see no reason for disbelieving that one may have been hired by Dunckerley to annum. Surely, if the king's Postmaster- why could not an official in the palace do t

"That a foremost Mason," says Bro. Q., in his lifetime, and after death in a Mason order of things, but how came it that his of his career should have been made the s Gentleman's [Magazine]?"

The object of my opponent in asking th divine, but without further circumlocut answer him, viz., at the end of each mont man's Magazine some pages are devoted t minent persons of both sexes who died du the notices are generally brief, consisting

him meritorious in the capacity in which he had served, but Edward] *could never be made an instrument of imposing this true.*"

g answered Br. Q.'s question, I shall take the liberty of ask- also a question, viz., "That a foremost Mason" should be l during his life and after death in a Masonic Magazine, "is the order of things," but how came it that the Editor of tleman's Magazine of 1795, who, as a rule, took care to white- e sins and shortcomings of the subjects of his memoirs; in the November Number that it was generally supposed nckerley was the natural son of George 2nd, should in the ng month have charged his opinion, as may be inferred from d editorial?

clusion, I beg to state, that unless my opponent can scrape facts unknown at present, it is useless to continue the dis.

It is possible that such new facts may yet be discovered, have to be searched for, and it is my opinion that something found about Dunckerley in the newspapers and magazines of As no precise date is given in the Gentleman's Magazine of ise of Danckerley, it will be necessary to search these pub- , say, from the month of September; perhaps some brother nouth would take the trouble to hunt up the Portsmouth f 1795. I think that something could yet be found to throw on the subject if somebody in England would take a little and should my friendly opponent succeed in such a dis- which may change my opinion once more, I shall most thank him for it.

, 17th January 1879.

AFFABILITY CHAPTER, No. 317.

egular Convocation was held at Freemasons' Hall, Cooper- eet, Manchester, on Thursday, the 20th ult. Present—ohn E. Smethurst M.E.Z., James Dawson H., J. E. Lees J., ll S.E., J. F. Watts S.N., J. B. Sowter 1st A.S., W. P. Treas., Vetter Org., and Comps. W. F. Towle P.Z. S., J. Blandon P.Z. P.G.S.B., J. Hall P.Z. P.P.G.P.S., J. ttom P.Z. P.P.G.R., J. H. Sillitoe P.Z. P.G.D. of C., Jas. Sly V. Almond, John Church, E. De Yongh, H. L. Rocca, G. eld, G. A. Packwood, A. S. Radford, H. R. G. Bayley, J. S. D. McKellen, R. Tomlins, Alfred Love, T. Watson, J. J. G. Batty, J. Frankenburg, L. Simondson, D. Donbavand, tors—Comps. E. Nathan P.Z. 204, J. Hall Z. 210, W. R. P.Z. 524, S. M. Davies FREEMASONS' CHRONICLE, &c. The ns opened according to ancient rite, and the minutes of last on read and ratified. This being the occasion for the in- of Principals Comp. James Dawson the M.E.Z. elect was by E. Comp. J. H. Sillitoe P.Z., the H. (Comp. J. E. Lees) led by E. Comp. J. Hall P.Z., and the J. (Wm. P. Norris) ip. W. F. Towle P.Z. The M.E.Z. then proceeded to invest rs for the next twelvemonths as follow:—Bros. William E., J. W. Watts S.N., William Sowter P.S., F. Rocca 1st Church 2nd A.S., Vetter Org., James Sly Janitor. The being absent, his investiture was deferred. A vote of s proposed by Comp. Sillitoe, seconded by Comp Higgin- Comp. Norris, late Treasurer, for his services. This was animously. A vote of £5 5s was moved by Comp. Sillitoe ded by Comp. J. E. Lees, Second Principal, to the East Educational Institution, out of the funds of the Chapter, unanimously. The business of the evening being ended r was closed, and the Companions, by command of the journed to refreshment, where in due course Comp. Dawson he customary Loyal and Royal Arch toasts. The I.P.Z., ng the health of the worthy Comp. who occupied the the most important toast of the evening devolved

He felt sure all the Companions had known their Chief long enough to be aware of his capability to portant office confided to him, and they had additional evening of his ability to rule the Chapter, and despatch as before it. In addition to his ample capabilities, sed an amiable disposition, which endeared him o needed his counsel. During his year of office he will and lighten the footsteps of those who may come under on. The toast was drunk most enthusiastically. The ghly appreciated the kindness which prompted the I.P.Z. g his health. He was always grateful to the Comps. for indulgences; particularly so for their mark of esteem to- felt they knew he would do his allotted task to the

to the Chapter. If by regular attendance and he could discharge the important duties committ he should not fail. Comp. Nicholl was pleased to b the good wishes of the Comps. Others followed, to Comp. Dawson next proposed the health of Past Pri and bore witness to the energy and courtesy with wh his high office. After Comp. Smethurst had replied he was pleased to see Comp. Davies present, as a the Masonic Press. He had had the pleasure of m previous occasion. He hoped Comp. Davies would some time when there was not such a rush of busi that evening experienced. The toast was duly hono Davies thanked Comp. Dawson for his kind remarks health of the Past Z.'s was proposed and duly this the last toast of the evening was given, w separated.

Chapter of Prosperity, No. 290, Hudd

last regular convocation of the above Chapter wa masons' Hall, South-parade, on Wednesday, 26th Chapter was opened punctually at 6.30 p.m. (being by Comps. John W. Turner Z., William Smith P.Z Sykes who was absent), Allen Haigh J. The minute cation having been read and confirmed, the ballo Bro. John Joshua Brook, of the Huddersfield Lodg being favourable, he was exalted to the Supreme D Arch Mason by the M.E.Z.; the lectures were give Comps. Wall, the M.E.Z., and Comp. Lewis Brierl efficient manner as to meet with the approval of business was, "To elect the Officers of the Chapter year," which resulted as follows—Allen Haigh unan Z., George Sykes H., and the following all unanimou J., Cornelius Wheawill re-elected Scribe E., Joseph H N., B. Hutchinson P.Z. Treas., William Smith P.Z. B. Brierley P.S., who appointed Thomas Beanland and his Assistants, and John William Rhodes Director We should state that the Treasurer and Registrar the Treasurer having held the appointment into the Alfred Smith was re-elected Janitor. The business being ended, the Chapter was closed until Novembe of emergency. The Companions then adjourned where the usual toasts were duly honoured. The M. ing to his health acknowledged the kindness he ha every member of the Chapter, and thanked his Offic efficient manner they had done their duty; he ha successor would have as happy and prosperous a year would, at the expiration of his term, look back with the time he held the supreme office of Z. in the C perity. The Companions separated at about 10.30, h agreeable, pleasant and instructive evening. We Dore and Crowther P.Z.'s, from the Chapter of Pe also Comp. Smith Scribe E. Chapter of Truth 521, a

Ancient Carthage Chapter R.A., No. 171

meeting of this Chapter was held at the Masonic Ha 27th February. Present:—E. Comps. A. M. Broadl niani H., the Baron James Castellnuovo J., Comps. J. G. Pentecost N., M. Schembi P.S., P. M. Palcologo S. J.S., V. C. Clement D.C., Dr. Cassanello Registr Steward, G. Eymon Janitor; and twelve membe business of the evening was to instal Dr. Mugnani Baron Castellnuovo as J. This change was render the lamented death of E. Comp. N. Lenghi 33° H., w 3rd February, and unless the Chapter had had anothe its members, this misfortune would have caused the its labours for a lengthened period. The ceremony b the newly-installed Principals were duly saluted, and cipal alluded to the death of their Comp. Lenghi, on the Chapter decided to remain in mourning up to th tion. The election proving favourable for Bros. A Enriquez and Darmon, they were duly exalted, in guage. E. Comps. Mugnaini and Castellnuovo delive of their respective chairs. The charitable collection ha the Chapter was closed, and the Companions a banquet.

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AFTER THE TURTLE.—Thirty-one Years' Mir

recently come very much to the front," who are "adorned with urple," is most unfortunate—I may even say unjust; and I doubt IASTE GRADE when he reads this communication, which is from ple Craftsman, will be the first to acknowledge and regret the tice of which—I am sure unintentionally—he has been guilty. te subject to correction, but I fancy there can be no question hat the three purple brethren he alludes to are one of the Senior he two Junior Grand Deacons. Now, the Senior Grand Deacon Steward at the Boys' School Festival in 1876, when his list nted to £239 8s. He was a Steward at the Girls' School val in 1877 when the subscriptions he collected realised 9s, and last year he officiated in a similar capacity at the volent Festival, and collected subscriptions amounting to £202. he has distributed his attentions very impartially among the Institutions, and the result of his labours at the three Festivals een the collection of a fraction short of £724. Not bad even for ple brother! One of the Junior Grand Deacons was a Steward e last Boys' Festival, and his list amounted to £158 11s, and the Junior Grand Deacon has served as Steward at five out of the ten Festivals, as the following record will show. At the volent in 1876, with a list of £222; at the Girls' School 77, with a list of £180 12s; and last year at all three Festi- when he took up £150 for the Benevolent, £116 11s for the ' School, and £101 12s for the Boys' School, or a total he year of £668 3s. His labours in these five Stewardships resulted in the addition of £1,070 15s to the funds of our tutions. These three brethren have raised among them just over 53. I may add that the latter Junior Grand Deacon, who resides somewhat distinct province, has served no less than twelve ardships. Under these circumstances I consider the three le brethren alluded to may fairly be excused their non-attend- at the Festival of the 12th inst. Even Grand Officers, who are minent members of one Masonic organisation, which has tly come very much to the front," when they have so recently, either just before appointment to, or during their tenure of, , fulfilled this particular duty, may claim to be dealt with in a of charity. I have shown they have not ignored the claims of nic charity, and, that being so, it would be absurd to suppose absence was intended as a slight to "a brother Mason who does happen to belong to their community."

at "the East Lancashire men have a right to feel proud of the t," will be heartily conceded by everybody; and if there is "any rent neglect," of which they may justly take notice, it is not that sent and past Grand Officers, who reside in and about London, not present in sufficient numbers to welcome Lt.-Col. Starkie, he sixty Stewards who accompanied him," for most of the purple ren present were London men. Rather do I think if East Lan- re has any cause for complaint, it must be because, with the otion of Sir Henry Edwards, the other Grand Masters of Pro- s were "conspicuous by their absence." The majority of them be now in London, attending to their Parliamentary duties, and now the Lords do not sit on Wednesdays, while the Commons t 6 p.m. But, perhaps after all, it will be far better if the East shire men, with true Masonic instinct, take it for granted that rple brother's absence was intended as a slight to their chief. have the satisfaction of knowing they have done what an rican would probably describe as the "biggest" thing ever n even among Masonic deeds of Charity.

Fraternally yours,

A BLUE MASON ONLY.

ndon, 24th February 1879.

FREEMASONRY AND ITS CHARITIES.

HOW THEY ARE CONDUCTED, AND HOW THEY SHOULD BE.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

AR SIR AND BROTHER,—With this presumptuous heading, I take berty of addressing the brethren generally. I suggest not an ingenable law as of the Medes and Persians, but a groundwork which abler heads than mine can erect a superstructure de- ntal to none and beneficial to all. What does Freemasonry ss to be? A well cemented universal Bridge of Benevolence, Charity for its keystone, over which brethren, rich and poor, ith another, have equal claims to travel. How is this prin- carried out? By those who have influence riding ruthlessly with unnecessary severity over the heads of the friendless. a state of partiality *is not* the lesson taught you and me, Sir, ago at our initiation, and ever since, unless there was no , no meaning in those lessons, unless the keystone of Free- ry is rotting away from within, the whole fabric soon to

Provinces; let all the cases be brought applications be received, and as many of t are vacancies for; then, continuing this s in rotation, be successively elected, withou course, extraordinary cases of first applica the steady onward movement would be t advantages to be derived are numerous;— those seeking votes for their special cases trying anxiety and heart-breaking despair faces of anxious mothers on the days of ele contented look of certainty, sooner or l jealousies already existing between some Metropolis, and to prevent the needless ca candidate for the mere sake of bravado in the first application. Finally, let all Lodg to send up no candidates but those for wh intended; let all be put forward and passe the aid of the new law a happier state o more equitable and creditable to Freemaso

Trusting that the single heartedness I ha this vitally important subject will excuse a the earnest desire of,

Yours faithfully and frater

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THE PRESTONIAN L

To the Editor of the FREEMASON

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Some weeks valuable journal, the attention of the Craft mason's Calendar and Pocket Book," under Occurrences in Masonry," wherein it is "Brother William Preston, of the Lodg the 'Illustrations of Masonry,' bequeathe gifts, £500 Consols to the Fund of Benevol the Prestonian Lecture." On that occasi information on the latter point, in reference trusting that I might receive some reply the present time, as far as I can learn, th therefore it is that I ask your permissio present some years ago when Bro. Henry the Prestonian Lecture of the second deg experienced a great Masonic treat, a feelin shared in by all present, although this differs from the ritual as at present adopte or Peter Thomson. Now this rendering of I have said, took place many yea never heard of that or any ot having since been delivered, therefo of enquiring in whose hands the ma responsible for the will of the eminent complied with. If it rests with the Lod Bro. Preston was a member, surely the Lodge which prides itself on its existence who would feel a natural interest in being of a Mason, who, like our immortal bard, an age, but for all time, and for all plac be found. Years have rolled on since I listening to the sublime precepts of Bro. again ask the reason why the Prestonian L and an equally pertinent question, if no exp of their delivery, to what use is the interc applied. Trusting that my enquiries may

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

DISPOSAL OF LODGE

To the Editor of the FREEMASO

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have to t greeting, and hope I shall have his as have had in the past. I must, however, ta about Secretarial duties being "not very that with even a small Lodge, the post is managing a hundred, it would simply resol no very light one either. The fact of the

Initiation and Joining Fees	72	15	0
Visitors and Wine Fees	46	9	0
Donation to Benevolent Fund	5	5	0
Charity Box Collections	7	19	0
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		380	16	7
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hment	£233	1	8
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From Lodge Funds	18	18	0
„ Benevolent Fund	2	0	0
	20	18	0
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	4	15	3
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es forward :—			
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if this is a "model," I must admit that my idea of Free- y is founded on a wrong principle. When I was made a I was taught that one of its characteristics was Charity, and at time I have frequently heard the same "doctrine" preached onsense I begin to consider it; and I suppose if I am present itiation to-morrow, I shall have to listen to it again. Now it o me that any man of sense who on his first insight into a ets hold of its balance sheet (if it be anything like the bulk I have seen), and cares to look at the matter rationally, must opinion of Freemasonry—such as it will take a very long time use him of, even if he is ever "converted." For a Lodge to £233 1s 8d out of £241 5s 3d—which represents the total of its receipts after deducting *compulsory* allowances to ent Fund, Grand Lodge, and incidental expenses—in refresh- d only £18 18s in Charity, is far from "charitable." The ctually closes the year £15 19s 5d worse off than it started, takes to itself the credit of being a great supporter of the s, simply because the older members paid enough to entitle e to rank as V. President or V. Patron of the various funds. hren will go on this rate, surely it would be better to cut out rity" gag from our ceremony.

Yours fraternally,

UNION JACK.

INGS OND WOULD LIKE TO KNOW.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

IR AND BROTHER,—I seem to have trodden on Bro. Perceval's rust I have not seriously injured him, nor damaged the cause andidates whose interests he advocates. He is evidently d wishes to enter upon an epistolary warfare with me. It , at least, to indulge in the luxury of a quarrel; I decline to the number.

ny of your readers kindly state the custom, if any, as to the rosettes supplied to Stewards at Anniversary Festivals sonic Charities subsequently to the events. I have observed lly, when visiting Provincial Lodges, that members served as Stewards wears the rosettes in Lodge, on the at they are entitled to do so for twelve months after the or which they acted. I do not find the custom prevailing Lodges, nor in those of the Provinces immediately adjoining polis.

Yours fraternally,

FORTE.

ch 1879.

E LATE BRO. BOTLY, OF READING.

"THE MEMORY OF THE JUST IS BLESSED."

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

IR AND BROTHER,—You have my warmest thanks for n the character, as well as recording the melancholy of our lamented worthy Bro. Botly. I had first the

Yours faithfully,

DANIEL

Laughton Vicarage, near Gainsborough,
5th March 1879.

FREEMASONRY AT THE EAS

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHR

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I was pleased to hear was about to be established at the Bow Vestry Hal a Freemason's Lodge in the neighbourhood of Bow but sorry indeed am I to find an "opposition shop" on the opposite side of the road. A house divi cannot possibly stand; one Lodge would have don a second warrant should have been granted unless to meet the requirements of the "lower tell. I am sadly afraid that this No. 2 started for no other purpose than to add to some Past Master's breast. As I do not n the first W.M., of course I cannot say; but with reg becoming quite the order of the day. A new Lodge ambitious Past Master takes the chair; serves fo receives a handsome jewel. Business then, or other him attending as he would wish, and so he either r or becomes a country member. Oh! how cheap is only know how to work it. Dear Bro. Editor, sh readers have decided to join Masonry let me cautio careful what Lodges they join; they are not all M themselves with the emblems of the Order; and t friends. I would recommend you to be cautious h your initiation fees; you may a year or two ho to be balloted for as joining member to some other

Yours fraternally,

INSTALLATION MEETI

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ROYAL ATHELSTAN LODGE,

THIS antient and flourishing Lodge held its ins on Thursday, the 13th ult. There was a large amongst those present we may mention the R.W. Co for Middlesex, Bros. Burt, Sheriff of London and Sheriff Godden, and several Grand and Provincial Gr chair was occupied by the W.M. Bro. J. Charles; W Barnes as J.W., Starling P.M. Treas., E. B. Grai Archbold S.D., R. Archbold J.D., Pound as I.G. Pa A. T. Hollingsworth, Goldsmith, Nicholson, Bywat Whitmore. Lodge was opened, and the minutes Bro. Sneath was raised to the third degree; the tr being beautifully delivered. A Board of Install opened, and Bro. W. J. Foster S.W. was presented t duly installed into the chair by the acting W.M. were conducted in a perfect and impressive manne ranted the encomiums passed on him at its conclusi 28 W.M.'s and P.M.'s present. On the re-admission the W.M. was saluted according to antient custom, and invested his Officers:—J. Charles I.P.M., Archl J.W., Starling P.M. Treas. (for the twenty-second t S.D., Pollard J.D., Glen I.G., Bywater P.M. D.C., Gilbert Tyler. Great applause followed the each Officer. The Installing Master, in handing ove the W.M., said he felt a great pleasure in so doing; been in existence over a hundred years; and he was would lose none of its *prestige* while in Bro. Fos Hearty good wishes having been given, the Lodge wa brethren, 98 in number, adjourned to the Pillar sumptuous banquet and dessert was provided by Br Grace having been sung, the loving cup was handed W.M. proposed the health of Her Majesty the Queen to the Craft. Bro. G. Buckland sang the solo verses Anthem. The toast of H.R.H. the Prince of Wale received with acclamation. The W.M. next propose the Pro G.M., the Deputy G.M. and the rest of the Bro. Grabham P.M. and Sec., in eloquent terms prop

nd Lodge of England, should have been called upon to reply pre-
asly. He had now great pleasure in calling upon him to say a
words. Bro. Hyde Pullen, in the course of his remarks, referred
he admirable way in which the evening's proceedings had been
ducted. It had been to him a source of great gratification to be
sent. Bro. Dr. Whitmore P.M., by permission of the W.M., pro-
ed the health of the Visitors. He would couple with the toast
name of Bro. C. W. Thompson W.M. 969, who, in responding,
arked he was surprised to see Grand Officers present, and that he
called on; he felt it an honour to be associated with the Royal
elstan Lodge. There were two essential things in this Lodge—
l feeling and good working. He regretted that Bro. G. Lambert
not been present earlier to say a few words. Bro. G. Lambert
addressed the brethren. On Bro. Charles I.P.M. devolved the
y of proposing the health of Bro. Foster. The brethren knew his
th; they met as a happy family, and he could predict that during
next year the brethren would spend a happy time, while under
auspices of the W.M. The W.M. had to thank Bro. Charles
the encomiums he had passed on him: he hoped to realise all
had been said in his praise. If he could only follow in the foot-
s of the I.P.M. he should, indeed, be all he could wish. The
d. then asked the brethren to drink the health of the I.P.M., who
done the duties of the chair so admirably. He would not say
e than had already been said in his praise; praise which was well
rved. He had now to present him with a jewel, in the name of
Lodge, and with it the good wishes of every member. May his
dren's children look on it with pride, as having been presented to
on leaving the chair of this old and respected Lodge. Bro.
harles said he could hardly find words to thank the W.M. and
brethren for this mark of their approbation. The jewel he
ld look on with pride; he would never part with it; and he
ted it might be handed down as a heirloom, in remembrance
is connection with this ancient and flourishing Lodge. The next
t given was the health of the P.M.'s, to which Bro. Bywater
ied. The Treasurer and Secretary were next honoured, and Bro.
ling acknowledged the compliment. For the Officers, the S.W.
Archbold responded, and then the W.M. summoned the Tyler,
closed the meeting. Some capital singing enlivened the even-
s proceedings, while Bro. Walter Pelham contributed some of
entertaining remembrances. Among the numerous Visitors
e Bros. Col. Burdett P.G.M. Middlesex, Sheriff Burt P.P.G.S.
set, Under-Sheriff Godden P.G.S., Mason P.G.S.B., Hyde Pullen
.S.B., Rev. P. M. Holden P.G.C. Middlesex, G. Lambert P.G.P.
ts., Lilley P.M. 12, Heath 1196, G. Buckland W.M., L. F. Littell
. 860, Searle 1168, C. W. Thompson W.M. 969 P.M. 1601, Con-
, Pieroy (Old Concord), Lambert 198, Jones 405, Cooper, Con-
ion, C. Atkins P.M. 27, C. F. Hogard P.M. 205, B. Emanuel,
Allworth P.M. 1261 W.M. 1622. Plimsaul 58, W. S. Plimsaul
4, H. Lewis, R. T. Scott 1366, Gower 749, Tallock 142, J. W. Ben-
P.M. 1261, Rosenthal 1268, Taunton 1673, G. Lambert P.M.,
d. Levy P.M. 188, &c.

COPE LODGE, No. 1357.

HE monthly meeting of this Lodge was held at the Brooklands Hotel, Brooklands, on Friday, the 21st February. Present—s. E. J. Bradbury W.M., C. Murray I.P.M., T. A. Ryder S.W., D. Simcock as J.W., J. Ingram P.M. Treas., T. G. Miller Sec., . Coates S.D., J. Ogden I.G., Jno. Worthington Tyler; Past ter J. Cavanagh P.G.A.D.C. Bros. Herbert Kidson, G. F. K. wood, A. Griffiths, T. Heighway, W. B. Irving, Wm. Baldwin, ar C. Poole, &c. Visitors—R. L. Spencer 204, J. Ledgard J.W.), S. M. Davies No. [illegible], &c. The minutes of the last ting were read and con[illegible]. The W.M. advanced the Lodge, conferred the degree of Fellow Craft in a very able manner upon . E. C. Poole. The W.T. were presented by Bro. Simcock, and charge given by Bro. S.W. in his usual efficient and impressive ner. The Lodge was worked up to the third degree, and Bro. Kidson was raised, by Bro. Murray I.P.M. Bro. Murray per-ed this ceremony in a highly accomplished manner. Bro. S.W. resenting the W.T., and rendering the charge, performed his in a faultless manner. The working of this Lodge throughout s near perfection as we can possibly imagine work to be per-ed, every officer knowing and doing his duty with evident sure, kindness, and ability. The Lodge was closed down to the degree, when the business of the evening being finished, the ge was closed in ancient form with solemn prayer. By request of W.M., the brethren adjourned to supper. After supper the I. proposed the customary Loyal and Masonic toasts, which were

not equal to its realising influences, and
ciples inculcated would so progressively e
that aid to the Craft which Freemaso
proposed the health of the Visitors, in
which always characterises its proposing
very pleased to welcome Visitors. Thei
Officers of the Lodge, and Visiting Bret
struction by comparing working. Then
change of fraternal greetings, which sho
brethren. He assured the Visitors that
could to promote the interests of Freem
hearty welcome to one and all, he called
the toast in their usual cordial manner.
full honours, and Bros. Ledgard, Spe
thanks, and expressed themselves as h
with their visit. Bro. Cavanagh said th
never passed over in the Cope Lodge
of the Lodge delighted to honour. It
Worshipful Master. There was no
more enthusiastically received in an
the Worshipful Master of it discharged hi
zeal and cheerfulness as Bro. Bradbury.
enthusiasm and Masonic honours. The W
said, as one of the visiting brethren had
proud of to be a member of this Lodge;
and a pleasure to enjoy the confidence an
bers of such a Lodge. The harmony and
greatly owing to the attention and intere
show in the affairs of the Lodge, and
debted. It was a great pleasure, as
brethren to drink to the very good health
Lodge, which was done with Masonic hon
favoured the brethren with a song, after
cock and Murray returned thanks for the
proposing and receiving the last toast.
the next song. The I.P.M. proposed the
in doing so said it was with deep regret—
was experienced by the members of the
upon to allude to the bereavement wh
Officers of the Lodge. As Masons, they
felt sympathy with a brother in his troubl
Officers to the duties of the Lodge was
nothing but the claims of their family
vented their attendance that evening. T
every mark of regard, and was replied
and Miller. The Tyler's toast was asked
the brethren separated.

ROYAL OAK LODG

THE nineteenth installation meeting o
Thursday, 27th February, at the W
street, Deptford. Punctually at half-past
by the W.M. Bro. G. T. Limn. The minu
were read and confirmed. The report of
read, received, unanimously adopted, and
the minutes. It showed a good balance i
surer. Brother Henry Clarke, being a ca
terrogated, entrusted, and withdrew. O
passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. T
the evening was the installation of the
Bro. Robert Harman—a local and highl
has done good suit and service in the Lod
and his sires have resided for upwards of
of Installed Masters were present. Bro. J
chair, and installed Bro. Harman, who ap
Bros. J. G. Vohrmann S.W., G. Harvey
Treas., F. Walters P.P.D. Midd. P.M. Sec
E. Good J.D., G. Porter I.G., G. Andrews
W.S., J. Reavin P.M. 147 Tyler, G. T. Lim
gave the addresses. Cordial votes of than
Pakes and G. Andrews for their excellent
to see this ceremony so well rendered, and
deceasors who had worked it in this Lodge
thies, commencing with Bro. H. Muggeridg
installed the first W.M.—Bro. Dr. Dixon.
was the presentation of a Past Master's je
Limn (there being a strong feeling to give
which had been unanimously voted to him
a slight recognition of the admirable manu

greatest credit on Bro. Morgan, the host, was served under his personal superintendance. All were pleased with it. The usual loyal toasts were given and responded to. Songs, recitations, &c., were indulged in, and brought to a close a pleasant evening, when the brethren separated to enjoy "Tired Nature's sweet repose—the sleep."

GOOCH LODGE, No. 1238.

THIS prosperous young Lodge held its installation meeting on Monday, the 17th ult., at the Albany Hotel, Twickenham. The Lodge was opened by Bro. Townsend W.M., who was supported by the Officers; P.M.'s A. W. G. Weeks, F. Honeyman, R. Lonsdale, W. Laxton, and a good attendance of the members; there was also present a large array of Visitors, amongst whom we may enumerate Bro. E. Collins P.M. 733, John Williams J.W. 1791, Wm. Stephens 1489, W. J. Murlis P.M. 1642, S. H. Parkhouse W.M. 1642, Henry Cox 144, J. M. Stedwell G.S. 23, George Penn P.M. 1642, Wood 201, W. Coombes P.G.S.B. Midd., W. W. Morgan Sec. 211, J. Ward 382. The preliminary business having been disposed of, Bro. C. E. Woodward P.M. 382, 1637, &c., was presented to Bro. Townsend, who had undertaken the duties of Installing Master, and in due course was placed in the chair as W.M. of the Gooch Lodge for the ensuing twelve months. Bro. Woodward appointed his Officers, and Bro. Townsend completed his labours by most effectively delivering the addresses. Routine business was then proceeded with, and, after hearty good wishes had been expressed by the Visitors, Lodge was closed. A capital banquet was now served by the proprietor of the Albany, and to it the guests did ample justice. On the removal of the cloth, Bro. Woodward, who throughout the proceedings displayed his wonted energy and large-heartedness, introduced the several toasts; the Loyal ones were most heartily received, and due honour was done to the Pro Grand Master, and the Past Officers. To this latter toast Bro. Stedwell replied. He could see around the table many who were as well acquainted with the special qualifications of those referred to as he was himself. Carnarvon, notwithstanding the multifarious duties that devolved on him, never missed an opportunity to support and sustain the best interests of Freemasonry. He (Bro. Stedwell) considered it a great honour to have his name associated with this toast. The next was Bro. Woodward brought under the notice of the brethren came nearer home to them; it was the health of their esteemed and popular Provincial Grand Master, Col. Burdett. All know how the Colonel had ruled after Masonry in his province. With the toast he would couple the name of the Prov. Grand Officers, and he would call on Bros. Laxton and Coombes to reply. Bro. Laxton thanked the W.M. for his kindness in associating his name with the toast. He, with many of those present, regretted the absence of Bro. Levander, who could more than have responded. On behalf of the Prov. Grand Lodge he asked the brethren for the way they had received the toast. Bro. Coombes remarked that it afforded him infinite pleasure to be present. He regretted the absence of the Provincial Grand Master, and trusted that Lodge under Bro. Woodward's rule would meet with great prosperity. After a few words from Bro. Stedwell, Bro. Townsend rose to propose the health of the Worshipful Master. He referred to Brother Woodward's many qualities; to the liberal way in which he supported the Charities, and to his uniform zeal and activity in all matters Masonic. Bro. Woodward, on rising to reply, said he was pleased to see around him so many of his old and tried friends. Our worthy brother took a retrospective glance, and spoke of his early associates in the Craft. He then forcibly urged the claims of the Charities on all true-hearted Masons, and spoke with great satisfaction of the way the Craft had sustained the claims of the excellent Institution at the late Festival. Bro. Woodward concluded by thanking the brethren for the way they had received the toast. The remaining toasts comprised the Installing Master, the Past Masters of the evening, the Past Masters, and the several Officers of the Lodge; to all of these replies were briefly made, and a hurried visit was made for the Tyler, to meet the exigencies of train service, and the proceedings.

ROYAL STANDARD LODGE, No. 1298.

THE annual installation meeting of this Lodge took place at the Wellington Club, Wellington-street, Islington, on Tuesday, instant. In consequence of the absence through illness of W.M. W. H. Cohen, the Lodge was opened by Bro. Peter Dickinson, Master of the Lodge, whose first duty on this occasion was to the minutes to the Lodge for confirmation. Having received the of the brethren these were duly signed, and then the report of auditors and balance sheet for the past year were submitted. object introduced, and formally obligated by Bro. later on, with the assistance of a Board of Installed M placed Brother Gladwell in the chair of the Lodg portion of the work the Senior and Junior War occupied by Bros. Poynter and Wright respectively acted efficiently as D.C. The ceremony being con usual proclamations, &c. made, Bro. Gladwell appoin the following brethren as his Officers, viz.:—George Louis Badérus J.W., George Allison Treas., Georg Augustus J. Stevens S.D., Baldwin J.D., Wilson I.G Streat D.C., John Blay and Godfrey Wakefield Stew Tyler. Bro. Marshall now presented to the Lodge Senior Warden, and we are pleased to announce members between them have done a like service Warden. A vote of thanks was passed by the memb shall for his gift, the same to be recorded on th resignation of one member was announced, the tendered their good wishes, and the Lodge was close which followed was supplied by Bro. Mitchell, of C we must accord a word of praise for the manner placed on the table. At its conclusion the W.M toasts, referring in a few well-chosen words to t played by our rulers—National as well as Masonic the brethren to heartily drink the toasts proposed Bro. P.M. Dickinson proposed the health of the W.M pleasure in being entrusted with the emblem of aut purpose. He was sure their W.M. had the good brethren; his efforts had ever been directed for th Lodge now under his rule, and Bro. Dickinson felt c would strive to make its success certain during the thereby keep up the prestige of the Royal Standa toast having met with a hearty response, Bro. Wrig company with a very humorous Irish song, and the acknowledged the kind sentiments which had been trusted that Bro. Dickinson might prove a true p the Lodge would prosper under his rule, thus pleasant year of office. Bro. Wigginton P.M. Hertfordshire had the authority of the W.M. to give He considered it a great privilege to have the referring to the ability of his Brother Dickinson evening so efficiently performed the duties of In Bro. Wigginton felt that he could boast some assured the members that he had never seen the c out with greater ability. He thought the member heard enough that evening to show their opini Dickinson without further remarks; so he would drink his good health. Bro. Dickinson hardly services as Installing Master were of sufficient m his name being separated from the toast of the still, as the brethren had so far honoured him, he m that he felt the compliment the more. The c undertaken that evening was at all times a be pressive one, and if he were able to add anything dering, he was only too pleased to be able to do so. thanking the brethren for their attention in the Lodge of appreciation afterwards. The toast of the V given, the W.M. expressing the pride he and the Lodge felt in welcoming and entertaining any who to time pay them a visit. Bro. Dickinson having Friar," Bros. Poynter and Farthing responded guests of the evening, each doing so in most eloque another song, the health of the Past Masters was p toast was acknowledged by Bros. Dickinson and Treasurer and Secretary the W.M. paid high compli he should have their assistance during the term of Several of the members did their utmost to aid in t those assembled by giving songs, &c., between were fully appreciated. The brethren separated closing toast, having spent a most enjoyable even visitors present were Bros. R. Boufellow 25, W. T. H. Shanley 205, W. W. Morgan 211, F. G. Bailey P.M. 167, S. Poynter 902, F. Eckstein J.W. 1196, A 1223, F. Sabel 1491, W. Mc Butt 1623, C. G. Span F. Van Raalte, &c.

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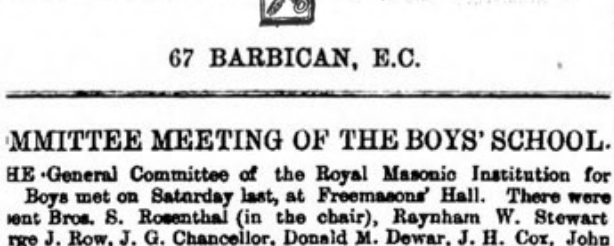
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MMITTEE MEETING OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

HE General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys met on Saturday last, at Freemasons' Hall. There were ent Bros. S. Rosenthal (in the chair), Raynham W. Stewart rge J. Row, J. G. Chancellor, Donald M. Dewar, J. H. Cox, John lakebread, Rev. Richard Morris LL.D. (Head Master of the In-ation), J. N. Frost, Joseph Richard Smith, Arthur E. Gladwell, Murray, Richard Tyrrell, H. Massey, W. Maple, W. F. C. Moutrie, ldlard, W. Paas, and F. Binckes (Secretary). The committee ed two candidates on the list for election, and voted £20 to a ner pupil who was desirous of pursuing military studies at Sand-st, the sum to be in addition to that which the friends of the youth provide. Two outfits of £5 each were granted to two other ser pupils of the Institution. A letter was read from Bro. Jermyn d, acknowledging, on behalf of his mother and the other members he late Bro. John Boyd's family, the vote of sympathy of the mittee at the loss of [illegible] Boyd. Bro. Raynham W. Stewart in-ed the Committee of the death of Bro. Henry Browse, on the ult., and Bro. Binckes was directed to write to that late Brother's ily a letter conveying the sympathy of the Committee, and their

perseverance and ability never eclipse by the most brilliant and talented membe of whom we can boast a host amongst example of the heads of the Fratert and unflinching in the earnest promu and learning of our time-honored univ In all the relations of life, in busines deceased Brother displayed, unostent qualities which portray the humility ever courteous, kind and trusty; co with whom he was, in the busy turmoil contact; and, no needy, deserving wa pitable door unrelieved. In fact:—

"He did good by stealth
And blushed to find it

R. W. Bro. Thomson was, what we s Scotland, a Glasgow Mason, although th was not regarded by the more enlightene Athens" itself, as a complimentary one signified a great deal; for here, devoid who hail "Frae Laurence Kirk to John to divest themselves of all such Provincia and shew in word and in deed, that Mas feelings, but that our sympathies ext Consequently, there is a reciprocity permeating the craftsmen belonging to th stitutions alike, which is as conscientic who carry out the highest behests of and intensity, irrespective of clime, colo this it was natural, indeed it would be our late W. Bro. Thomson, imbued wit patriotic feelings and aspirations of a lineage and kindred, and coming to th Scottish Lodge,—for he was initiated in No. 413, in 1863,—it was naturally to wish to see implanted, and firmly rooted adoption, another Scottish Lodge, fe culture and elevating products of such most erudite, accomplished, and chivalri Chevalier Dr. James Barnes, K.H., form Bombay, our first Provincial Grand Mas whose memory is ever green in the honoured with his friendship, and who h writer has been privileged to do, to his all that he deemed beautiful, elevating appertaining to Freemasonry in its variou place upwards of thirty years ago. Hen in a short time, having mastered the pr and Progress of Scottish Freemasonry, Provincial cities, of what had been, at achieved under happier auspices, our gradually have witnessed, with pleasure meating and becoming encrusted in the of congenial feelings, and that he long Scottish Freemasonry void of all conflicti would fairly represent the principles a Grand Lodge. Consequently, he became of Lodge Caledonia in this city, and at mated with a pure Masonic spirit, h the subordinate offices, until, by the brethren, he was placed in its Orient c paying a worthy compliment to a dese instance, it may justly be said, in the Brother Charles Mackay:—

"For ever the right comes
And ever is justice done."

Aye, indeed, the echo of that noble s hearts of the brethren of Caledonia, unflinching zeal, earnestness of purpose, and masterly ability which characteris career during his tenure of office, which of Faith, and an embodiment of Hope an may be excused.

Leal-hearted Scotchman as he was, he and to support the claims of the Bo whilst, at the same time, acknowledging local charities whose directors have, recorded their sense of gratitude fo assistance.

A. Chapter Caledonia, No. 154, on 18th November 1874.
In our Provincial Grand Chapter he held the appointment of Grand
ribe E. He was likewise a leading member of Ararat Lodge of
yal Ark Mariners, working under Chapter Caledonia. Knight of
Sword, Knight of the East, a Prince of Jerusalem, Knight of
East and West of the Babylonish Pass, Provincial Grand
veller, Excellent P. Prince Rose Croix, 4th January 1872, Honorary
mber of Chapter Chudder Ghaut" at that place in the Deccan,
ither he went to consecrate it, and which he accomplished in a
ly Masonic and enthusiastic manner.
After a recapitulation of a few, as enumerated above, of the emi-
t and valuable services rendered by our deceased brother in
port of all the genuine grades of our Ancient Craft, it would be
erfluous to add a line, engraved or embossed, to the Corinthian
ital which crowns a pillar so earnestly, nobly and honourably
ed by one who was ever averse to praise, but who in death is
lored as in life he was ever respected.

PACE MANES.

JAMAICA.

Provincial Grand Lodge of East Jamaica.—The Board
General Purposes met at the Friendly Rooms on 14th January,
n business matters were prepared to be submitted to a meeting
e Provincial Grand Lodge.

istrict Grand Lodge of East Jamaica.—At a half-
ly communication, held at the Friendly Rooms, on 23rd January,
ided over by the Right Worshipful Hon. Dr. Hamilton, District
d Master. The following Officers were installed for the present
:—The Right Wor. A. De Cordova, Friendly, Deputy District
d Master, J. J. G. Lewis, Friendly, District Grand S.W., Hon.
leGlashan, Hamilton, District Grand J.W.; Very Worshipful
. Rev. Littenberg, Friendly, Chaplain, Rev. Dr. Croskery,
ex, Chaplain, J. L. Ashenheim, Friendly, Treas., W. R. Lee,
ax, Registrar, G. C. H. Lewis, Friendly, Sec., C. W. Tait, Sussex,
W. P. Dadson, Jamaica, J.D., Dr. T. Allen, Jamaica, Super-
dent of Works, W. Andrews jun., Royal, D. of C., Dr. Tompsett,
ilton, Assistant Director of Ceremonies, O. Delgado sen.,
nix, Sword Bearer, A. H. Jones, Sussex, Organist, G. Sargeant,
l, Pursuivant, J. Reid, Hamilton, Asst. Pursuivant, C. H. Davis,
l, Asst. Sec., O. Delgado jun., Phœnix, Steward, L. C. Hollen,
nix, Steward, S. Magnus, Friendly, Royal, Sussex, Jamaica.
. Officers Selected :—Royal 3, Sussex 4, Friendly 5, Phœnix 3,
lton 3, Jamaican 2—20.

maica Lodge, No. 1771.—The regular meeting was held
uesday, 28th January, at six p.m., at the Friendly Lodge
s, in Hanover-street, Kingston. Worshipful Bros. Thos. Allen,
W.M., John McLean as S.W., Capt. Portlock Dadson D.G.J.D.
W., J. W. Whitbourne P.D.D.G.M. as S.D., A. H. Jones
Organist as J.D., G. Magnus Tyler. Visitors—The Right
ipful Robert Hamilton, M.D., District Grand Master, V. W.
ont de Cordova Deputy District G.M., W. Bros. G. C. H. Lewis
ct G.S., Rev. Hugh Croskery, M.D., District G.C., G. J. Sar-
W.M. of the Royal Lodge, &c. Mr. Arthur Harvey Alex-
Agent-General of Immigration, and Izett William Anderson,
were ballotted for and initiated. Captain Cartwright, late of
pe Mounted Rifles, Stipendiary Magistrate of St. Mary, was
ed as a candidate for initiation. The lecture on the tracing
was most ably given by the R.W. Robert Hamilton, M.D.,
t Grand Master of East Jamaica.

maica Chapter Rose Croix.—The regular meeting was
Thursday, the 30th January, at the ussex Masonic Hall,
er-street, Kingston, at 7 p.m. Ill. B. Captain Portlock
32° M.W.S. The following members we e present :—E. Bros.
lo H. Prelate, W. R. Lee 1st General, E Garsia 2nd General,
Davis Treas., W. L. Mudon Raphael, Jo n Harris Captain of
A. H. Jones Herald, Albert Da Costa E nerry, R. S. Haugh-
t. W.S.; E. Bros. B. Mortimer Dias, Jose A. Figueron, Thomas
M.D., Walter S. Magnus, Charles W. Tait A. G. Ffrench, S. H.
, William Andrews; and, as Visitor, Lieu . W. C. H. Hastings,
f the Rose of Sharon Chapter, Malta Bro. Ellis Bolivar
was duly perfected as a Sovereign Prin e Rose Croix: Bro.
. Hugh Croskery, M.D., Dist. G. Chap in was proposed as a
ate for perfection, and E. Bro. Thomas Nicholson, 1st West
egiment, late of the Talbot Chapter, heffield, for joining.
W. Rastrick Lee, District Grand Regis rar, was elected as

Hamilton complimented Worshipful Bro. Sa
Master.

Phœnix Royal Arch Chapter, Port
terly convocation held on 9th January, prese
Barned Z., O. Delgado sen. as H., L. C. Hollar
absent, having left for America for a few mon
his health. Two candidates were elected, but
exalted. According to bye-laws, the election
and resulted as follows :—M.E. Comps. O. D
Hollar H., G. P. Myers J., J. Tyndall P.S., J. L. R
S.E., J. Hall S.N., Thompson (re-elected) Tr
(re-elected) Janitor. Some other business matt

Friendly Lodge, Kingston.—At an or
at the Lodge rooms on 13th January, Wor. J.
G.J.W. W.M., and other Officers. The confirm
of Master took place, when the Presiding Mas
gavel to the Right Worshipful Hon. Dr. Hamilt
Master of East Jamaica, who installed the Wo
W.M. Dr. Hamilton was assisted by several Past
sister Lodges. The Worshipful Master then in
Officers for the present year :—Bros. George D
Alexander J.W., Solomon Morris Sec., M. Al
Lyons S.D., A. Jupe J.D., F. Myers I.G., G. M
some other business had been completed the
supper, where the usual Masonic and Loyal toas
heartily responded to.

We have to record the death of the Worshi
which took place at his residence, Kingston
January 1879. He was Past Master and Pa
Lodge and Chapter, and Past Grand Senior W
Lodge of East Jamaica, Grand Treasurer of th
Arch Chapter, and Life Member of the Phœn
Chapter, Port Royal. For many years he was
merchants of that city, but had lately retired
was greatly beloved by all classes; his charity
his brethren, but to all deserving classes he was
remains were followed to their last resting-
vault, Halfway Tree, St. Andrews, by a large
of his own Lodge, sister Lodges, and other f
was attended by the Right Worshipful Hon. Dr.
Worshipful J. W. Whitbourne, Past Deputy Gra
Jamaica, and the Right Worshipful Hon. S.
Grand Master of Scotland, for Jamaica and Grey
has left a widow and six children to mourn his d

The annual supper of the Israel Lod
No. 205, will be held on Thursday, 13t
Yetton's "Rising Sun," Globe-road, B
at 7.30 p.m. precisely. Pro. I. P. Co
Israel Lodge, No. 205, will preside
Tickets (4s each) may be had of Bro. G. H
1623, Hon. Sec., 17 Walden-street, New-
or of any member of the Lodge of Instruc

An Amateur performance will be given
funds of the Asylum for Idiots, Ea
employés of Messrs. J. and C. Boyd and
at St. George's Hall, Langham-place, o
13th inst., at 7 p.m. The programm
Bitterest Foe," by G. C. Herbert, "Old
J. Byron, and a variety of negro selecti
Bro. T. W. Ockenden is Secretary to the
hope that the exertions of himself and fri
a large addition being made to the funds
charity. If we judge from the past we
the Committee of the Institution on hav
sympathy of Messrs. Boyd's employés.
previous entertainments given by them on
charities being £485 13s 7d, or an averag
This shows what may be done by a few if

seconding the motion, gave his personal experience of the ity of Her Royal Highness; while staying at Eastbourne she interested herself in the poorer inhabitants of that town, and rally endeavoured to alleviate their distress. The vote on being was carried unanimously. The next matter was the election of id Master, and in accordance with nomination, Bro. F. Richardson osed, and Bro. E. Bayliss seconded, the re-election of H.R.H. the ce of Wales, which, on being put to Grand Lodge, was carried imously. On the question of election of a Grand Treasurer ng, Bro. Ferdinand de Rothschild was proposed and seconded, main argument used in his favour being that his name was known both in the city of London and the various commercial res of the world. We are pleased to find that this nomi-on, although of a most worthy Brother, was not allowed to o Grand Lodge unchallenged. Bro. Frederick Binckes P.G.S. , and explained that although it was not his wish to op- the privilege of the Grand Master, who might place any her he chose in the respective offices of Grand Lodge,—save of Treasurer,—without any regard to his past history in masonry, yet he thought the brethren should show that they grateful for services rendered to the Craft and the Charities blished in connection therewith. He proposed that Lieut.-Col. ton be elected to the office, and hoped the brethren would evince appreciation of that brother's services by according him support. James Terry Prov. G.J.W. Herts. seconded this nomination, after some remarks from Bro. J. B. Monckton, President of the d of General Purposes, Bro. Æ. McIntyre, Grand Registrar, Raynham W. Stewart, and others, Bro. Clabon's name was ioned for the office, and the nomination was duly seconded. Clabon rose and explained that it was not his wish to go to the in opposition to his dear friend Bro. Creaton, whom he would be ed to see elected to the office; he did not really withdraw, but t to the members, who now knew his wish, to decide the matter. a show of hands, overwhelmingly in favour of Bro. Creaton, Earl of Carnarvon formally announced that the election was in r of that brother by a great majority. Bro. Lt.-Col. Creaton ly acknowledged the confidence Grand Lodge had reposed in him, hoped he should carry out the duties with honour and integrity. grants recommended in the report of the Lodge of Benevolence then continued, and, on the proposition of Bro. Monckton, the rt of the Board of General Purposes was adopted. The appeal protest of Bro. George John Ryan was then brought forward by McIntyre, who recommended that as the appeal could not be ined, it be dismissed, which in due course received the confir-on of Grand Lodge. This finishing the business of the day, d Lodge was closed in form.

CONSECRATION OF THE BROMLEY ST. LEONARD'S LODGE.

Tuesday afternoon, Bro. James Terry P. Prov. G.J.W. Herts, assisted by Bro. W. Clarke P.G.D.C. Suffolk, as Director of nonies, acting by virtue of a warrant under the hand of H.R.H. rince of Wales M.W.G.M. of England, consecrated the Bromley-eonard's Lodge, 1805, at the Black Swan Tavern, High-street, ley, when the beautiful ceremony was witnessed by a large er of visiting brethren, amongst whom were J. Allison 1349, . Butlert 1625, H. Calton P.M. 554, J. Smith 49, J. T. Cook B. Candick P.M. 1421, S. Neville 781, W. T. Scott P.M. 9, oman W.M. 167, C. Lacey P.G.S. Herts W.M. 198, M. Ayres . J. Dean 45, W. Boorman 65, J. K. Coleman 1716, W. Clark 114, R. Logan 1804, W. A. Hills 1804, J. Stemfortby 554, C. J. t 1425, J. Sheffield 65, J. Perkins 1672, J. Baker 1672, T. West . P. Payne P.M. 27, T. Chivers 65, H. Martlett P.M. 217, S. 212, W. A. Back 1076, L. Hirsch 816, L. G. Reinhardt, T. re 1309, J. Kift 749, W. Wells 1319, E. W Collins 25, and S. hompson 9. The following brethren were he founders of the :—W. R. Marsh W.M. designate P.M. 9, 933 and 1672, bey 9, W. Brambam 1672, J. M. Knight 5, W. J. Rawle, R. T. Fennell 1567, A. Peterken 1349, and M. Leil 217. brethren having walked in procession to the Lodge room, Consecrating Officer took the chair a appointed Bro. acey to act as S.W. pro tem, Bro. B. Candick as J.W. Bro. T. Mortlock as I.G. The Lodge was then opened three degrees, and the ceremony of Con ration performed. odge having been resumed to the second d ree, the W.M. was led, and the Officers of the Lodge appoint as follow:—Bros. bey S.W., W. Brambam J.W., J. M. Knig Treasurer, W. J. y Secretary, R. T. Fennell S.D., A. Peterk J.D. and M. Lieli Votes of thanks to Bros. Terry and Clar for so efficiently ing out the ceremony, closed the proceedi The brethren

more than evil and false professors soil th "the body of Christ," the true and living cry "Coloured Masonry," but that does poet pithily and pointedly puts it:—

When Bishop Berkeley said the
It was no matter what

In spite of what he said, and all he s matter, distinguished from the immateria all. And so the cry of "Coloured Masonr Masonry, which remains clear as crystal th changes of the changeable and ever c mutable world. Like the bounding rive Horace (the diminuted brook of Tennyso parison), while men may come and go, a crastinate and wait for change, it will ma predestined course to the end of time.

But the Grand Lodge of Minnesota has the possible evils of the phrase, by adoptin tion, 11th January 1877, by the decided refusing recognition of the Prince Hall reason of its *irregular formation*," the follo

"*Resolved*—That colour is neither a bar for the reception of the Masonic degrees that it is perfectly competent for any Lodg parties possessing the requisite qualificatio free born, of lawful age, of good report and

These resolutions embody the true M Grand Lodges must soon adopt the same *Masonic Newspaper*.

THE USES OF FERNS.—"Those who hav with the love of ferns will be interested species of these beautiful plants are used medicine, but for economic purposes. A useful to the aboriginal inhabitants of In the larger of the exotic ferns—the inner part of the stem, stipes or rhi what would be the pith in other plants—a of the tuberous rhizome, is eaten gener In India, some of the natives boil the tops and eat it with shrimp-curry. Amongst most beautiful species — the Bracken are said to have been sometimes used manufacture of beer; whilst one f *dium fragrans*) is actually stated to making tea. Our native Maidenhair furnish a principal ingredient for a syrup c The rootstock of the Royal Fern (*Osmund* gone by reputed to possess the quality of h applied to them externally, or taken inward tion. Its outward application was consid bruises or sprains, and good for bones brok taken inwardly, it was also believed to be goo disorders. In some parts of Europe its root after being boiled in water, for the purpose A pleasant and familiar inhabitant of ou Common Polypody—(*Polypodium vulgare*) h ancient herbalists, various medicinal qualit the power of curing coughs and asthmat rhizomas being powdered for the purpose a *The Fern World*. By Francis George Heath

The brethren of the Burdett Cou with the view of assistin the fu Charities, have made arrang ments f take place on Wednesday ne t, at the Mare-street, Hackney. The ist of S names of several well known worker and we hope their efforts will prov regards a pleasant evening those w as a means of adding a la e surpl whose claims are so urg ly advo are:—Single 5s double

MONDAY, 10th MARCH.

5—Strong Man, Sportsman, City-road, at 8.0. (Instruction.)
—St. John, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
—Industry, Bell Tavern, Carter-lane, Doctor's-commons, at 6.30. (Instruct.)
—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction.)
—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
—John Hervey, Albion Hall, London Wall, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction.)
—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8. (Instruction.)
—Highgate, Gate House Hotel, Highgate.
—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8. (Instruction.)
—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30. (In.)
—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8. (Inst.)
—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)
—Holy Sanctuary, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square.
—Love and Honour, Royal Hotel, Falmouth.
—St. John, Ashton House, Grock-street, Stockport.
—Albany, Masonic Hall, Newport, I.W.
—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields.
—Salopian, Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury.
—Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
—Royal Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
—Witham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln.
—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford.
—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge.
—Commercial, Flying Horse Hotel, Nottingham.
—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle.
—Rectitude, Town Hall, Rugby.
—Howe, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
—Druid's Love and Liberality, Masonic Hall, Redruth.
—Montague, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis.
—Independence, Masonic Chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester.
—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
—Hanley, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth.
—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury.
—Meridian, National School Room, Millbrook, Cornwall.
—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Hindport-road, Barrow-in-Furness.
—United Brothers, Castle Hotel, Southsea.
—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham.
—Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds.
—Travellers, Queen's Hotel, Manchester.
—Fermor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
—Sandgate, Masonic Hall, Sandgate.
—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury.
—Israel, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham.
—Sir Watkin, Masonic Hall, Mold.
Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds.
Eboracum, Queen's Hotel, Micklegate, York.
Handyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea.
Wolsey, White Hart Hotel, Hampton Wick.
148—Elias Ashmole, Chapter Rooms, Warrington.
[illegible]—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds.
165—Egerton, Bedford House, Rock Ferry.
171—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham.
—Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.

TUESDAY, 11th MARCH.

Old Union, Westminster Palace Hotel, Westminster.
Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7. (Inst.)
Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
Faith, 2 Westminster-chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
St. Michael, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
United Strength, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, City
Farborough, Green Dragon, Stepney. (Instruction.)
Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)
Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)
Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
Southern Star, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, Battersea Park, at 8. (Instruction.)
Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
Islington, Three Bucks, 23 Gresham-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
Metropolitan, 269 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)
Sir Hugh Middleton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8. (In.)
Canderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
Covent Garden, Ashley's Hotel, Henrietta-street, Covent Garden.
Canterbury, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square.
Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
Mount Calvary, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C.
Social, Freemasons' Hall, Norwich.
Tynedale, Raven Hotel, Ponteland, at 8. (Instruction.)
Kent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley.
Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro.
Antiquity, Royal Hotel, Wigan.
United Cha[illegible]ham of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, W.
Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston.
Shakespeare, Masonic Room, High-street, Warwick.
Ancrates, George Hotel, High-street, Huntingdon
Hertford, [illegible]wn Hall, Hertford.
Northern [illegible]nities, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-st., Newc.-on-Tyne. (Instr.)
St. James [illegible]reemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax.
Whitehall, [illegible]sonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
Wakefield [illegible]asonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.
Dividers, [illegible]tar Hotel, Maidstone.
St. Martin, [illegible]asonic Hall, Liskeard.
Thanet, I[illegible]al Hotel, Cleckheaton.
Andover [illegible]of Unity, Town Hall, Chippenham.
Star in the [illegible]ast, Pier Hotel, Harwich.
Bartholomew, [illegible]ew, Anchor Hotel, Wednesbury.
Affordale[illegible] Knot, North Western Hotel, Stafford.
Duke of Ri[illegible]mond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30. (Instruction.)

WEDNESDAY, 12th MARCH.

Committee, Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, at 3.
9—Albion, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, Regent-stre
15—Kent, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C.
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth.
147—Justice, White Swan, High-street, Deptford.
193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7. (I
201—Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, W., at
228—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., Ca
538—La Tolerance, Green Dragon, Maldox-street, W., at
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E.
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. at 8
882—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street,
1041—Wandsworth, Spread Eagle, Wandsworth. (Instruct
1145—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7. (Inst
1196—Urban, The Three Bucks, Gresham-street, at 6.30. (
1274—Burdett Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-roa
1288—Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-road, Holloway,
1300—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-street, Wappi
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston,
1558—Duke of Connaught, Faunce Arms, Kennington Park,
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, C
1707—Eleanor, Angel Hotel, Edmonton, at 8. (Instruction
R. A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st.,
R. A. 1200—John Hervey, Freemason's Hall, W.C.

54—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham-street, Rochdale.
146—Antiquity, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton.
191—St. John, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, L
204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manch
210—Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton.
225—St. Luke, Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich.
274—Tranquillity, Boar's Head Inn, Newchurch, near Man
281—Fortitude, Athenæum, Lancaster.
288—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Todmorden.
293—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersf
363—Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth.
429—Royal Navy, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate.
483—Sympathy, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend.
567—Unity, Globe Hotel, Warwick.
625—Devonshire, Nortolk Hotel, Glossop.
668—Benevolence, Private Room, Prince Town, Dartmoor,
750—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Railway-street, Chest
758—Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire, at 7.30.
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond.
851—Worthing of Friendship, Steyne Hotel, Worthing.
872—Zetland, Albert Hotel, New Bailey-street, Salford.
884—Albert, Duke of York Inn, Shaw, near Oldham.
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury.
1018—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradf
1041—Fletcher, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
1089—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Church-street, Tamworth.
1094—Borough, Bull Hotel, Burnley.
1101—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1104—Grey Friars, Masonic Hall, Reading.
1209—Lewises, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate.
1248—Denison, Grand Hotel, Scarborough.
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instructio
1342—Walker, Hope and Anchor Inn, Byker, Newcastle.
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool.
1398—Baldwin, The Castle, Dalton-in-Furness.
1403—West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk.
1424—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatha
1434—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham.
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, at 7. (Instructio
1520—Earl Shrewsbury, Public Rooms, Cannock, Staffs.
1547—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1582—Llanidloes, Trewythen Arms, Llanidloes, North Wale
1643—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne.
R. A. 24—De Swinburne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-stree
R. A. 387—Moravian, Masonic Hall, Shipley.
R. A. 709—Invicta, Bank-street Hall, Ashford.
M. M. 56—Temperance, Masonic Hall, Todmorden.
M. M. 174—Athol, Masonic, Hall, Severn-street, Birmingha
M. M. 192—St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, The Parade, Berwic

THURSDAY, 13th MARCH.

3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq.,
15—Kent, Checquers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.
19—Royal Athelstan, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon street
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., a
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8
206—Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
211—St. Michael, George, Australian Avenue, Barbican, E.
263—Bank of England, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.
445—Solistur, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W
534—Polish National, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at
847—Dalhousie, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
[illegible]—[illegible]undhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
[illegible]—[illegible]ng and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8.
[illegible]—[illegible]all Hotel, Tulse-hill.
[illegible]—Friars, Chronicle Rooms, [illegible], E.C., at 7.
[illegible]—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-road, Paddingto
[illegible]—Barnsbury, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, E.C., a
1558—Duke of Connaught, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwe
614—Covent Garden, Ashley's Hotel, Henrietta-street, Cove
677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, C
R. A. 754—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John

35—Medina, 85 High-street, Cowes.
97—Palatine, Masonic Hall, Coward-road, Sunderland.
112—St. George, Masonic Hall, Fore-street-hill, Exeter.
139—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (In
215—Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden.
216—Harmonic, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool.

-St. Michael, Free Church School-rooms, Sittingbourne.
-Bala, Plasgoch Hotel, Bala.
-Falcon, Masonic Hall, Castle Yard, Thirsk.
-Albert Edward Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Newport, Mon.
-Bagshaw, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill.
-Thornhill, Dearn House, Lindley, Huddersfield.
-Corbet, Corbet Arms, Towyn.
-Hospitality, Royal Hotel, Waterfoot, near Manchester.
-Machen, Swan Hotel, Coleshill.
208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury.
286—Strength, Green Man Hotel, Bacup.
307—Good Intent, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge.
337—Confidence, Private Rooms, Commercial Inn, Uppermill.
613— ridson, Masonic Hall, Southport.
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Bolton.
58—Fearnley, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury.

FRIDAY, 14th MARCH.

lation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
-Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
-Domatic, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
-United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
-William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. 8. (Inst.)
-Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-road. (Instruction.)
-Burgoyne, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
-Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction.)
-Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction.)
-Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
-Finsbury Park M.M., Earl Russell, Isledon-road, N. at 8. (Instruction.)
-Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
-Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
-E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 7.30. (Inst.)
lon Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-street, E.C., at 8.
79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8. (Inst.)
1471—North London, Crown and Woolpack, St. John-st.-rd., at 8. (Inst.)
-Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary-street, Cardiff.
-Aire and Calder, Private Rooms, Ouse-street, Goole.
-Honour, Star and Garter, Hotel, Wolverhampton.
-Dartmouth, Dartmouth Hotel, West Bromwich.
-United, George Hotel, Colchester.
-Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
-Blair, Town Hall, Stretford-road, Hulme.
-Harrogate and Claro, Masonic Rooms, Parliament-street, Harrogate.
-Beaudesert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard.
-Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Eastthorpe, Mirfield.
-Rock, Bedford House, Bedford-road, Rockferry, Cheshire.
-United Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead.
ral Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street Birmingham, at 7.
1960 Alexandra, Medway Hotel, Leven-sholme.
Faith, Location-buildings, King-street, Wigan.
Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.

SATURDAY, 15th MARCH.

-Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
-Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
-Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney.
-Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)
-King's Cross, Metropolitan Club, King's Cross.
Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

delity Lodge of Instruction, No. 3.—A meeting was on 27th February, at the Yorkshire Grey, London-street, oy-square. Present—Bros. P. Recknell W.M., Besley S.W., W. ips (Treas.) J.W., R. T. Cook Sec., J. W. Smith S.D., Smith I.G.; Davies, Lorne 1397. P.M. Koester Preceptor. After preli- ries the first section was worked. Bro. Davies offered himself andidate, and the ceremony of initiation was ably rehearsed. hird and fourth sections were then worked. Bro. Davies was d a member. Bro. Besley was appointed W.M. for ensuing All Masonic business being ended, the Lodge was closed in ot harmony.

ichor and Hope Lodge, No. 37, Bolton.—The monthly ng was held on Monday, the 4th inst., at the Church Institute, a, at six o'clock in the evening. Present—Bros. Samuel her W.M., James Brown I.P.M., Rooke Pennington J.W., Garstang S.D., J. Robinson I.G., Rev. J. H. Gibbon Chaplain, . Pacey Organist, J. W. Roiley Tyler, P.M.s Bros. G. P. Brock- P. Prov. S.G.D., James Walker, R. K. Freeman, W. H. cks; Visitor Bro. Ralph Betley, No. 86, Prescot. The minutes preceding meeting having been confirmed, the report of the ittee on the subject of Lodge accommodation was deferred for r consideration. It was resolved,—That the W.M., with two members of the Lodge, be appointed to confer with three sentatives from each Lodge in the town, to take into con-

Tuesday, 25th February, at the Bedford ings. Present—Bros. Abell W.M., Low S Secretary, Hallam S.D., May J.D., Sop Bingemann Preceptor; Bro. Cornu. Th form, the minutes read and confirmed. was rehearsed, Bro. T. B. Dodson being Section of the Lecture was worked by fourth by Bro. Diekins. Bro. Rogers Bro. Low W.M. for ensuing week. The Fifteen Sections will be worked in this Bedford Hotel, Southampton-buildings, the following brethren:—Bros. W. G. Dic J. S. Brown J.W. First Lecture—Bros. T. E. Abell, J. H. Watts, H. C. Soper, J. G. ture—Bros. S. Pownceby, W. H. Marston A. G. Panter. Third Lecture—Bros. J H. R. Hallam.

On Tuesday, 4th March, Bros. Hallam W T. B. Dodson S.D., Pownceby J.D., I J. H. Dodson, Abell, &c. Bro. Panter off and the ceremony of initiation was rehear and seventh sections of the lectures wer Bros. Gower, Martin and Hooke were elect elected W.M. for Tuesday, 18th March, a rotation. The Lodge was then closed.

Lodge of Joppa, No. 188.—The Lodge was held on Monday, the 3rd, at gate-street. The W.M. Bro. M. Spiegel H. Hyams S.W., Campion J.W., E. P. All S.D.; P.M.'s Bros. L. Alexander, L. Laza The Lodge was opened, and the minut S. Alexander, Gardiner, James, and W. D of the W.M., were passed to the second d Hart and Robinson were raised. The work especial praise. A letter was read from t absence through indisposition; also letters were unable to attend. Two members w country members, and the resignation of The Lodge was then closed, and the bre refreshment. The W.M. proposed the toasts. Bro. E. P. Albert P.G.P. returned the Grand Officers. Bro. L. Alexander P.M Benevolent Fund, regretted the absenc felt it a pleasure to have the opportunity the W.M. He hoped the brethren would it so well deserved. The W.M. in reply, could to conduct the Lodge as it shou Alexander for the flattering way in which The W.M. then gave the toast of the V having a banquet. He, as well as every Visitors. Among them was Bro. Keepin looked after their creature comforts. occupy a better position, and the brethr W.M.) to present him a diamond locket, as a token of respect. He hoped he wou wear it. Bro. Chandler briefly and appr Keeping followed, and thanked the Lodge will; it would be a source of pleasure to ledge that for fourteen years he had beer to remember he had met with their app proposed the toast of the P.M.'s, Bro. The toast of the Wardens was given and the Treasurer and Secretary, and the Ju toast concluded a very agreeable even mony emanated from Bros. Benjam Phillips. The Visitors were—Bros. W. 1667, Allington 174, H. Chandler 1017, Phillips S.W. 205, E. J. Keeping 765, S 511.

Confidence Lodge of Instruct usual meeting on Wednesday last, at the street, for the working of the Fifteen Sec preliminaries, was carried out by the Webb W.M., Musto S.W., Sayer J.W., Smith I.G., Christopher Tyler, Gotthoil Lecture was worked by Bros. W

att, Spencer, Woolf, Fyah, Gyer, P. Nixon. Lodge was duly ened, and the ceremony of initiation rehearsed, Bro. Byatt acting candidate. Several sections of the lecture were worked. Bros. thbertson, of the Egyptian Lodge, 27, P. Nixon of the Marine dge, 232, Calcutta, were elected members. Bro. Lewis was pointed to preside at the next meeting. A well-earned vote of anks was awarded to the W.M. for his excellent working, er which Lodge was closed. A testimonial, in appreciation of e services of Bro. C. K. Killick as Secretary, will be presented to n on Saturday, the 8th inst., when it is hoped a numerous attend- ce of the members of the Lodge will assemble to do honour to o. C. K. Killick.

La Tolerance Lodge of Instruction, No. 538.—At the een Dragon, Maddox-street, W., on 26th February. Bros. J. Terry G.J.W. Herts W.M., C. Davis P.M. 382 S.W., D. Belfrage W.M. 9 J.W., T. Cooper S.D., C. Burmeister J.D., S. Cooper I.G., F. ker P.M., J. Hurdell Sec., G. Stacey P.P.G. Org. Berks and cks Org., C. A. Cottebrune P.G.P. D.C. Upwards of sixty brethren ended, to hear Bro. Terry rehearse the ceremonies of consecration l installation; both ceremonies were ably performed. Bro. Cotte- nue rendered valuable assistance as D.C. Bro. G. Stacey was ganist, and Bro. Cantle lead the singing; at the close of the busi- s the brethren were unanimously elected honorary members. is, Bro. Terry humourously observed, would have the effect of pre- ting them taking any further part in the business of the Lodge. veral brethren were elected members, and a cordial vote of thanks Bro. Terry closed the proceedings.

High Cross Lodge, No. 754.—The regular meeting of this dge took place on Wednesday, 26th February, at the Seven Sisters' tel, Tottenham. Bro. H. Stephens W.M., who was supported by Officers. Several P.M.'s, amongst whom were Bros. W. Dance M., Wells, Maller, Roberts, Treas., Cunningham, Sec., &c., and ood master of the brethren. The Visitors included Bros. J. scoll P.M. 30 and P.G.P. Middlesex, Thompson 1580, Scard matic Lodge), Young 820, Barber, &c. The preliminary business ng disposed of, the Lodge was opened up to the third degree, and W.M. then raised Bro. Theakstone to the degree of M.M., also ing the traditional history and explanation on the tracing board. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to banqueting room, and after partaking of the good fare vided by the host, Bro. Oddy, and removal of the cloth, usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given. Bro. Thomp- on behalf of the Visitors, expressed the great pleasure he had erienced in being present that night, the cordiality that existed ngst the brethren in the reception of visitors, and that absence rmality which was so congenial to his tastes could not fail to ler it one of the most agreeable meetings he had ever attended. Driscoll, also as a visitor, hoped he might be pardoned, but he d not let the evening pass without commenting on the admirable ner in which the W.M. had discharged his duties that night; ceremony from beginning to end was rendered in a most effective , and as a very old friend he felt proud of him. Several songs and ations, concluding with the Tyler's toast, produced an unex- ionally pleasant evening.

oyal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—At the and Garter Hotel, Kew-bridge, on Friday evening, 28th uary. Present—Bros. May (W.M. 780) W.M., Blasby S.W., ner J.W., Gow S.D., Gunner J.D., Costelow I.G., Roe P.M. ep., Goss P.M., Kyezor, &c. Lodge was duly formed, opened, the minutes of last meeting read, confirmed and signed. Bro. kindly offered himself as a candidate, and the ceremony of ation was rehearsed. The brethren were then called to refresh- . Upon labour being resumed, Lodge was regularly advanced. Goss again volunteered as candidate, and the W.M. carefully and rehearsed the ceremony of raising. Lodge was closed down, the dues were collected. Bro. Blasby was elected W.M. for meeting. Lodge was closed and adjourned.

ew Concord Lodge of Instruction, No. 813.—On nesday, 26th February, at Jolly Farmers, Islington. Present:— R. R. Harper W.M., Trewinnard S.W., Humphreys J.W., W. H. Treas. and Sec., Hobbs S.D., Pearcy J.D., F. W. Swales I.G., orth P.M. Preceptor, Wallace, Halford, Allardyce, Fyah. The e was opened in due form, and the minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, second sections of the lecture, assisted by the bre was called from labour to refreshment, and after duties. Bro. Dallas worked the third section of tl by the brethren. The Lodge was opened in the degrees, and regularly closed to first. Bro. W W.M. for next Tuesday evening. The annual sup Lodge will take place on the 25th instant, at eight

Whittington Lodge of Instruction, Lodge met on Wednesday evening, 26th Februar Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street. Bro. Bro Lodge, as W.M., Pate S.W., Hallam J.W., Abel J.D., Hallam jun. I.G., Long Preceptor, and c minutes were confirmed, the ceremony of initiatior rehearsed, Bro. Hammerson being the candidate. then worked, the questions in the sections being p mann, Tate and Hallam jun. Bro. Pate was elec ensuing week, and the Lodge was closed.

St. Augustine Lodge of Instruction, meeting was held on 5th March, at the Masonic Present:—Bros. Rossiter W.M., W. Price S.W. T. Crump Treas., S. F. Pringuer Sec., Ewell S.I H. Pringuer I.G. After preliminaries, Bro. Ro fourth and fifth sections of the second lecture, and that Bro. Pringuer would complete the series by sections of the third lecture. The sections were January, when Bro. H. Miskin worked the first; at meetings Bro. P.M. Welsh worked the second, fifth, and Bro. Rossiter the sixth and seventh. Br worked the first, second and third sections of s thus many pleasant and profitable evenings have b

Wandsworth Lodge of Instruction, first meeting since the alteration in the evenings held on Tuesday, the 4th instant, at the Spu Wandsworth. The following were amongst the br Bros. W. A. Blackmore W.M., J. Frost S.W., W. F J. G. Carter Prec., A. N. Newens S.D., J. J. Holland J I.G., H. J. Newens, and A. A. Denham Sec. The second and third degrees were worked, Bro. Black second, with Bro. C. E. Golding as candidate, and the third, when Bro. A. N. Newens went through being raised. The question of providing proper was discussed, but the question was deferred until of the regular Lodge (1044). The brethren warmt kindness of Bro. Carter as Preceptor. Bro. Charle 1216) was unanimously elected a member.

John Hervey Lodge of Instruction.—P Hall, London-wall.—The first meeting in its new most satisfactory beginning; there being a much l than formerly, while those present expressed their labour being disassociated with refreshment. T certain bye-laws for its government, and the follow elected unanimously to fill their respective posts for Bro. Saul Preceptor, Bro. Baber Secretary, Bro. surer. While the Committee of this Lodge of fraternally invite their brethren, who can make co-operate with them, they wish it to be distinctly no smoking or refreshment is allowed in Lodge building. They meet for work, from 7.30 to 9.3 evening.

The Great City Lodge of Instructio A meeting was held on Thursday evening, 27th Mason's Hall Tavern, E.C. Present—Bros. T. Hamer S.W., Staley J.W., Hamer Treasurer, Blackie Moss I.G., and other brethren. The Lodge was minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed of Initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Paddle as questions for passing were answered; Lodge w second degree, and the ceremony of passing re Taylor acting as candidate. The questions answered, the Lodge was opened, and the cere was duly rehearsed. The Lodge was closed d degree. The S.W. was elected W.M. for the e vote of thanks was unanimously given to the W.M working in the chair.

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t Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1612.—

ekly meeting was held at Ealing, on Thursday, the 27th ult. ncker W.M., Jones S.W., Gunner J.W., Fisher S.D., Wells sson I.G., and Bros. Day, Porter, Clark, Seward, Stephens, ter preliminaries, the Lodge was opened in the second and grees, and resumed to the first. Bro. Clark kindly volun- as candidate, and was duly initiated. The Lodge was to the third degree, and regularly closed down to the first. was read from the brethren of the Royal Alfred Lodge, g the Lodge for the assistance recently rendered to a dis- Brother, whose case was brought forward at a previous Bro. Jones was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and as closed in due form.

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gsland Lodge, No. 1693.—Held its regular meeting on , the 4th March, at Bro. Fysh's, Jolly Farmers, Southgate- der the able presidency of Bro. A. Trowinnard, assisted by ane S.W., Crosbie J.W. *pro tem.*, C. K. Killick sen. P.M. Sec., enner S.D., H. Hall J.D., W. Burtle I.G., Steedman Tyler, nn. I.P.M., Weston D.C., Thompson A.D.C.; also Bros. Stan- ummell, J. Kentish, W. Gurson, White, and Fysh. Visitor:— Hord of Finsbury Park 1288. Lodge was opened in ancient The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge vanced a degree, Bro. John Kentish gave proofs of his pro- was entrusted, and in due course raised to the sublime the traditional history being given. Bros. Stephen Stan- d G. S. Pummell were passed. All Masonic business being odge was closed, and adjourned until the first Tuesday next when the election of Officers will take place. A cold colla- provided by Bro. Fysh. This was done ample justice to, easant evening was spent by the brethren.

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nor Lodge, No. 1707.—A meeting was held on Wed- at the Angel Hotel, Edmonton. Present:—Bros. J. H. n W.M., C. Lovebond S.W., C. R. Garnett J.W., J. Tanner ., W. J. Byers Treas., J. Ramsey S.D., R. J. Leaman J.D., mmons D.C., C. Oliver I.G., R. W. Goddard Tyler, F. Meen . Members—Bros. Wright, Watson, Pinder, Ginningham, Visitor:—Bro. J. Garrod 754. The Lodge was opened, minutes read. The candidates for the third degree were d, the Lodge was opened up, and Bros. Wright and Mason sed to the sublime degree of Master Masons, the ceremony rformed by the W.M. in a very efficient manner. The mem- er Lodge was closed, sat down to a supper, and the family this Lodge is called from the good feeling existing amongst bers, spent the remainder of the evening pleasantly

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George's Lodge, No. 1723, Bolton.—The monthly was held on Wednesday, the 26th February, at the Coun- Hotel, Bolton, at six o'clock in the evening. Present:—Bros. senhalgh W.M., N. Nicholson S.W., H. Stead as J.W., J. M., .M. Secretary, John Barratt Steward, James Heywood S.D. urt J.D., J. W. Taylor Past Prov. G.O. Master of Ceremo- bert Latham I.G., Peter Staton Organist, J. W. Roiley P.M.'s Bros. G. P. Brockbank P. Prov. S.G.D., and Thos. P. Prov. G. S. of W., Charles Stanley, James Richardson, nas Morris; and Bros. James Smith, W. Blair, S. Brierly, reaves, R. Ramwell, E. G. Harwood, T. T. Holt, and John . Visitors:—Bro. Peter Bradburn, and Bro. A. Cosgrave. ntes of the proceedings of the last meeting having been read irmed, Bros. James Hall, late of Lodge 221, was ballotted for ted a joining member. Mr. William Daniel Hughes, of aper merchant, was balloted for and approved as a candidate tion. Bros. R. Ramwell, Harwood, Holt and Priestley, having satisfactory examination as to their proficiency, retired. Ramwell, Harwood, Holts and Priestley were passed to the f F. C. by Bro. Thos. Entwisle, and the working tools of the were explained by the Senior Warden. Bro. Hargreaves een examined and entrusted, he, with the other candidates and the Lodge was opened up, when Bro. Hargreaves ed to the sublime degree of M.M. by Bro. Charles Stanley,

Southdown Lodge, No. 1787.—The first ing of this new Lodge (consecrated on the 25th held on Wednesday last, at the Sussex Hotel, Hurstp positions for two joining members and seven initia be remembered, made after the installation of the f Kelly King, and the investment of his Officers the consecration, and after the confirmation of t the especial meeting, and the disposal of some r on Wednesday, a ballot was taken, which resulted in election of Bros. Saltmarsh and Serinock as joining of Messrs. Dayson, Smith, Pratt, Hawken, Rawli and Pollard, as the first "batch of initiates." T of candidates allowed by the Book of Constituti separately obligated, entrusted, and invested, in th by the W.M. in a very impressive manner, the of the ceremony being rendered by Bro. E. Bro sequently, the R. Wor. Prov. G.M. Bros. Sir Walter M.P., V. W. Deputy Prov. G.M. Bro. John Scott, and V. P. Freeman Prov. G.S., were elected honorary m Southdown Lodge. Votes of thanks to the Prov. G Alfred King, and the musical brethren, who rendered aid at the consecration, and to the Rev. W. S. Andr taitous use of the Music Room, for the performance o were carried by acclamation, and ordered to be r minutes. Upon the W.M. rising for the "third time dated with propositions for admission, and the brethren as joining members, and five for initiation, b serving brother, were handed in to the Secretary. then closed in the usual form, and the brethren subse of a very unpretentious repast, and spent the re evening in social harmony and mutual esteem, the toasts being responded to with great gusto. The that in accordance with the name of the Lodge, a Southdown should be a standing dish before the proposition which met with the hearty approval of al and will be henceforth adopted. As will be gathered the prospects of this new Lodge are unusually fa bright future may be safely predicted for the Southdo

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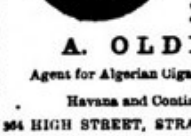
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THE great additions made during the past few years to the ranks of Freemasonry has wrought many changes in the constitution and social position of the Order, which, though beneficial in some instances, cannot be looked upon as universally so. It is questionable whether the system, so prevalent, of appealing to Freemasons as a body in matters of business can be defended on any ground, but it is certain that it is productive of no benefit to the Order, for the simple reason that as a rule the better class of society does not parade Freemasonry in business, and thus, through its being made use of by the lower class only, so much discredit arises. Still we may console ourselves on one point; the evil is brought about by the sufferers themselves, who should certainly know better than to alter their terms or conditions of business simply because a customer introduces himself as a Mason; again, why should any one assume a meeting in Lodge to be a sufficient reference?—we admit this should be so were Freemasonry not a human institution. Alas! too many, who have neglected their usual precautions, have eventually had reason to be dissatisfied with their experience of Freemasons. It is certainly unjust to our Institution to lay these disasters at its door. Why should a customer who is in the habit of using discretion in his dealings take no pains to examine his purchases when buying of one who blazons forth his Masonic connection? or why should he blame the Institution if he has been deceived? We hold that business is business, and Freemasonry an entirely distinct thing; and if this were a little better explained to initiates, and the principle more fully carried out, it would prevent half the unworthy members who find their way into our Order ever reaping advantage from their act. For our own part, we look with suspicion on tradesmen who introduce themselves as Masons simply in the hope of gaining an order, for the very reason we have before given, that if they were creditable members of the Craft they would know better. We are aware there are many institutions in the States of America and Canada which look for support mainly, if not entirely, to Freemasons, but however it may work in those more extended fields, it can never succeed in this country, where an institution which relies on Freemasonry, and on that alone for its support, has but a poor prospect of succeeding. We are not sure but that it is an advantage to the Craft that such is the case, for if we once stamped a Masonic trading company as a success, we should be flooded with prospectuses from every "promoter" in the city, who would soon make common property of our signs and symbols. Still, the evil does exist, and, we suppose, will continue, so long as victims can be found on whom to prey. All we can do is to advise brethren not to accept any business statement simply because vouched for Masonically, nor to relax one iota of their caution on account of a Masonic introduction; if they do, they had better complete the job Masonically, which would resolve itself into that excellent virtue of the Craft—Silence—provided they could not speak well of the venture.

Thus far our remarks have been general, we now intend to make them personal, and for this purpose refer our readers to the *Jersey Express* of the past month, in the pages of which a correspondence has been carried on in reference to "The Masonic and General Life Assurance Company." The writer of the first letter, which is sent "for the information of the public," states that "a Local Board having been established in Jersey by the above-named Company, and he having been led to believe that this was a Company formed under the auspices of the Freemasons, he was induced to buy One Hundred Shares." Later on, "being displeased with the management of the Company, he looked closer into the matter, and to his great surprise found that the company was not a Masonic Institution at all;" the following letter from our Grand Secretary helping to dispel his doubts on the subject:—

[Copy.]

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.,
17th January 1879.

SIR AND BROTHER,—I beg to inform you, in answer to your letter of the 15th instant, that the Grand Lodge of England has no connection, in any way, with the Masonic General Life Insurance Company Limited.

Yours fraternally,

JOHN HERVEY.

After the receipt of this epistle our brother appears to have taken fright, and in a later letter he tells us he has sold his shares, at a loss of 75 per cent. We do not question his right to take this course, but we would point out that he is very much to blame for his conduct; and, as we learn from a further communication, he has not only rushed on blindly himself, but, by advocating the claims of the Company *at a Provincial Grand Lodge meeting*, had been the means of inducing others to transact business with it. If he had considered for one moment his own interests, and the interests of those whom he had induced to follow his example, he would have taken advice before he published to the world these unmistakable proofs of his folly. Does he know that if a Company has such a charge as he makes substantiated against it, it is very likely to be seriously injured, at least for a time. We hold that he is in a sense answerable for the money his friends have invested, on his official recommendation; and that even if he likes to sell his shares, "at 75 per cent. loss," he has no right to still further depreciate the value of the speculation by trying to place his co-investors in a similar or worse position. His letter is supplemented in the following issue by one from a brother who likewise appears to have entered into business relations with the Company under a mistaken idea of its constitution. This correspondent does not attempt to stifle his feelings, as the following extract from his letter will show:—

"Many appear to have been entirely misled by the impression that this was a Masonic Institution, countenanced and supervised by Masonic authority, and what conduced materially to strengthen such a belief was the fact that the advertisements of this comparatively insignificant commercial venture were arrogantly exhibited on the vivid representation of one of the most sacred emblems of Freemasonry. Whether this was done intentionally, for the special purpose of deceiving and misleading a somewhat extensive class of men, is a question which unwilling victims know best how to answer. The idea seems to have been to identify this particular Society with the Craft, and to induce inexperienced and trusting novitiates, and other unsuspicious members, to take shares or policies in this concern, and so far, I believe, they have in a great measure succeeded. I quite sympathise with those who have been duped, and who, after confidingly investing their money, on the distinct understanding that they were to receive a certain small and fixed rate of interest, see this their promised interest stopped, and their capital unre[illegible] except at a loss, and all this under the garb of Masonry, or rather [illegible]-word *Masonic*. I, as a Mason, and a contributing member of Grand Lodge, am indignant at this state of things, more especially as the public have identified this Masonic Insurance with the Masonic Fraternity. It is high time that people should be undeceived, and know far and wide that Freemasonry, at least, has nothing whatever to do with this struggling commercial enterprise. If we do any business let it at least not be done under false colours."

To these two letters a reply is sent by the Jersey agent

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of the Company, who explains that although the Association in question is not a Masonic Institution, its directors, and other officials are Freemasons, who have won the confidence of Freemasons, and all who assure with them. He explains that the first-named correspondent, "in a moment of displeasure and irritation," voluntarily offered his shares, on which £100 was paid, to any one who would take them for £25, which offer the writer immediately accepted, and the transfer was duly signed. Thus he considers the loss can hardly be termed necessary. The second epistle he prefers to leave to answer for itself, merely remarking that the Company may be congratulated on having, as is therein stated, done some business. The writer of this latter sentence takes the agent to task in an after communication, and points out that such business, in his opinion, had been obtained through the Company, "advertising on Masonic insignia, thereby causing it to be thought and accepted as officially and authoritatively Masonic, supported and guaranteed by Grand Lodge." On what ground can any Mason form such an opinion as is manifested in these letters? Or, why should he assume that the use of a Masonic emblem should make Grand Lodge liable for all that may arise by reason of brethren neglecting common business caution? Were such to be the case, we fancy our governing body would soon have such a list of claims before them as would drain their resources, even if they had the wealth of Crœsus at their call. No; for some reason or other, our brethren are disappointed, and now they seem hardly able to make their abuse loud or strong enough. As they appear to attach so much importance to things being done Masonically, we would ask them how they justify such a course of action.

In answer to the charges made by these shareholder of Jersey, the Managing Director of the Company sends a tabulated statement, wherein he shows that "The Masonic and General Life Assurance Company Limited" occupies a most favourable position among the various offices who carry on a similar class of business. The figures which he gives are, with the exception of those of his own Company, taken from a lately issued Blue Book, so that we have Government guarantee that these are correct. While in the case of "The Masonic and General" they are taken from the valuation report of Mr. W. S. B. Woolhouse, whose statement is characterised as a strictly independent one. We would rather have had all the figures from the same source, as by that means we should have been able to form a better opinion of the standing of the Society, which by its title tries to identify itself with the Craft; we might then be in a position to judge whether it should be supported for the sake of such connection. As it is, we can only ask our friends to give it the preference if, after due enquiry, they find it bears comparison with those offices whose titles are not Masonic; but we assure the Directors that so long as they make use of the name and symbols of Freemasonry simply to advance business ends, it will be impossible for them to justify themselves in the eyes of Freemasons.

GRAND CHAPTER OF PENNSYLVANIA.

THE book of Proceedings of this grand body for 1878 contains particulars of the Quarterly Communications that were held during the past year, and the various questions that were discussed, as also those of the Annual Communication held at Philadelphia on 27th December, when Alfred R. Potter Grand High Priest presided, supported by several Grand Officers, Past Grand Officers, and representatives of subordinate Chapters. Grand Chapter was opened in solemn form, and various matters of local interest were disposed of. The Grand High Priest, in reviewing the two years of his official connection with the Grand Chapter, summarised the various acts he had performed in the discharge of the duties appertaining to the office. He had personally constituted three new Chapters, and two others had been formally opened by dispensation. In reading the reports of the several D. D. Grand High Priests, he had been pained to learn from them of the indifference on the part of Companions, members of Chapters, to the voluntary duties they assumed when entering the Institution. He was aware that Capitular Freemasonry, like all other institutions, was suffering from the depression of the times, but that should be no reason why Companions ought not to assemble in their respective Chapters, if for no other purpose than to encourage each other in the work of life before them, to develop the principles taught, and to do good unto all men. He had learned that in some instances Chapters had not met for months, simply because there was no work; but he was pleased to be able to record other cases where great interest had been taken in the duties of the degree. He had visited all the Chapters and Mark Lodges meeting in the Philadelphia Temple, and had also travelled some thousands of miles in his work of inspection of the Chapters of the Jurisdiction. He desired to express his thanks for the honour which had been done him in electing him to the high office, and also for the support he had received both from the members and subordinate officers. Companion William C. Hamilton was now duly installed as Grand High Priest, as were also the following:—Companions H. P. John G. King, A. R. Hall G. Scribe, T. R. Patton G. Treas., J. Thompson G. Sec. The newly installed G.H.P. then delivered an address, thanking the companions for entrusting the Royal Craft to his supervision for the ensuing Masonic year, and referring to matters of interest which came under his notice. He then appointed the subordinate Officers, and various Committees of Grand Chapter. Other formal business was disposed of, and among the items which form the Appendix we may mention the Report on Correspondence, which deals with forty-one Grand Chapters, being all that the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania is in correspondence with, except that of the Grand Mark Lodge of England, and ends with a brief summary of the whole.

GRAND LODGE OF TENNESSEE.

THIS Grand Lodge held a Lodge of Sorrow, in the Concert Room of the Masonic Temple, Nashville, on the 12th November 1878, to the memory of the late A. J. Wheeler P.G.M. and to "their Dead" of the past year. M.W. Americus V. Warr, Grand Master, presided, and was supported by Jonathan S. Dawson P.G.M. S.W., J. C. Cawood P.G.M. J.W., Rev. Robert A. Young Chaplain, George H. Morgan S.D., M. H. Webb J.D., Benjamin F. Haller and Thomas O. Morris Stewards; other Officers. Past Grand Officers and members of the Grand Lodge being present. The Hall was heavily draped in mourning, and in the centre of the stage was a catafalque, at the angles of which were seated four brethren in charge of lights. Immediately above hung the portrait of M.W. A. J. Wheeler P.G.M., the frame of which was covered with crape. In the rear, and hanging upon the stage scenery, were three white shields with black borders. On the one on the right was the name "Slover," in the centre "Our Dead," and on the left "Worsham." Every seat was occupied, a large number of ladies being present. At the conclusion of the usual ceremonies an address was delivered by Bro. Henry J. Lynn P.M., Memphis, on "The Life, Masonic Character and Death of A. J. Wheeler P.G.M., and from it we extract the following:—

Andrew J. Wheeler was born 4th February 1833, in the town of Norridgewock, near Portland, in the State of Maine. His father, who was an active Mason, as was his father before him, died but three years since, at his home, at the age of 89. These brethren have handed down a tribute to our Order in the form of an old Masonic apron, which was worn in Lodge by our Brother, and which, please God, his surviving son hopes to wear some day with equal honour. At the age of fourteen he left the parental roof, to learn the trade of a printer. In 1851 he left his native State, went West, and located in the town of Evansville, Indiana, where he carried on the business of bookselling with his oldest brother. In his twentieth year he came South, and located in Memphis, Tennessee, where he at once secured work as a printer in the office of the *Appeal*. Here he remained several years, rising in due season to the position of local editor on that famous journal, then under the management of McClanahan, Trousdale and Dill; and it was here he learned the use of his vigorous and spicy pen. After this he secured the position of chief clerk, or deputy in the office of Marcus J. Wright, Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Shelby county, and remained in this office for eight years. While employed in this office, on the 20th of October 1858, he was initiated into the mysteries of Masonry, and on 25th March 1859 he was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. About the year 1870 there were brought to public notice two enterprises of stirring moment to the Masonic Fraternity. For many years the Masons of Memphis had entertained the hope of building a grand Masonic Temple, and Bro. Wheeler was the master-spirit of that great enterprise; the work on the building, which was so sadly broken up by the epidemic of 1878, was but just resumed, under our brother's general care, in July last, with the brightest prospects for completion ere this time, when Memphis

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was again overtaken with the sad calamity of another epidemic. Eight years ago Bro. Wheeler entered upon the work of founding, and has since regularly published and zealously pushed forward the "idol of his heart," the *Masonic Jewel*. He has made it a welcome visitor in many a brother's home, the official organ of this and several neighbouring Grand Jurisdictions, and a standard authority on Masonic law and usage in them all. He loved this *Jewel*, and it was his great wish and trust that it might fall into some good and able hands, and be carried on for the good of the Craft, for many long years to come.

Bro. Wheeler married, on 22nd December 1859, Miss Jennie S. Chadwick. By this marriage there were born to him three children—two sons and one daughter—of whom the two last survive him. In less than two years after his initiation, so remarkable was his zeal, and so singular his mastery of the work, he was, by almost unanimous choice, made Worshipful Master of his Lodge, and he filled this office no less than seven times during his membership of twenty years, also fulfilling the duties of the other offices. It was then that his great powers as an able and accomplished Mason had full play, and shone forth with such remarkable brilliancy. The conferring of a degree by Bro. Wheeler was sure to fill his Lodge-room. Nor was he less apt in the thorough mastery of the laws and usages of our Order than in his wonderful power and ability in conferring the degrees. His devotion and sympathy to the sick, the needy, and the distressed was unwearying. The widow's wail and the orphan's cry never reached him in vain.

At the session of the Grand Lodge in 1868, Bro. Wheeler represented South Memphis Lodge No. 118; served on the Committee on Examinations, and was elected Senior Grand Warden. In 1871-2 he served on the Committee on Dispensations and By-laws. At the latter session the *Masonic Jewel* was indorsed by the Grand Lodge. In 1874 he was elected Grand Master, and delivered an eloquent eulogy on the life of Past Grand Master Bro. Samuel McManus, in a Lodge of Sorrow. In 1875 he presided as Grand Master; and in 1876 and 1877 he attended as Past Grand Master, and served with singular ability and influence as a member of the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence. This is our distinguished brother's Grand Lodge record; and it leaves a legacy of incalculable worth to all the brethren of this G. Jurisdiction.

Near the middle of last August, Bro. Wheeler moved his family into Memphis, having been living some two miles out of the city. On surprise being expressed at this step, in consequence of the terrible plague in that city, Bro. Wheeler remarked "that he and his wife considered it their duty, and that they must keep together, and do all the good they could." Armed with his noble spirit, he threw himself right in the very face and forefront of danger, heedless of himself, and careful only that a friend, or a brother, or a little child, perhaps, might be saved. The grim and insatiate yellow-fever monster laid his deadly hand upon him, and on 7th September 1878, he yielded up his brave, heroic, and manful spirit, and returned to the bosom of his Father and his God. He sleeps his last sleep in Elmwood, the silent city of our sacred dead.

At the conclusion of the address, M. W. James D. Richardson P.G.M. delivered one on "Our Dead" of the past year, from which we summarise the following —

The Masonic year just closing has in truth been one in which Sorrow has spread her raven wing about us, and Affliction folded us in her heavy mantle. From the Ohio to the Gulf the Great Valley of the Mississippi has recently been overwhelmed with an affliction unparalleled in its history. Pestilence and death hung like a sombre pall over this section of our land for more than seventy days, devastating its cities, villages, and hamlets, bearing away with remorseless touch hundreds, ay, thousands, of unfortunate victims. Families who, when they came together at the hearthstone each day or night, had hitherto beheld no vacant chair, within the short period of one week were annihilated—not one left to tell the sad story of their fate. In many cases entire households have lost those who earned each day their bread, and widows and orphans have been plunged into peril of death by actual famine. Amid this ordeal, these trying scenes, the situation in many places was such as to develop and bring into action the manliest traits of character of the human heart. Friend, terrorised and dismayed at the severity and fatality of the attacks of the relentless ravager, abandoned friend; parents deserted their children; children their parents; brother fled from the presence of brother; and even the husband, forgetful of his vows, administered not to the necessities of the dying wife; yet on this field of woe, desolation, and death, glorious specimens of manhood stood bravely forth and bade the devourer stay his slaughter.

Prominent among the forces actively employed to turn the tide of battle against the fell destroyer was our own plague-tried and time-honoured Order. Wherever the conflict raged with greatest severity, and the lines of the stubborn foe were strongest and most difficult to overcome, there were marshalled the veterans of Freemasonry. Inspired by the sublime principles of the Order, with no bugle blast nor trumpet sound, no shout of the populace to impel them forward, earnestly they gave battle for the relief of grief-stricken humanity. Under the leadership of the kind-hearted but brave and heroic Wheeler, and the comrades who succeeded him when he fell, this band of brethren discharged a noble duty; and while the struggle cost nearly one hundred of them their lives, they fell at the post of duty and of honour, and so sure as there is truth in divine promise they have gone to a glorious reward. Our anxiety, however, need not be for them. The lone mariner far out on the ocean, seeing one by one the lights of heaven go out before the rising storm, does not ask what has become of those lights, or whether they shall shine again with brighter lustre, but rather he asks, What is to become of me? and how am I to guide my bark in safety to the shore after these natural pilots of the sky have disappeared? By proper calculations, however, prepared by wise and skilful men, when the lights did shine and when no tempest raged, he is enabled, it may be, to grope in darkness, but safely, to his desired port. And such consolation is ours on occasions like this. If the heroic deeds and bright examples of our lamented dead were buried with them, how terribly deepened would be our sense of their loss to our Order! But it is not so. Such men do not wholly die. They are survived by the recollections of their worthy achievements; they live in their deeds of true heroism—though unrecorded—which time can never disturb, and which will plead for them in eternity; they live in the respect and gratitude of mankind; they live in that peculiar influence by which the thought of one single commanding deed, as it runs along the electric chain of human affairs, inspires others to similar deeds in endless progression, and thus makes its author an active and powerful agent in the events of life long after his mortal remains shall have crumbled in the tomb.

Time forbids that I should particularize as to the life, character, and death of each of our brethren who thus fell, and who have gone to such rewards. Many there were who, without ostentation, heroically met the enemy by day and by night, a recital of whose deeds of love would fill volumes. It is not expected that all of these should be mentioned by name; it is not necessary. God knows them, and when this is said all his comprehended. If not a sparrow falls without his knowledge, it cannot be that one of his creatures can lay down his life in the cause of suffering humanity and his devotion not be recognized. I will not be charged, then, with making invidious distinctions when I mention only the names of a few of the brave men who went down in the struggle. And in doing this I feel that an apology is almost due them, lest my words of praise serve to detract from the true measure of their renown.

No words, however carefully prepared and eloquently spoken, can add one tittle to the esteem in which not only our Order but the civilised world holds the memory and character of the heroic Butler P. Anderson. Whenever his name is mentioned every Freemason in the land, and every lover of humanity as well, should stand forth uncovered, and with bowed head reverently thank God that it ever entered into his heart to create such a man, and endow him with such godlike faculties.

The ties of blood are strong, and are often recognized when we witness the spectacle of man enduring privations, and undergoing great personal inconveniences for the sake of others. Mere pecuniary considerations sometimes incite men to seemingly commendable deeds of love; but when we see a man leave home, friends, relatives, those to whom he is bound by the nearest and closest ties of blood, to fly to the relief of a strange people, and voluntarily lay down his life for them, as did this noble man when the first wave of the rising tide struck an ill-fated but once happy and prosperous little city in an adjoining State who can contemplate the scene and not have stirred within him the deepest and tenderest emotions of the heart? Not for a moment stauding to estimate the fearful consequences of the sacrifice he was about to make, but inspired by a zealous desire to aid his dying countrymen, he sped to their relief. By day and by night he softened their pillows, watched by their lonely bedsides and desolate hearth-stones, until he himself fell a victim to the scourge. This real hero died in accordance with the prevailing spirit of his life—in the spirit of prayer to God and of love to man. Well may a nation that watched his dying bed each day with anxious and trembling hearts, say, in the words which the greatest English poet applies to a legendary hero who had been the stay of his people in peril:—

> Nothing is here for tears; nothing to wail
> Or knock the breast; no weakness, no contempt,
> Dispraise or blame; nothing but well and fair,
> And what may comfort us in a death so noble.

His death was shortly followed by that of his bereaved widow, thus leaving in double orphanage the little ones with whom they had been blessed.

But there was another noble spirit lost to earth to whom I will briefly refer, one who had not yet reached the prime of life. Young, generous, courageous, he freely laid down his life that others might live. The ardent, soul-felt prayers of a loving mother and fond sisters could avail nothing as against the unyielding demands of the despoiler, and thus the kind-hearted Worsham passed away. Edward R. T. Worsham was born on the 24th December 1844, in Cincinnati, and died on the 15th day of September 1878, in the city of Memphis. He was a most devoted zealous lover of Freemasonry, especially of the Orders of Christian Knighthood. By his knowledge of the science and theory of the Order he had attained already its highest honors. He was a member of De Soto Lodge 299, of Memphis. In 1875 he was its Master, having prior to that time filled all the other stations of the Lodge. He was a member of Penn Chapter 22 R.A.M., and of Eureka Council No. 6 Royal and Select Masters, and of Cyrene Commandery No. 3 Knights Templar, all of Memphis, and was frequently complimented with official positions in those bodies. In 1876 he was the E. Commander of Cyrene Commandery No. 3 K.T. In 1874 he was elected E. G. Captain General of the Grand Commandery of Tennessee; the next year was promoted to the station of E. Grand Generalissimo. In 1876 he was elected V.E. Dept. Grand Commander, and in 1877, in his own city, surrounded by his friends, and with their unanimous approval, was chosen to the highest and most honourable post in the gift of the Grand Commandery of the State. Long and vividly will the Templars of Tennessee, who were in that hospitable city, remember how the heart of that estimable woman, his doting and affectionate mother, was made glad with rejoicing when the information was communicated to her that her boy, as she fondly called him, had been thus honoured. This exalted position is not often conferred upon one so young; but for twelve months he faithfully met and discharged the duties of the trust committed to him, and at the expiration of his term, in this city last May, surrendered to the same distinguished body which had thus honoured him, untarnished the jewel he had worn. His death will be keenly felt by the Masons of the whole State, but especially of his own city, where he was prompt in his attendance upon the meetings

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of the Order, and where he contributed so much to its advancement and prosperity.

I can only mention by name one other fallen hero and martyr, Bro. Dr. James B. Norris, of Chattanooga Lodge, No. 199. Prompted by the same manly instincts which characterised the lamented Anderson, like him Bro. Norris awaited not the coming of the terrible ravager to his own door or that of his immediate neighbours and friends. It was, indeed, heroic for one to meet the destroyer at home, and there defy his power, but it was in the highest degree sublime to see one leave his own home and go away hundred of miles to labour for and die among strangers. Very soon after the people of Vicksburg, Mississippi, were attacked by the plague, they appealed to lovers of humanity for aid, their cries were heard, and prompted by the dictates of a Mason, good and true, one of the first volunteers to go to their relief was this lamented brother. Full of hope for the future, and with promise of a long life of usefulness in his profession, his manly heart gave way under the call for help, though in a distant State, and leaving behind him brilliant hopes, warm friends, a happy home, and tender, loving relatives, he bravely went forth to encounter the fierce pestilence. On the 31st of August he left his home at Chattanooga; the next day he arrived in Vicksburg; was taken sick 6th September, and breathed his last 9th September. O God! can it be that for such martyrs there is beyond this vale of tears no eternal, everlasting rest? Bro. Norris was born near Delaware, Ohio, and graduated from Kenyon College, in that State, in the year 1869. He was educated as a physician at Miami Medical College, Cincinnati. While at this college as a student, he united with the Episcopal Church, and continued a member to the date of his death. From Cincinnati he went to Detroit, and graduated from the Detroit Medical College in 1872, and in the same year located at Chattanooga, and entered upon the practice of his profession. At the date of his death he was a little over twenty-nine years of age. His mortal remains now temporarily rest in quiet solitude in the city of Vicksburg, on the field where he fell, clad in full armour, but his noble spirit is sweetly sleeping in the bosom of his God.

While we strew the graves of our dead brethren who have fallen victims to the pestilence we have described with *immortelles*, and bid them bloom in perennial beauty and freshness, we must pause at the grave of another brother, and drop a sympathetic tear. He fell not on the banks of the great Father of Waters, nor as a victim to any infectious pestilence, but beyond and in sight of the mountains of East Tennessee, which he loved so well, on the 19th day of August 1878, at his own home, surrounded by his loving wife and children, Brother John Fletcher Slover paid the debt to time and mortal custom. This brother needs no introduction to the Grand Lodge of Tennessee. As far back as I can remember, his was a familiar face to this body. In 1854 he made his first appearance in the Grand Lodge as the representative of his Lodge, Meridian Sun, No. 50, located at Athens, East Tennessee. He attended every session of the Grand Lodge from that date to the date of his death—except two occurring during the war, when it was not possible for him to do so—travelling each year for this purpose nearly four hundred miles. In the G.L. he always filled the place of a laborious worker on some one of its leading committees. Modest and unpretending in his demeanour, he was not often found addressing the Lodge, but with a face always beaming with kindness, and generally wreathed with a smile, he preferred quietly to labour with the committees, and there make his influence for good felt. Bro. Slover was born 13th March 1825; was made a Mason in Meridian Sun Lodge, 5th November 1846. In 1859 he was exalted to the Royal Arch degree, and received other degrees subsequently. At the meeting of the Grand Lodge in 1858, he was elected Senior Grand Warden, and the next year was re-elected to that office. In 1860 he was made Deputy Grand Master, and was re-elected the following year. Again, in 1864 and in 1868, he was elected to the same position, thus making four terms filled by him as Deputy G. Master. As a citizen he was useful and highly esteemed. For nearly twenty years he was Clerk of the Circuit Court of his county, an office for which he was peculiarly fitted, and which he filled to the entire satisfaction of his people. He was a conscientious, devoted Mason, and his loss is not only a grievous one to his immediate family circle, but is a severe one to our Fraternity. The brethren in Tennessee, as in all other jurisdictions, can poorly afford to lose such a man as Bro. Slover from their ranks, and it is of the very utmost concern that we inquire on whom his mantle shall fall.

I now desire to speak of another brother who died during the past year. On the 17th of June last Brother and Sir Knight David Cook, of Lebanon, crossed over to the shores of immortality. Brother Cook was born 6th September 1795, and was therefore nearly eighty-three years of age at the date of his death. He was the oldest Templar in Tennessee, having received the Orders in 1825. For several years he was the Eminent Commander of Baldwin Commandery, No. 7, K.T., and was an active worker in all the other Masonic bodies. His zeal and love for Masonry did not, as is frequently the case with our members, grow less in his declining years, but it was truly said of him that to the date of his death he knew everything in all of the degrees, from the Entered Apprentice to the Knight of Malta. In 1867 he was elected Eminent Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Commandery of Tennessee, and in 1870 was elected Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery, which stations he filled for the constitutional term each of one year. The history of this aged brother is finished, and in it there is much to admire, much to emulate.

The grim monster Death has made fearful inroads in our ranks during the past year, and the places of our missing brethren are to be filled by others. We should devoutly pray that there be raised up for these stations men equal to those who have heretofore filled them, who have adorned the Fraternity, and, by the lustre of their names and examples, adorned and elevated Masonry in Tennessee.

Some of those mentioned were active participants in the stirring and sorrowful events of the recent epidemic, and while we detract in no way from them or from their memories, as individuals, we desire to call attention to the fact that they were Masons, and that the Order to which they belonged is entitled to much credit for their deeds of heroism. Masonry claims that its teachings and theories serve but to educate men to the high standard of duty and Christian philanthrophy so beautifully exemplified in the lives of our lamented dead. It is designed that its ritual, its principles and restraints, shall all combine to make men purer and better. The Order would fall far short of its aim and purpose if it failed to develop, among its membership everywhere, large-hearted, liberal-minded, and whole-souled men—men who have only to see and know their duty, and who will at once, at any cost, even of life itself, perform it—men who are the exemplars of that charity which teaches that

> The drying up a single tear hath more
> Of honest fame than shedding seas of gore.

Masonry furnishes us weapons with which not only to successfully combat pestilence, but with which to meet its long train of evil followers. The aftercraps of such an epedemic as the recent one are not its least dreadful features, and these remain to afflict us through many years. How often will it be the case that many sufferers who barely escaped with their lives will find themselves on the ragged edge of want, burdened with expenses which they can poorly afford to meet, their occupations lost, their employers dead, or rendered by the results of the plague too poor to give them employment; widows left without husbands, and orphans without parents, mothers with not sufficient strength themselves to work, with their little children, who have not tasted food for a day, in the streets begging bread, and crying with hunger as they are refused, cast off, and frowned upon by a cold-hearted world. In the midst of these soul-stirring afflictions, how timely, how grateful, will be the relief afforded by ours and kindred Orders! This terrible affliction has already called forth from our brethren of more favoured communities large contributions, but thank God no draft drawn upon their munificent charity has been dishonoured. The public presses of the land were filled daily for weeks with long lists of *gifts* and contributions to the sufferers from their sympathising countrymen. Even across the great deep, our wailings were heard and met by generous responses, and for a season the Old World daily poured tribute into our midst. These blessings were public, and necessarily so; but O how much sweeter and more commendable in the sight of Heaven will be the untold, the innumerable contributions of our membership after the fell destroyer is gone! made, too, without publicity, and with no eye (save the giver and receiver) but Heaven's to witness them. These, indeed, will be blessings in disguise. Masonry, as heretofore, will again demonstrate the fact that it is the friend of the friendless, a husband to the widow, a father to the fatherless, an employer to those who are willing to work, and a blessing to mankind.

It is only a few days since the career of the plague was ended. Fugitives have returned to their homes, which, during the first days of the epidemic, they abandoned hurriedly with heavy hearts; the deserted houses and empty streets of our great cities are again occupied; sundered families, or all that remain of them, are reunited; the hum of industry is again heard, and the casual observer sees nothing remaining to tell the sickening story of the ravages of the destroyer save the long rows of new-made graves, and the still sad and mournful countenances of the bereaved who mourn their absent ones. Again "the solem train of care plods on," and "each one as before chases his favourite phantom." Unseen and unadvertised, amid all these things, our brethren are daily called to answer the demands of the destitute and needy. From their inexhaustible mine of charity innumerable wants are supplied, the hungry fed, and despairing hearts made happy. No matter how humble the applicant, nor how often the demand is repeated, by the experience of a past full of renown, reaching so far back that "the memory of man runneth not to the contrary," we know, and can therefore tell with certainty, what the answer will be to every appeal addressed to them for succour.

O glorious Order. How devoted to thee should be thy followers. Standing near the new-made graves of our buried dead, with melting hearts, and eyes overflowing with tears of gratitude for the generous responses made to the demands of our brethren in affliction, with abundant assurance of thy increasing usefulness through all coming ages, we here and now renew our vows of undying constancy to thee and thy heaven born principles, and pray God thou mayest withstand every pestilence and endure for ever; that though

> The stars shall fade away, the sun himself
> Grow dim with age, and Nature sink in years,
> Thou shalt flourish in immortal youth,
> Unhurt amid the war of elements,
> The wreck of matter, and the crash of worlds.

The Lodge of Sorrow was then duly closed.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked on Thursday, the 20th, at 7 p.m. punctually, at the Feathers Hotel, adjoining the Great Western Station at Ealing, to and from which there is a convenient service of trains. Several well-known Metropolitan brethren have promised to attend, and from our friends at Ealing we are convinced they will receive a hearty greeting.

The installation meeting of the West Kent Lodge, No. 1297 will take place on Saturday next, the 22nd, at the Forest Hill Hotel, Forest Hill, at 4 o'clock. Bro. Crouch P.M. of the Lodge, and present W.M. of the Burdett Coutts Lodge, No. 1278, will perform the duties of Installing Master.

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FREEMASONRY AND ITS CHARITIES.

HOW THEY ARE CONDUCTED, AND HOW THEY SHOULD BE.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Your correspondent Bro. Charles Perceval certainly makes a rather bold statement when, in his letter last week, he says, that by judicious management of the votes not one of the candidates (for our Schools) need ever have gone away in despair, and I must say I felt some anxiety to know the *modus operandi* which would bring about so desirable an end. On reading the remainder of Bro. Perceval's letter, I came to the conclusion that that Brother must have been led away by his enthusiasm, or else that, like many inventors, he only looked at the benefits which would arise from the adoption of his scheme, without considering the difficulty of carrying it into execution.

At the last election of the Girls' School, there were twenty-nine candidates, and, as only four could be elected, twenty-five had to be sent away. Since that time the Committee, according to the reports published in your paper, have additional cases for the April election which brings the number of approved candidates for that ballot up to 48, and this with only 18 vacancies, so that 30 will have to be sent away on that occasion—an increase of five unsuccessful. Surely, Bro. Perceval, under such circumstances, you cannot wish us to believe that any system, save one, which will enable the committee to declare more vacancies, will ever clear off the list. The Boy's School may shew a small decrease in the number of candidates rejected after the April election than was the case in October last; as on that occasion there were 13 vacancies, for which 67 candidates competed, and thus 54 went away unsuccessful. For the April election there are 68, if not 71, candidates, and 16 vacancies, so that on that occasion we shall have to disappoint fifty-two, or it may be fifty-five; if the latter, it will be seen that the result is an increase, although of one only; while if the former proves to be the number, we shall have a decrease of two, at which rate we should be able to announce "all elected without ballot" some time about the year 2000. I think Bro. Perceval hardly makes out his case.

The other part of his subject is virtually whether it is policy to continue the present system of election by subscriber's own discretion, or by an appointed committee, and I think the case has been frequently decided in favour of combining the present system with all its abuses and defects.

I beg to remain,

Yours fraternally,

L. G.

ROYAL STANDARD LODGE, No 1298.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have read your report of the meeting of this Lodge, and can hardly agree with you in some of the conclusions you draw.

You say, "it is impossible to form any opinion of the financial state of the Lodge, as no account is given of its assets and liabilities."

Permit me to state that after a thorough examination of the books and accounts by the whole of the auditors, a balance-sheet was prepared, and a copy sent to each member, and in this balance-sheet was shown the assets. The liabilities on the other hand were nil, as the auditors' report read in the Lodge distinctly stated that the Lodge owed nothing to any one.

I agree with you generally that too little information is frequently given to the members of a Lodge as to its solvency, but in the instance of the Royal Standard Lodge this is not so, and I may truly say that since I have had the honour of holding the collar of Secretary, now five years, the members have, at each audit, been fully informed of the state of their affairs.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

GEO. S. BIGLEY,

Honorary Secretary Royal Standard Lodge No. 1298.

London, 11th March 1879.

The Special Lenten Services at St. Anne's Church, Soho, are now regularly looked forward to. Bach's Passion St. John will be sung during Lent, at 8 o'clock every Friday evening, under the direction of Mr. Barnby, with full orchestral accompaniment. Admission tickets may be had, by sending stamped addressed envelope to Bro. J. G. Shand (Churchwarden), 2 Albert Mansions, Victoria-street, S.W.

EVERTON CHAPTER, No. 823.

THE regular Convocation was held at the Masonic Temple, Hope-street, Liverpool, on Tuesday, the 25th ult. Present—Comps. T. Shaw M.E.Z., W. Cottrell I.P.Z., J. W. Ballard H., W. Boulton J., T. Webster S.E., W. Wilson P.S., J. M. King A.S., P. Ball J., and Comps. G. Turner P.Z., Jesse Banning P.Z. P.P.G.P.S., J. Holland P.Z. P.P.A.S., J. Pendleton, J. Jacobs, E. Morgan, W. T. Everitt, J. A. Barrow, H. Ashmore, J. P. Forster, E. Kelly, J. G. Hassell, D. Callow, W. Brasesy, W. H. Russell, Duncan E. Ross, J. D. Griffiths, J. Jenaway, &c., &c. Visitors—Hugh Williams P.Z. 580 P.P.G.S.B., J. W. Burgess H. 1094, John Pemberton P.Z. 1094 P.P.G.S.B., W. Woods 249, R. P. France M.E.Z. 594, Richard Washington P.Z. 1094, Henry Dutton 292, A. Wylie S.E. 292, S. Schonstadt 203, J. T. Callow P.Z. 673 P.P.G.S.B., R. Whiteside 203, T. Gray 220, R. R. Martin P.Z. 1094, D. A. Davis P.S. 1094, J. Harding A. Cotter J. 249, H. Madrell 220, S. M. Davies FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, &c., &c. The Chapter was opened in due and ancient form. The minutes of last Convocation were read and ratified, and with as much despatch as possible Ex. Companion Turner proceeded to instal the first Principal for the ensuing year. Ex. Comp. Banning invested the second and third Principals. The Comps., having been re-admitted, saluted the Chiefs in ancient form, and Ex. Comp. Ballard proceeded at once to invest his Officers, the roll of the Chapter standing as follows:—J. W. Ballard M.E.Z., W. Boulton H., Henry Ashmore J., S. E. Brassey S.E., S. N. Trevitt S.N., J. M. King P.S., D. Callow Trea. Comp. King then invested his Assistant Sojourners, and expressed the pleasure he experienced in doing so. He directed attention to their duties and posts in Chapter and at refreshment, and made Comp. James Pendleton Sen. Asst., and T. Webster the Jun. Asst. This having been accomplished, the ballot was taken for Bros. Asher Hart WM. 724, James Brown 724, J. Sharples 724, and Brother W. Hindhaugh 1490, India. In each case it proved favourable, and these brethren were exalted to the supreme degree of Holy Royal Arch. Nothing can be more interesting in this report than to bear record to the admirable working of Comp. J. M. King, the newly appointed P.S. of this Chapter. The zeal and love of Freemasonry which so strikingly characterizes this worthy Companion is only equalled by his great ability to carry out its teachings, and demonstrate with that dramatic force which illustrates our glorious ritual so charmingly to a beholder. The M.E.Z. performed his part of the ceremony with evident ability, and there is no doubt left on our mind but that he will discharge his duties as ably as any of his gifted predecessors. The lecture of the second Principal was dispensed with, in consequence of Comp. Boulton having to leave through domestic affliction. This all heard with sincere regret, and we take the opportunity to tender our warmest sympathy with our worthy Companion. His chair was taken by Brother Banning. The pressure of business and the delay in opening the Chapter prevented the M.E.Z. giving the Symbolic Lecture. The working of the Officers of this Chapter is now and has ever been good, and at next Convocation doubtless each Officer will be at his post in good form to discharge his duty. Before closing the Chapter, Ex. Comp. Ballard presented a magnificent P.Z.'s jewel to the I.P.Z., subscribed for by the Comps. of No. 823. Comp. Ballard presented the jewel with very appropriate remarks, as Comp. Shaw had merited the esteem of the Chapter by his strict punctuality to his duties and indefatigable zeal in the discharge of the same. Comp. Shaw very neatly responded for so valuable a mark of esteem. The M.E. proposed that a letter of condolence be sent to the widow and family of our late Comp. Cuthbert, whose death all greatly regretted, and many deplored. Ex. Comp. Banning seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously. The labours of the evening being ended, the M.E.Z. received the hearty good wishes of the visiting Companions, and the Chapter was closed in due and ancient form. By request of the M.E.Z. the Comps. adjourned to supper, when, on removal of the cloth, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were heartily proposed and received. The M.E.Z. proposed the health of Lord Skelmersdale, the R.W. Prov. G. Sup. of W. Lancashire, and the rest of the Grand Officers of Prov. G. Chapter. In offering the toast for the acceptance of the Companions, the Ex. Chief said all Masons in W. Lancashire appreciated his Lordship for his excellent Masonic virtues, and as the head of their Province, but he was highly esteemed by all the Masonic Fraternity because of the deep interest he took in the advancement of the Craft. He was very pleased to see representatives of Prov. Grand Chapter present that evening at his installation, and felt it an honour to unite with the toast Comps. Callow, Banning, Holland and Williams, whose names would be warmly welcomed by all present. The toast was heartily received. Comp. Ashmore obliged with a song. Comp. Banning felt proud to respond for the Prov. Rulers of the Arch, especially so for their noble Prov. G. Sup., who had endeared himself to all Masons. Comp. Holland followed; he returned thanks for the honour done, and was succeeded by Comp. H. Williams, who, in turn, gave way to Comp. Callow, who said he had great pleasure in visiting the Everton Chapter; he was happy to feel that the Comps. were in such pleasing accord with the Prov. G. Officers, and trusted it might long continue so, and that the Chapter might prosper. This it undoubtedly would do under the able ruling of such competent Officers as had that day been placed in charge. Companion Principal Sojourner rose to propose the next toast; he said: Companions,—The gavel having been placed in my hands, it affords me infinite pleasure to propose the toast of the evening, which is the health of our M. Ex. Chiefs. I am sure I only echo your feelings when I say we have been delighted, as well as instructed, by the proofs they each have afforded us this evening that they are well worthy of the positions they occupy. I am sure we must all feel proud that we have enrolled ourselves under the banner of 823. I am convinced that those who have now charge of its banner will add additional lustre to its fame. I feel that it is

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somewhat presumptive and out of place for a Mason so young as I am to attempt to speak of our Chiefs as they deserve, but this much I will venture to say, that both by report and experience, I have been taught to look up to each one of them as safe and sure guiding stars for an ambitious Mason to steer by should he wish to attain Masonic distinction. I trust they will be spared for many years to come, in perfect health, and that their present year of office may be one productive of good to Royal Arch Masonry in general, and this Chapter in particular. Comps. I ask you to drink to the health of our Most Excellent Chief. The toast was drunk with enthusiasm, and full Masonic honours. After Comp. Jacobs had favoured with a song the M.E.Z. rose to return thanks for the honour done him, and the Excellent Comps. in the last toast. Personally, he felt very grateful for the compliment paid by Comp. King. It would be his aim to do his work ably. If he fell short, it would not be through indifference to the claims the Chapter had upon him as its first Principal. He had looked forward for years to the post he now occupied, and felt it to be one of great honour, and as such he would ever esteem it. His desire was to cultivate for the future what had long existed in the Everton Chapter, viz., a correct ritual, well worked. Comp. Banning, in the unavoidable absence of Comp. Boulton, returned thanks for the second Principal, and Comp. Ashmore, on his own behalf, thanked the Comps. for the honour conferred on him in his being elected to the chair of J. He would do his utmost to discharge his duty, and hoped his health would enable him to attend the duties, and when the gloom of this dreary winter had passed, which, he regretted to say, had been productive of death in the homes of many of the brethren, he trusted the spring would again bring all joy and prosperity. Comp. Ballard proposed the health of the Installing Officers, without whose abilities the ceremony would not have been performed with such success. The excellent qualities of Comps. Banning and Turner are well known and appreciated by all, therefore there was nothing requisite but to announce the toast, and ask the Comps. to honour the same in a bumper. This was done with musical honours. Comp. M. Hart kindly favoured the company with a song. Comp. Turner then returned thanks; he was proud of being the first P.Z. of the Chapter. There was no great credit due to him for the performance of any ceremony in the Chapter, he hoped he might long be spared to devote any ability he might possess to the service of the Comps. and the welfare of the Chapter. He was happy to know that the zeal for the Craft and the ability to perform its rites was fully maintained in the Chapter; yet he could not avoid expressing regret that the ability of officers enrolled under 823 was not recognised by the bestowal of that Provincial distinction which ought to be the reward of merit. He did not speak for himself, because he enjoyed the honours which the votes of brethren alone could confer. He congratulated the M.E.Z. on his accession to his high appointment, and felt sure it was a trust reposed in a Comp. well worthy the distinction. Comp. Banning rose with great pleasure to respond to the last toast. He did not expect to be called upon to officiate in the installation that day; however, it would prove an incentive for every Comp. to hold himself in readiness to do what might be justly expected of him. The M.E.Z. rose to propose a toast which in the highest degree would be acceptable to all present. Every one who knew Comp. Shaw the I.P.Z. bore testimony to the fidelity with which he discharged every trust confided to him, and as first Principal of this Chapter he had been greatly esteemed; now that he had passed through its chair he felt sure the Chapter would receive valuable aid. Comp. Shaw was one whom they knew to be capable of rendering it. Therefore he would ask the Comps. to do honour to the toast. At this stage of the proceedings Comps. King, Pandleton and Russell gave a selection from "The Lady of Lyons," much to the enjoyment of those present. The I.P.Z. then returned thanks for the honour done him; he reverted to the tangible emblem of appreciation which he had received in the Chapter. Everything he did was for the best interests of Freemasonry. He had been actuated to do his utmost for the Chapter in the past, and would do so in the future. He hoped to be spared, in health, to render long service to the Everton, and his exertions were at the disposal of the Comps., who had always treated him kindly; both in, and on his retiring from office. The kindness shown him would prompt every officer to secure the esteem of the Companions, who were ready to acknowledge merit so bountifully. Comp. Ballard proposed the health of the Past Principals in a very handsome manner, attributing to their zeal, talents and discipline the splendid legacy of a happy, prosperous and well-worked Chapter. To enumerate the Masonic virtues of one more than another would be invidious in its character, and very difficult to transcribe; all possess such good traits, which make the Masonic heart complete. He therefore called on the Comps. to drink to the very good health of Past Principals Shaw, Cottrell and Holland, as the only Comps. remaining to represent this toast. Comp. Dr. Callow favoured with the next song, and then Comp. Holland returned thanks for the Past Principals; he felt the honour of being included in that list. The Comps. knew that every Past Principal had done his duty to the utmost, and would be ever ready to aid with their advice and presence in the well conducting of the Chapter. He congratulated the members on having such able officers filling the chairs; under their administration the dignity and prosperity of 823 would not suffer. Comp. Cottrell followed, to the same purport, after which Comp. Shaw briefly acknowledged the honour done those mentioned in the toast. The M.E.Z. rose with great pleasure to propose the health of the newly-exalted Comps. During the interval Comp. Washington obliged with a song. Comp. Hart, as one of the exaltees, returned thanks; he intimated that he had kept a promise made some time ago that when Comp. Ballard attained the post he now occupied he would seek the mysteries of Holy Royal Arch. Comps. Sharples, Brown and Hindhaugh also returned thanks for the privilege of being exalted. The M.E.Z. rose; as time was on the wing he briefly but very cordially proposed the health of the Officers; he paid a just meed of p... ... King P.S., whose working, he held, could not be surpassed. He felt sure that every Officer would efficiently perform his part, as each had competency and zeal to do so. Comp. Jacobs kindly gave the next song, and Comp. D. Callow, Treas., replied, on his own behalf, for the honour done the Officers. He had no ambition for office, but the post of Treasurer he accepted with pleasure; and he would discharge the functions attached thereto with every consideration. On coming into office he was happy to find 93 subscribing members on the roll; a good amount in hand, with a large sum to come in, which he supposed would be received in due time. Comp. King felt very pleased to be invested with his collar. He felt the responsibility of his office, especially as he followed in the footsteps of so competent a Comp. as his predecessor. It was pleasing to say that the further he advanced in Freemasonry, the happier he felt himself; therefore, the duties of office were the reverse of irksome. Comp. Pendleton, as the Assist. Soj.. felt it his duty to aid his Principal, and would do so by making himself proficient. Comp. Webster responded, to the same effect. The M.E.Z. next proposed a toast which he said was always received with acclamation in the Chapter. He had been greatly honoured by so many distinguished visitors at his installation. He could not refrain from expressing his deepest gratitude for their presence. He thanked Comps. Callow, Washington, Williams, Burgess, Davis, Jacobs, Pearson, Madrell, Archdeacon, and many others for their attendance, and trusted that during his year of office they would visit the Chapter as often as possible, as there was always a welcome for them. The toast was heartily drunk. Comp. Williams thanked the members for the kindness shown the Visitors, and augured success for the Chapter in the future, where there was such competency displayed in every office. Comp. Callow thanked the Chief for the kind remarks in reference to himself. He prized the honour conferred on him in the Craft, and congratulated Comp. Ballard on attaining his high office; likewise the Chapter on its being so fortunate as to possess so many talented Officers. He was sure under such rule and assistance the Chapter would continue to prosper. Comp. Pearson was much struck with the ability displayed in the administration of the Chapter; also at the large attendance of Comps. Comp. Washington heartily thanked the Chapter for the very many kind receptions given him. He hoped to be spared to often attend, as there was such mutual accord between his Chapter and the Everton; he trusted it would ever continue so. He had been much pleased and edified. Comp. Burgess endorsed all that had been said by the previous speakers, and intimated that all who favoured his (the Temple) Chapter with a visit would meet with an equally cordial reception, and be as well entertained as on this occasion. What he had seen of the working fully satisfied him as to the future prosperity of the Chapter. Many other Companions returned their thanks for the honour done them, both on this and former occasions, and wished the Everton undiminished prosperity in its glorious career. The last toast of the evening ushered in the time for separating, and so closed a most delightful evening.

STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.

CONSECRATION OF A NEW FREEMASONS' HALL AT PENANG.

PENANG may safely claim the honour of being one of the first places in the Far East in which English Freemasonry was planted; the old Neptune Lodge having been consecrated at an earlier date than either of those now existing in Hong Kong or Singapore. But like most of our colonies and dependencies in this part of the world, the foreign community is a very transient one, and subject to continual change. In consequence of this, the Neptune Lodge, which at one time had a goodly number of members on its books, but who unfortunately, were for the most part military, non-resident or sea-faring—fell into abeyance, and ultimately died a natural death, prior, we believe, to 1863, the year in which the revision of numbers took place. For about thirteen years—although the Craft was fairly represented amongst the European portion of the population—this "fair isle" was destitute of a Lodge. In 1875 efforts were made to establish one; the usual petition was drawn up and signed, and the R.W.D.G.M. Eastern Archipelago granted a dispensation, empowering the petitioners to meet as a Lodge, and appointing W. Bros. R. C. Woods, A. Ainslie and T. A. Fox to act as W.M., S.W. and J.W. respectively. The warrant of the new Lodge bearing the name and number, Royal Prince of Wales 1555, is believed to have been almost, if not the very first signed by our Royal Grand Master after his installation to the high office he now holds; it being dated 5th July 1875. The cremony of consecration was performed on the 4th December of the same year, by the Right Worshipful Bro. W. H. Read D.G.M. Eastern Archipelago, and the W.M. and Officers for the ensuing year duly installed and invested. Since that time, notwithstanding frequent changes in the list of its members, the young Lodge has enjoyed a prosperous career. One great want, however, was always felt—a proper place of meeting. The rooms temporarily hired were singularly inconvenient, both as regards construction and locality; moreover, the rent demanded was far too exorbitant. At the close of 1877 a suggestion was made that a hall should be built, and at the commencement of the new year three or four brethren, with a princely liberality, subscribed more than half the amount required; the example of generosity shown by them was speedily followed, and contributions soon poured in from all sides. Some delay was caused by the difficulty of obtaining a suitable site, but this was eventually got over, and the work of erection commenced at last in real earnest, and was completed early in December. With the concurrence of the D.G.M., St. John the Evangelist's Day (27th December 1878) was fixed for the ceremony of consecration and dedication. On that day, the members of

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the Lodge and visiting brethren, in consequence of the remote distance of the old Lodge Room from the New Hall, assembled at the house of Bro. A. Huttenbach, which, on account of its convenient situation, he had most kindly placed at the disposal of the R.W.D.G.M., who, on arrival, shortly after three p.m., was received with all due honours. A temporary or occasional Lodge was then formed, duly tyled, and opened in the first degree. A procession was formed in the order prescribed by the Book of Constitutions; the several Lodges (with their banners) were duly represented, and the places of absent District Grand Officers were temporarily filled by brethren appointed by the D.G.M., and the brethren moved in full costume towards the New Hall. After the brethren had taken their places in the Lodge Room, the solemn and impressive ceremony of consecration was proceeded with. A Board of Installed Masters was then formed, and Bro. T. A. Fox S.W. was inducted into the Oriental Chair of K.S., with the usual mystic rites and ceremonies, by the D.G.M., assisted by the R.W. Bro. F. H. Gottlieb P.D.D.G.M. The brethren were recalled, and the W.M. was saluted in the three degrees, after which he appointed and invested his Officers as follows:—Bros. D. Comrie S.W., G. Lavino J.W., A. Huttenbach Treas., J. M. Anthony Sec., G. Griffin S.D., H. T. Newton J.D., J. A. Sandilands Steward, W. Spencer Organist, B. Dennard I.G., E. S. Cohen Tyler. The Lodge being closed, the brethren adjourned to the banquet-room, where, under the presidency of the R.W.D.G.M., ample justice was done to the good things provided. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and an agreeable and pleasant evening was passed. On the 31st December a grand ball was given in the banquet-room in honour of the opening of the new Hall, which was honoured by the presence of the Hon. the Lieut.-Governor (Colonel Anson, R.A.), Mrs. and Miss Anson, many of the leading residents, both official and private, Masonic and non-Masonic. The decorations were magnificent, and what further added to the success of the affair was the presence of the band of the 28th Regiment, which, through the kindness and courtesy of the commanding officer, had been sent from Singapore for the occasion. At midnight the dawn of the new year was heralded by a splendid display of fireworks; the guests then retired to supper, after which dancing was resumed and continued till the small hours of morning. To W. Bro. Fox and the committee appointed to carry out the arrangements too much praise cannot be given for the satisfactory manner in which everything passed off. St. John the Evangelist's Day 1878 will hereafter be a red-letter day in the memories of the Freemasons of Penang. Lodge Royal Prince of Wales is yet in its infancy, but it numbers in its ranks many brethren of zeal and ability, who have the highest interests of the craft at heart, by whose exertions it has overcome grave difficulties in the past, and by whose presence and assistance it may hopefully look forward to a bright future. Clinging to the traditions of the past and closely adhering to the ancient landmarks of the Order, we trust that in years to come this Lodge may rise to rank and eminence on the long roll of the Grand Lodge of England. So shall the work now consummated bring forth good fruit in due season, and the labours of those who bore the heat and burden of the day—labours dedicated to the glory of T.G.A.O.T.U. and the interests of our beloved Order—will not have been in vain.

"Hence, midst the ruin of three thousand years,
Unhurt, unchang'd, Freemasonry appears;
Her fair towers and monuments may fade away,
Her truth and social love shall ne'er decay."

The first annual ball of the Burdett Coutts Lodge, No. 1278, took place on Wednesday, at the New Manor Rooms, Mare-street, Hackney. A select party of brethren and ladies were present, and spent a very enjoyable evening, all seeming alike anxious to add to the comfort of their friends. We understand that the result, financially, is such as will enable the Committee to place a goodly sum on the list of Bro. Crouch, their W.M., who is acting as Steward for the Lodge; this will serve as an incentive to renewed efforts in years to come. Bro. Sturtevant, the Hon. Sec., and the Board of Stewards deserve thanks for their efforts to make the ball a success, and we hope the Lodge will long have their assistance in any cause it may undertake.

The regular meeting of the The Great City Lodge, No. 1,426, was held on Saturday, 8th inst., at the Cannon-street Hotel. A report shall appear in our next issue. We must ask the indulgence of the members until then.

A dramatic performance under the auspices of the members of the Mersey Lodge, No. 477, in aid of the funds of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, London, and of the Cheshire Masonic Educational Institution, has been fixed to take place on Wednesday the 26th inst., at the Theatre Royal Birkenhead.

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THE EARL OF CARNARVON.

AT the regular meeting of the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, No. 1642, held at the Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, on Thursday, the 13th inst., Bro. W. J. Murlis P.M. Hon. Sec. reported that, in accordance with the vote of the Lodge at its previous meeting, he had sent, in the name of the members, a letter of congratulation to the Pro G. Master on his marriage, and that he had received a reply from his Lordship, thanking the members, and expressing the interest he felt in the Lodge. Both of these letters were then read, and on the proposition of the S.W. Bro. E. M. Lander, seconded by Bro. W. Stephens P.M., were ordered to be recorded on the minutes of the Lodge. We are compelled to hold over our report of the other proceedings of the evening, in consequence of the pressure on our space. Among other items it was proposed, and carried unanimously, that a letter be sent to the Queen, in the name of the Lodge, congratulating Her Majesty on the marriage that day of her son, H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught; the members, meeting on the wedding-day of their Royal Brother, desiring to offer testimony of their fraternal regard. We append a copy of the letter sent to the Earl of Carnarvon, and his Lordship's reply thereto.

[COPY].

154 Lancaster-road, Notting-hill, W.,
20th January 1879.

To the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, K.G., Pro G. Master, G.M. of Somersetshire, &c., &c.

MY LORD,—At our last meeting of the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge 1642, it was duly proposed and carried unanimously in open Lodge assembled, that the congratulations and greetings of the members of this Lodge should be sent to your Lordship upon your recent marriage, wishing you very many years of happiness.

I am sure your Lordship will excuse me, as a Somersetshire man, if I give you a brief description of this young and prosperous Lodge, bearing your esteemed name, and, by your kindness, the coat of arms used on all our notices of meetings.

This Lodge was consecrated 4th November 1876, the writer being the first W.M. and a Founder; we now number 70 members, nearly all highly respectable men and masons of Kensington. We have four honorary members who are officers of Grand Lodge.

It will, I am sure, be most gratifying for your Lordship to know that the first year of the Lodge's existence a Steward went from this Lodge for the Girls' Masonic Institution, taking up £150. Last year a Steward for the Aged Masons' Institution with £276, and this year no less a sum than 300 guineas; 200 guineas is already subscribed towards that sum.

While we have much to be thankful for, I feel quite sure you will never regret this Lodge bearing so good a name, which we all trust will never be tarnished, but always remain as bright and prosperous as we have begun.

Apologising for troubling your Lordship with such a long letter, I hope you will receive the hearty congratulations of this Lodge.

I remain,
Your Lordship's humble
And obedient Servant,
W. J. MURLIS,
Hon. Sec.

[COPY.]

Highclere Castle, Newbury,
27th January 1879.

SIR,—I have received with very much gratification your letter of the 21st., andI request that you will take the earliest opportunity of expressing to the brethren of the Carnarvon Lodge how sensible I am of their kindly feeling towards me.

I appreciate much the evidence of friendliness and regard which your letter contains.

I have read with great pleasure the satisfactory account which you gave me of the progress of the Lodge, in which, both on its own account, and as bearing my name, I shall always feel an interest.

I remain, Sir,
Yours very faithfully,
CARNARVON.

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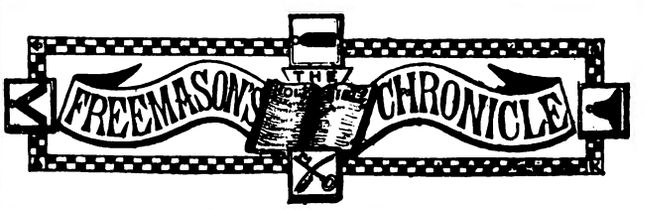
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THE marriage of our royal brother with the Princess Louise Margaret, daughter of Prince Frederick Charles of Prussia took place at St. George's Chapel, Windsor, on Thursday; the ceremony being one of great splendour. The guests from London reached Windsor a little after eleven, by special train from Paddington, and at once proceeded to the Castle, the streets being lined by the Berkshire Volunteers under the command of Colonel Loyd-Lindsay, V.C., M.P. Within the gates of the Castle the Rifle Brigade formed a guard of honour, Captain Burnell in command. Shortly before twelve the organ at St. George's Chapel pealed forth the Minuet from the Overture to Samson, Sir George Elvey presiding at the instrument, and the officiating clergy took their place within the rails of the altar, the building by this time being filled in all parts, except those reserved for Her Majesty and the principal visitors. The wedding guests having left Windsor Castle by the State entrance, proceeded down Castle Hill, attended by a detachment of Royal Horse Guards, and entered the Chapel from the cloisters; Handel's march from "Hercules" being played during their progress up the Chapel. Among the party were the Princess of Wales, with her three daughters, and Prince George of Wales; the King and Queen of the Belgians, Princess Frederick Charles of Prussia, mother of the bride, accompanied by her son, Prince Frederick Leopold, the Crown Princess and Prince William of Prussia following; the Duke and Duchess of Teck, Prince of Leiningen, Princes and Princesses Philip and Augustus of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha, the Field Marshal Commanding-in-Chief escorting the Duchess of Edinburgh, Prince and Princess Christian, the Maharajah and Maharanee Duleep Singh, &c. Those forming this

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procession having taken their seats, the Lord Chamberlain and Lord Barrington returned to the State entry to await the arrival of Her Majesty, whose coming was shortly announced by the cheers of the assembled multitude. The Queen was accompanied by the Princess Beatrice and Prince Albert Victor of Wales. Shortly after the arrival of Her Majesty, the cheers of the people announced the appearance of the bridegroom, who was attended by his brothers, the Prince of Wales and the Duke of Edinburgh. The bride was the next to arrive, Her Royal Highness being escorted by Lord Hertford and the Vice-Chamberlain. The father of the bride marched close by her on the one side and the Crown Prince of Germany and Prussia on the other. On reaching the dais she was met by the bridegroom, and the couple knelt before the altar. The ceremony was commenced by the Archbishop of Canterbury and carried out without interruption. The Primate having given the benediction, the bride was saluted by her mother and the Queen, and the happy couple returned to the Castle, amid the thunder of artillery and rounds of applause from the multitudes in the streets. The other guests followed. Later in the day the Duke and Duchess left for Claremont.

COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

THE regular monthly meeting of the Committee of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was held on Wednesday, in the Board Room, Freemasons' Hall. There were present Bros. Col. Creaton (in the chair), Griffiths Smith, Raynham W. Stewart, Dr. Jabez Hogg, L. Stean, J. M. Case, S. Rawson, A. H. Tattershall, R. Warner Wheeler, F. Adlard, C. A. Cottebrune, Edgar Bowyer, William Stephens, Thomas Cubitt, J. G. Stevens, James Brett, Charles Lacey, James Willing, W. Hilton, W. F. Nettleship, and James Terry (Secretary). Bro. Terry reported that three of the annuitants had died. Grants were made to some widows of half their late husband's annuities; and after the discussion of a new petition, and authority given to the chairman to sign cheques, Col. Creaton gave notice of a motion he would make at next meeting, to raise the Secretary's salary £100 a year. It was resolved to invite the Stewards of the late Festival of the Institution to pay a visit to the annuitants at Croydon, and the proceedings were concluded with the usual compliment to the Chairman.

ROYAL ORDER OF SCOTLAND.

Provincial Grand Lodge of Lancashire and Cheshire.

A MEETING of this Provincial Grand Chapter and Lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Manchester, on Thursday, 6th March 1879, at three o'clock in the afternoon. The R.W. Bro. R. H. Hutchinson Prov. G.M. presided, supported by the following present and P. Prov. G. Officers—Bros. C. Fitz Gerald Matier Dep. Prov. G.M., G. P. Brockbank P. Prov. S.G.W. as Prov. G.S.W., Thos. Entwisle P. Prov. J.G.W. as Prov. J.G.W., John Chadwick Prov. G. Sec., John Duffield Prov. G. Treas., Thos. Chorlton P. Prov. G.W. of T., Samuel Spratley Prov. G. Marshall, Jack Sutcliffe Prov. G.B.B., J. McKie Prov. G. Recorder, and Geo. Mellor, R. Butterworth, Townsend, Jeffrey, Cumberland, Hoffgaard, Pollitt, &c., &c. Visitor—Rev. W. Spencer Stanhope. The minutes of the last meeting of the Prov. G. Chapter and Lodge having been confirmed. The ballot was taken for Captain Murphy of the Barracks, York, Major Henry Platt of Goeddinog, Bangor, and Thos. S. Ainsworth of Blackburn, which resulted in the unanimous election of the candidates. These brethren being in attendance were introduced, and admitted to the degree of H.D.M. on their respective characteristics, the ceremony of induction being presided over by the Deputy Prov. G.M. Bro. Matier the T.W.R. guarded by Bro. Chorlton, Bro. Spratley being G.Marshal the lectures given in extenso, the Wardens' chairs occupied by Bros. Brockbank and Entwisle.

A Provincial G. Lodge of Knights of the R.S.Y.C.S. was forthwith opened, and the brethren before-named, being admitted, were presented to the Prov. G. Master, and by him exalted to the rank of Knights of the R.S.Y.C.S. Bros. Geo. Higgins and R. McE. Smith were appointed auditors of the accounts for the past year. Bro. Duffield was unanimously re-elected Prov. G. Treasurer. The annual meeting and Festival was fixed for Thursday the 3rd July. At the conclusion of business the brethren adjourned to banquet, which was presided over by the Prov. G. Master, after which the usual Loyal toasts were given. Bro. Matier proposed the health of the Prov. G. Master, eulogising the services he had rendered to the Order, and expressing a hope that he might long be spared to give the benefit of his services to the Order. Bro. Hutchinson in reply warmly thanked the brethren for their kindness, and expressed himself much indebted to the various Officers who so efficiently supported him in the discharge of his duties. Bro. Chorlton proposed the health of the Deputy Prov. G.M. Bro. Matier, and remarked that the formation of the Prov. G. Lodge and its continued prosperous existence, had been mainly due to the zeal and ability with which Bro. Matier had conducted its proceedings, his unvarying promptitude in attending at the meetings, and his felicitous rendering of the quaint and interesting ritual of the Order. Bro. Matier in reply expressed his thanks to the brethren for their kindness to him on all occasions he had to come amongst them; he stated that he had now served as Deputy to the three Provincial Grand Masters, the first, a Lancashire man, known to all the Province as a sterling man and Mason, honoured and respected by everybody, viz., Bro. W. Romaine Callender, who died in harness as Member of Parliament for his native city of Manchester. The second, the kindly, benevolent and genial Bro. John Sutcliffe, whose death so soon after his appointment was so deeply to be deplored; and lastly, Bro. Hutchinson, who now ruled the Province, and long might he continue to occupy and adorn the position. Bro. Matier intimated that he thought some other brother should now be called upon to occupy the position he filled, as his residence was some considerable distance from the Province, but he would always give to the Order and the Province a loyal and earnest support. The Prov. G.M. proposed the health of Bros. Brockbank and Entwisle, and the past Officers of the Prov. G. Lodge; he warmly thanked those brethren for regular attendance and assistance at all the ceremonials of the Order. The toast having been suitably responded to, the Candidates was proposed and responded to by Bros. Ainsworth and Major Platt. The Masonic Charities were recognised, and the Visitors kindly remembered. The last toast was given at 9 p.m., and the pleasant meeting terminated.

BRO. HENRY MURRAY'S READING OF "OTHELLO."

A LARGE number of the members of the Order, many of whom wore Masonic decorations, and their friends assembled in the Masonic Hall, Birmingham, on Thursday evening, 6th March, to listen to a reading of *Othello* by Right Worshipful H. Murray. To attempt to sustain the attention of an audience for over two hours by a simple reading, no matter how splendid the subject, is at all times an ambitious task, Bro. Murray, however, acquitted himself to the complete satisfaction of his numerous hearers in his delineation, by the music and variation of the human voice, of the varied characters and passions in the tragedy of *Othello*. In the first act the scenes in which Roderigo, Iago, and Brabantio take part gave a fair specimen of Bro. Murray's elocutionary ability. The lines of Roderigo were read lightly, and the interpreter did not fall into the common error of making Roderigo, who is simply a foolish gentleman, into the stage buffoon. Iago was a blunt soldier, and only in the last scene of this act did the audience get the first glimpse of the subtle villain who is to wreck the happiness of the noble Moor. In this act the reader gave special prominence to the speeches of Brabantio, the powerful grief of the wronged and deceived father being rendered with telling effect, and receiving hearty marks of approval from the listeners. The fine speeches of Othello before the Senate were delivered with much taste, not in a loud tone, but with a voice capable of great modulation. The quiet dignity of manner was improved by the skilful use of emphasis in some of the best-known passages, the words of which are probably as well known to a Warwickshire audience as to the elocutionist himself. The reading of the second act was chiefly noticeable for the accomplished manner in which the chief character in the play was brought into his place, the speeches of Othello being rendered with increasing power, and eliciting hearty applause. The story of the confiding and weak-minded Cassio's temptation to drink by Iago was also a cleverly rendered scene, the part of the Moor's lieutenant being given with taste, and the subtle craft of his tempter showing in well-defined contrast. The closing speech of the wily Antient was read with spirit, which finely illustrated the hidden hatred rankling in his breast. The third act, always a favourite with readers and audiences, showed Bro. Murray to full advantage. The well-known lines in which the Moor is first taught to suspect the fair Venetian whom he has made his wife were not given, as we are so apt to hear them on the stage, in the half hiss, half whisper of the melodramatic villain, but in a subdued conversational tone, every word having its due effect and significance, whilst the gradual breaking of the meaning of the story on the mind of the Moor was shown with a quiet power which was fully acknowledged by the stillness of the audience during the long scene. All through Iago never let his triumphs appear, but was the plain blunt soldier and the seeming friend. Nor did Othello's grief take the form of boisterous rant, but was portrayed with a sympathy which was effective because it was natural. When at last, however, the full light of his position is realised, then Bro. Murray rose to the occasion, and the burst of passion at the end of the third act showed that the reader possessed a reserve of dramatic power which the audience had not suspected. The spirit of this scene was finely illustrated, and the dramatic vigour of the reader was heartily applauded. Much of the fourth act was omitted—the incident of the handkerchief and the parts of Desdemona and Emilia were equal to any part of the reading. The opening speech in the fifth act was a masterpiece of pathetic elocution—in fact, it was the gem of the entertainment, every word having its full weight in each sentence, and the deeply sympathetic tone pictured finely the storm of passion and pity struggling for mastery in the bosom of the Moor. The death of Desdemona, and the poetical justice which is meted out to the fiendish Iago were also very effective. The final speech of Othello was the signal for long continued applause, in response to which Bro. Murray thanked his audience for the attention they had given to his efforts, and trusted that that evening would be "the fair beginning of a time," and that he should be again permitted to read to a Birmingham audience, whose kindness he should long remember.—*Birmingham Daily Gazette.*

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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 MARCH.

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

MONDAY, 17th MARCH.

1—Grand Master's, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
46—Strong Man, Sportsman, City-road, at 8.0. (Instruction.)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
185—Tranquillity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
186—Industry, Bell 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.)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.
1260—John Hervey, Albion Hall, London Wall, E.C., at 7.30. (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.)
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.)

77—Freedom, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend.
236—York, Masonic Hall, York.
331—Phœnix of Honour and Prudence, Public Rooms, Truro.
359—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton.
382—Royal Union, Belmont Hall, Uxbridge.
424—Borough, Half Moon Hotel, Gateshead.
466—Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton.
622—St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne.
725—Stoneleigh, King's Arms Hotel, Kenilworth.
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
925—Bedford, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
934—Merit, Derby Hotel, Whitefield.
985—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Holbeach.
1030—Egerton, George Hotel, Wellington Road, Heaton Norris, near Stockport
1037—Portland, Royal Breakwater Hotel, Portland.
1141—Mid Sussex, Assembly Rooms, Horsham.
1170—St. George, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
1199—Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congresbury.
1208—Corinthian, Royal Hotel, Dover.
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8 p.m. (Instruction.)
1502—Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
R. A. 139—Paradise, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
R. A. 302—Charity, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford.
R. A. 345—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Blackburn.
R. A. 482—St. James, New Inn, Handsworth.
R. A. 1051—Rowley, Athenæum, Lancaster.
M. M. 141—Skelmersdale, Pitt and Nelson Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne.
K. T.—Edmund Plantagenet, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury.

TUESDAY, 18th MARCH.

Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
30—United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
58—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—Lion and Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
111—Faith, 2 Westminster-chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
194—St. Paul, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C.
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney. (Instruction.)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)
857—St. Mark, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
869—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1360—Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, Battersea Park, at 8. (Instruction.)
1420—Earl Spencer, Swan Hotel, Battersea Old Bridge, S.W.
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1471—Islington, Three Bucks, 23 Gresham-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1507—Metropolitan, 289 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8. (In.)
R. A. 933—Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
R. A. 1385—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction.)

117—Wynnstay, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8. (Instruction.)
213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich.
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30. (Instruction.)
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon.
384—St. David, Masonic Rooms, Bangor.
414—Union, Masonic Hall, Reading.
418—Menturia, Mechanics Institute, Hanley.
488—Light, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham.
667—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
1008—Tregullow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrier, Cornwall.
1052—Callender, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
1089—De Shurland, Fountain Hotel, Sheerness.
1113—Anglesea, Bull Hotel, Llangefni.
1276—Warren, Stanley Arms Hotel, Seacombe, Cheshire.
1325—Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1427—Percy, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle.
1470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable.
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 6.0. (Instruction.)
1534—Concord, George Hotel, Prestwich.
1551—Charity, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
1570—Prince Arthur, 130 North Hill-street, Liverpool.
1764—Eleanor Cross, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton.
R. A. 419.—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton.

WEDNESDAY, 19th MARCH.

Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, W.C. at 6.
Grand Stewards' Lodge, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
171—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.)
228—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8. (In.)
538—La Tolerance, Green Dragon, Maddox-street, W., at 7.45. (Inst.)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E., at 7.30. (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. at 8. (Instruction.)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8. (Instruction.)
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7. (Instruction.)
1196—Urban, The Three Bucks, Gresham-street, at 6.30. (Instruction.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8. (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-road, Holloway, at 8. (Instruction.)
1507—Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8. (Instruction.)
1558—Duke of Connaught, Faunce Arms, Kennington Park, at 8. (Instruction.)
1673—Langton, London Masonic Club, 101 Queen Victoria-street, E.C.
1707—Eleanor, Angel Hotel, Edmonton, at 8. (Instruction.)
R. A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8. (Instruction)

20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham.
121—Mount Sinai, Public-buildings, Penzance.
140—St. George, Trafalgar Tavern, Greenwich.
175—East Medina, Masonic Hall, John-street, Ryde, I.W.
200—Old Globe, Private Rooms, Globe-street, Scarborough.
221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton.
325—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford.
428—Sincerity, Angel Inn, Northwich, Cheshire.
451—Sutherland, Town Hall, Burslem.
537—Zetland, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
581—Faith, Drover's Inn, Openshaw.
591—Buckingham, George Hotel, Aylesbury.
592—Cotteswold, King's Head Hotel, Cirencester.
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction.)
633—Yarborough, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
683—Isca, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire.
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
874—Holmesdale, Royal Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells.
889—Dobie, Griffin Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames.
938—Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
969—Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Workington.
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction.)
1019—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.
1040—Syke, Masonic Hall, Driffield, Yorks.
1066—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.
1129—St. Chad's, Roebuck Hotel, Rochdale.
1161—De Grey and Ripon, Denmark Hotel, Lloyd-street, Greenheys, Manchester
1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. Germains, Cornwall.
1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich.
1246—Holte, Holte Hotel, Aston.
1301—Brighouse, Masonic Room, Bradford-road, Brighouse.
1337—Anchor, Masonic Rooms, Durham House, Northallerton.
1353—Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster.
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1443—Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon.
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull.
1634—Starkie, Railway Hotel, Ramsbottom.
R. A. 220—Harmony, Wellington Hotel, Garston, Lancashire.
R. A. 258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike.
R. A. 580—Unity, Wheatsheaf, Ormskirk.
R. A. 591—Buckingham, George Hotel, Aylesbury.
R. A. 1060—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Tamworth.
M. M. 181—Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham.

THURSDAY, 20th MARCH.

House Committee, Girls' School, at 4.
3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8. (Instruction.)
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
23—Globe, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction.)
63—St Mary, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8. (Instruction.)
169—Temperance, White Swan, High-street, Deptford.
181—Universal, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
211—St. Michael, George, Australian Avenue, Barbican, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8. (Instruction.)
813—New Concord, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
1139—South Norwood, Public Hall, South Norwood.
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park.
1287—Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1319—Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
1420—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, E.C. at 6.30. (Instruction.)
1475—Peckham, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1614—Covent Garden, Ashley's Hotel, Henrietta-street, Covent Garden, 8. (Inst.)
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.)

43—Relief, Albion Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lanc.
48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead. (Instruction.)
56—Howard, High-street, Arundel.
98—St Martin, Town Hall, Burslem.
100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor Hotel, Quay, Great Yarmouth.
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
268—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, George-street, Ashton-under-Lyne.
343—Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Starkie-street, Preston.
345—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Church-street, Blackburn.
367—Probity and Freedom, Red Lion Inn, Smallbridge.
523—John of Gaunt, Freemasons' Hall, Halford-street, Leicester.
600—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
605—Combermere, Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe.
663—Wiltshire of Fidelity, Town Hall, Devizes.
1011—Richmond, Crown Hotel, Blackfriars-street, Salford.
1042—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds.
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1299—Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, near Liverpool.
1327—King Harold, Britannia Hotel, Waltham New Town.
1332—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon.
1432—Fitzalan, Wynnstay Arms, Oswestry.
1512—Hemming, Lion Hotel, Hampton.
1613—West Middlesex, Feathers Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
R. A. 204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
R. A. 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R. A. 275—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, South-parade, Huddersfield.
R. A. 1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonia-road, Batley.
K. T.—Albert, Masonic Rooms, 23 Ann-street, Rochdale.
K. T.—William de la More, Town Hall, Bootle.

FRIDAY, 21st MARCH.

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. 8. (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.)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1288—Finsbury Park M.M., Earl Russell, Isledon-road, N. at 8. (Instruction.)
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
1305—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1642—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd. N. Kensington, at 7.30. (Inst.)
London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-street, E.C., at 6.
R. A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8. (Inst.)
R.A. 1471—North London, Crown and Woolpack, St. John-st.-rd., at 8. (Inst.)
K. T.—St. George, Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C.

127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate.
152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.

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347—Noah's Ark, Wagon and Horses Hotel, Tipton.
516—Phœnix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket.
541—De Lorraine, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
963—Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Levenshulme.
1096—Lord Warden, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal.
1311—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Great George street, Leeds.
1393—Harmer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
1644—Alma Mater, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7.
R. A. 403—Hertford, Shire Hall, Hertford.
R. A. 521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.
R. A. 837—Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon.
R. A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, at 5.30.
K. T.—Jacques de Molay, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
R. C.—Talbot, Freemason's Hall, Sheffield.

SATURDAY, 22nd 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, W. at 8.

1464—Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe.
1531—Chislehurst, Bull's Head Hotel, Chislehurst.
1777—Royal Hanover, Town Hall, Hounslow.
R. A. 308—Affability, Station House Hotel, Bottoms, Stansfield.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Fidelity Lodge of Instruction, No. 3.—A meeting was held on 6th March, at the Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-square. Present—Bros. Koester P.M. W.M., H. Ash P.M. S.W., Besley J.W., Cook Sec., Sibley S.D., Burgess J.D., S. Read I.G., Maclaren Tyler. Lodge was opened in due form, the minutes read and confirmed. The Fifteen Sections were worked as follows:—First Lecture—Bros. R. T. Cook, P. Recknell, J. W. Smith, Knight, R. T. Cook, H. Ash, Koester. Second Lecture—Burgess, Koester, Koester, H. Ash, H. Ash. Third Lecture—R. T. Cook, H. Ash, Koester. Lodge was resumed to the first degree. It was proposed by Bro. Cook, seconded by Bro. Maclaren, that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to the W.M. for the very able manner in which he had presided over the Lodge throughout the evening—carried. All Masonic business being ended, the Lodge was closed in perfect Harmony.

Kent Lodge, No. 15.—At Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on Wednesday last. The meeting of the Lodge was called for 5 p.m. At six, but seven brethren, including one Visitor, were present. The W.M., after complaining of the absence of most of his Officers, and every one of his Past Masters, except the Treasurer and Secretary, bravely proceeded to open the Lodge. The minutes of the last meeting and Auditors' report were confirmed. By the latter there appeared a balance of £126 in favour of the Lodge. About £30 to the Benevolent Fund, a satisfactory feature being that during the past year £45 was voted to the Institutions. The next business was to confer the Third Degree upon Bro. A. Wiley; the W.M., though evidently suffering from indisposition, performing the ceremony most creditably. At this point a number of brethren entered, amongst whom were Past Masters S. Wharman, H. Martin, J. P. May, James Pinder. Mr. Thomas Borer having been ballotted for, was duly initiated. The W.M. again did his work well, but it must be stated that with the exception of Bros. Levy and Wells, the Masonic education of the rest of the Officers seems to have been sadly neglected. The W.M., after stating that physical suffering, to which he has been subject for many weeks past, alone had prevented him from perfecting himself so as to do justice to the ceremony of Installation, and that upon his request Bro. Pinder had kindly consented to act as Installing Master,—vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Pinder, who at once warmed to his work, and installed Bro. C. Ginman, the W.M. elect, according to ancient custom, in a manner rarely surpassed. The last address, which is in itself an epitome of Masonic principle, was rendered with a simple eloquence which rivetted attention, and at the conclusion induced cordial applause. Even Past Master May's general taciturnity forsook him for the time; it made him rise, and in a few well chosen words, he complimented Bro. Pinder, and moved a vote of thanks to that Brother, to be entered on the minutes. This was seconded and unanimously carried. Bro. Pinder having expressed his thanks, the Lodge was closed. Previous to that the new W.M. invested his Officers as follow:—C. E. Ball S.W., W. Levy J.W., J. Sleeman P.M. Treas., W. P. Dukes Sec., S. P. Lipscombe S.D., E. A. Wells J.D., A. Posener I.G., E. P. Barlow P.M. (in his absence) Steward. A. Wiley D.C. The Visitors present in the Lodge were—T. Robertson 1538, T. Harmer 1426, J. Morton 91, T. C. W. Fenn 171, W. Brooks 545, A. Chisholm 1602, G. Clark 1602, E. Gotthell P.M. 185. The brethren proceeded to the Holborn, where ample refreshment awaited them, and when it is added that besides the generous hospisality of the Kent Lodge, Bro. Hamp, the courteous manager, was there personally to superintend, it will be understood that nothing was wanted to bring the evening to a successful end. But, alas! for human hopes and desires. The cup of joy must have its drop of gall. Everything went on well until Bro. Pinder, speaking in response to the health of the Past Masters, took the opportunity to say that some personal friends, members of the Lodge, being desirous to testify their esteem for Bro. J. H. Cambridge, the retiring W.M., had thought fit to supplement the usual P.M. jewel which had that evening been presented by the Lodge, by a silver salver, upon which was inscribed:—"Presented to Bro. J. H. Cambridge P.M. No. 15, in testimony of the energy and ability displayed by him during his year of office, 12th March 1879." Upon this the storm, the symptoms of which were discernible even in the Lodge, broke loose, a venerable Past Master taking the lead, and although trying his utmost to conceal it, scarcely succeeded in showing it was no jealousy by which he and his compeers were actuated in creating the hubbub. Of course there was an end to the harmony of the evening, and without waiting for the conclusion of the fraternal strife, which, from what is known of the generally genial dispositions of the brethren of the Kent Lodge, was doubtless at last amicably arranged, and inexorable time having arrived to nearly 11 p.m., with many toasts still to be done, your reporter, who has an absolute horror of late hours, quietly slid away.

Strong Man Lodge, No. 45.—This Lodge held its regular meeting on Thursday, the 6th instant, at Masons' Hall, Mason's-avenue, Basinghall-street, under the presidency of Bro. A. W. Wing, who was efficiently supported by the following brethren:—Symons S.W., Halle J.W., Dyer P.M. Sec., Follett P.M. Treasurer, Cordingly S.D., Horne J.D., Dean I.G., Steed Tyler, W. A. S. Humphries D.C., Defriez I.P.M., and Past Masters Vass, Moss, Driver, Pilbeam; with a fair assemblage of brethren. Visitor—A. W. Fenner S.D. 1227. Lodge was opened in ancient form. The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for the admission of Mr. Sharpe, who was a candidate for Masonic light. This proved in his favour, and he, being in attendance, was initiated into the mysteries by the W.M., in a very impressive manner. The next business was the election of W.M. for the ensuing year; this proved unanimous in favour of the S.W. (Bro. Symons). The Treasurer was re-elected, and a show of hands resulted in Bro. Steed being re-elected Tyler; after which the statutory number of auditors was proposed and elected. A small sum was voted out of Lodge funds to a distressed foreign brother. Lodge was then closed in perfect harmony, and adjourned. A substantial supper was provided for the brethren, which was duly appreciated. On the cloth being removed, the W.M. proposed the loyal toasts, in a condensed form, the Initiate's toast was responded to by Bro. Sharpe in a neat speech. The health of the W.M. was received with great cordiality by the brethren; in acknowledgment, the W.M. descanted upon the high honour of being W.M. of one of the oldest Lodges in London, more particularly as the Lodge had obtained the Centenary Jewel during his Mastership; in obtaining which he had exerted himself, and he was proud at being successful in his endeavours. He assured the brethren he would ever use his influence in furthering the interests, as well as sustaining the high honour of the Strong Man Lodge. The Visitor's toast was proposed in a very flattering speech; eulogising the good which emanated from brethren attending Lodges of Instruction, particularly the one working under the authority of Strong Man Lodge, of which Bro. Fenner was Secretary. The W.M. also strongly exhorted those brethren who were anxious to work up in the beautiful rituals of Freemasonry to attend Strong Man Lodge, where they would attain all the knowledge they required. Bro. Fenner, in thanking the W.M. and brethren for the kind manner they had received the toast, observed that he had obtained all the knowledge he possessed of Freemasonry by assiduously attending Lodges of Instruction; he should feel very proud to enrol the names of any brethren present on the list of members of the Strong Man Lodge of Instruction. The P.M.'s health was proposed by Bro. Wing, who referred to the valuable assistance he had received, and thanked them very much; the toast was received with acclamation. Bro. Defriez I.P.M., responded; he remarked that this was the last time he should have the honour of holding the position of I.P.M.; after that evening he would have to retire and take "a back seat;" he assured the brethren that should ever his services be required in the Lodge, he would cheerfully give them. He congratulated the brethren on having such an excellent Master to preside over them. The health of the W.M. elect, Treas., and Sec. was then severally proposed and honoured. The Tyler's toast brought an enjoyable evening to an end. The following brethren contributed to the evening's amusement:—Bros. Symons, Halle, P.M. Defriez, Neil, Bigg, and the Initiate, who favoured the company with a French ditty.

Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.—At Bro. Spurgin's, the Sportsman, City-road, on Monday, the 10th inst. Present:—Bros. Gush W.M., Wing S.W., Fox J.W., Tolmie Preceptor, Fenner Secretary, W. Rowley S.D., Gyer J.D., Hallam sen. I.G., also Bros. Trewinnard, Hirst, Powell, William, J. W. Smith, Pelikan, Simpson, Gieseke, Lane, Byott, Humphrey, Ross, Gibbs, Payne, Balls, Cleverly, Isaac, &c. Lodge was opened and the minutes were read. Bro. Willison proved his efficiency, was entrusted, and in due course passed to the degree of F.C., by the W.M., who performed this duty in a very effective manner. The W.M. worked the first and second, Bro. Fenner the third, Bro. Isaac the fourth, and Bro. Tolmie the fifth sections of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was resumed, and Bros. Lane and Gieseke of the Upton Lodge 1227 were elected members. Bro. Wing was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. A vote of thanks was awarded to the W.M. for presiding, for the first time, after which the Lodge was closed and adjourned.

Ancient Ebor Preceptory, No. 101. (K.T.)—The annual meeting of this body for the installation of E. Preceptor took place at York on Tuesday last. The Preceptory was opened by E. Sir Knt. Wm. Valentine E.P., who was duly supported by several of his Officers and members, many however not being able to be present through illness. Comp. J. F. Taylor having been installed a Knight of the Order, the Preceptor Elect, Sir Knt. J. S. Cumberland, was introduced and duly installed in the chair, the ceremonies of the evening being worked by E. Sir Knt. T. B. Whytehead P.E.P. G. Capt. of Guards Eng. The E.P. then appointed his Officers as follow:—Hon. W. F. Orde-Powlett C., Geo. Simpson M., P. H. Rowland S.M., Rev. W. Valentine Chap., T. B. Whitehead Reg., A. G. Duncombe Herald, J. G. Croft Sword Bearer, C. Palliser St. Bearer, G. H. Simpson Org., M. Millington C. of G., J. Ward Equerry. Several items of business were transacted, and the E.P. thanked the Knights for the confi-

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dence reposed in him. The Registrar stated that the certificates of hon. membership had been supplied to all those who had been elected both in America and in England, and had been much admired. Amongst the visitors present were E. Sir Knights W. Hill Sub. Prior of West Yorkshire, C. L. Mason E.P. Fidelity (Leeds), S. E. Seanor P.E.P., W. Beanland P.E.P. Faith (Bradford), Andrews P.E.P. and several others. A Priory of Malta was opened at the close of the Preceptory, and E. Sir Knight Cumberland was installed as E.P. by E. Sir Knight Whytehead. The members and their visitors afterwards met at supper, and passed a most enjoyable evening.

Lodge of Peace, No. 149, Meltham.—This Lodge held its regular meeting on Saturday, 8th March 1879, in the Masonic Rooms. Present—Bro. A. W. Derbyshire W.M., H. W. Wrigley S.W., James Haigh P.M. as J.W., D. Wood P.M. Treasurer, C. H. Redfearn P.M. Secretary, William Sugg S.D., John Heywood J.D., James Wilkinson P.M. as I.G., John Kenyon P.M. Tyler, David Cairns I.P.M., W. Haigh P.M., Charles Rayner P.M., Edwin Foster, J. W. Sykes and other brethren. After the minutes of last Lodge meeting had been read and confirmed, Bro. Charles Rayner P.M. rose and said: Worshipful Master and Brethren,—We are assembled here this evening under mournful circumstances. "In the midst of life we are in death;" "Man that is born of a woman hath but a short time to live, and is full of misery; he cometh up, and is cut down like a flower; he fleeth as it were a shadow, and never continueth in one stay." These are solemn and impressive words, which are used in that grand old Church of England burial service of ours, and I think that they are not inappropriate for use on the present occasion. We had a startling proof of their truthfulness whilst assembled round the festive board at our last Lodge meeting, for it was then that we received the telegram from our absent W.M., informing us of the unexpected death of our lamented Bro. George Haigh P.M. and P.P.G.D. of C. Whilst acting as his S.W. during his year of office as W.M. of this Lodge, I had many opportunities of eulogising his Masonic zeal and eminent talents. And now, brethren, as a last tribute of respect to his memory, and as a mark of our deep and heartfelt sympathy with his sorrowing widow in her bereavement, I take this opportunity of proposing that a letter of condolence be sent to her, expressive of that sympathy. In taking upon myself to do this, I feel sure that my action is in harmony with your own feelings, and that my proposition will meet with your entire approbation and receive your warm support. The loss to his widow is no ordinary one. She has been deprived of her partner in life, and the father of her children; the sharer of her sorrows and her joys; and although he has left wealth behind him, he has also left behind him a proportionate amount of care, anxiety, and responsibility, much of which must of necessity fall upon her. As we all know, our deceased brother has been a most successful man in life. It was in the year 1858 that he first commenced business on his own account, at the age of 21 years; he was then a poor man, comparatively speaking. In the year 1878, after a lapse of 20 years, he was generally acknowledged to have been one of the most successful woollen cloth manufacturers in the Huddersfield district. But, alas! After only five short weeks of the new year 1879 had passed, he had to succumb to a dire disease, which had seized upon him with unrelenting severity, and carried him off at the early age of 11 years. The best medical skill was of no avail to stop the progress of that fell disease. He was cut off in in the very flower of manhood — in the prime of life. He died, in full harness; his hands filled with the chief control and principal management of large concerns of various kinds. Since our last Lodge meeting his remains have been committed to the grave, and we shall never more hear his voice within these walls. We shall never again have the opportunity of enjoying such happy, social evenings with him in this room as those which some of us have reason to remember so well. But although his body is now enclosed within the cold tomb, we have a sure and a certain hope that his spirit has ascended to that magnificent temple from whence all goodness emanates. It can truly be said of him that he was both a great and a good man. He could not boast of a high classical education, but he was a man that had great aptitude for self-improvement. His leisure hours were spent in pursuits of an intellectual and an elevating kind. His energy of character, his quiet and unobtrusive perseverance in anything that he took in hand, and his well-known general abilities, won for him the confidence, respect, and admiration of all who knew him. Outside his family circle his loss will be severely felt, not alone by us, but by hundreds of other people, some of whom were his bosom friends, others who were intimately acquainted with him in business, and other matters, and a great many who had had the good fortune to participate in the great benefits which he had been the means of bestowing upon the village of Slaithwaite. His Masonic career, like his general career in life, has been a successful one. He was initiated into Masonry in this room, by Brother Doctor Haig P.M., in July 1869. He was passed in August, and raised in September of the same year, I believe by the same brother. In 1870 he did duty for Bro. Preston as I.G., and I was appointed S.D. for 1871. In 1872 he had no office, but he was always ready to take the place of any Officer who might happen to be absent. He was appointed J.W. for 1873, S.W. for 1874, and was unanimously elected W.M. for 1875. The same year he was appointed a P.G. Steward, and a Steward for the R.M. Benevolent Institution. During his year of Office as W.M. he had two initiations, two passings, and two raisings, and received great praise for the able manner in which he performed the ceremonies. I followed him in the W.M.'s chair for 1876, and he was I.P.M. It was during this year that the movement was commenced, and successfully carried out, of establishing a new Masonic Lodge at Slaithwaite. It was consecrated at the end of the year, on the 23rd December, by the W.D.P. Grand Master Bro. Tew, J.P., under the name of Colne Valley Lodge, No. 1645, and I had the honour of installing him as the first W.M. In the year 1877 he was appointed P.G.D. of C. During the first two years of the existence of the Colne Valley Lodge his duties in connection with it as W.M. and I.P.M. were very arduous. He himself performed no less than 45 ceremonies, besides taking part in others in which I and several friends went over to give him assistance. He had 13 initiations, 21 passings, and 11 raisings, the whole of which ceremonies he gave in a most efficient manner, and with remarkable impressiveness. The last time that he attended this, his Mother Lodge, was at the Festival of St. John's, and the installation of his friend Bro. Derbyshire as W.M., on the 21st of last December. I have now traced his Masonic career in detail up to the end of 1878, and the beginning of 1879; a career which, for its energy and usefulness we may say has been an extraordinary one. In conclusion, brethren, seeing that our dear departed brother is now no more—that it has pleased the Great Architect of the Universe to take him away from us, let us never forget that we too have but a short time to live. Let us ever remember that—

"A few more years shall roll,
A few more seasons come,
And we shall be with those that rest,
Asleep within the tomb."

And when that great day shall arrive, let us all hope, aye, and fervently pray, that we may be found with him in that Grand Lodge above where the world's great Architect lives and reigns for ever. The motion was seconded by Bro. H. W. Wrigley S.W., and feelingly supported by Bro. Edwin Foster and the W.M.

Humber Lodge of Mark Master Masons, No. 182, Hull.—The regular meeting of this very prosperous Lodge was held on Tuesday last, the 11th inst. Bro. Preston W.M. occupied the chair, and was supported by the following Officers:—Bros. Boggett I.P.M. P.P.G.S.O. Lincolnshire, T. Thompson S.W., M. Haberland J.W., J. Wilson Treas., E. Kidd Hon. Sec., C. W. Cheesman Org., J. D. Wing S.O., J. R. Ansdell J.O., G. D. Storry S.D., F. Lancaster J.D., B. Coben I.G., T. Taylor Steward; Bros. T. Proctor, G. Wilson, T. MacKaill, &c. Visitors—Bro. C. F. Matier P.G.W. of England, Bro. Potter, and Bro. Stevens No. 12. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the meeting, and Lodge of Emergency, altering the days of meeting from the second Tuesday to the second Thursday in every month, were read and confirmed. The ceremony of advancement was then worked by the W.M., assisted by Bro. Boggett P.M. The Lodge was then closed, when the brethren adjourned to a banquet, provided by the Chief Steward. After the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts had been duly honoured, Bro. C. F. Matier proposed success to the Mark Benevolent Fund, and made an earnest appeal to the brethren for support. Bro. Boggett P.M. responded, and stated that it was his intention to represent the Humber Lodge at the next Festival; he hoped the brethren would give him the same support they did on previous occasions, this being the third time he had served as Steward. The result was the brethren subscribed £5 as a start for Bro. Boggett's list.

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193.—On Wednesday, at the Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street, Bro. D. Moss W.M., Thos. Wm. Bone S.W., G. S. Walker J.W., Smith S.D., Woodward J.D., Bush Treas., J. K. Pitt Sec., Biddle I.G., Christopher Tyler. The Lodge was opened in due form with prayer. The minutes were read and confirmed, Bro. Pitt offered himself as a candidate for passing, and the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony. The W.M. worked the sections of the degree, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Bone, the S.W. was elected W.M. for next Wednesday. The Lodge was closed in due form with prayer, and adjourned to Wednesday, 19th March, at 7 o'clock.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—On Saturday, the 8th instant, at Bro. Fysh's, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road. Present—Bros. Lewis W.M., Brasted S.W., J. Lorkin J.W., Pearcy Preceptor, R. H. Halford Treasurer, A. W. Fenner Sec., Cuthbertson S.D., Byott J.D., Gilham I.G.; also Bros. Stock, Williams, T. Goode, Ross, Brand, J. Millington, Byng, Garrod, Phillips, Fysh, Forss, Killick sen., H. P. Isaac, H. Hall, C. K. Killick jun., Trewinnard, and others. Lodge being opened, the minutes were read. Bro. Brand answered the questions in a satisfactory manner, was entrusted, and in due course passed to the degree of F.C. Bro. Brasted worked the first, Bro. Pearcy the second sections of the Lecture. Lodge was closed in the second degree. A presentation of a testimonial, together with a handsome gold ring and set of studs, was then handed, by Bro. R. H. Halford, the Treasurer of the Lodge of Instruction, to Bro. C. K. Killick jun.; he tendered the gift, in the name of the Lodge, as a testimony of the high esteem in which Bro. Killick is held by its members. Bro. Killick returned thanks in an eloquent speech. Bro. Brasted was unanimously elected W.M. for next Saturday; and a vote of thanks was cordially given to the W.M. for the very efficient manner he had filled the chair of K.S., this being his maiden effort in any Lodge, for which he returned thanks. Lodge was then closed, and adjourned.

St. Michael's Lodge, No. 211.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held at the Albion, Aldersgate-street, on Tuesday last. The Lodge was opened by Bro. Alfred Withers the W.M., who was supported by Bros. Alfred Green I.P.M.; P.M.'s John Laver, C. Greenwood Treasurer, G. Parsons; W. Radcliffe S.W., Dr. Waters J.W., W. W. Morgan Secretary, Usher Bach S.D., W. E. Young J.D., F. Hentsch I.G., T. C. Speight Tyler; Bros. Peirce, Martin, Green jun., &c., &c. Lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Mr. Charles Skipp, and was unanimous in favour of that gentleman, who was introduced and initiated into our mysteries by the W.M., who performed the ceremony in a most perfect manner. Lodge was then

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opened in the second and third degrees, and closed down to the first. The initiate of the evening was then re-admitted. Bro. P.M. Laver reported that he had paid over to a distressed brother the amount of £2 2s which had been voted at last meeting. After other routine business, Lodge was closed. The brethren afterwards partook of light refreshment, and spent an hour in social converse.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—On Tuesday last, at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston. Bro. Wardell W.M., Polak S.W., Smyth J.W., Lovelock S.D., J. Lorkin J.D., Clark I.C., Dallas Sec., Smyth Treas., P.M. Brasted Preceptor; Bros. Wyman, Christian, Collins, Weige, Forss, J. Lorkin, &c. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes of last meeting confirmed. The W.M. worked the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Carr as candidate. Bro. Carr answered questions leading to the second degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. Bros. C. Lorkin worked the first section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. The Lodge was closed to the first degree. Bros. C. Lorkin worked the first and second sections of the Lecture, assisted by the members. Bro. Polak was elected W.M. for next Tuesday evening. The Annual Supper will take place on the 25th inst. at eight o'clock precisely.

Wandsworth Lodge of Instruction, No. 1044.—There was only a thin attendance at the Spread Eagle Hotel, Wandsworth, on Tuesday. This is to be regretted, as the Lodge has an able and willing Preceptor in Bro. J. G. Carter, and is also now in possession of a complete set of working tools. The brethren present were:—Bros. J. Frost W.M., A. N. Newens S.W., J. J. Holland J.W., P. V. Denham S.D., W. A. Morgan I.G., A. B. Blackmore, F. Reed, and A. A. Denham, &c. Bro. Frost was complimented for his working of the first degree, with Bro. Blackmore as candidate. The W.M.'s chair was then taken by Bro. W. A. Morgan (the W.M. of 1044), who ably rehearsed the second and third degrees, Bros. Blackmore and Reed being the candidates. Bro. A. N. Newens was unanimously chosen W.M. for the ensuing meeting.

Gilbert Greenhall Lodge, No. 1250.—The regular monthly meeting was held at the Masonic Rooms, Sankey-street, Warrington, on Tuesday the 11th inst. Present:—Bros. D. W. Finney P.G.S. W.M., T. Anckland S.W., T. Sutton J.W., Spencer Wallhead Sec., J. H. Galloway Treas., T. Hutchinson J.D., W. Bolton as I.G., W. H. Cropper Organist, T. Donville Tyler. Past Masters Bros. P. J. Edelston, R. Brierly, W. S. Hawkins, W. Richardson, and Bros. J. Smethurst, J. R. Jones, J. O'Brien, J. Baird, A. Potter, W. H. Jenkins, J. Hannah, Geo. Mackey, F. Wall, W. Reid, F. Massey, W. Taylor, A. F. G. Potter, A. G. Webster, T. Barber, J. Farrington, &c. Visitors:—T. Jones 241, S. M. Davies FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE. The Lodge was opened with solemn prayer, and the minutes of last regular meeting were read and ratified. The W.M. informed the brethren of the progress made by the committee appointed to further the means of attaining a new Masonic temple or hall in Warrington. Matters of a private nature were discussed, and a sum of two guineas was voted from the funds of the Lodge for a benevolent purpose, in which was exhibited the generous disposition of the brethren and thus realising the universal aspect of Masonic benevolence. The business of the evening being ended, the Lodge was closed in ancient form, and the brethren, by request of the W.M., adjourned to supper. The repast was well served, and every brother was amply provided with those good things which makes the recipient truly thankful. After grace, the cloth was removed and the W.M. proposed the toast of the Queen; followed by that of H.R.H. the Princess of Wales and the rest of the Royal Family; both toasts were duly and loyally honoured. The next toast which Bro. Finney had the pleasure to propose related to the Sovereign Head of the Craft, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and it met with a cordial reception. The W.M. had now the gratification of directing the brethren to their own Province; without making a speech, he would briefly call the attention of those present to the nobleman who ruled over their Province. It was cheering that the appreciation of the brethren for the services of Prov. Grand Officers was well deserved, therefore the W.M. called upon the brethren to drink to the health of Lord Skelmersdale Prov. G.M. West Lancashire, and Prov. G. Officers Past and Present. The toast was heartily received, after which Bro. Cropper kindly favoured with a song. The W.M. next proposed a very important toast; one which would have the cheerful appreciation of all. He felt highly favoured to-night in having the presence of their estimable P.M.'s, who were ever ready to do their utmost for the good of the Lodge, and were capable of rendering such aid to a Lodge as made its administration happy and complete. He was proud of their company, and very grateful for the invaluable assistance they had given him. He asked the brethren to receive the toast of the P.M.'s heartily, and he called on Bros. Hawkins and Richardson to respond. The toast was very warmly received. Bros. Jones kindly favoured with a song. Bro. Hawkins deferred making a speech; the time was rapidly passing away when many must leave by train. He thanked the W.M. for the kind expressions towards the P.M.'s; he duly appreciated the kindness of the brethren in responding to the toast. Bro. Brierly also returned thanks; he was very pleased to see so many brethren together in accord and harmony. Bro. Richardson was gratified at the evening's proceedings. The honour done the toast shewed great kindness on the part of the brethren. He had felt happy in attending the Lodge during the past years, and would continue to do all he could for its welfare in the future. It now afforded him great pleasure to propose a toast which would be acceptable to all. Every brother of 1250 knows how ably the Worshipful Master does his duty; with despatch, yet with due consideration and courtesy. He asked the brethren to drink to the health of the worthy Master. The toast was received with Masonic honours. Bro. Jenkins kindly favoured with the next song. The W.M. briefly returned thanks for the warm reception given this toast. He was glad to state that the Lodge progressed favourably. The prosperity of 1250 did not depend on the increase in its numbers. The main object to be looked at was to promote harmony of feeling and perfect accord in administering the affairs of the Lodge. These objects he had tried to carry out, and he would continue to cultivate and mature them; he hoped his successors would study the same good purpose, and transmit it to future generations. He exhorted every brother to cultivate, and practise daily, with all they may come in contact, the true and noble principles taught in the Craft. No Mason could err in following the precepts of Freemasonry. He finally rejoiced in the knowledge that there was good material to make a strong and well working Lodge, and to those at present holding office he looked with great hope; as he bore testimony to the efficiency and zeal with which they all, from the S.W. downwards, did their work. He therefore asked the brethren to receive the toast of the Officers of the Lodge, which he proposed with great pleasure, and trusted they would drink it with all honours. This was done, and three times seven were given. Bro. Webster kindly favoured with a song, and then Bro. S.W. expressed his thanks for the kind manner in which the toast had been received. He promised to do all he could to further the interests of the Craft; indeed, this would be his chief study. Bro. J.W. expressed his readiness to advance the interests of the Lodge. He was happy to corroborate what had been said; the Lodge was happy in itself, and in all its members; each was in perfect harmony with the other; this could not well be otherwise. Bro. Treasurer was much gratified with the remarks of the W.M. He felt proud of the Lodge, which in his opinion was equal to any he had ever visited. The duties devolving on him were carried out to the best of his ability and cheerfully, and the little he could do would be done with pleasure. Bros. Richardson and Cropper followed, and each expressed his entire concurrence in the sentiments of the previous speakers. Both expressed their readiness to do all they could to facilitate the harmonious working of the Lodge. Bro. Sutton proposed the health of the Visitors, in his usually happy and genial manner, and Bros. Jones and Davies responded. Bro. Richardson, by permission of the W.M., assumed the gavel, and proposed the toast of the Masonic Charities; these he designated as the brightest gems of our Order. With reference to the Provincial Charity, there were a goodly number of supporters in the Lodge, and he hoped others would follow the example set, as it was patent that by the united efforts of the many a great boon could be conferred on those who required aid in time of need. This appeal was crowned with success, as a few additional subscribers were added, and the toast was heartily drunk. The Tyler's toast was called for and given, after which the brethren separated, very much pleased with a most enjoyable evening.

Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611.—On Monday last there was an unusually large gathering of members and visitors at the Queen's Hotel, York, the attraction being a Masonic presentation to be made to the I.P.M. of the Lodge. Bro. J. S. Cumberland W.M. presided, supported by his Wardens, Bros. C. G. Padel and J. T. Seller and the rest of the Officers; whilst among the many members and visitors present we noticed Bros. T. Cooper P.M. P.P.G.D.C., W. Beanland P.M. P.P.G. Supt. Works, A. Buckle W.M. York 236, W. C. Lukis W.M. 837, G. Balmford P.M. and Treasurer, C. Foster P.M., with other brethren from Manchester, Lancaster, Leeds, &c. The first business was the raising of Bro. York to the third degree, the ceremony being worked by the W.M., and the traditional history, tracing board and tools explained by the I.P.M. A sum of £5 5s from the Lodge Benevolent Fund List was voted to be paid in to the name of the W.M in recognition of his services in the cause of the Charities, and the remainder was ordered to be expended in votes for the support of the Lodge's candidate at the next election. The W.M., in thanking the brethren, took occasion to mention the services in the same cause of Charity of Bro. George Simpson M.C., who had served as Steward during the first year of the Lodge's existence, and had taken up a most handsome list under circumstances of special difficulty. The W.M. then said that he had a most pleasing duty to perform, that of presenting their I.P.M. Bro. T. B. Whytehead with a beautiful P.M.'s jewel, on behalf of the members of the Lodge. He need not enlarge upon the services their brother had rendered to the Lodge, for they were well known, but he might say, for the benefit of the younger members, that Bro. Whytehead had probably done more for the welfare of the Lodge than any other member of it. The W.M. concluded by calling upon Bro. T. Cooper, the first P.M. of the Lodge, to affix the jewel to Bro. Whytehead's breast, which was done amid the hearty acclamations of the brethren. Bro. Whytehead, in thanking the brethren, said he was at a loss for words to express the feelings with which he regarded the kind recognition of his services by the brethren of his Lodge. Some of the happiest hours of his life had been spent amongst the members he now saw surrounding him, and he always felt that the sympathy and kindly feeling engendered in that Lodge enabled its members to carry out with them periodically into the world a fresh supply of those pure teachings which were the backbone of Masonry. In working for the prosperity of one Lodge, he felt that they advanced the cause of the Order generally, but whilst labouring in that noble field, in its widest sense, he could never forget to reserve a warm corner in his affections for the little Eboracum and its brethren. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to a capital supper, after which the usual toasts were duly proposed and honoured, and songs and speeches enlivened the evening. The presentation jewel was of gold, and bore the following inscription:—"Presented to Bro. T. B. Whytehead P.M. Prov. G.D.C. by the members of the Eboracum Lodge No. 1611, in recognition of his services since its constitution in 1876." Several letters were read, from the Prov. Grand Master (Lord Zetland), the Dep. Prov. G.M. (Bro. J. P. Bell), the Prov. G.S., and other leading Masons, expressing regret at being unable to be present, and speaking in high terms of the recipient of the jewel. Bro. W. J. Hughan also forwarded,

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through the W.M., his congratulations, and a framed copy of his blazon of arms of the Freemasons for presentation to Bro. Whytehead.

West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, 1612.—The usual weekly meeting was held at the Feathers, Ealing, on Thursday, the 6th inst. Present—Bros. Gunner W.M., Seward S.W., Burr J.W., Clark S.D., Gasson J.D., Fernee I.G.; also Bro. Tucker Preceptor and Treas.; and Bros. Wilton, Stephens, Youens, Wills, March, &c. After preliminaries, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Youens candidate. The Lodge was called off for refreshment, and on resuming Bro. Preceptor Tucker took the chair, and the Lodge having been duly opened in the superior degrees, at the request of the W.M., performed the ceremony of raising, Bro. Youens candidate; Bro. Tucker also delivered the lecture on the tracing board of the degree. The Lodge was closed down to the first degree, and the W.M. having resumed the chair, Bro. Seward was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

Constitutional Lodge of Instruction, No. 55.—Held its meeting at Bro. Bond's, The Bedford Hotel, Southampton Buildings, Holborn, on Tuesday 11th March. Present—Bros. W. G. Dickens W.M., R. P. Tate S.W., J. S. Brown J.W., H. C. Soper S.D., Kendall J.D., T. B. Dodson I.G., P.M. Bingemann Preceptor; Bros. Cornu, Todd, Jackson, Tompkins, Jones, White, May, Gruggen, and upwards of 30 other brethren. The Lodge was opened in the several degrees, the minutes read and confirmed, and resumed to the first. The following brethren then assisted the W.M. in working the 15 sections—1st, T. Gates; 2nd, J. Soper; 3rd, T. B. Dodson; 4th, E. Abell; 5th, J. H. Watts; 6th, H. C. Soper; 7th, J. G. Thompson; 8th, S. Pownceby; 9th, W. H. Marston; 10th, R. P. Tate; 11th, J. Bingemann; 12th, J. S. Brown; 13th, W. H. Marston; 14th, J. S. Brown; 15th, H. R. Hallam. The Lodge was resumed, and Bros. C. Kendall, Sedgwick, Rosenberg, Tompkins, Snowden, Ray, Willey, Press, and G. Kendall were unanimously elected members. A vote of thanks was ordered to be recorded on the minutes, and honorary Membership conferred on Bro. W. G. Dickins for his working of the 15 sections; and, on the proposition of the W.M. a vote of thanks was passed to those brethren who had assisted him. The Lodge was then closed in perfect harmony, and adjourned to Tuesday, 18th March, at the hour of seven, on which occasion Bro. J. Soper will preside, and work the third ceremony.

Grey Friars Lodge, No. 1101.—This Lodge held its monthly meeting on Wednesday, the 12th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Reading. Present—Bros. William George Flanagan W.M., John Early Danks S.W., Wm. Ferguson J.W., Wm. P. Ivey P.M. Sec., E. J. Blackwell S.D., R. Dowsett J.D., J. H. Hawkes Steward, Rev. R. C. Honey I.G., P.M.'s Bros. Welch I.P.M., Hurley, Margrett. Members—Bros. Pully, Bailey, Hunt, Prickett, Tegg, Cordrey, Ravenscroft. Visitors—Bros. C. Oades W.M. 414, S. Bradley S.W. 414, M. J. Withers Sec. 414, T. McDonald 1076. The Lodge was opened in the first degree. The minutes of the last regular Lodge were read and confirmed. The candidates for initiation, for the second time, did not put in an appearance. Bro. Ravenscroft having proved his efficiency, was entrusted and retired. Lodge was opened in the second, and Bro. Ravenscroft was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. The Lodge was resumed in the first degree, the Secretary produced the returns for the Clerk of the Peace, which were signed by the W.M. In consequence of absence of the Treasurer through indisposition, the finances of the Lodge were not entered into. The Secretary announced that the vote of Prov. G. Lodge was included in the list of the Prov. G. Sec., this announcement gave great satisfaction, as there was an impression on the minds of many members, that Bro. Pulley, who represented a Lodge in the province of Kent, had it included in his list. W.M. of 414, Bro. Charles Oades, announced that he had been requested by the widow of late Bro. Botly to return her sincere thanks to the members of 1101 for their kind sympathy in attending the funeral. Bro. Oades also expressed his great pleasure in witnessing the excellent working of the Lodge. The labours of the evening being ended, the Lodge was closed, according to ancient form.

Bromley St. Leonard's Lodge, No. 1805.—In our correspondence column last week appeared a letter, under the heading "Freemasonry at the East-end," which has called forth disapproval from the brethren of this Lodge which is therein described as "an opposition shop." Had our correspondent confined his remarks to the columns of a Masonic journal, he would not have laid himself open to the charge, now substantiated, that he has imparted malice into the question. There certainly can be no need to act as he has done, and send such a communication to a local newspaper, which, however well conducted in other matters, has little experience of Freemasonry, and still less the need to take pains to get the letter widely circulated and made as public as possible. With the view of satisfying ourselves on the point, we decided to pay an early visit to No. 1805; and, if possible, form an unbiassed opinion on the subject. We therefore had pleasure in attending the first regular meeting on Wednesday. The result is, we are convinced the charge made by members of No. 1805, against the writer, of unmasonic conduct is a justifiable one, and that his remarks as to their Lodge were altogether uncalled for. During the evening reference was made to the matter, but all remarks tended to prove that 1805 entertained no feelings of rivalry or jealousy towards its neighbour, but would really be pleased to help them, and work with them in promoting the welfare of Freemasonry. If the members of 1804 are only actuated by as worthy motives as are their neighbours of 1805, we feel sure their Lodge will prove a success. They will soon find, that, instead of an opponent, they have an assistant in the Bromley St. Leonard's Lodge. Any one who is acquainted with the founders of this Lodge will agree with us they are not the class of men to profess one thing and act in direct opposition thereto. We are therefore the more annoyed that our columns, which are at all times open to free and fair discussion, have, on this occasion, been made use of in order to serve the purpose of a correspondent who, for some pique of his own, has made a most unmasonic statement. We would advise him to look round, and see what he now can do to atone for the insult he has offered. Bro. Marsh P.M. 9, 933, 1672, the W.M. of the new Lodge, presided on Wednesday, the meeting taking place at the Black Swan Tavern, High-street, Bromley. He was supported by Bro. C. H. Webb W.M. 1607, S.W. 174, who assumed the collar of Past Master; Bro. G. Robey S.W., W. Bramham J.W., J. M. Knight Treas., W. J. Rawley Sec., R. T. Fennell S.D., A. Peterken J.D., M. Liell I.G., and the following Visitors:—Bros. G. J. Hilliard P.M. and J. Wilson 174, T. West 700, J. B. Hogarth 1107, W. W. Morgan jun. 1385, J. H. Bellamy 1567 and W. Clarke 1625. The usual preliminaries having been observed, the ballot was taken for five gentlemen for initiation, Messrs. John McLaren, George Morton, Robert B. Brinkley, James Bryant and George Bond. It being unanimous in their favour, they were severally initiated by the W.M., who throughout the ceremonies was ably assisted by the various Officers. A vote of condolence with the widow of the late Bro. Clarke, who recently met with an accident, which terminated fatally, was proposed from the chair and unanimously passed. Two candidates for joining were proposed, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to supper, which was provided by the host, Bro. Morton, in a most creditable manner. After grace had been said, the W.M. proposed the Loyal toasts, which, to save time, he on this occasion united. These having been heartily received. Bro. Webb offered that of the W.M. Although a visitor to the Lodge, he had the pleasure of acting as its Past Master, and in that capacity was happy to be able to propose the health of Bro. Marsh. The W.M. was so well known in the Craft as to require no eulogy from him. He had carried out the duties which thus far had been required of him in such a manner as to leave no doubt but that the members had acted most wisely in placing him in the position of first Master of their Lodge, which if conducted in such a way as it had started, must prove a great success. The W.M., in his reply, expressed the pleasure he felt in having among his visitors brethren who, from their position in the Craft, could form an opinion of the working of the Lodge thus far. He felt a pleasure in being in a position to perform the first ceremonies in connection with a new Lodge, and should have liked to have made a few remarks bearing on their position if time would have permitted. He now had the pleasure of proposing the health of the Initiates. The Lodge had started fair and well, and was in a position that night to hoist the flag high. The bark had been fairly launched, and he hoped the new members would unite in guiding it safely in its onward course. Bro. Morton replied. He considered the initiates were highly privileged in being allowed to join the Order, and sincerely believed they would reap a benefit from their connection with the members of the Craft. He had been very much impressed with the ceremony of the evening, and thought his friends had likewise. The toast of the Visitors was next given. The Lodge had been highly favoured, both at its consecration, and on this, its first meeting, in having so many visitors; the W.M. hoped they had derived some pleasure from their visit. Each of the guests responded, and then the Master proposed Success to the Masonic Charities. He trusted their claims would never be forgotten in the Lodge, but that it might prove one of the foremost supporters of the Institutions. The East End had done good service at all times, and he doubted not would do so in the future. He thought Charity would be a good cause for the two new Lodges of Bow to unite in, and by their combined efforts, raise such a sum as would entitle them to a place in the list of true Masons. As for his Lodge, it was not established in opposition to any other, but to work hand in hand for one common good. Although so close to another, he could see no need for opposition, and was determined there should not be any, so far as he was concerned. He offered to represent the Lodge at the next Festival for the Girls' School, and solicited the assistance of the brethren. The Officers of the Lodge were next toasted. Their conduct of the ceremonies that evening had stamped them as worthy in every respect of the position they occupied. It was evident from their manner that they had their hearts in the work, and would doubtless prove of great help to the Lodge. Bro. S.W. was the first to reply. The Officers could not do less than endeavour to carry out the duties as perfectly as did the W.M., and he for one should have felt very much ashamed if, with such a President, the Ceremonies had been marred by the Junior Officers. Bro. I.G. also replied. It would be his aim to remedy any fault he had been guilty of before their next meeting, so that the fulfilment of his duty might add to the general credit of the Lodge. The Tyler was summoned, and he gave the final toast.

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THE APPROACHING SCHOOL ELECTIONS.

THE balloting papers for the April election of the Schools will show plainly the inadequacy of the executive of the two Institutions to open the doors to all who are deemed worthy of the benefits of these Institutions. Our regret at such a state of affairs is well known, and we need scarcely refer to it to-day. We will therefore proceed to set forth the claims of the several candidates, and in doing so it must be understood our remarks are based solely on the information contained in the balloting papers. Without doubt, there are special considerations in many of the cases which render the candidate worthy of exceptional support, but of such it is not our province to take notice. We leave these considerations to be set forth by the friends of the respective candidates, feeling assured that they will receive proper attention.

First in order we take the list of the Girls' School, the next election for which is fixed for Saturday, the 12th April. The number of the vacancies to be filled on that occasion is officially stated as eighteen. For these there are 47 applicants, sixteen of whom are described as London candidates, thirty Provincial, and one Foreign (Calcutta). Of the Provinces, Hampshire sends four candidates; Devon and West Yorkshire three each; West Lancashire, Monmouth, Warwick and Wilts two each, and Cambridge, Cheshire, Durham, Essex, Gloucester, Kent, East Lancashire, Somerset, Stafford, Sussex, South Wales (Western Division), and East Yorkshire one each. Of the total, twenty-five have applied before, and in each case—except in that of Ellen Senior, No. 9 on the list—votes are brought forward, ranging from 1,086 in the case of No. 20, Elizabeth Alice Harbord, and 1,018 in that of No. 18, Florence E. M. Palmer, to 22 in that of No. 4, Elizabeth Minnie Parker. In only three of these cases has more than one previous application been made, the exceptions being, Gertrude Alice Jay, who now appears for the seventh and last time, and Edith Mary Garnet and Mabel Jane Sampson, each of whom have stood two previous elections; the votes brought forward in these three cases being 575, 836 and 613 respectively. One matter in connection with the first of the above-named three applicants deserves notice, and, whatever may be the result of this election, it will doubtless be the last at which such a question can arise. Gertrude Alice Jay has already two sisters in the Institution, and from the number of votes brought forward from previous elections she also stands a chance of being successful. If she be elected her mother certainly has reason to look upon Freemasonry—with which her late husband was connected but two years—as a most charitable institution. We hope she feels justified in claiming so much assistance from a body to which, one would think, her husband had hardly time to make himself known. These remarks also apply to Ethel F. W. Allison, No. 12 on the list, with 158 votes brought forward; she also has two sisters in the School, and Helen Mary Busher, No. 15, 865 votes forward, who has a brother in the Boys' School and a sister in the Girls' School, save that in these cases the fathers have subscribed, the one 13¼ and the other 14¼ years. Should either of these be successful, we think they are to be congratulated on the support their friends can command. There are nine other instances where members of the same family are being cared for in our Schools—eight candidates with each a sister in the Girls, and one a brother in the Boys—this shows that the law limiting the benefits of our Educational Charities to one in each family is really a necessity. The case of Edith Corrall Williams, No. 24 on the list, appears to merit special attention, this being the last chance she has of election, and both her parents are dead. The number of votes standing in her favour at the present time is 83; these we need scarcely point out to the brethren of Monmouth will not tend materially to lessen their labour if they are determined to carry this case. The only other candidate who will be debarred in consequence of the age limit, if unsuccessful at this election, is Katherine Annie Peele, No. 7 (Durham), who enters the lists with 344 votes already secured; her mother is living, and this child is the only one dependent on her for support. Mabel Jane Sampson, No. 3, with 613 votes from her two previous applications, is one of ten children; both parents are living, but of their means we are unable to form any opinion. No. 11, Beatrice Mary Clark, is one of ten children, all of whom are dependent on their mother, the father having died nearly four years since. Her case is in the hands of the Warwickshire brethren, and comes forward with 532 recorded votes, so that if the Province has decided to secure the election of this candidate before starting with the other one brought forward by its members, we may look for her name among the list of those successful. The other case from this Province is that of Minnie Howle, No. 43, one of four children, who have lost their father, and her success may be considered as merely a matter of time. No. 17, Edith Brown, is a Devonshire lass, and is the only one of the candidates from that Province who has taken part in a previous election, the number of votes recorded in her favour being 28. Both her parents are living, but they have to provide for eight children, so that we hope the True Love and Unity Lodge, of which the father is a Past Master, will use every effort to enlist as much of the sympathy of the Province as the case fairly merits. The other candidates which require the special attention of our Devonshire brethren are No. 35, Mildred Evens, and No. 39, Edith Hicks. The father of the former died last year, leaving a widow, who has five children entirely, and one partly dependent on her for their living, while the other has both parents alive, and is one of three depending on them for support. We may safely leave these cases to the care of the Province, knowing that it will not be from want of energy if the candidates are not eventually successful. One of the West Lancashire applicants, No. 15, Helen Mary Busher, has already been referred to as having a brother and sister in the Schools; still, even now there are seven children to be provided for by the parents. Considering the number of votes brought forward (865), the Province would be entitled to some sympathy if it were to be decided that the new rules should debar the case from being received. The surplus votes of the Province will doubtless be expended in advancing the interests of its other candidate, Annie Sarah Parker, No. 28, who is one of seven children—two of whom, however, are partly provided for—both parents are living. A family of six children, in a double sense orphans, claims the sympathy of the Gloucestershire Craftsmen, whose efforts at the last election, on behalf of Thurza Ann Veal, No. 13, when 686 votes were recorded, is evidence of their determination to assist in the care of these children. Hampshire has hard work planned out, even for its zealous workers—four candidates requiring attention. Of these the first on the list is No. 30, Emily S. H. Hill, whose mother is called upon to provide wholly for five children, and partially for one other. The other

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cases are Nos. 38, 42, and 44 respectively. No. 44, Emily Beatrice King, is one of five children, whose parents are still living, but we presume are in a condition which renders them unable to provide for their offspring, or the candidate would not have been passed by the committee. Annie Gover, No. 38, has only her mother to look to for a maintenance, but as the widow has two other children needing her attention, we should like to be in a position to record the daughter had succeeded to the benefits of our School. The other candidate from this Province is Annie Elizabeth Hill, but as her friends have already been successful in securing the admission of her sister to the School, we fear little further help will be accorded the widow from this quarter. The western division of South Wales has already 745 votes recorded for the benefit of their candidate, Mary Eliza Mott, No. 14, which number may in itself be sufficient to ensure success, but will doubtless be augmented in such a manner as to leave no possibility of failure. We look upon the success of this candidate as all but secured, but even if that desired end be attained, the mother has still four children to maintain. East Yorkshire and Cheshire stand even better with their candidates, Florence May Jones, No. 23, and Elizabeth Alice Harbord. For the former 884 votes have been polled, and for the latter 1086. In each case the mother is left with five children; she must be looking forward to the day of election with great anxiety. Cambridgeshire brings its candidate forward for the second time, with but 22 votes in her favour. Unless this Province has extraordinary powers of borrowing, or outside aid is secured, the mother of Elizabeth Minnie Parker, with five children to provide for, is doomed to disappointment. Kent, which showed so strongly at the last election, may safely be left in charge of Fanny Elizabeth Wain (No. 32), who is selected as a candidate from the five orphans of a late member of the Province. We have already disposed of one of the Monmouthshire cases, the other is Rosamond E. A. Laybourne, No. 22, who is one of four children, left fatherless as long back as 1872. She starts on this occasion with 346 votes to her credit, but must not rely too much on the aid of the Province, which has the claims of another candidate before it. West Yorkshire has already 685 votes to the credit of No. 5, Blanch Adelaide Mitton, and 163 to No. 8, Kate Hebblethwaite, whilst its third candidate is the one appearing for the second time with no votes brought forward. This Province may be enabled to secure two of the vacancies on this occasion, in such case the above order is likely to be that in which the support will be accorded. Wiltshire has one candidate from last election, with 43 votes brought forward, and one other appearing now for the first time. The latter, No. 37, Ellen Mary Good, is one of five children, having both parents living, but the father is insane. The other, No. 10. Ada Mary Cook, has only a mother, who now has to provide for four children. Each of these cases, therefore, merit more support than the voting resources of the Province can give. Neither of the parents of the Staffordshire candidate, No. 46, Mabel Harrison Tipper, are living, and, as there are still three children to provide for, we should be pleased to hear that something further had been done for them, but the fact of one sister being already on the funds of the Institution will act as an obstruction to substantial progress. The East Lancashire candidate, Margaret Ethel Lang, No. 41, has also a sister in the school. Essex should secure the election of Edith Mary Garnett, having polled 836 votes for her on two previous occasions. Sussex closes the Provincial list, with one candidate, Catherine Frances Hide, No. 27, who, together with one other child, is at present supported by her widowed mother. The only foreign candidate on the present occasion is Harriott Geraldine Keighley, who hails from Calcutta. Her mother has seven children to support, and starts with 248 votes recorded in favour of this child. We trust that the result of this election will prove that distance only adds to the number of a brother's true friends.

Of the sixteen London candidates, nine are first applications, six second, and one has appeared at six previous contests; this latter case we have already referred to, as also to No. 12, Ethel Frances W. Allison, who has two sisters in the School. Five more cases may be disposed of in a few words, as one or other of our Schools are already providing for members of their respective families. These are Nos. 16, 19, 21, 26 and 40. Florence E. M. Palmer, No. 18, goes to the poll with 1,018 votes already recorded, and, doubtless, her election will be secured. No. 25, Emma Eliza Williams, is the only other girl who has votes to the good, her total number brought forward being 305. Both her parents are living, but the father is insane, he thus proves an additional burden on the mother, who has two children, besides the candidate in question, needing support. The Lewis Lodge, No. 1,185, of which the father was a member, should be able to bring sufficient influence to bear to secure the return of this candidate, and we trust the members will on this occasion show they can support their *protégé* as surely as we are taught their sponsor does the stone. Of first application cases, it is very difficult to decide which is the most deserving, as no less than three of the candidates comprise members of families of four deprived of both their parents, while another is one of six children dependent on a widowed mother. Oh! that we could relieve such cases as these without the vicissitudes of elections, ending too often in ultimate disappointment; but, unfortunately, such cannot be; we, therefore, can only leave the question to be decided by the support obtained by the various friends who are working for the applicants. The three candidates who have neither parents living are Nos. 31, 33 and 47. No. 31, Ellen Amy Wadham, hails from the far-famed Yarborough Lodge, No. 554. After what has been said of the ability of its members to carry their cases, we are assured they will use every exertion to make this no exception to the rule; we offer our good wishes to the candidate who relies on these efforts. No. 33, Alice Mary Dawson, claims the support of the Londesborough Lodge, her father having been one of its earliest initiates. No. 47, Mary Ann A. Wyatt, the last on the list, has staunch friends to assist her. Her father at his death was Junior Warden of the Loyalty Lodge, No. 1607, which, as is well known, is largely composed of members of Sincerity, No. 174. As this latter Lodge has no case on the present list, we hope they will exert their strength to secure the election of their daughter Lodge's child. At all events the case will not occupy the same position after the ballot that it does now. Florence Lizzie Duckett, No. 34, one of six children dependent on the mother, emanates from the United Strength Lodge, No. 228. Her father was well known to many Masons, both London and Provincial, and numerous are the evenings we have spent in his company, when, in his official capacity of newspaper reporter, he has been present at Masonic meetings. We should be especially gratified to see one of his orphans cared for by the Craft he ever adorned, and was always ready to serve. No. 36, Charlotte Amelia Fellows, is one of four children relying on their mother for aid, and should secure a good position, her father being at the time of his death Senior Warden of the Lion and Lamb, and Worshipful Master of the Henry Muggeridge Lodge, No. 1679. For the sake of the staunch old Mason after whom the Lodge is named, we trust an extra effort will be made. "Old Mug," himself is a tower of strength, and he will doubtless use all his powers on behalf of the child of one who must have been intimately known to him. Clara Pratt, No. 45, has both parents living, who have four children dependent on them. The father is a Past Master of the Neptune Lodge, and has been a subscribing member for 21½ years (the longest on the list). In days gone by he ably worked for the Charities; we hope our brethren will now show appreciation of his labours. No. 29, Laura Sophia Cheek, brings this portion of our task to an end. Her father, a member of the Domatic Lodge, No. 177, died in 1873, and his widow now has two orphan children to provide for. The Lodge has a reputation; this we leave to its members to uphold on the present occasion.

It has been announced that at the regular meeting of the Albert Victor Lodge, No. 1773, which was fixed for the 21st inst., at the Town Hall, Pendleton, the W.M. Bro. S. Statham P.P.G.T. was to deliver a lecture on "the Duties and Responsibilities of the W.M. in the Government of his Lodge;" after which, the charity box would be passed round in aid of the funds of the East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution." We hope the Master had a large audience, and that the cause of charity was freely supported by those present.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

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THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION FESTIVAL.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER, — I am sorry your correspondent, "A BLUE MASON ONLY," should consider my remarks "unjust," as we never, for one moment, inferred that the members of the Masonic Organisation referred to had not done their duty in previous years in assisting the cause of Masonic Charity, and it was well known that one very genial brother, Junior Deacon of the year, had given practical proof of his zeal by very handsome personal donations in his own name, and also by other members of his family; but what I did object to was, that on this very occasion of all others, when we, as a Province, were putting forth our best efforts, these brethren, and many other leading officials and dignitaries, were "conspicuous by their absence."

Now, on the occasion of these Festivals, whoever is Chairman, one likes to see him supported by the Officers for the year at least, and more especially when those in London can attend the banquet at so small a cost, and surely it is not too much for those who travel hundreds of miles to be present to expect to be favoured with the presence of our leading dignitaries, and an opportunity given to our younger members to "see and know" who they are.

I am glad to learn from a Brother who appears so well posted in statistics as to the labours of our Grand Officers, that no slight was intended to the Prov. G.M. by the absention of the brethren alluded to, and as he appears to convey their views very clearly, I cannot be otherwise than satisfied, and am glad to have an erroneous impression erased from my mind. I wish to state, in dismissing this subject, that Major Starkie is now a member of the Haute Grades, having been perfected in the Palatine Chapter at Manchester on the 5th instant.

I quite concur with "A BLUE MASON ONLY," whose colour, by the way, I think is "ultramarine" (and occasionally "white and gold"), that the Provincial Grand Masters were hardly up to the mark in not supporting one of their own body, and the presence of Sir Henry Edwards is accounted for by the fact that he is the personal friend of our Prov. G.M., who installed him into his office of Prov. G.M. of Yorkshire, and could scarcely have deserted him on an occasion like this.

I felt grieved, and for a time annoyed, at what I considered a want of attention on the part of these leading characters, and when I arrived home, believed it right to ventilate my grievance; having been courteously replied to, I am content, and hope in the future, when any "big wig" attends London on an occasion like this, he may have the countenance of as many London "stars" as possible, for our wish on this last occasion was not so much to enlist them to canvass for subscriptions, but give us the honour and pleasure of their presence and sympathy.

Yours fraternally,

HAUTE GRADE.

15th March 1879.

THINGS ONE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Two approved candidates are waiting for initiation. The Tyler, in error, prepares and asks for admittance for the one last proposed. Is it right to proceed with the initiation of this one, and thus give him seniority over the one whose name was brought forward first?

A Lodge has a place of meeting (in a village), ample in space for all ordinary gatherings, but insufficient for the accommodation of visitors, &c., on the occasion of an installation; and, therefore, would like to remove to its county town, where there is a Masonic Hall, for the occasion of its Installation meeting. Can this be done without a dispensation?

To what rank is the address "Right Worshipful" due, and is it right for a W.M. to be addressed Worshipful *Sir*? I know a "Right Worshipful Steward," and a "*very* Right Worshipful Prov. G.S.W.!"

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

ONE SEEKING MORE LIGHT.

FREEMASONRY AND ITS CHARITIES.

HOW THEY ARE CONDUCTED, AND HOW THEY SHOULD BE.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I am sorry that I did not make my meaning sufficiently clear with regard to the elections. I was far from trying to put myself forward as a magician, and do the impossible; that is, to make the greater number go into the lesser, or place 71 candidates in 16 vacancies, or any other absurdity; but what I tried to convey was this, that if all the candidates with their last applications were received, with as many of those who had but one more chance as there were vacancies for, then, eventually, or as it is in my former letter, sooner or later, every application would be successfully entertained in its fair and legitimate order. As it happens, there are no last cases at the Girls' Election, save two—"Alison" and "Jay"—who have already two sisters each in the School, and as I take it the Schools were meant for Masons generally, and not for whole families, to the exclusion of any non-recipients, I do not deem their case worthy of a moment's consideration; there is no danger whatever of any of the candidates being eventually excluded if my scheme, or one somewhat similar, be devised. In the forthcoming Boys' Election, I believe there are 16 vacancies, and only nine or ten last applications in the whole list of 71. By my plan the election of those nine or ten would be secured, besides five or six with their penultimate applications, leaving only four or five last applications for the October election as the official list. Trusting that Bro. L.G. will be able to understand my proposition, and will assist me in attaining that object.

I remain, yours faithfully and fraternally,

CHARLES JOHN PERCEVAL.

8 Thurloe-place, 17th March 1879.

NEW ZEALAND.

From our Auckland Correspondent we have received the following items of news:—

Mark Masonry.—The installation of the W.M. of the Union Lodge of Mark Masons, No. 154 E.C., and investiture of Officers for the ensuing twelve months, took place on 17th January, in the Lodge Room, Princes-street. Bro. P.M. Nicoll was the Installing Master. The following brethren were installed and invested:—Bros. W. J. Rees W.M., A. Brock I.P.M., Dr. Dawson S.W., Rev. C. M. Nelson J.W., J. Carlaw M. Overseer, W. P. Moat S.W., H. Chapman J. Overseer, H. G. Wade P.M. Treasurer, J. Herbert Burns P.M. Reg. and Capt. W. P. Hargreaves S.D., G. Coleman J.D., B. Holm[illegible] I.G. C. Porter Tyler.

Ara Lodge (I.C.)—The annual installation of Officers of Lodge Ara (I.C.), was held at the Masonic Hall, Princes-street, on 6th January, and was conducted with unusual *éclat*. The attendance was very large, every Lodge in the city being represented, as well as several other Lodges, and the following dignataries of the Order were present:—Belonging to Lodge Ara were Bros. Levy W.M., Heather P.M., the Rev. Dr. Kidd Chaplain, S. E. Hughes P.M., W. R. Robinson P.M. The chief Visitors were Bros. G. P. Pierce R.W.P.G.M. I.C., the Rev. C. M. Nelson D.G. Chaplain E.C., Rustson W.M. 1710 E.C., W. H. Skinner P.M. 1338 E.C., J. Goodacre W.M. Lodge United Service I.C., T. M. Hewson R.W.M. St. Andrew's S.C., F. Roycroft P.M. United Service I.C., T. Cole I.P.M. Lodge Waitemata, W. Lodder D.G.S.W. E.C., J. Hatswell W.M. Waitemata, H. Burns P.M. United Service I.C., F. W. Dawson W.M. Lodge Prince of Wales E.C., Leers D.G. Supt. of Works E.C., and numerous others. Bro. M. M. Levy installed the newly-elected W.M., Bro. E. W. Page, in a very impressive manner, after which the following Officers were invested by the newly-installed Master:—Bros. M. Levy I.P.M., T. E. Durance S.W., I. B. Crothers J.W., W. J. Rees P.M. Treasurer, W. L. Mitchell P.M. Secretary, Rev. Dr. Kidd P.M. Chaplain, Armstrong S.D., Western J.D., Heather P.M. Director of Ceremonies, Kummer and Montague Stewards, P.M. Rees Organist, L. Philips I.G., Porter Tyler. The Lodge and Officers received the congratulations of the various Lodges represented, and the Lodge was then closed formally. An adjournment then took place to the banquet. A very choice spread was prepared by Bro. Hood, host of the Masonic Hotel, to which Visitors and Brethren received a cordial invitation, and most of those present remained.

Provincial Grand Lodge of Scotland.—A meeting was held on 30th January, at the Masonic Hotel, for the purpose of electing Officers for the ensuing year, and other business. Bro. F. Whitaker P.G.M. presided. After the transaction of some routine business, the election of Officers for the ensuing year took place, as follows:—Bros. F. Whitaker Prov. G.M., Dr. Johnston P.D.G.M., Anderson S.M., Brodie S.W., Dewar J.W., Harvey Chaplain, Tyler Sec., T. L. Murray Treas., Powles S.D., Ellison J.D., Ewington Arch., Whitson B.B., Col. Fraser D.C., Hendry S.B., Brett D.M., Hitchings P.S.; Bros. Doyle and Wilkinson Marshals, Slator I.G., Rawdon Tyler. Bro. Tyler, the P.G. Sec., paid a high eulogium to the ability and disinterested services of Bro. Rawdon, as P.G. Tyler, which was echoed by all the members of the Lodge. A letter was read by the Secretary, Bro. Tyler, received from the Westland Lodge of Freemasons, asking the assistance of the P.G. Lodge towards relieving the present necessities of Bro. Lazar, as well as to make some provision for him during the remainder of his days, he now being 76 years of age, blind, and incapable of providing for himself and family. After lengthened discussion and expression of sympathy, it was decided that the matter of relief to Bro. Lazar be referred to the P.G. Committee, with power to act.

JAMAICA.

THE Right Worshipful Hon. Dr. Hamilton, Provincial G. Master for Jamaica, will shortly form a Grand Mark Lodge.

M. Excellent Comp. G. C. H. Lewis, has been appointed Grand Scribe E. to G. Royal Arch Chapter for Jamaica. The other Officers will shortly be named.

Through the exertions of several of the old members, the "Union and Concordia Lodge," will shortly be reopened.

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MARK MASONRY.

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CONSTITUTION OF A PROV. GRAND LODGE OF M.M.M.'s FOR GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

WE are not of those supposed to be initiated into the hidden mysteries of the Masonic art, nor are the majority of our readers; we are but for the nonce giving prolation to the idiosyncrasy of a body of our fellow men who promulgate that Freemasonry is "a beautiful system of morality, veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols," and who, when you ask them to draw aside the curtain and show what there is to be revealed, suddenly tile the door of the Lodge, and with serious mien, almost catching, baied breath, and pre-occupatios of thought, which whets curiousity, will whisper of three great pillars which support the Order, denominated "Wisdom, Strength, and Beauty," whose chapiters are lost in the clouds, and absorbed in a spiritual temple not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

We are instructed that Freemasonry is congenial to the Jewish mind, the building of King Solomon's Temple being the gist of the story woven in its ceremonies; that it has a universality of credence, one of its ancient charges enjoining: "Let a man's religion or mode of worship be what it may, he is not excluded from the Order, provided he believe in the Glorious Architect of Heaven and Earth, and practises the sacred duties of morality;" and that it has a large Christian following is palpable, on the ground that the Apostle to the Gentiles taught that all profession was vain without the gift of Charity, and that the exercise of this virtue is the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, of all Masonic inculcation.

But Freemasons candidly admit that their institution is, after all, but human; that whilst it has its inner circle, there is an outer circle which, but for the collar and badge and apron, like Carlyle's "World in clothes," depicted in his *Sartor Resartus*, would not be known at all. That there are brethren and brethren.

It is alleged "that kings and princes in every age have been much disposed to encourage the Craftsmen on account of their peaceableness and loyalty." It has been so in England, and, imitating his ancestors, the Prince of Wales is now the head of the Order. Germany does well to encourage the Craft, as an antidote to the Socialist element in that country. Freemasonry is proscribed by law in Russia, than which there could not be a more fatal mistake. In France it is a mere toy, where it is dressed and played with as a doll, and to second childhood is added infidelity, forgetful of the charge, "A Mason is obliged by his tenure to obey the moral law; and if he rightly understood the art, he will never be a stupid atheist nor an irreligious libertine." The Pope has good grounds for complaining of Freemasonry in Italy, and some other of the continental countries, where it has degenerated into secret clubs, having political objects in view, in contravention of Masonic law. But why does Rome anathemize? Why not become the patron of the Order amongst Catholic populations, enforcing a leading Masonic tenet, "never to be concerned in plots and conspiracies against the peace and welfare of the nation?"

The Grand Lodge of England of Craft Freemasonry recognises three degrees, namely, those of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, and Master Mason. With these degrees a Mason's education may be considered as complete. But in the year 1772 the Royal Arch degree received the recognition of the Grand Lodge. It is sanctioned and permissible, but it is entirely optional with Freemasons to take it or not. There are other degrees which we do not now stay to notice, beyond that of Mark Master.

Before the Act of Union which settled the differences between the Grand Lodge of all England, which had its seat at York, and that of the Grand Lodge of England, which held its court in London, the degree of Mark Master was the fourth in the York rite, one of the articles of Declaration agreed to at such Union being "Pure and Ancient Masonry consists of three degrees and no more, including the Royal Arch;" but in Scotland and Ireland the Mark degree has ever been retained. The United Grand Lodge of England, although not officially recognising the Mark Master's degree, has not forbidden it as a graceful appendage, and completion of the Fellow Craft degree.

Mark Masters in England, who until the year 1856 had their warrant of constitution under Scottish rule, are now under the authority of the "Grand Lodge of Mark Masters of England and Wales and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown," which has its centre, like the Grand Lodge of Craft Masonry, in London. That there is no antagonism between these Grand Lodges may be inferred when we say that Lord Skelmersdale is the present Grand Master of Mark Masons, and that it numbers amongst its Past Grand Masters the Earl of Carnarvon, the Earl of Limerick, the Earl Percy, Lord Leigh, Viscount Holmesdale, and other great lights in the firmament of Craft Masonry. If a Mark Master be asked to deliver himself of the faith that is in him, he will reply that Masonic tradition teaches that at the building of King Solomon's Temple every mason was provided with a peculiar mark, which he placed upon his work to distinguish it from that of his fellows; that a similar usage has always existed amongst operative masons; and that such marks are to be found at the present day in all parts of the world, and are to be seen even at the Cathedral of this city, where Professor Willis, in one of his admirable lectures before the Royal Academy, expressed his belief "there existed in olden times a school of Masons," and of which we suggest the old man with an ample bifurcated beard at the foot of the bracket of the Mason's Square over the door leading to the Crypt was once its Worshipful Master or the Master Overseer of the work.

In the past twenty years Mark Masonry has made rapid strides, and Provincial Grand Lodges have been established in various parts of England, and on Saturday, 7th inst., Gloucester completed the list of provinces in our immediate vicinity by the constitution of its Provincial Grand Lodge, entirely separate and distinct from the Craft Provincial Grand Lodge, over which the Right Hon. Lord Sherborne presides. The inauguration took place at the Masonic Hall, Cheltenham, the ceremony being performed by Brother Frederick Binckes P.G.S.W. and Grand Secretary. Of the distinguished Masons present were Brothers Colonel Henry Basevi, P.P.G.M.M. Bengal; Captain Homfray, P.G. Master Monmouth; J. Brook-Smith, M.A., Cheltenham Colledge; General Doherty, Bath; W. Watkins, P.G.S. Monmouth; W. Munro; W. M. Canyne, Somerset; E. T. Inskip, Grand Junior Deacon; T. R. Monks, J. Balcomb, J. Stevens, W. R. Felton, J. Jewitt, Thomas Parker, George Norman, George Peters, Arthur Jaok, N. Gregg, W. R. Porcher, and others. The Provincial Grand Lodge was opened at 2.30, and the authority of the Earl of Skelmersdale having been read, the Provincial Grand Master Designate, the Rev. Charles Raikes Davy, J.P., of Tracy Park, Bath, Past Grand Chaplain of England, was installed by Brother Binckes, with due ceremony and the usual salutations, and an impressive lecture was delivered, which secured the marked approbation of the brethren assembled. Brother John Walker, M.A., of Westborne House, Cheltenham, was appointed Deputy Provincial Grand Master; and Bro. W. L. Bain, of Cheltenham College, was unanimously elected as Treasurer. The following are the other Officers:—Bros. J. Robertson S.W., Rennie Powell J.W., W. Forth M.O. Henry Jaffa S.O., Baron de Ferrieres J.O., Colonel Basevi R. of M., James P. Curtis Sec., J. Brook-Smith, M.A., Cheltenham College, S.D., W.M. Lowich J.D., Dr. Maier D. of C., E. T. Bryant A.D. of C., Francis J. Vizard S.B., G. F. Robert I.G., Algernon Sudlow and Tinsley Stewards, Wiggins Tyler. The Provincial Grand Master, after investing his Officers with their collars and jewels of office, gave an address to the brethren, thanking them for the honour conferred upon him by his appointment to the chair, his remarks eliciting warm approval. The brethren afterwards sat down to an excellent and capitally-served banquet, which was presided over by the Provincial Grand Master. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed, and received with enthusiasm, and several brethren responded, the speeches of Bros. Binckes and E.T. Inskip being particulary applauded. The subject of the latter was as usual the Masonic Charities, in which he is always happily at home. Not only in the county of Gloucester, but in the districts adjacent, the constitution of this Provincial Grand Lodge had been looked forward to. Bro. the Rev. C. R. Davy, by his zeal and devotion to the interests of the Order, and the high position he has gained in Grand Lodge, and his frequency of attendance there, has not only secured metropolitan Masonic fame, but as won popularity far and near in the provinces; and the Masonic body generally will hail with the greatest satisfaction his installation as Provincial Grand Master of Mark Masons of this county.—*Gloucestershire Chronicle.*

ST. ANDREW'S LODGE OF M.M. MASONS, No. 34.

THE regular meeting of this flourishing Lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester, on Thursday, the 27th ult. Present:—Bros. E. C. Milligan R.W.M., T. R. Peel S.W., Arthur Middleton J.W., H. R. G. Bayley S.O., H. C. Millar J.O., J. T. Richardson Treas. and Sec., W. D. Waddell S.D., W. H. Hopkins P.M.M. Reg., J. B. Kirk Tyler, and Past M. Masters Bros. J. Aronsberg, H. T. Robbards, C. F. Matier, W. Rome, and Bros. J. Howarth Clark, J. R. Lever, J. G. Jones, W. Nicholl, W. Glendinning, Murray Thompson, &c. Visitors:—G. R. Gospel P.G.S.O., J. R. Beard 32, C. S. Lane 36, C. F. Woodall, W. Gaffrey, T. Hooper, W. T. Parkinson, J. Senior Union Lodge, S. M. Davies FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, &c. Lodge was opened and, usual preliminaries observed, the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. This being the meeting for the installation of officers, at the appointed time the Installing M. Master Bro. C. F. Matier was announced as seeking admission into the Lodge. He was accompanied by three Grand Mark Lodge Officers, viz., Bros. Gospel, Rome, and Smith, who on entering were received with the honours due their exalted rank. Bro. Matier signified his readiness to proceed with the ceremony, and Bro. Rome introduced Bro. Middleton, the W.M.M. elect, for the benefit of installation. The special warrant from G.L.M.M., appointing Bro. Middleton to hold the office was read, and this became the authority for procedure; whereupon Bro. Middleton was solemnly obligated, invested, and installed the R.W.M. of the St. Andrew's Lodge of M.M. Masons for the ensuing twelve months, and, as such, received the salutations of the brethren. Bro. Middleton, with the assistance of Bro. Matier, proceeded to invest his Officers as follow:—Edwd. C. Milligan P.G.M.O. I.P.M., Thos. Robert Peel S.W., Joseph T. Richardson J.W., Edwin Simpson M.O., Heber Chase Miller S.O., Wm. Douglas Waddell J.O., William Nicholl Secretary, Murray Thomson Treasurer, H. Robbards P.P.G.O. D.C., Jno. Roger Lever Organist, Philip Haines Chaplain, Thos. Hy. Glendinning S.D., Jno. Cavanagh J.D., Mark Vickers I.G., J. B. Kirk Tyler. It is pleasing to record that Bro. Matier performed the ceremony throughout in that masterly style which at all times characterises his efforts. The labours of the evening being ended, the Lodge was closed and the brethren proceeded to banquet. On the removal of the cloth, the W.M. proposed the toast of the Queen and the Royal Family, which was duly honoured, the brethren singing the National Anthem. The next toast was peculiarly interesting, as it related to a nobleman who, as the head of Mark Masonry in England and Wales, had proved himself worthy of the confidence and esteem of Masons in every degree. It was unnecessary for him (the W.M.) to say more than ask the brethren to drink the health of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master of M.M.M. Lord Skelmersdale. The toast was heartily drunk. The health of the Earl of Donoughmore was proposed in like genial strains; the rest of Grand Lodge Officers were united with the toast, and with it was coupled the name of Bro. Smith. Bro. Middleton, in submitting this toast, assured the brethren that the Officers of Grand Lodge did their work well and

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faithfully; indeed, nothing was left undone to further the best interests of Mark Masonry. Bro. Smith, in responding to the last toast, wished the task had been placed in better hands; he was, however, proud of being a Grand Lodge Officer, and he could bear testimony to the ability and zeal with which all were animated to do their utmost for the good of Freemasonry in general, and Mark Masonry as far as their capacity allowed. He had been delighted to see the magnificent working of Bro. Matier. The highest authorities would have been delighted to witness it. He sincerely thanked the brethren for their marks of esteem and fraternal hospitality. In coming home to the Province of West Lancashire, it would be superfluous for the W.M. to say anything in favour of the respected chief of Mark Masonry, especially after the great fame he had attained at the recent Festival in London. The Officers of the Province were as well known to all present as to himself; he would merely ask them to drink to the health of Col. Le Gendre Starkie and the rest of Prov. Grand Lodge Officers, uniting with the toast the name of Bro. Milligan. The I.P.M., in responding, said he regretted that the duty of acknowledging the honour was not put into abler hands. However, there was no need to say much for Bro. Col. Starkie, he had given proof of his deep attachment to all branches of the fraternity; how well he was appreciated was manifested at the recent Festival. The honour conferred upon him (Bro. Milligan), as Overseer of the Province, he took as a compliment to the Lodge, which he was happy to represent in Prov. G. Lodge. Bro. Matier now sounded the gavel, and informed the brethren that he had the honour to propose what might be justly called the toast of the evening. He had that day had the pleasure of installing a brother he had long known, and known but to esteem. When one with the abilities possessed by Bro. Middleton had filled the various offices to the satisfaction of all, he deserved the esteem of his friends. The last time the worthy and deeply-lamented Bro. Callender visited this Lodge—which, by the way, was the last he entered—Bro. Middleton was advanced to this honourable degree; since then he has passed from the office of I.G. to the exalted post he holds to-night. In Lodges of Instruction the W.M. has been very active, and has done work on such occasions worthy of a G.L. Officer. He was sure his acceptance of this post will add additional lustre to his name, and tend to the prosperity and happiness of the Lodge. He hoped when he leaves the chair, the opinions he gave expression to would be verified. He (Bro. Matier) would now ask them to charge their glasses and drink to the W.M.'s very good health. The W.M., on rising to respond, intimated that the rush of business was peculiarly striking. Bro. Matier, as his Preceptor, had taught him to prepare for brilliant exploits, and the masterly manner in which he was placed in the chair he had the honour to fill increased his admiration. Without Bro. Matier's kind and patient instruction he should be nothing, and any compliment bestowed on him, he hoped they would take with the customary grain of salt. He felt sure they would give him credit for doing his best during his year of office to discharge his important trust to the satisfaction of the brethren and the best interests of the Lodge. The W.M. next rose to propose what he deemed a most popular toast, the Health of the I.P.M.; in doing so, he alluded to the many trials Bro. Milligan had to encounter in carrying out the duties of his office. The brethren, with a deep sense of his zeal and fidelity to his post, had wished to commemorate his year of office by presenting him with a splendid P.M.M. Mason's jewel. This the W.M. placed on the breast of the worthy I.P.M., remarking the brethren of the Lodge demonstrated outwardly what they felt inwardly; he hoped Bro. Milligan would live long to wear it. This done, the W.M. called upon the brethren to do honour to the toast according to M.M.M. custom. At this stage of the proceedings, Bro. Senior favoured the company with a song; he was accompanied on the piano by Bro. Robbards. The I.P.M. then returned thanks for the great kindness always shown him in the past, and for the tangible mark of esteem just received. He felt he did not deserve their praise, or the emblem of merit bestowed. He regretted he had not done more for the advancement of the Lodge; he hoped those who heard him say so might be stimulated to more activity, lest they be placed in the same predicament. He hoped in the future to make up for the deficiencies of the past. He tendered the members his thanks for the favour shown him. Bro. Robbard now kindly volunteered a song, after which the W.M. rose to propose what he emphatically termed the toast of the evening—the health of the Installing Master. At an earlier stage he had stated that Bro. Matier was his father in Freemasonry, and he held Bro. Matier to a certain extent responsible for his Masonic career. Bro. Matier is so well posted in every degree, and gives such force and distinction to all he undertakes, that everything assumes a new and agreeable shape. He is a thorough Mason, as well as a thorough Master of Ceremonies; this is apparent from what we have seen to-night; under his guidance he felt safe, and not only individually did he speak, but with reference to the Lodge and members in general. The popularity and prosperity of the St. Andrew's Lodge depended greatly upon Bro. Matier, who was its leading light. He had done his duty, in and out of season; his helping hand is with us at all times, therefore the W.M. called upon the brethren to do full honour to the toast of the Installing Master. After Bro. Richardson had favoured with a song, Bro. Matier rose to acknowledge the honour done him from the chair and by the company; with regard to his own good deeds he would be modest, if not dumb. He wished he were capable of doing to his satisfaction what had been ascribed to him. As a M.M.M., he was ever ready to do all in his power; he held himself a Mason first, and as a local agent next. He preferred looking at the universal aspect of the beloved Craft, by which means he fully appreciated his own Lodge, whose prosperity was the foundation of his ambition. He regretted he was the only one left of the founders able to meet them on these happy occasions. The tender love he had for the Lodge would ever endear it to him, and the ties of friendship which bound M.M.M. to each other was a sure pledge of brotherhood. He had often been greeted as the father, and had acted as Installing Master; he always did so with great pleasure, and hoped the time was far distant when he should be called upon to relinquish the pleasurable task in which he took so much delight. Although life is short and uncertain, he hoped to be spared to see the Mark Degree in a better state than he first found it; and when the time arrives when his mortal coil must be shaken off, he hoped it might be said, "That the perfume of Freemasonry lingered over him still." After a song from Bro. Peel, Bro. Rome was entrusted with the gavel, to propose the health of the Visitors; this he did very ably. In the name of the Lodge he extended a cordial welcome to each and every one; he was glad to see Bros. Gospel, Smith, Davies, Hooper, and others whose names he could not recall, not only on this, but at all the meetings of the Lodge, there was a hearty welcome extended to every visitor who would favour St. Andrew's with his presence. He called upon the brethren to receive the toast with the customary enthusiasm. Bro. Smith returned thanks; as an old associate, and one time a member of the Lodge, he expressed himself at some considerable length; he bestowed great praise on the efficiency of the working of No. 34, and trusted the kindly feeling ever subsisting between the Union Lodge and the St. Andrew's would continue. Bro. Lane P.P.G.S.D. of Durham and Cumberland, thought it was unnecessary to unite his name with the toast, as the warrant of the Lodge bore his signature, yet duty called on him to respond; on his own behalf he was very pleased to be there that night; he was happy to meet the true Masonic face in the north or south, and in any Lodge; he wished for unity in all branches of the Craft, and complimented the Lodge on its prosperity. Other brethren followed to the same effect, and then Bro. Matier proposed the Charities; in his impressive manner he urged every brother to give what he could, however small; the many small contributions made huge sums. With the toast was associated the name of the I.P.M. The toast was duly honoured, and Bro. Glendinning sang. The I.P.M. responded for the Charities; he made an effort to secure funds to enable him to take up to London a good sum as Steward to the Mark Festival. The appeal for funds for this Charity was supported by the W.M., who solicited the aid of every brother. Bro. S.W. proposed the health of the Past Masters in as brief a manner as possible, and gave his opinion that from that Lodge the purple was given to those who had deserved it. The toast was drunk heartily. Bro. Rome, on behalf of the Past Masters returned thanks; he stated that all were animated by one feeling, that is to carry on the good and welfare of the Lodge; he hoped this feeling would ever continue. The W.M. next honoured the Officers by proposing their health, and in doing so said he had appointed his Officers after grave consideration, and according to merit. He knew they would do their duty, and aid in the good government of the Lodge. With the toast was united the name of Bro. Glendinning. The toast was cordially drunk, and Bro. Glendinning, as a newly appointed Officer in a Lodge he had felt he was ever one of, although it was but recently he had identified himself with it, took his post with pleasure; he appreciated the tone of the Lodge, and he would do all in his power to extend its influence, as he felt it was a great honour to belong to it. It was a junior office to that he had previously filled in the Union Lodge, yet he esteemed the honour conferred. The W.M. rose now to propose a toast, which he stated was not often heard in a M.M.M. Lodge, yet we give our need of praise to those who kindly come among us to make known our progress, and to further the interests of the Craft, in the north, south, east and west. There is present a brother who represents the Masonic Press; a brother whom all were glad to see; it is to be hoped that the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE may have a long era of prosperity. He would give them the toast of the Masonic Press, united with the name of Bro. Davies. This was drunk with honours, and Bro. Davies returned thanks. A few more songs and a pleasant chat ushered in the time for the Tyler's toast, when the brethren adjourned, after having spent a most enjoyable evening.

CROYDON LODGE OF MARK MASTERS, No. 198.

THE installation meeting of this young and prosperous Lodge was held at Croydon, on Friday, 14th instant. Heretofore the Lodge has been held at the Greyhound Hotel, but following the example of many other brethren, who prefer a private house or a Masonic hall specially devoted to the purpose, the members of this Lodge have made arrangements with Bro. Rhodes for the use of his spacious suite of rooms in High-street, where the brethren found every convenience. The Lodge and ante-rooms are well appointed, and there is a fine three manual organ, with nearly 40 stops, worked by hydraulic pressure. This welcome addition to the resources of the Lodge-room gave the greatest satisfaction to those present. The Lodge was opened at six p.m. by Bro. J. Close W.M., J. K. Pitt S.W., Dibdin as J.W., W. J. Nichols M.O., R. W. Brown S.O., S. N. Griffiths J.O., H. A. Pocock Sec., Stampa Lambert Treas., Ridge S.D., Alfred Pocock J.D. There were also present the V.W. Bros. George Yaxley I.P.M., James Stevens P.G.J.O., William Poore, S. C. Dibdin P.G.J.O., &c. After Bro. Rhodes had been balloted for and advanced to the honourable degree of M.M.M., with full ceremonial, by Bro. Stevens P.M. and Bro. Poore P.M., the chief point of interest in the proceedings was reached, and the Board of Installing Masters having been formed, Bro. J. K. Pitt was led from the chair of S.W. to the chair of W.M., and presented the dispensation from G.L., authorising him to be installed. The brethren below the chair having retired, Bro. Pitt was inducted into the mystic seat of Adoniram with all the ancient ceremonies by Bro. Poore; and on the readmission of the brethren, was saluted in due form. The new Worshipful Master then proceeded to appoint and invest his Officers for the ensuing year as follows:—Close I.P.M., Nichols S.W., Brown J.W., Griffith M.O., Ridge S.O., Lambert J.O. and Treasurer, H. A. Pocock R.M. and Secretary, A. Pocock S.D., Rhodes Org., Haynes I.G. A cordial vote of thanks was awarded to the retiring W.M., Bro. Close, and ordered to be entered

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on the minutes. Bro. Rhodes rendered the musical portion of the ceremony with splendid effect on the organ, and by his skill contributed much to the harmony. With a grim sense of humour, and no doubt with the special object in view of increasing the Lodge funds, the W.M. offered the collar of D.C. to a very eminent P.M. (and honorary member of the Lodge), who, in all innocency, at once took the bait, and accepted the office, little thinking that by so doing he gave the Lodge to understand he was willing to forfeit the privileges of honorary membership and become a subscribing member, it being a well-known Masonic law that an honorary member of a Lodge is not eligible to hold office in it. The business having been completed, the Lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren then adjourned to banquet, which was served in first rate style by Bro. Mash. The usual toasts were given and received with great warmth of feeling, and the speeches were wisely tempered with brevity; so that all the brethren who had to return by the train were enabled to remain to the last, when the Tyler's toast brought to an end a very happy meeting. Now that the Lodge has entered into the third year of its existence, it is time that the members should get out of the "leading strings," and show that the teachings of the Preceptors have at length enabled all the present Officers to master the duties of their respective positions, without depending on their honorary members, who have hitherto so kindly given them aid and assistance. The fact of the new W.M. hailing from the Macdonald Mark Lodge ought of itself to be a tower of strength, and now that the Lodge is so fortunate as to possess a Lodge-room, with such an accessory as a first-class organ, we hope it will increase in efficiency as well as in numbers.

York Mark Lodge, Time Immomorial.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Tuesday, at York, the W.M. Bro. the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett presiding, supported by Bros. T. Cooper P.M., T. B. Whytehead P.M. and Sec., Rev. W. Valentine S.W., J. Hollins J.W., J. S. Cumberland M.O., C. G. Padel S.O., G. Garbutt J.O., and other Officers and brethren. Several candidates were balloted for and accepted, and Bro. Ware was advanced to the degree. Several motions on the paper were disposed of, and the Lodge was closed, the brethren afterwards supping together, excellent provision having been made, under the direction of Bro. T. Humphries Steward of the Lodge.

DEATH.

ON 11th March instant, after an illness (acute bronchitis) of three days, in the 69th year of her age, and in the 34th of her widowhood, peacefully and sweetly fell asleep, in perfect hope, MARY, the loving and beloved mother of Bro. J. J. Gunner (her only child), LG. of 780, and Hon. Sec. of 780 Lodge of Instruction.

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

ROYAL UNION LODGE, No. 382.

THE fine weather we have experienced during the past few days has brought to our minds the memory of pleasant Lodge meetings, held at Provincial towns, where the dust and turmoil of our Great City cannot even reach, and has caused us to look forward anxiously to those gatherings, which combine, as a part of the programme, a pleasant hour or two amid the green fields. Another thing that strikes us on these occasions is the apparent disregard of all such evils as time-tables and cabs. Generally the members live in close proximity to the place of meeting, and can afford to look with contempt on the slave who has to rush away in the middle of a pleasant evening to catch his train; but unfortunately this is not always the case. There are some Lodges, suburban so far as locality is concerned, but metropolitan in regard to members. When such are held in places which, for some reason or other, appear to be under the ban of railway companies, and as a consequence are supplied with trains that suit no one, the matter which first demands consideration is how to get home. Of course the remedy is to commence early, and have only so much work before the meeting as can be disposed of in a reasonable time; but who would think of attending such a Lodge on an installation night without there being two or three ceremonies to work? the members generally appear to be as anxious to have a full business paper on such occasions as do our London ones to have a clear one, and so it is we hear of struggles for trains, indigestion next morning, and a cold for days afterwards. We hope these latter ailments were not experienced by the members who visited Uxbridge on Monday, but we certainly could not admire the appearance of our brethren in the High-street during their return journey. Even Provincial clothing is cumbrous, and weighs heavily after a good dinner; to say nothing of the damage done by one's not having time to get it fairly "stowed." On this occasion Lodge was summoned for half-past two, and the usual formalities having been disposed of, it was advanced, and Bro. Stamm was passed. On being resumed, Mr. Richard Nation, a candidate who had been approved of at a previous meeting, was admitted, and received the benefit of Masonic light. Lodge was again advanced, the W.M. Elect obligated, a Board of Installed Masters formed, and the ceremony of Installation completed. Bro. Webb, the incoming Master, being installed by the Treasurer, Bro. P.M. Coulton. In due course he filled the various offices of the Lodge, disposing of the collars to the following brethren: —Bros. Cook S.W., Ross J.W., Coombes P.M. P. Prov. G.S.B. Sec., Brown Assist. Sec., Davis P.M. Treas., Lonsdale S.D., Cobley J.D., Rawles I.G., Cooper D. of C., Nicholson A.D.C., Lucy Org., Garard and Meade Stewards. The election of Tyler followed, and resulting in favour of Bro. Longstaff, that brother was duly invested. The ballot having proved favourable for the admission of Messrs. H. Toogood and Wm. Wittenbury, the former of those gentlemen was duly initiated by the new Master, who shewed by his conduct of the ceremony that he is ably qualified for his post. A Past Master's jewel was presented to the retiring Master, Bro. S. Holliday, who acknowledged the gift and thanked the members for their co-operation during his term of office. A letter from the Prov. G.M., Bro. Col. Burdett, regretting his inability to attend the meeting was read. Several matters were discussed, among others that of recognising, in some substantial form, the services of Bro. P.M. Coulton, who had faithfully filled the office of Treasurer some years. It was announced that the report of the Auditors would be presented at the next meeting: The Lodge wa now closed, and the brethren repaired to the Chequers Hotel, where, after banquet, the usual toasts were run through. Brother Albert replied on behalf of the Grand Officers, and Bro. Swallow on behalf of the Past Masters. Among the Visitors were—Bros. E. P. Albert P.G.P., W. Clarke I.G. 148, L. Norden J.W. 205, W. W. Morgan Sec., and F. J. Hentsch 211, T. F. Baker S.D. 720, E. Collins P.M. 783, Festa 831, G. W. Dixon P.M. 860, R. Bruce P.M. 869, John Syer 1017, T. G. Simmonds J.W. 1107, James Stevens P.M. 1426, &c., J. Irinth 1507, J. Hancock S.W. and F. V. Green 1687.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 1387.

THE regular monthly meeting and Festival of St. John was held at the Masonic Hall, Chorlton-cum-Hardy, on Wednesday, the 12th inst. This meeting was convened to celebrate a double event, viz., the installation of the W.M. elect, and the opening of the new Masonic Hall, where the meetings in future will be held. The erection of this spacious and handsome building reflects the greatest credit upon the members of 1387, who alone subscribed the two thousand pounds needed for its construction. The building is replete with every convenience, with club-room and billiard-room attached. We cannot but congratulate any Lodge on attaining possession of such a desirable property, and it may truly be said that the St. John's Lodge has now "a local habitation and a name." The gathering of members and Visitors commenced at an early hour, and the Lodge was opened in due and ancient form by Bro. Dr. John Rains W.M., assisted by Bros. Jas. G. Batty S.W., Robert Davies J.W., E. Brandrett Sec., J. Dewhirst S.D., A. D. Edwards J.D., H. Marshall Treas., J. Addey, A. Lowe, R. Fowler and D. Williams Stewards, W. E. Norbury Organist, and W. Cheshire Tyler. The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed, after which the Lodge was advanced to the second degree, when the Installing Master signified his readiness to proceed with the important ceremony of Installation. For this purpose, Bro. J. G. Batty W.M. elect was formally introduced to the Installing Master, to receive at his hands the benefit of that high honour. The usual questions having been put and satisfactorily answered, Bro. Batty was solemnly obligated, and the Lodge was raised to the M.M. degree, and eventually to that of a Board of Installed Masters, when Bro. J. G. Batty was invested and installed. On the re-admission of the brethren, he was proclaimed W.M. of the St. John's Lodge, No. 1387, for the ensuing twelve months, and as such received the salutations of the brethren. The ceremony was proceeded with, Bros. Schofield P.M. and Crompton P.M. taking part, and the latter brother assisted the Worshipful Master to invest his Officers for the ensuing year as follow:—Bro. Dr. J. Rains I.P.M., R. Davis S.W., E. Brandrett J.W., D. Williams Sec., J. Dewhirst S.D., A. D. Edwards J.D., H. Marshall (re-elected) Treas., Rev. H. B. Jones, M.A., P.P.G. Chap. Chaplain, J. J. Lambert I.G.; and J. Addy, A. Love, R. Fowler, W. Acton, Stewards, W. Cheshire Tyler. The Brethren, in order to evince their appreciation of the valuable services of Bro. Dr. Rains, presented him with a Past Master's jewel. It was a matter of great satisfaction to the W.M. to announce the fact to the worthy recipient, who appropriately acknowledged this tangible mark of esteem. The Brethren of St. John's Lodge, and the Companions of the Chapter, testified their regard and gratitude to Bro. R. Davies for the many marks of his favour, by presenting him with a very handsome silver salver, which was suitably acknowledged by him. The labours of the evening being ended, the W.M. closed the Lodge with solemn prayer, and by his courtesy the Brethren adjourned to banquet to the Lloyd Hotel, where about fifty Brethren sat down, and thoroughly enjoyed a *menu* of the most *récherché* character, admirably catered and served up. The worthy hostess, Mrs. Crabtree, had displayed great taste in the decoration of the banquetting-hall, which met with the cordial approbation of the assemblage. The musical arrangements were carried out under the direction of Bro. Norbury, and added greatly to the pleasures of the evening. On the removal of the cloth, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given from the chair, and cordially received by the Brethren. The feature of the evening, however, was the admirable address given by the newly-installed W.M. upon Freemasonry, in which he successfully combatted the objections usually raised by outsiders against the Craft. He urged, too, upon all present, and more especially upon the members of the St. John's Lodge, which had now taken a more prominent position than heretofore in the district, the paramount importance of acting up to their obligations, by which they would set an example for good to those around them, thereby tending to raise Freemasonry to that eminence, both socially and morally, which its teachings so justly entitle it. Among the Visitors present were G. Freeman P.M. Derby Lodge, — Hunter W.M. Staleybridge Lodge, — Laidlaw P.M. Architect Lodge, Didsbury, J. H. Sillitoe P.M., P.G.D. of C. East Lancashire, J. Davies St. Paul's, Birmingham.

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SIR WATKIN LODGE, No. 1477.

THE regular meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Mold, on the 3rd inst. Bros. Algernon Potts P.M. W.M., A. J. Brereton S.W., J. D. Rowlands J.W., James Rose Sec., W. Roberts S.D., R. C. Griffiths J.D., R. W. Lewis Treas., J. S. Swift Steward, G. H. Adams I.G., Edward Parry Tyler; Past Masters James Salmon P.P.S.G.W., John Corbett P.G. Steward, and several brethren and Visitors. The Hall, which, by the way, is one of the prettiest and complete in its appointments a Mason can ever enter, was well filled on this occasion. Lodge was opened and advanced to the second degree, when Bros. Salmon and Corbett introduced Bro. A. J. Brereton, the W.M. Elect; he was obligated, installed, and saluted. With the assistance of the Installing Master, he invested the following as his Officers: Algernon Potts I.P.M., J. D. Rowlands S.W., W. Roberts J.W., R. W. Lewis (re-appointed) Treas., J. Rose (re-appointed) Sec., R. C. Griffiths S.D., G. H. Adams J.D., T. S. Swift I.G.; T. Ollis and T. A. Lambert Stewards, Edward Parry Tyler. It is a pleasing duty to record the efficiency with which Bro. Potts performed the whole of the ceremony, including the rendering of the Charges, and to congratulate the Sir Watkin Lodge on possessing such true and indefatigable members as are its Past Masters. The labours of the evening being ended, Bro. Brereton received the hearty good wishes of the Visitors, and the Lodge was closed with solemn prayer. The brethren adjourned to banquet, which was provided by Bro. Swift, of the Black Lion Hotel. On the removal of the cloth, the W.M. proposed the usual toasts. Master Smith favoured the brethren with a solo on the violin, accompanied by Bro. Humphreys on the piano, much to the enjoyment of all. The W.M. said he would save time by placing toasts Nos. 4 and 5 in one. Every brother knew how dearly their Prov. G.M. Sir Watkin W. Wynn loved the Craft, and the great interest he took in the welfare of the Province, he knew that the brethren of North Wales and Shropshire revered him in return for his many noble virtues. The Deputy Prov. G.M. Bro. W. Bulkeley Hughes was also justly esteemed for the many proofs he had given of his love to Freemasonry. He regretted that his ill health prevented him from participating more in the affairs of the Province. The Prov. G.O. past and present had, and do discharge their duties to the utmost of their abilities. They had two in the Sir Watkin Lodge. Bro. Lewis sang a solo, dedicated to the Provincial Chief. Bro. Salmon, on behalf of the Province, thanked the Worshipful Master for the kindness evinced towards the Officers of Prov. Grand Lodge. He was happy to say the Province of North Wales was beginning to be looked upon as one of the foremost Provinces under the Grand Lodge of England, its future prosperity was sure if not striking. Bro. Corbett also returned thanks, and as a young fledged Prov. Officer, he promised to do his utmost. Bro. Salmon proposed the toast of the evening. Years ago Bro. Brereton acted very generously in allowing Bro. H. Lloyd to work up to the Chair which he was entitled to occupy. On a later occasion the W.M. had the privilege of attaining the position he now fills, but again he gave way. He was pleased to see him now occupy the chair he has so many claims to, and should be happy to aid him to the utmost. The W.M. in reply said,—Brethren, I need not to tell you that I feel very grateful for the high compliment paid me by Bro. Salmon, and I am very thankful for the marks of approbation which the toast has received from you all. Your reception of the toast just proposed gives me strength to go on and endeavour to discharge the duties devolving upon me in this exalted office, which it has pleased you to honour me with. I find already that the duties of Master are more difficult to discharge than we may be led to anticipate, but I rely on your kind support and co-operation, by which means I shall acquit myself to the satisfaction of the Lodge. Bros. Adams and Lewis gave an amusing duet, after which the W.M. proposed the health of the Installing Master. He considered it no easy matter to carry out the ceremony, but to discharge it as it had been done that day reflected the highest credit on the Installing Master. It clearly indicated the deep interest he took in the Order. He coupled with the toast the health of the Past Masters of the Lodge. The toast was drunk with enthusiasm, and Bro. Petty followed with a song, which amused the company greatly. Bro. Potts, in reply, said: Worshipful Master and Brethren, I thank you sincerely for the kindness shown me on this, as well as on all occasions when my name has been brought before you. I have acted the part of Installing Master to-day, not under the most favourable state of health, yet it is always a source of pleasure for me to do a duty when it has to be attended to in the affairs of the Lodge. I did not think the office I have performed to-day would devolve on me so successively, but I have the gratifying approval of the brethren for my efforts. The task is not so difficult as many may think; all that is required is application and attention, and any brother may do it. On behalf of the P.M.'s I may say they are always ready to do all they can to further the best interests of the Lodge. The W.M. next honoured the Visitors with a hearty reception, and expressed his deepfelt thanks for their kind regard to him and the Lodge by their presence. He coupled with the toast the names of Bros. Smith W.M. Square and Compass Lodge, Bro. Pye Cestrian, and Bro. Edwards I.P.M. 721. Bro. F. Smith and his Son favoured the brethren with a selection on "Bones and Banjo." Bro. Smith, on behalf of the Visitors assured the W.M. of the great pleasure it gave the brethren of the Square and Compass Lodge to be present, it was a pledge of the great regard in which they held the brethren of the Sir Watkin Lodge, that induced them to be there, and he hoped that the same good feeling would ever exist between them. He complimented the Lodge on the musical talent displayed, which tended to the impressiveness of any ceremony in the Lodge and the enjoyment of all round the festive board. Bro. Pye thanked the W.M. for coupling his name with the toast, he enjoyed being present. He had the honour of representing the Cestrian Lodge, and as such reciprocated the fraternal greetings which prompted them to honour him as a guest. Bro. Edwards was well pleased with the ceremony of installation, appreciated the bounty of their hospitality, and bore testimony to the completeness of the whole programme. Other brethren followed to the same purport, after which the W.M. proposed the health of the Officers, without whom he could do little. Bro. Smith kindly favoured with a song. Bro. S.W. returned thanks, and was followed by the J.W. Bro. Potts was entrusted with the gavel to propose the Charities. Our Masonic Charities were the root of the Craft. He was a Life Governor, and, if wealthy enough, would gladly be so over and over again. He exhorted the brethren to do all in their power for these noble Institutions. The toast was responded to by Bro. Corbett, who felt proud of being a Life Governor of the Boys and Girls. He also urged the brethren to do their best for the Charities. He then proposed the health of the Ladies, and united with the toast the name of Bro. Owen, who very genially responded. There was a call for Bro. Rose, the re-elected Secretary, and that worthy brother expressed his thanks for the signal of regard which prompted the brethren to ask him to say a few words. He had again accepted the office assigned to him with pleasure, and as his attention to his duty had given them satisfaction in the past year—which he hoped would be surpassed in prosperity during the next year—he would follow in the same good path. The Tyler's toast was given, and the brethren separated at a seasonable hour. We regret that pressure on our space has prevented the earlier insertion of this report.

TRINITY LODGE, No. 1734.

THE first anniversary of this young but flourishing Lodge took place at the Lodge Room, Rayleigh, on Tuesday, the 11th inst. The all-important event of the evening, the Installation of Bro. John Allen P.M. 160 P.P.G.S.B. Essex, as W.M. for the ensuing year, was performed by the retiring W.M., Bro. W. Pissey P.M. No. 160 P.P.J.G.W. Essex, in his usual faultless manner. The new W.M. appointed and invested his Officers as follow:—Bros. Wm. Pissey I.P.M., Edward Judd P.M. No. 160 P.P.G.R. Essex S.W., Frederick Wiseman P.M. No. 160 J.W., Wm. I. Belcham sen. (re-elected) Treas., Wm. Pissey Sec., Francis R. Bernard S.D., Rev. A. F. Heaton J.D., James Syer D.C., Wm. I. Belcham jun. I.G., Chas. T. Witham Tyler. After all business was over, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren sat down to a banquet, provided by Mr. James Devenish, which reflected the greatest credit on him, all being very pleased with it. The following were also present:—Bros. D. B. Grout P.M. No. 160 P.P.S.G.D. Essex, Thos Dennis, Joseph Webster, Wm. V. Willson, John Belcham P.P.G.P. Essex, H. Harper, W. G. Sheppard, T. W. Offin, and others; Visitors—Bros. J. C. Johnstone W.M. No. 1000, J. A. Wardell P.M. No. 160 and 1000, M.E.Z. No. 1000 P.P.G.D. Essex, Secretary No. 1000, Albert Lucking P.M. No. 160 and 1000, P.Z. No. 1000, Prov. G.D.C. Essex, F. D. Grayson I.G. No. 1000. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and the evening was enlivened with songs from Bros. Allen, F. Wiseman, J. Syer, T. Dennis, Joseph Webster, W. G. Sheppard, T. W. Offin, W. V. Willson, and others. During the evening, Bro. Wm. Pissey, on his retiring from the chair, was presented with a valuable P.M.'s jewel by the Lodge, he being a Founder and the first W.M.

CHAPTER OF ELIAS ASHMOLE, No. 148.

THE Annual Convocation of this Chapter was held at the Chapter Rooms, Sankey-street, Warrington, on the 10th instant, at four o'clock in the afternoon. The Chapter was opened in due form by Ex Comps. R. Brierley Z., John Bowes H., T. Tunstall J., P. J. Edelsten P.Z., and D. W. Finney P.Z., when the rest of the Companions were admitted, and among them we noticed Comps. J. Armstrong S.E., Galloway Treas., J. R. Young, Potter, T. Hutchinson, Robert Heaton, Dr. Hull, W. Richardson, J. Hannah, Reid, C. E. Hindley, Pollitt, Hawkins P.Z., and Domville Janitor. The minutes having been read and confirmed, the M.E.Z. invited Ex. Comp. P. J. Edelsten to take the chair as installing Principal, when Comps. John Bowes P.Z. P.P.G.S.N. Cumberland and Westmorland, T. Tunstall J., and James Jackson J. elect were respectively presented and installed as Z., H., and J. for the ensuing year, according to antient custom. The M.E.Z. then invested the following Comps. as Officers, viz.:—Comps. P. J. Edelsten P.Z. P.S., Finney P.Z. Treas., Galloway S.E., T. Sutton S.N. Comp. Edelsten nominated Comps. Pickthall and Hindley as his assistants. The Auditors presented their report, which showed a good balance in favour of the Chapter. It was reported that Dr. Evans had two candidates to propose, but professional duties prevented his attendance. After the transaction of some routine business, the Chapter was closed, and the Companions adjourned to the Patten Arms Hotel, where an excellent tea was provided by Mr. and Mrs. Chew. After tea the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given from the chair. The M.E.Z., in response to the toast of his health, said he did not wish to disguise from them the fact that he felt proud of the position they had again elected him to. He was one of the founders of the Chapter, the first H., and at the present time the senior member. He hoped that the honour and credit of the Chapter would be advanced, even to a higher position than it now enjoyed during his year of office, and that when the time arrived he should instal his Masonic offspring as his successor to rule over a flourishing and efficient Chapter. All the Officers were good "workers," and he hoped to see them rise by regular gradations to the position he then had the honour to fill. In proposing the P.Z.'s, he spoke very highly of Ex. Comps. Brierley and Finney, whom he said had the good of Royal Arch Masonry at heart. In response to his health, Ex. Comp. Edelsten, Installing Principal, augured well for the Chapter under the enlightened rule of the M.E.Z. Other toasts followed, interspersed by excellent songs from Comps. Tunstall, Richardson, Dr. Hall, Brierley, &c., and a pleasant evening was brought to a close at nine o'clock.

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Banquet after labor. Tickets 3s 6d each, must be secured prior to the 31st inst.

T. B. HUMPHREY, Secretary,

10th March 1879. 55 Fore Street, E.C.

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LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

THE Lodge of Benevolence met on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall. There were present, Bros. Joshua Nunn as President, James Brett as Senior Vice-President, E. P. Albert as Junior Vice-President, S. Rawson, H. Bartlett, J. Coutts, G. S. Elliott, S. Rosenthal, J. Hervey, H. Buss, A. A. Pendlebury, H. Garrod, L. Alexander, W. Richards, C. Atkins, G. P. Britten, J. Yeomans, J. T. Rowe, G. Bolton, R. Harman, J. H. Sillitoe, A. Withers, C. Dobit, F. W. Smith, Jno. Coe, C. G. Diller, A. J. Ireton, H. S. Friend, J. Weaver, Jno. Elliott, J. Newton, G. Read, Jno. Holden, J. Mason, E. Squirrell, C. Davis, H. A. Bennett, E. A. H. Lechmere and W. H. Perryman. After confirming grants to the amount of £300, made at last meeting, the brethren granted £667 to twenty-six out of twenty-nine new cases, the amounts ranging from £75 to £2 a case, the intermediate amounts being £75, £50, £40, £30, £25, £20, £15, £10 and £5.

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COLLISION IN THE CHANNEL.

THE regular meeting of the Corinthian Lodge, No. 1206, was held at the Royal Hotel, Dover, on the 17th inst. The occasion was observed as a solemn one, the Lodge furniture being draped with black cloth. Only the necessary routine business was transacted, the other matters announced in the agenda (initiation and raising) being postponed. The W.M. Bro. E. Fenn, M.R.C.S., made a feeling address to the brethren upon the melancholy circumstances under which the meeting took place. Not only had they to lament the loss of their respected Bro. Quarter-Master Bloomfield, of the 2nd Batt. 24th Regiment, who, in the discharge of his duty, fell with so many of his comrades in arms at the disaster at Isandula, but they had also to deplore the untimely death of two members of the Lodge, by the sad calamity off Dungeness, on Thursday night. Bros. H. P. Popkiss and J. V. W. Smith were both among the original founders of the Lodge, and in the person of Bro. Popkiss they had to mourn the loss of one of its most valued and esteemed members. Only one short month ago they had re-elected him their Treasurer, an office he had held from the consecration of the Lodge in 1868 up to the present time, excepting the three years during which he filled the offices of J.W., S.W, and W.M., his promotion in Masonry being marked by his advancement in the esteem and affection of his brethren. His knowledge of Freemasonry, together with his constant attendance at the parent Lodge, and Lodge of Instruction, and his unremitting attention to his Masonic duties had rendered him most valuable as a Mason, while his genial disposition and unvarying kindness of heart had endeared him to all who knew him. The W.M. concluded by moving the following vote of condolence, and proposed that a copy of the same be forwarded to Mrs. Popkiss :—

"The Brethren of the Corinthian Lodge of Freemasons having heard with very great grief of the sad calamity by which their Treasurer, Bro P.M. Henry Paal Popkiss has lost his life, beg to tender their most sincere and heartfelt sympathy to his widow and children, and to assure them of the very high esteem and regard in which he was held by the members of the Lodge. They also pray that the Almighty may sustain and comfort them under the heavy affliction He has seen fit in His wisdom to lay upon them."

Bro. H. C. Fulm P.M. P.P.G.A.D.C. seconded the proposition.

Bro. Smeeth P.M. and Sec. asked to be allowed to say how heartily he concurred in the touching and well-merited eulogy the W.M. had passed upon their lost friend and Brother. Bro. Smeeth's position had brought him into such constant communication with their late lamented Treasurer that no member of the Lodge could more highly estimate his worth, nor more fully realise the loss which the Lodge had sustained by the sad and untimely death of one to whose truly Masonic zeal and spirit the welfare, harmony, and good working of the Corinthian Lodge were mainly due. He was glad to remember, at this solemn moment, that the appreciation which the brethren entertained of their deceased Brother's services had been testified to him on several occasions. The proposition was unanimously adopted, and the Lodge was then closed.

Bro. Popkiss, who was only in his 47th year, was initiated in the Union Lodge, Margate, No. 127, in 1859; joined the Corinthian Lodge No. 1208, Dover in 1868, and was W.M. in 1871, and appointed P.G. Steward Kent 1875, and P.G.A.D.C. 1876.

MASONIC FUNERAL.

About fifty Brethren, representing the four Lodges of Stockport, assembled under the banner of Lodge of Unanimity, No. 287, at the Dog and Partridge Inn, Churchgate, Stockport, on Saturday, for the purpose of accompanying the remains of their late Bro. Geo. Turner P.M. 287 P.P.G.P. Cheshire, and many years Tyler, to their last resting place, the Borough Cemetery, where he was interred with Masonic honours. Bro. Henry Carrington P.M. 287, acting as Master, read the ceremony in a very impressive and solemn manner. Bro. John Leigh J.W. 287, acting as Director of Ceremonies; after the funeral the brethren returned in procession to the Lodge, when it was closed in solemn prayer. Amongst the Visitors present we noticed Bros. John H. Carrington W.M. 322, John Clark Cheetham P.M. 322 P.P.G.P. Cheshire, Lynch Bradbury 322, John Green 323, John Roberts 104, Woolley 104, Winterbottom 322, and several others.

We have before us the last half-yearly report of the Directors of the Crystal Palace District Gas Company, and learn from it that the working during the half-year has been satisfactory. The balance at credit of profit and loss account amounts to £11,621 18s 6d, out of which sum it is proposed to pay dividends, which will absorb £10,452 12s 1d. We are pleased to hear of this favourable state of affairs; many of the staff of the Company are well known to us and to our readers, as officers and members of the Frederick of Unity and other Lodges. We also notice that the services of Bro. Magnus Ohren, the Secretary of the Company, have given so much satisfaction to the Directors as to warrant their proposing a substantial addition to his salary. Let us hope our worthy brother may long enjoy health to exert himself in the performance of his duties, and that we may again and again have to record his services have received recognition.

CHARTERHOUSE CLUB OF INSTRUCTION.

THIS deservedly appreciated Club, formed some years since, for the purpose of working ceremonial alone, to the entire exclusion of the sections, thereby enabling brethren appointed to office in Lodges to have immediate opportunity for perfecting themselves in their duties, has now, after a period of unfortunate changes of places of meeting, settled down in most comfortable quarters in West Smithfield. The removal of the Club to the excellent hostelry of Bro. T. Butt, the New Market Hotel, King-street, Snow-hill, E.C., took place a few weeks ago, and the meetings since then have shewn evidence of a new vitality which bids fair to ensure a great success for the Club. On the 4th inst. it was resolved to inaugurate the change of quarters by holding a first annual Festival on Tuesday, 1st April, in the large assembly room recently built by Bro. Butt. This Festival promises to be of a noteworthy character. Bro. Wm. Butt P.M. of Lodges 917 and 1677 will officiate as President, Bro. James Stevens P.M. 720, 1216 and 1426 as Senior Vice-President, and Bro. William Webb W.M., of the Royal Union Lodge, 382, at Uxbridge, as Junior Vice-President. The Director of the Ceremonies on this occasion will be Bro. John Syer, of the Panmure 720, and Montefiore 1017. A Lodge will be opened at 6 p.m., and will be followed by banquet. At the Club meeting on Tuesday, the 18th inst., there was a goodly gathering of members, Bros. James Stevens as W.M., Simmons S.W., Humphrey J.W., W. Hames Preceptor, when the ceremonies of the first and second degrees were worked, and the detail of arrangements for the Festival discussed. We wish the Club every success, and that the approaching entertainment may result in advantage to the Craft generally, and the thorough enjoyment of its members.

ROYAL NATIONAL LIFE-BOAT INSTITUTION.

ON Tuesday afternoon, 18th instant, the annual general meeting of the friends and supporters of the Royal National Life-boat Institution was held at Willis's Rooms, St. James's, London. His Grace the Duke of Northumberland, Lord Privy Seal, President of the Institution, occupied the chair on the occasion. The meeting was influentially and numerously attended. There were present, amongst others, Thomas Chapman, Esq., F.R.S., V.P., Admiral of the Fleet, Sir George Sartorious, K.C.B., the Right Hon. the Earl Percy, M.P., Col. Fitzroy Clayton, the Marquis of Hertford, W. H. Harton, Esq., V.P., the Hon. T. C. Agar Robartes, the Earl of Courtown, the Marquis of Headfort, the Right Hon. Stephen Cave, M.P., Eugene F. Noel, Esq., Admiral McHardy, Sir William Clayton, Bart., and Lady Clayton, Capt. the Hon. F. Maude, R.N., Capt. De St. Croix, J. Griffith, Esq., Capt. L. T. Cave, the Right Hon. the Earl Waldegrave, W. Scarth, Esq., Col. Moncrieff, Capt. Martin, R.N., F. D. Mocatta, Esq., Admiral Ward, Chas. H. Cooke, Esq., F.S.A., W. Mannock, Esq., Rev. E. Hewlett, M.A., and Geo. Palmer, Esq.

The Chairman, in opening the proceedings, said that he should have very few words to say, for however eventful the past year had been with regard to the extraordinary severity of the weather, and in other respects, yet as far as the action of the life-boats had been concerned, it had not produced any more than usual startling cases of danger or distress. There was no institution, he believed, that had taken so deep a root in the feelings of English hearts as the National Life-boat Institution. The interest which had been shown at the commencement of the Institution had not in the slightest degree flagged or diminished. As an instance of this he might say that he had been informed of the gift of a new life-boat for Cornwall, contributed by the *employés* of the Great Western Railway at Swindon, in memory of Mr. Armstrong, late Superintendent of the locomotive department of that company. He (the Chairman) hoped that this by no means solitary example would be followed by many more. Richard Lewis, Esq., barrister and Secretary of the Institution, then read the annual report, which stated that since the last meeting ten new life-boats had been placed, there now being 268 life-boats under the management of the society. During the year 1878 the life-boats of the Institution had saved four hundred and seventy-one persons from wrecked or endangered vessels, nearly the whole of them under perilous circumstances, when ordinary boats could not have been employed without great risk of life to those on board them. In addition, the life-boats had helped last year to rescue seventeen vessels from destruction. For those services, and for saving 145 lives by fishing-boats and other means, 11 silver medals and votes of thanks inscribed on vellum, and £2,750 had been granted by the Institution. The number of lives saved since the establishment of the Institution, either by its life-boats or by special exertions, for which it had granted rewards, was 26,051. For these services it has voted 92 gold and 1,352 silver medals, besides pecuniary rewards to the amount of £[illegible]. The committee cordially acknowledged the continued co[illegible] of the Local Branch Committees and their honorary secretaries, and the coast guard, boatmen, and fishermen. The total amount [illegible] the donations, subscriptions, and dividends received during the year had been £34,428, of which sum £5,000 were specially [illegible] to pay the cost of eight life-boats. The expenditure had amounted to £31,439.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS AND OINTMENT.—Influenza, Coughs, and Colds.—In diseases of the throat and chest, so prevalent in our changeable climate, nothing so speedily relieves, or so certainly cures, as these inestimable remedies. These disorders are too often neglected at their commencement, or are injudiciously treated, resulting in other case in disastrous consequences. Whatever the condition of the patient, Holloway's remedies will restore, if recovery be possible; they will retard the alarming symptoms till the blood is purified and nature consummates the cure, gradually restoring strength and vital nervous power. By persevering in the use of Holloway's preparations, ease is conferred on the stomach and frame generally. Thousands of persons have testified that by the use of these remedies alone they have been restored to health, after every other means had failed.

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Bro. Dick Radclyffe, whose exertions on behalf of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution resulted in the purchase money for twelve Life Governorships being raised, by means of balloting tickets, sold at 1s and 2s 6d each, is continuing his labours on behalf of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. We hope to be able to record that he is able to hand over a much larger amount to that Institution when the day of its Festival comes. He informs us that many of the tickets sent out by him have neither been acknowledged or accounted for. If any of our readers are among those who have neglected this request of Bro. Radclyffe's, we hope they will now exert themselves to dispose of the tickets on hand, which will serve for the Boy's School ballot, or else immediately return them, in order that they may be sent to others interested in the scheme. Bro. Radclyffe urges his brethren to help him, if only by selling one book, and he has much pleasure in announcing that the scheme is supported by, and is under the patronage of, many Grand Officers and distinguished members of the Craft. Among others he mentions :—

Bro. H.R.H. Prince Leopold, K.G., Past J.G.W., Prov. G.M. Oxon.
„ Sir Daniel Gooch, Bt. M.P., Prov. G.M. Berks and Bucks.
„ His Grace the Duke of Athole, K.T., Past Grand Master Scotland.
„ Right Hon. Lord Henniker S.G.W., S.G.W.M.M., P. Prov. G.W. Suffolk.
„ Erasmus Wilson, F.R.S., S.G.D., Vice-patron.
„ R. Bradley Prov. G. Secretary Berks and Bucks.
„ W. Biggs P. Prov. G. Secretary Berks and Bucks.
„ James Terry Secretary R.M.B.I., P.G.J.W. Herts.
„ J. Constable P.M. Vice-patron.
„ Colonel Frederick Brine, R.E., P.M., 30c.
„ Baron Fielder P.M., P.G.S.W. Berks and Bucks.

Bro. Emra Holmes, whose new book, "Anabel Vaughan," is dedicated by express permission to H.R.H. Prince Leopold, K.G., President of the Royal Society of Literature, and P.J.G.W. of England, has received a very gratifying letter from the Prince's private secretary, Bro. R. H. Collins, to the following effect :—

"His Royal Highness Prince Leopold desires me to thank you for the two copies of your work which you have sent to him, and to inform you that he will lay the second copy before the Queen for Her Majesty's acceptance."

The ceremonies of Consecration and Installation will be rehearsed at the Crusaders Lodge of Instruction, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, on Thursday, 3rd April, by Bro. J. Terry P.M. 228, &c. &c. Prov. J.G.W. Herts. Lodge will be opened at 7 p.m. Brethren to appear in Craft clothing.

From the report of the Standing Committee of the Evening Star Lodge, No. 1719, published with the summons for the next meeting, which takes place on the 25th inst., we learn that the Treasurer's accounts have been audited and approved. They show a balance in hand of £59 18s 10d, which amount, together with £25 4s 0d Fees due, constitutes the assets. The liabilities are about £22. The Lodge has thus a credit balance of £63 2s 10d; a very creditable position for so young a Lodge. The Committee report that the furniture, which has been presented by various members of the Lodge, is perfect, with the exception of three candlesticks; they consider the question of purchasing these may be deferred for the present.

The regular meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Mark Masters of Middlesex and Surrey will be held on Monday next, at the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge. Prov. G. Lodge will be opened at six o'clock, and after the transaction of the business of the day, the brethren will dine together at seven. Tickets for the banquet, including wine, are one guinea each, and may be had of the Prov. G. Sec., Bro. W. G. Brighten, 4 Bishopsgate-street-within, E.C.

We are pleased in announcing that the efforts of the employés of Messrs. J. and C. Boyd and Co., on behalf of the Asylum for Idiots, on Thursday, the 13th inst., resulted most successfully. No less than £75 will be handed over to the Committee of this deserving charity.

EARL OF CARNARVON LODGE, 1642.

THE regular meeting was held on 13th inst. at the Ladbroke Hall, Notting-hill. Bros. S. H. Parkhouse W.M., E. M. Lander S.W., S. Smout J.W., W. J. Murlis P.M. Sec., G. Penn P.M. Treas., Rev. D. Reade S.D., S. Smout jun. J.D., J. Bartle D.C., Woodmason and Hook Stewards, Rogers I.G., Delevante Organist; P.M. Bro. W. Stephens, several members, and the following visitors:—Bros. C. Davey W.M., J. Driscoll P.M., and T. E. Davey W.S. No. 30, G. Davis J.W. 167, M. Spiegel W.M. 188, J. Flood P.P.G.D.C. Berks and Bucks, G. W. Dixon P.M. 209, J. Lee 231, S. L. Humfrees and E. Arrowsmith 733, A. B. Baker W.M., L. Brvett P.M. 834, F. Kelly 851, A. E. Taylor, J. P. Maud, W. Austin 1201, W. Weaver I.G. 1238, E. C. Daines W.M. 1366, W. W. Morgan jun. 1385, J. Johnson J.W. 1423, J. H. Pearson S.W. 1567, A. Marchant 1604, W. Hixon 1744, and H. Stevens. Lodge having been opened with the usual formalities, was advanced, and Bro. Dr. G. F. Rule was raised to the sublime degree. The next business on the paper was the passing of Bro. M. R. Lochner, but that brother not being in attendance, the W.M. ordered the bye-laws of the Lodge to be read, which done, the ballot was taken for Messrs. Joseph Robson, Charles Dewdney Cowland, and William Henry Rusdell. The result being declared as in their favour, those three gentlemen, together with Mr. Arthur Heywood, who was elected at the previous meeting, were duly initiated into the mysteries of the Craft. This completed the ceremonial business. The letter sent by the Secretary to the Earl of Carnarvon on his recent marriage, and his reply to the same (as published in our columns last week), were ordered to be recorded on the minutes. The sympathy of the Lodge with the family of a late member was ordered to be communicated to the widow. A letter was ordered to be sent to Her Majesty the Queen, as recorded by us last week. Brother Murlis announced that since their last meeting the Annual Ball in connection with the Lodge had taken place. It proved a great success, and although it had not realised as much profit as he had anticipated, it had produced more than the last one. The W.M. proposed that the thanks of the Lodge be given to Bro. Murlis, for the trouble he took in the matter; this was seconded by the S.W., and carried unanimously. Bro. Murlis briefly acknowledged the compliment. He was not in the habit of doing things by halves, so that if it had not been a success, it would not have been through any neglect on his part. Nothing further offering, Lodge was closed, and the brethren repaired to banquet, which was well served by Bro. Linscott, and ably presided over by the W.M. In introducing the customary Loyal toasts, the W.M. referred specially to their connection by name with the Pro Grand Master. Bro. Penn the I.P.M. gave the toast of the W.M. The way in which Bro. Parkhouse performed his task, which was no small one, was a credit to him and the Lodge. He had always taken a great interest in the Lodge, and Brother Penn hoped he would continue to do so. The W.M., in replying, expressed his delight in seeing the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge in so flourishing a condition. He believed the members were a most united band, whose main object was to be happy and promote happiness. He now considered the toast of the Initiates the chief one of the evening; without such it would be impossible for a Lodge to go on. Hitherto their initiates had proved a credit to the Craft, and he had no doubt those admitted at the present meeting would prove no exception. Bro. Robson promised to use every effort to promote the interests of the Craft. Bro. Cowland tendered his thanks for the kindness shown him in receiving him into the Lodge. Bro. Smith would be happy to do anything in his power either for the Craft or the Lodge. Bro. Rusdell also thanked the brethren. The Past Masters were next toasted. Brother Penn had done good service for the Lodge during his year of office, and since that time had taken, if possible, greater interest in its welfare. The labours of Bro. Murlis were too well known to need recounting; he had performed the hard work entailed by a first Master to the utmost satisfaction, and since that time had assisted them in no small degree. They also looked upon Bro. Stephens as one of their Past Masters; he certainly was ever ready at hand to render aid. They had Past Masters among their members, notably Bros. Pearson and Woodward, the latter an old champion of Freemasonry, and one who endeavoured to carry out its truest principles. Each of the Past Masters having replied, the health of the Visitors was drunk; Bros. Brysett, Taylor, Weaver and others replying. The Treasurer and Secretary received due praise. Bro. Penn now referred to his Stewardship for the R.M.B.I. He had made up his mind to get a list of 300 guineas: how he had succeeded they well knew. Bro. Murlis replied as Secretary, in as short a speech as we should think him capable of making, his large heartedness generally requiring a full complement of words for the expression of his feelings. The Officers were duly honoured, and several replied. The thanks of the members were given to Bro. Davis, who has now undertaken the duties of Preceptor to the Lodge of Instruction working under sanction of 1642, and he tendered his acknowledgments. The Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a termination. During the evening several brethren contributed to the harmony, in all cases being ably supported in their endeavours by the efficient Organist of the Lodge, Bro. Delevante.

The Tyne Theatre, Newcastle-on-Tyne, was re-opened on the 15th, under the management of Bro. Charles Harrington. The house has been re-decorated, and many improvements introduced. Bro. Harrington has engaged a strong and talented company, and there is little doubt he will gain the support of the public. We wish him every success.

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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 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.

1464—Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe.
1531—Chislehurst, Bull's Head Hotel, Chislehurst.
1777—Royal Hanover, Town Hall, Hounslow.
R. A. 206—Affability, Station House Hotel, Bottoms, Stansfield.

MONDAY, 24th MARCH.

4—Royal Somerset House and Inverness, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
65—Strong Man, Sportsman, City-road, at 8. (Instruction.)
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-common's, at 6.30. (Instruct.)
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction.)
704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
1260—John Harvey, Albion Hall, London Wall, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1308—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8. (Instruction.)
1435—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.)
1633—Stuart, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell.

48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead.
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
999—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
1442—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction.)
R. A. 341—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.

TUESDAY, 25th MARCH.

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, Piccadilly, W.
141—Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
145—Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
186—Industry, Freemason's Hall, W.C.
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. (Instruction.)
1196—Urban, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, E.C.
1360—Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, Battersea Park, at 8. (Instruction.)
1411—Ivy, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1471—Islington, Three Bucks, 23 Gresham-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1507—Metropolitan, 269 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8. (In.)
1719—Evening Star, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1744—Royal Savoy, Ashley's Hotel, Covent Garden.

24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle, 7.30. (In.)
117—Wynnstay, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8. (Instruction.)
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30. (Instruction.)
253—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby.
299—Emulation, Bull Hotel, Dartford.
310—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle.
873—Perseverance Shoemstone Hotel, Hales Owen.
920—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1016—Elkington, Masonic Rooms, New-street, Birmingham.
1358—Torbay, Town Hall, Paignton.
1609—Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1675—Antient Britons, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
R. A. 731—Grosvenor, Eastgate-row-north, Chester.
R. A. 1094—Temple Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
K. T.—Plains of Tabor, Swan Hotel, Colne, Lancashire

WEDNESDAY, 26th MARCH.

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.
228—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8. (In.)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
538—La Tolerance Green Dragon, Maddox-street, W., at 7.45. (Inst.)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E., at 7.30. (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. at 8. (Instruction.)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8. (Instruction.)
1044—Wandsworth, Spread Eagle, Wandsworth. (Instruction.)
1184—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. (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-road, Holloway, at 8. (Instruction.)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8. (Instruction.)
1553—Duke of Connaught, Faunce Arms, Kennington Park, at 8. (Instruction.)
1707—Eleanor, Angel Hotel, Edmonton, at 8. (Instruction.)
1769—Progress, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R. A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8. (Instruction)
R. C.—St. Andrew, Cafe Royal, Regent-street, W.

32—St. George, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool.
117—Salopian of Charity, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury.
163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
220—Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, Lancashire.
304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds.
439—Scientific, Masonic Room, Biggleswade.
442—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Boroughbury, Peterborough. (Instruction.)
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction.)
996—Sondes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk.
1039—St. John, George Hotel, Lichfield.
1063—Townley Parker, Mosley Hotel, Boswick, near Manchester.
1119—St. Bede, Mechanic's Institute, Harrow.
1319—Strangeways, Empire Hotel, St. Angeways, Manchester.
1364—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction.)
1245—Ryburn, Private Rooms, Town Hall-street, Sowerby Bridge.
1302—Egerton, Stanley Arms Hotel, Stanley-street, Bury, Lancashire.
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, at 7. (Instruction.)
1566—Ellington, Bell Hotel, Maidenhead.
1633—Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
1723—St. George, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall-square, Bolton
R. A. 226—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough.
R. A. 805—De Tabley, Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe, Cheshire.
R. A. 1303—Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham.
M.M.—Northumberland and Berwick, Masonic Hall, Mosley-st., Newcastle.

THURSDAY, 27th MARCH.

General Committee, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8. (Instruction.)
15—Kent, Shoquers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction.)
65—Prosperity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8. (Instruction.)
99—Shakespeare, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
211—St. Michael, George, Australian Avenue, Barbican, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses Lower Tottenham, at 8. (Instruction.)
786—William Preston, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C.
1327—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
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.
1614—Covent Garden, Ashley's Hotel, Henrietta-street, Covent Garden, 8. (Inst.)
1658—Skelmersdale, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
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. 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, Freemasons' Hall, Archer-street, Darlington.
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
286—Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Bacup.
348—St. John, Bulls Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton.
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal.
807—Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich.
904—Phœnix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham.
935—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford.
966—St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek, Stafford.
1313—Fermor, Masonic Hall, Southport, Lancashire.
1325—Stanley, 214 Gt. Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
1459—Ashbury, Justice Birch Hotel, Hyde-road, West Gorton, near Manchester
1505—Emulation, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1624—Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Maple street, Newcastle.
R. A. 51—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham-street, Rochdale.
R. A.—292 Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
R. A. 1066—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.
M.M. 32—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
K. T.—Plains of Manre, Bull Hotel, Burnley.

FRIDAY, 28th 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.)
569—Fitzroy, Head Quarters, Hon. Artillery Company, City-road, E.C.
766—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. 8. (Inst.)
834—Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-road. (Instruction.)
902—Burgoyne, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction.)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction.)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1288—Finsbury Park M.M., Earl Russell, Isledon-road, N. at 8. (Instruction.)
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.)
London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-street, E.C., at 6.
R. A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8. (Inst.)
R.A. 1471—North London, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-rd., at 8. (Inst.)

720—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge.
810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton.
1325—Gladsmuir, Red Lion, Barnet.
1383—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1621—Castle, Crown Hotel, Bridgnorth.
1712—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle.
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7.
R. A. 61—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax.
R. A. 152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
R. A. 242—Magnulen, Guildhall, Doncaster.
K. T. 20—Royal Kent, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle.

SATURDAY, 29th 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.

1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.—This Lodge held its usual weekly meeting at Bro. Spurgin's, the Sportsman, City-road, on Monday, the 17th inst. There were present Bros. Wing W.M., T. Fox S.W., — W. Smith J.W., Tolmie Preceptor, Fenner Sec., Spurgin S.D., Dyer J.D., Sims I.G.; also Bros. Byott, Isaac, Frewin ard, Cuthbertson, Wilson, Hamm sen., Haile, J. Millington, Ross, Lane, Gieeke, Hine, Globe, W. Rowley, Callow, Symons, R. Pearcy, Crawley and Greene. After Lodge was opened and formalities observed, Bro. Isaac proved himself an efficient F.C., and was entrusted. The W.M. then rehearsed the ceremony of raising, Bro. Isaac candidate. The traditional history was given, and the entire ceremony performed in a beautiful manner by Bro. Wing, W.M. of the mother Lodge. Bro. Fox worked the first, Bro. Isaac the second section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Tolmie worked the third, assisted by Bro. Fenner. Lodge resumed, and Bros. Callow, of Stanley Gran, 45, Cuthbertson, of Egyptian, 27, and Hine, of Unity, 1507 were elected members. Bro. Fox was appointed to preside at next meeting, when Bro. Tolmie will rehearse the ceremony of installation. It is hoped a numerous attendance will reward his efforts. Lodge was then closed.

Vitruvian Lodge, No. 87.—On Wednesday, the 12th inst., at the White Hart Tavern, Belvedere-road, Lambeth. The W.M. Bro. Ross opened the Lodge, and, after reading the minutes of the previous meeting, the W.M. vacated the chair, which Bro. John Node took, for the purpose of installing Bro. Timothy, the S.W., as W.M. The ceremony was very ably performed. The W.M., on being installed, appointed his Officers, and then initiated Messrs. Arthur Parr and Lovelock, the brethren thus had an opportunity of ad-

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miring the excellent working of the new W.M. The report of the audit meeting was read and accepted. The Lodge was closed in perfect harmony; the brethren, numbering 80, then adjourned to the banquetting hall, which had been tastefully decorated, under the guidance of Bro. John Satchell, who was generally complimented for his taste, and a vote of thanks was unanimously recorded to him The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to. Visitors:—Bros. E. Davies P.M. Secretary of 228, Wyman 188, and Newnham 1624. Each responded to the toast proposed in their honour. The banquet was most creditably served, and the brethren left at a late hour, having spent a most comfortable Masonic evening.

Domatic Lodge of Instruction, No. 177.—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 18th inst., at the Surrey Masonic Hall, S.E. Bros. T. E. Walker W.M., Boyes S.W., Bryant J.W., Smith S.D., Thorpe J.D., Hicks I.G., Larlham Preceptor and Treasurer, Smith Secretary *pro tem*, and other brethren. The questions for raising were answered. The Lodge was opened in the third degree and the ceremony of raising was duly rehearsed, Bro. Maidment being the candidate. The Lodge was closed down to the first degree. The S.W. was elected W.M. for ensuing week, and the Lodge was closed.

Tranquillity Lodge, No. 185.—There could scarcely have been devised a more appropriate programme than that by which the proceedings were regulated at the meeting of the above Lodge, which took place at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, on Monday, the 17th instant. The recent death of the sincerely beloved Bro. John Peartree P.M., who had been connected with the Lodge for upwards of a quarter of a century, and held the post of Hon. Treas. for the last eighteen years, caused the brethren to appear with the usual tokens of Masonic mourning, and also to dispense with the gay and glittering regalia usually seen upon the breasts of many of the Past Masters. Happily, there was no ceremonial work, else a newly-initiated might have carried away a somewhat sombre impression of the entrance to his Masonic career. Bro. George S. Pare W.M., having opened the Lodge, caused the minutes to be read, which were confirmed. From these it appeared that the sum of £100 had again been added to the Benevolent Fund. Bro. S. Solomon P.M. next proposed a vote of condolence to the widow and family of the late Treasurer, and in a speech full of genuine feeling dilated upon the excellent qualities which distinguished the departed Brother; his disinterested kindness and urbanity, his benevolent instincts, and the unwearying solicitude for the prosperity of the Lodge which characterised his conduct. The vote was, of course, unanimously agreed to, and the Secretary ordered to communicate the same to the widow. The Lodge was then closed and adjourned. A really frugal, yet ample supper, was served, such as even the balance sheet brigade would scarcely object to, and with which it must be stated every one present was thoroughly satisfied, because the simpleness of the repast precluded the anticipation of broken rest, disordered stomachs, next morning's headache, and consequent general seediness, which follows in a greater or lesser degree the partaking of a sumptuous and luxurious banquet. Wines were entirely dispensed with, and, like staid and sober citizens, the brethren smoked and chatted over a glass of ale or grog. The toasts were confined to but to two—the first, "Loyalty to throne, and Prosperity to the Craft," which is supposed to include the Loyal and Masonic toasts; the second was that of the Visitors, of whom but five were present, namely, Bros. Henry De Solla, John Culver, James and John Rexworthy, and John Piggott. The next proceedings might with propriety be termed a vocal and musical entertainment, from which nearly everything likely to cause hilarity was neatly and spontaneously excluded. Without the least desire or intention to depreciate the musical taste and talent of any one whose exertions contributed in any measure to chase away the gloom of the former portion of the evening, Bro. De Solla's performances take the first rank. His pathetic and quaint songs were highly appreciated, and a pianoforte solo ("Trovatore") was vociferously applauded. Bro. J. Rexworthy received his fair share of praise, and indeed the vocal efforts of Bros. Child, John H. Ross, John Constable, Bailey, Staley, and Culver gave universal satisfaction. Special mention must deservedly be made of Bro. J. D. Barnett, whose versatile capabilities gave him full employment throughout the evening. Except Bro. De Solla, who does not require it; and Bro. Child, who objected to it for reasons of his own, the rest of the vocalists had brought their music, and in nearly all instances Bro. Barnett was called upon to play the accompaniment to each, and also to accede to the request to oblige with some choice songs from his repertoire. Although, no doubt inadvertently, public recognition of his services was not rendered, he received hearty thanks privately from many who had the opportunity of doing so. Altogether we never remember any Masonic gathering, during our experience of nearly twenty years, in which so much ability was displayed (unprofessional) by members of any Lodge. Great praise is also due to the W.M. for the fitness and suitability of the whole arrangement, as it was consistent with a due sense of respect to the memory of one whose loss the Lodge has every reason so deeply to deplore. Besides numerous brethren and visitors, there were present—Bros. Bailey S.W., Croaker J.W., P. Levy Sec., Bush S.D., Staley I.G.; Past Masters J. Constable, J. Ross, S. Solomon, S. Moss, Bloomfield, Glucksteln, and E. Gottheil.

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193.—On Wednesday, at the Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street. Bros. T. W. Bond W.M., G. L. Walker S.W., T. B. Biddle J.W., Wm. Sayer S.D., J. A. Fells J.D., D. Moss I.G., Thos. W. C. Bush Treas., E. Gottheil P.M., J. K. Pitt Sec. Bro. Alfred Valentine 1275 Visitor, who afterwards joined the Lodge of Instruction. The ceremony of raising was worked by Bro. Candlish. Bro. Moss worked the first three sections assisted by the brethren. Notice of motion was given by P.M. Gottheil, that one guinea be placed upon the list of Bro. Treasurer Bush, for the Masonic Boys' School. He was pleased to say the list up to present time amounted to over one hundred pounds. Bro. S.W. was elected W.M. for next Wednesday.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—At Bro. Fysh's, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, on Saturday, the 15th inst. Present—Bros. Brasted W.M., J. Lorkin S.W., Byott J.W., Pearcy Preceptor, Fenner Secretary, Brand S.D., Forss J.D., Lewis I.G.; also Bros. Byng, Phillips, Mallord, P. Woodman, Ross, J. Millington, Gilham, Garrod, Calderwood, Seidel, Mackey, Hallam sen., Peace and Burtle. Lodge was opened, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Garrod proved his efficiency, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed in a very effective manner by the W.M., Bro. Garrod as candidate. Bro. Pearcy worked the first section of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren; and the third by Bro. Fenner. Lodge being resumed, Bro. R. A. Peace, of Manchester Lodge 179, was elected a member, and Bro. J. Lorkin was appointed to fill the chair at next meeting, after which Lodge was closed and adjourned.

Israel Lodge of Instruction, No. 205.—The annual banquet was held on the 13th inst., at Bro. Yetton's, Rising Sun Tavern, Globe-road, E. Bro. I. P. Cohen P.M. 205 occupied the chair, ably supported by Bros. W. Musto P.M. and J. Taylor, and a numerous attendance of brethren of this and neighbouring Lodges of Instruction. Upon the removal of the cloth the W.M. proposed the usual Loyal and Craft toasts in brief and appropriate terms; they were most cordially received. The other toasts given were, the Worshipful Master's, proposed by Bro. T. J. Barnes P.M., in a very flattering manner, and duly acknowledged in a graceful speech. The W.M. then proposed the Lodge of Instruction, naming Bros. Wm. Musto P.M. Preceptor and G. H. Stephens Sec. Bro. Musto replied. The Masonic Charities followed, coupled with the name of Bro. Barnes, who was well qualified to speak of them. Bro. Barnes having given some account of the good work to be done, and pointed out that they required further assistance from the brethren, the Masonic Press was given, associated with the name of Bro. Stephens, who having replied, the compliment was paid to the Host, for which he expressed his appreciation. Several other toasts were given, they being all enlivened with songs and recitations by the professional brethren present, until the Tyler's toast brought a very happy reunion to a close.

Lodge of Harmony, No. 298, Rochdale.—The regular monthly meeting of this exceedingly well-worked Lodge was held at the Masonic Rooms, Ann-street, on the 5th inst. The Lodge was opened by the W.M. Bro. R. R. Grey, assisted by his Wardens and Officers; an unusual number of members and several visiting P.M.'s, when the minutes of the previous meeting were read and declared to be correctly recorded. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, when Bro. Robinson claimed preferment, and having sustained his claim was entrusted, and he retired. The Lodge was opened in the third degree, when the W.M. invited Bro. Bowes P.M. P.P.G.J.W. Cumberland and Westmorland, to take the chair, which he did, and raised Bro. Robinson in ample form. The Lodge was lowered, the further business transacted, and finally closed in harmony.

Lodge of Union, No. 414.—This Lodge held its monthly meeting on Tuesday, the 18th of March, at the Masonic Hall, Reading. Present:—Bros. Charles Oades W.M., L. Bradley S.W., C. Stephens J.W., M. J. Withers Sec., F. Blackwell acting S.D., F. J. Ferguson J.D., A. W. Parry D.C., C. G. Butler Steward, S. Wheeler I.G., Wm. Hemmings Tyler; Past Masters Bros. Baker, Pocock, Yetts, Bradley, Slathwood, Long; Members—Bros. Moffatt, Webb, Higgs, Armstrong, Martin, Sydenham, G. W. Webb, C. G. Hawkes, Donaldson, Hart; Visitors—Bros. Col. Lewis Jones J.W. Himalayan Brotherhood 459 (formerly 673), E. J. Blackwell S.D. 1101. The Lodge was opened in the first degree. The minutes of the last regular Lodge were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Mr. Hayward as an Initiate, who was declared to be elected. Bros. Davis and Field having proved their efficiency, were intrusted and retired. The Lodge was opened in the second degree. Bros. Davis and Field were passed to the degree of F.C. The Lodge was resumed in the first degree, when the election of a Treasurer, to succeed the late Bro. Botly, took place. Bro. John Alexander Strachan was unanimously elected. The sum of ten guineas was voted to the R.M.B.I. A letter was read from Mrs. Botly, thanking the brethren for their kindness and sympathy in attending the funeral of her late husband. It was resolved that the Chaplain be requested to write a letter of condolence to Mrs. Botly. The labours of the evening being ended, the Lodge was closed according to ancient form.

Portsmouth Lodge, No. 487.—The installation of Br. Robert Osborne as W.M. for the ensuing year took place on Thursday, the 13th instant, at the Lodge-room, Masonic Hall, Portsmouth. There were about seventy brethren present, and the Board of Installed Masters included 23 P.M.'s of the Province. The ceremony of installation was most impressively performed by Bro. J. E. Le Feuvre, Provincial Grand Secretary, in the unavoidable absence of Bro. W. Hickman, Deputy Provincial Grand Master. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. J. W. Pillow P.P.G.O., who was supported by an efficient choir, consisting of Bros. Dyson P.P.G.S. of W., G. Felton Lancaster P.G.D., J. W. Stroud, Batchelor P.G.O., Pearman, Downing, and Grant. The anthems, "Thine, O Lord," "Behold how good and joyful," and "I will lift up mine eyes," were most effectively rendered. At the conclusion of the ceremony the new W.M. appointed and duly installed the following

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Officers:—Bros. H. Threadingham I.P.M., Horace E. Loader S.W., Thomas P. Palagrave J.W., G. S. Lancaster P.M. P.P.G.W. Treas., M. E. Frost P.M. P.G.Treas. and J. Astridge P.P.G. Purs. Secs., E. Groves P.M. P.P.G.A.D.C. D. of C., H. T. Cecill S.D., W. M. Ontridge J.D., George F. Bell I.G., H. P. Holley and F. H. De Rheims Stewards; Exell and Smith Tylers. A banquet was subsequently provided by Bro. George Bond, grace before and after meat being sung by the choir. Amongst the brethren present, in addition to those whose names have been mentioned, were Bros. E. Goble W.M. 309, J. W. Willmott W.M. 842, C. B. Whitcomb W.M. 908, Valentine Brown W.M. 1705, R. J. Murrell W.M. 1776, H. W. Townsend P.M. [illegible] P.P.G. Reg., J. Douglas P.P.G.W., R. H. C. Ubsdell P.P.G.A.D.C., E. Bunting P.M., T. Moore P.M., Clay P.M., &c.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—Held its weekly meeting on Tuesday, at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston. Bros. Polak W.M., Smyth S.W., Lovelock J.W., J. Lorkin S.D., Clark J.D., Christian I.G., Dallas Sec., Smyth Treas. P.M. Wallington Preceptor; Bros. R. Williams, H. Williams, Carr, Weigs, Webb, Bown, Goodman, and others. The Lodge was opened to the second degree. Bro. Bown answered the necessary questions, and the Lodge was advanced. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Bown candidate. The Preceptor gave the traditional history; the Lodge was called off, and afterwards resumed its Masonic duties. Lodge was closed down. Bro. Webb worked the third and fourth sections of the first lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Bown P.M. of Lodge 1237, and Bro. Goodman of Lodge 1346, were elected members. Bro. Smyth was elected W.M. for Tuesday, 1st April. The annual supper will take place next Tuesday evening, at eight punctual.

Whittington Lodge of Instruction, No. 862.—On Wednesday, 19th, at Bro. Hyde's, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street. Bros. Abell W.M., Brown S.W., Knill Abell J.W., Parslee S.D., Drury J.D., Balls I.G., Long Preceptor, and many others. After the confirmation of the minutes the Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. Nance having offered himself as a candidate for the third, was examined and entrusted. The Lodge was then opened up, and the ceremony effectively rendered by the W.M. The whole of the Lecture was gone through with the assistance of Bros. Tate and Brown. The Lodge was closed down to the first. A ballot having taken place at the last meeting, in which Bro. Tate was successful, the sum of £5 5s was voted from the funds of the Lodge in his name to such of the Masonic Charities as he should select. Bro. Marston having been previously appointed to preside and perform the ceremony of installation on Wednesday, 26th March, Bro. Brown S.W. was elected W.M. for the following week. The Lodge was then closed.

Wandsworth Lodge, No. 1044.—A meeting was held at the Spread Eagle Hotel, Wandsworth, on Wednesday, 19th inst. There was very little Lodge business, and to this, possibly, may be attributed the rather scanty attendance. The following brethren were present:—Bros. W. A. Morgan W.M., H. R. Jones I.P.M., A. N. Newens S.W., J. B. Walker J.W., J. J. Holland J.D., F. W. Wardroper I.G., J. Frost Sec., H. Wilson Treas., J. G. Carter, F. H. Newens, E. H. Boddy, H. C. Francis P.M.'s; S. C. Landon, J. Sanders, W. T. Bell, T. Arnison, A. J. Duck, W. A. Blackmore (Visitor, Industry Lodge 1485), P. V. Denham and A. A. Denham Minutes having been read and confirmed, Lodge was opened in the second, when Bros. Arnison and Bell were ably passed to degree of F.C. by the W.M. At the conclusion of the supper—which was by subscription, and not provided by encroachment on Lodge funds—several capital songs were given by Bros. Morgan, Duck, A. N. Newens, J. G. Carter, and J. Frost, an inimitable comic. As a parting word of advice, the W.M. exhorted the brethren to attend in good force at the next meeting. A letter was read from Bro. W. J. Huntley S.D., who was prevented from attending by illness.

Southern Star Lodge, No. 1158.—A meeting was held on 11th inst., at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell. Present—Bros. W. Allen W.M., Smith S.W., Harris J.W., A. Wright P.M. Treas., T. H. Pulsford P.M. Sec., Stuart S.D., Fortune J.D., Wilks Steward, Holloway I.G., Stead Tyler; P.M.'s Bros. J. Wright, Macdonald, Walters, Wise, and several Visitors. Lodge being duly opened, the ballot was taken for Messrs. James Wright, H. T. Purkis and Job Pack. The two latter gentlemen being in attendance, were initiated. Lodge being advanced, Bros. Firmin and Whybro were raised. The election for Worshipful Master for the ensuing year resulted in the unanimous choice of Bro. Smith the present S.W. The Treasurer, Secretary and Tyler were each re-elected to their respective stations for another term. A notice of motion, given by Bro. Wise at the last meeting, to remove the Lodge to Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, was brought forward, and unanimously carried. Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned for refreshment, spending the remainder of the evening in social enjoyment.

St. George's Lodge, No. 1170.—The regular monthly meeting of this Lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester, on Monday the 17th inst. Present—Bros. C. P. Bell W.M., J. H. Bell S.W., F. Higgins P.M. as J.W., John Duffield P.M. Sec. and Treas., W. Cook I.G., Jas. Sly Tyler, and S. M. Davies Visitor. The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed, by which it was apparent that ten guineas was voted to the R.M.B.I. from the funds of the Lodge. So far so good. But where are the St. George's men? It must be mortifying and discouraging for any brother to be W.M. of this once brilliant Lodge, and month after month to open Lodge with so few attendants; common respect to the chair, the sense of duty to the Lodge, for the welfare of which every individual brother is directly responsible, and the obligation which every brother owes to the Craft, should impel the members of No. 1170 to attend to their duties. There being no further business the Lodge was closed, and the small circle sat down to refreshment, and had a pleasant edifying chat.

Earl Spencer Lodge, No. 1420.—A meeting was held at the Swan Hotel, Battersea, on Tuesday evening, the 18th instant, when there were present:—Bros. Dr. J. J. Joseph W.M., J. Hiscox jun. S.W., J. T. Pilditch J.W., J. Sinclair S.D., W. W. Young J.D., J. W. Hiscox Sec., E. Spooner P.M. Treas., J. O. Radford I.G., and Bros. Dr. J. Oakman, Dr. W. H. Kempster, A. Southam, T. Harrap, Gosden, A. A. Corsellis, H. Hill, Cooch, Kendall, Kenneby, Wilkinson, Harford, and P. V. Denham, visitor from the Wandsworth Lodge, No. 1044. Bro. A. A. Corsellis was ably passed to the second degree by the W.M., who afterwards complimented Bro. Corsellis on the proficiency he had attained for so young a Mason. Bro. J. W. Hiscox P.M. delivered the charge in a way which called forth the admiration of the brethren. It was unanimously resolved that the sum of ten guineas be paid from the Lodge funds to the Girls' School, and also a like amount to the Boys' School. At the conclusion of the Lodge business, refreshment was provided in the form of a capital supper. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given from the chair. For that of the Visitors Bro. P. V. Denham replied, and thanked the brethren for the kindly welcome he had received from the Earl Spencer Lodge. A very pleasant evening was spent.

The Great City Lodge, No. 1426.—The annual election meeting of this Lodge was held at Cannon-street Hotel, on Saturday, 8th inst. Bro. Freeman the W.M. being at the time on the Continent, the duties of the chair devolved on Bro. P.M. Headon, who had the assistance of the various Officers. Lodge was advanced to the second, and then third degree, and Bros. Lawes and Robson were raised. On resumption to the first degree, Bros. Mogridge and King were questioned, and each was advanced to the rank of Fellow Craft. After the reading of the Bye-Laws, which, by the way, are the most perfect and comprehensive we have ever had the privilege of listening to, the election of Worshipful Master for the next Masonic year required attention from the brethren. The acting W.M. announced that there was but one dissentient to the promotion of the S.W. Bro. Blackie, and upon enquiry as to who could have cast the stone, it was remarked that Bro. Blackie, as a prominent Officer of the Lodge, was naturally modest, and had on this occasion given practical proof of his powers of self-denial. Bro. Headon remarked that under the circumstances he felt justified in recording the election as unanimous. Bro. P.M. J. Stevens proposed, and Bro. P.M. H. Thompson seconded, that Bro. Headon be re-elected as Treasurer of the Lodge; the vote, on being put to the members, was carried. Bro. Steedman was also re-elected to fulfil the duties of Tyler. Brothers Green, Vowles and Hannaford were appointed to audit the accounts of the Lodge, their report to be presented in due course. The most pleasing part of the day's proceedings now followed. Bro. J. Stevens, on behalf of the members of the Lodge, handed to the custody of Bro. Headon a handsome salver, with tea and coffee service, which had been subscribed for as a testimonial to the W.M., Bro. Freeman, in recognition of the good wishes of the members on his recent marriage. Bro. Stevens requested Bro. Headon to express to Bro. Freeman the hearty good wishes of his friends, and trusted he and his wife would enjoy every happiness this world could afford. The salver bore the following inscription:—

Presented, together with a Tea and Coffee Service,
To Brother JAMES FREEMAN,
Worshipful Master of The Great City Lodge,
No. 1426,
With the hearty good wishes of the Members, on the occasion of his marriage, 6th March 1879.

Bro. Headon expressed his willingness and pleasure in being entrusted with the presentation of the articles to Bro. Freeman. Reference having been made to the position of two candidates for the Boys' School, whose age will debar them if they are not successful at the next election, Lodge was closed, the brethren adjourning to what is facetiously termed a "Great City bread and cheese" repast. At the conclusion of the supper, the W.M. gave the usual Loyal toasts. Bro. Stevens proposed long life and happiness to their absent W.M. and his wife, and followed it with a few words on behalf of the acting Master Bro. Headon. This toast was most heartily received and briefly acknowledged. Brothers Stevens and Seex replied to the toast of the Past Masters, and then the acting Master tendered a hearty welcome to the guests of the evening, several of whom replied. Bro. Moody, the energetic Secretary, had double duty to perform on this occasion, having to acknowledge the kind sentiments of the brethren on behalf of the Treasurer as well as for himself. Bro. Blackie briefly acknowledged the kind way in which mention of his name was received in conjunction with the toast of W.M. elect. To the toast of the Officers, several speeches complimentary and to the point, were given, and eventually the Tyler was summoned to give the final toast. Visitors were Bros. J. Lawrence 1326, W. W. Fairer 1329, Mills Parker 340, Fred. Dolley W.M. 1515, George Black 859, A. Leon 780, H. T. Tiddeman 813, Garland 1538, J. Groom 145, W. Ashwell W.M. 22, W. W. Morgan Sec. 211, John Morgan 1611, J. C. Mason P.M. 1540, Thos. Harper 1216, C. E. Soppet I.P.M. 1627, Martin jun. 188, J. H. Hastie P.M. 1669, Tom Eastgate 1563, R. N. Field P.M. 902, F. J. Sweeting 1257, J. Hooper 1515, T. Owen J.D. 1287, J. B. Lambe 145, J. Chapman 194, W. L. Permenean 1329, P. B. Harris 177.

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Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—Star and Garter, Kew-bridge, on 7th inst. Bros. Franckel W.M., Blasby S.W., Skinner J.W., Gunner (Hon. Sec.) S.D., Botley J.D., Becket I.G., Roe P.M. Preceptor, Goss I.P.M., Hogg P.M. 1349, Tucker Treas., Kyezor, Talbot, &c. Initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Hogg candidate. Bro. Hogg worked the first three sections of the lecture. Votes of thanks were accorded to Bro. Franckel for the impressive manner in which he had worked the ceremony of initiation, and to Bro. Hogg for working the sections. Bro. Blasby was elected W.M. for next meeting, and Lodge was closed.

On the 14th inst., Bros. Blasby W.M., Tucker S.W., Goss J.W., Roe S.D. Preceptor, Talbot J.D., Pearson I.G. Lodge opened up in first, second and third degrees, and closed down. Bro. Roe read a letter from Bro. Gunner Hon. Sec., expressing his regret at being absent, owing to domestic affliction. Bro. Roe Preceptor was requested to write to Bro. Gunner, informing him that the Lodge of instruction do pass a vote of sympathy with him on his recent bereavement. Bro. Tucker proposed, and Bro. Goss seconded, a vote, wishing health and happiness to H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, Past S.G.W. Bro. Blasby was re-elected W.M. for Friday, 4th April, next Friday being Officers' night, and the following Friday the meeting of the mother Lodge.

Royal Military Lodge of Instruction, No. 1449.—A meeting was held on 17th March, at Canterbury. Present—Bros. Howarth W.M., Vantier S.W., Whiskin J.W., E. Beer Treas., W. Carter Sec., W. Price S.D., Blamires J.D., Naylor P.M. D.C., Jeffreys Steward, Tyler I.G. P.M.'s Bros. Greenwood and Turner. Bros. Evison, Cattelle, Hammond, Coates, Paterson, Richards, Menagh. Visitor—Hammond 218 I.C. The Lodge was opened in the first degree, the working tools explained by Bro. Vantier, and the questions leading from first to second degree put by Bro. Howarth. The first lecture, first section, was given by Bro. Miskin. Lodge was called off for refreshment, and resumed labour, when Lodge was closed in due form.

Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611.—An emergency meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday evening, its principal object being the initiation of a candidate who is about to leave England for Australia. Accordingly, there was a good muster, all Officers being in their places, and the W.M. Bro. J. S. Cumberland presiding and working the ceremonies. Some suggestions were thrown out as to making a systematic arrangement of the books in the possession of the Lodge, so as to render them more available for the use of the members. Bro. T. B. Whytehead P.M. gave a copy to the library of Hutchinson's Spirit of Masonry.

Ebor Lodge of St. Lawrence.—A meeting of this Lodge was held on Tuesday, at York, Bro. Geo. Simpson W.M. in the chair, supported by Bros. T. B. Whytehead I.P.M., J. S. Cumberland S.W., T. Cooper J.W., Rev. W. C. Lukis Chaplain, A. T. B. Turner Recorder, T. Humphries I.G., W. P. Husband K. of G., J. Hanley (4th Dragoon Guards), &c. Two candidates received the degree, and Bro. P. Pearson was elected Tyler. Instructions were given to the Tyler to communicate with the London brethren who were reported to be forming a Grand Lodge of the Order, but of which the Ebor Lodge had received no official intimation.

Ancient Carthage Lodge, No. 1717.—An emergency meeting was held on 8th March, at the Masonic Hall, Tunis, North Africa. Present—Bros. A. M. Broadley D.G.S.W. Malta W.M., Dr. Perini S.W., G. Pentecost J.W., V. C. Clement Sec., V De Pas as Treas., V. Finzi S.D., J. B. Bourepaux J.D., S. Arieti D.C., G. Bassotti and C. Fogetta Stewards, M. Le Gallais I.G., G. Eymon Tyler, thirty members and one visitor. The business before the meeting was the initiation of four candidates, duly elected at the last regular meeting of the Lodge. The Lodge being opened in ancient form, the following gentlemen were initiated into the secrets and mysteries of the Order, viz.:—Dr. Pace-Williams, and Messrs. Balzan, Babiazz and Boccara. The charge was delivered in French, and the proceedings ended with the usual charitable collection.

Eleanor Cross Lodge, No. 1764.—A meeting was held on Tuesday, 18th instant, at the Masonic Hall, Northampton. Present—Bros. M. A. Boeme P.M. 360 W.M., Butler Wilkins D.P.G.M. as P.M., Rev. S. J. W. Sanders S.W., H. J. Atkins J.W., Hamilton J. Parker Treas., H. Brown Sec., H. Hill S.D. and Organist, H. Spoor J.D., G. Ellard D.C., E. Morris I.G., Kirby and Dean Tylers; Bros. Rev. T. C. Beasley, Brooke, Sampson, J. Manning, S. Campion, T. Emery, R. Taylor, R. J. Johnston. Visitor—Bro. Jeffrey Pomfret 360. Ballot was taken for the admission of three gentlemen; all were approved, and they will be initiated at next regular Lodge. Lodge was advanced, and Bros. Campion, Emery and Taylor were raised. On the Lodge being resumed to the first degree, the Secretary proposed, and the S.W. seconded, that a cordial vote of thanks be given to Bro. Parker, who at the recent anniversary of the R.M.B.I. acted as Steward for the Lodge, and presented a list amounting to £53. This was carried unanimously, and Bro. Parker, in acknowledgment, explained that he had so divided the sum as to endow each of the three chairs. Two gentlemen were proposed for ballot, and the Lodge was closed. A very harmonious evening was spent under the presidency of the W.M.

CAMBRIDGE LOCAL EXAMINATION, CHRISTMAS 1878.

THE class lists showing the results of this Examination are now published. The results as affecting our Boys' School are as follow:—Honours: Nine 1st class; three 2nd class; one 3rd class. One passed in 4th division. Total number sent up for examination 14. No failures. Between forty and fifty Schools sent up candidates to the London Main Centre. There were only at the Centre fifteen in the 1st class, distributed over six schools; the Royal Masonic Boys gained nine out of this number, leaving only six to be shared by the other five Schools.

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THE APPROACHING SCHOOL ELECTIONS.

IN continuation of our remarks of last week, we now take into consideration the claims of the various candidates who will compete on Monday, 14th April, at the election for the Boys' School. There are sixteen vacancies to be filled on that occasion, and the names of sixty-eight candidates appear on the balloting sheet. Of this number forty-eight are provincial, four foreign, fifteen London, and one is described as "London and Essex." Twenty-six of the Provinces have candidates accredited to them, viz: Hants and Isle of Wight, and Lincoln, five each, East Lancashire four, Devon and West Yorks three each, Bristol, Dorset, Kent, North Wales and Salop, Surrey, Warwick, and North and East Yorks two each, Berks and Bucks, Cambridge, Derby, Durham, Norfolk, Northampton, Northumberland, Somerset, Suffolk, South Wales East and West Divisions, Wilts and Worcester one each, while Essex has one candidate besides that accredited to the Province in connection with London. The four foreigners hail respectively from West Indies, Bengal, Nova Scotia, and Singapore. Twenty-three are first applications, twenty-one second, eleven third, six fourth, three fifth, and four sixth. There are nine candidates whose chances of election will cease after the next contest, their ages being such as will debar them from competing again.

Among the London candidates there are two "last applications," Nos. 5 and 10. No. 5, C. F. Frost, has both parents living, but his mother has been deserted since 1871; he is one of four children dependent on her, and he now makes his fifth application, with about ten votes brought forward. No. 10, F. A. Giles, fourth application, three votes forward, is the son of an old W.M. of the Kent Lodge, No. 15, whose widow is left with four children to provide for. Of the other London candidates, No. 33, W. R. Thorn should command especial sympathy. He is one of four children who have lost both father and mother; this is his second application, and he starts with 418 votes to the good, an evidence that he has friends who will eventually secure his election. No. 26, W. Tracy, one of eight children dependent on their mother, has 93 votes brought forward from his one previous application. No. 34, E. G. Beckett, appears now for the second time, his friends having recorded 272 votes at the last election. He is dependent on his mother, who has five other children to provide for. Nos. 51 and 54, A. Salter and A. Fellows, both first applications, are members of families of four, and in each case have lost their father. No. 2, P. C. Wilkinson, has both parents living, but they have three children relying on them; he has already made five attempts, during which 919 votes have been recorded in his favour. No. 43, H. S. J. Crane, second application, two votes brought forward, has no father, and his mother is left with three children. No. 57, F. A. Unwin, is also one of three relying on the mother. His father was a member of Vitruvian, No. 87, the members of which Lodge should be able to secure the return of this lad at an early date. No. 48, C. C. Wagstaff, is the only child dependent on a widowed mother. No. 67, P. B. Garstin, is one of six relying on their mother, he has already a brother in the School. No. 64, F. S. Waud, five children, father dead, has a sister in the Girls' School, as also has No. 17, J. S. Scott, who now competes for the third time, with 203 votes recorded at the two previous elections in which he has taken a part. His widowed mother has three children to provide for. No. 15, R. H. Nicholls is the case accredited to "London and Essex," his father having been connected with Lodges Nos. 87 and 1343. The present is this candidate's third application, and unless he is successful at the coming election, his age will debar him from entering the School. His chance of success, however, is pretty secure, as he starts with 1013 votes to his credit. His mother has six children looking to her for support.

The Province of Hampshire and Isle of Wight puts forward five candidates. No. 46, G. W. Steinhauer, is one of eight children left without father or mother; the present is his first application, and although we cannot hope for his election, we trust something substantial will be done on behalf of this large family, left to the charity of strangers. No. 8, G. S. Parker, an only child, has 708 votes brought forward from three former attempts. No. 29, G. F. Gauntlett, one of four fatherless children, was a candidate at the last election, and then polled 212 votes. No. 45, H. M. Fellows, also appeared on the last list, and has 7 votes to his credit; there are two other children dependent on the mother. No. 68, W. H. Woollons, appears for the first time. His mother is living, and has to provide for four children. Lincoln also has five candidates, two of whom, No. 1, A. T. Cole, and No. 20, R. T. Winter, are last applications. In each case the father is dead, and five children are dependent. Unless something very different is done for these two candidates than has been the case at their previous attempts, their election is impossible; we are afraid that the mothers are doomed to be disappointed. The former has taken a part in five previous elections, and yet has only 10 votes to his credit, while the latter has not received a single vote, although he has been an applicant on two previous occasions. This is also the case with No. 16, W. Black, whose mother is called upon to support four children. No. 21, P. Marshall, has not fared quite so badly, as he has 50 votes brought forward from two elections; his mother has two children to maintain. No. 61, R. W. Pratt, is the only new candidate from Lincoln. If we may take the other cases from this Province as a guide, outside aid will have to be relied on. Of the four East Lancashire cases, one has but this chance of being elected. No. 25, G. F. Bowman, a candidate for the second time, but with no votes at present recorded on his behalf; if the Province has taken the case up, it is in their power to carry it at the coming election; let us hope such will be the result, as it would be a great relief to the mother—who has five children dependent on her exertions—should she thus get one of her children provided for. No. 9, J. H. Bell, has had 15 votes recorded in his favour at three elections; he is one of two fatherless children. No. 23, J. Reed, has but two votes, which represent as many previous applications; his mother has four children to provide for. No. 42, J. G. Landless, is also one of four orphans, and has already made one attempt, on which occasion he had three votes placed to his credit. All these cases we can safely leave to the care of their Province, the affairs of which—especially in the matter of charity—are too well managed to allow us for one moment to fear that either of the candidates will be forgotten. No. 36, H. Norrish, one of five children dependent on the widow of a Devon Craftsman, has 340 votes from one former trial, which number will doubtless be added to until his election is secured. No. 49, E. E. Hawke, also one of five fatherless

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children, and No. 58, W. R. D. Foot, dependent, together with one other child, on their mother are the other Devon candidates, both being first applications. West Yorkshire has only seven votes to the credit of No. 37, H. H. King, who now makes his second attempt. Both his parents are living, but his father is insane. He is the only child dependent. No. 55, A. Barker, will doubtless receive such support as will ensure his early election, he being one of a family of four left without either parent. No 50, J. A. Walker, is one of three children looking to the mother for maintenance, and, from his age, must receive early attention, or it will be of no avail. The two Bristol cases are, No. 3, E. Wait, a candidate for the sixth time, with 477 votes already polled; and No. 19, G. J. Gay, third application, 14 votes brought forward. The former is one of six, while the latter is the only child dependent on their respective mothers. Dorset has shown, by her exertions at the last election, on behalf of 39, J. B. Green, that the case is worthy of support; but even were this evidence wanting, we think that the fact of six children being left parentless would be sufficient to merit sympathy on behalf of one of the number. The votes already polled in this case are 554, let us hope a number will be added at the coming election sufficient to entitle the candidate to a place amongst those successful. The Province's other case is No. 56, J. T. Goldsbrough, whose father has emigrated to Australia. There are four other children relying on the exertions of the parents. Both the cases from Kent appear on this occasion for the first time. No. 53, E. W. Sissons has both parents living; they have, however, to provide for seven children. No. 59, A. J. Kennedy is one of five children now dependent on the mother. Their father, a pilot, was drowned, together with all hands belonging to the vessel in which he was sailing, in November 1877. Our Kentish brethren should be able to carry one of these cases at the next election; whichever they may select may be relied on as most deserving. No. 12, J. Ward (North Wales and Salop) has taken part in three previous elections, and has 1221 votes recorded in his favour. His mother is living; she has nine children to provide for. No. 24, W. J. Bartley, has 8 votes as the result of two applications. He is one of three fatherless children. One of the Surrey candidates, No. 31, R. A. Grave, has neither parents living; he is the only child now unprovided for, and has a brother in the School. No. 65, P. H. Stone, is one of three children who are left to the care of their mother. No. 6, C. J. F. Allin, is a Warwickshire candidate. He has had 375 votes recorded in his favour at the four elections he has already taken part in; he is one of three dependent on their mother. No. 52, W. B. Brown, has lost his father, and there are three other children for the mother to provide for. From North and East Yorkshire we have No. 4, L. H. Ridpeth, who has both parents living, and he is the only child dependent; his father, however, is paralysed; and No. 47, F. Colbeck, has to be provided for by his mother, and she has five other children dependent on her. The other fourteen Provincial cases are distributed over as many Provinces, and three of them are last applications. No. 11, A. J. Chandler, hailing from Norfolk, has 1153 votes to his credit; if elected, there will be two members of this family in our Boys' School. No. 40, R. J. Warner, has tried once before, and then had 347 votes recorded on his behalf. His father was W.M. of a Derbyshire Lodge, and left four children for his widow to support. No. 22, E. H. Jones, is the other lad whose only chance is at the next election, and he has but twenty-three votes recorded in his favour. His father belonged to the Eastern Division of South Wales, and both he and his wife are dead. The Northumberland candidate, No. 35, T. Allison, one of four children for whom their mother has to provide, has 706 votes in his favour from last election. No. 13, E. P. Spalding, has 437 votes brought forward from three elections; both his parents are living, and there are five other children for them to maintain. The case is put down to Suffolk, of which Province the father is Past S.G.D. 290 votes are recorded in favour of the Worcester candidate, No. 30, G. B. Brooks, whose mother has two children dependent on her. As we believe it is some time since this Province had a boy in the School, its members may be able to command sufficient interest to obtain this candidate's admission at one or other of the elections of the present year. Northampton puts forward one from a family of six, who have lost their father (No. 28, G. W. Southam), for whom was polled 254 votes at the last election. No. 14, J. Gibbs, relies on the efforts of the brethren of Somerset, but he has only 117 votes to bring forward from two elections; we suppose the Province has had other claims on its votes, and may now be in a position to support this case successfully. No. 41, J. M. A. Thomas, the candidate from the Western Division of South Wales, has a brother at present in the School; notwithstanding this, there are still six children dependent on the widow. There are 19 votes brought forward in this case, which will need other support to that which the Province can afford ere its success can be assured. The Durham candidate (No. 38, J. Henderson) brings forward 4 votes from last election; his mother has three children to provide for. No. 60, F. J. Neville (Cambridge), No. 62, A. E. Coe (Essex), and No. 63, J. A. Seddon (Berks and Bucks), are all fatherless; there being in the case of the former four, in those of the two latter three children dependent. The Wiltshire candidate (No. 66, A. E. S. Shrapnel) is one of four who have to be maintained by their mother; he has a brother in the School.

The Bengal case, No. 18, G. N. C. Keighley, is now brought forward for the third time, with 734 recorded votes, and we hope sufficient support will be obtained to relieve the mother of this, one of the seven children she has now to provide for. No. 32, H. R. Hounslow, is the only child of an active Mason of Nova Scotia; this is his second application, and he starts with 231 votes in his favour. No. 7, H. G. H. Barclay (West Indies), has a brother in the School; he has made four previous attempts, and now has 466 votes to the good; there are three other children still left to the care of their mother. No. 44, E. C. C. Wilton (Singapore), has two sisters in the Girls' School; this is his second application, 34 votes having been recorded for him last October; he and another child are dependent on their mother.

This brings our summary to a conclusion; we can but remark on the meagre support given to some of the candidates brought forward. In previous issues we have referred to this evil practice, and can only repeat what we have frequently pointed out—that a brother has no right to allow his name to apppear as recommending a case unless he intends in some way or other to further the interests of the candidate. Fifteen of those who appear on the present list have between them stood thirty-one elections, and all the votes that are yet recorded in their favour total 85, an average of 2¾ votes at each election.

We have been materially assisted in our task by a tabular statement, which shows the number of votes held by each Province, as well as the number of persons each have on the funds of our Charities; this has been compiled by Bro. Bowden, of Bristol. We are aware that in the case of the two Schools this simply entails the totalling of the lists issued by the Institutions, but in the case of the Benevolent Institution, for which similar totals are here given, the work must have been immense; surely the officials of this Charity could render such a labour unnecessary by sub-dividing the donors under their respective Provinces, in the same manner as is done by the Schools. Bro. Terry, when will you so far oblige the Craft as to arrange for this to be done?

The second annual supper of the La Tolérance Lodge of Instruction, No. 538, will be held at the Horse Shoe Hotel, Tottenham Court-road, on Wednesday next, 2nd April. Tickets, 3s 6d each, may be had of the Treas., Bro. C. J. W. Davis, 95 Oxford-street, W.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked at the Royal Arthur Lodge of Instruction, No. 1360, the Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea, on Tuesday, 1st April, at 7 p.m. precisely. Bros. Pulsford P.M 1158 W.M., Farwig W.M. 180 S.W., Wise P.M 1158 J.W., A. Withers W.M. 211 Hon. Sec. First Lecture:—Bros. Fane, King, Perdue, Moss, Collings, Taylor, Farwig. Second Lecture:—Bros. Festa, Radcliffe, Wise, G. Davis, G. Reed. Third Lecture:—Bros Stevens, Carter, J. Wright.

By a clerical error the name of Lodge No. 1387 was given in our report last week as the St. John's, the proper title is the Chorlton Lodge.

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ALBERT VICTOR LODGE, No. 1773.

THE regular meeting of this young and flourishing Lodge was held at the Masonic Rooms, Town Hall, Pendleton, on the 21st inst. Present:—Bros. S. Statham P.P.G. Treas. W.M., J. Harrop I.P.M., A. H. Allen P.M. as S.W., J. Lees J.W., D. Asquith Sec., Wm. Slater Treas., E. Winterbottom S.D., J.W. Almond J.D., J. Statham, and T. Kay Stewards, W. Hardcastle I.G., J. Heydon Tyler; and Bros. G. Crossfield, Richard Johnson, T. Hewitt, W. Grundy, Geo. Stead, J. Brooks P.M., J. L. Hine P.M. P.P.G.S.W., A. Gilbert, E. Williams P.M., &c. Visitors—S. M. Davies FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, J. Wedgwood P.M. 477, J. S. Whittaker P.M. 935, T. Gretorex 935, Luke Tims and H. Waters P.M. 935, W. T. Hansbrow W.M. 1134, A. Bennett 1219, G. Goodear 325, G. S. Smith 1633, J. E. Bowden 1588, T. J. Hooper P.P.G. Treas. P.M. 1633, J. Wood 1140, A. Bess Sec. 1140 &c., &c. The Lodge was opened with solemn prayer, at about 6.30, and the minutes of the last regular meeting read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Mr. Wm. J. Moffatt, which proved unanimous in his favour, and that gentleman was then very impressively initiated into the mysteries of Ancient Freemasonry by the I.P.M. Bro. J. Harrop. After a few minutes intermission the W.M. resumed his seat, and announced his readiness to proceed with the lecture he had offered to give on—

THE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE W.M. IN THE GOVERNMENT OF HIS LODGE.

Worthy Brother Statham introduced this highly interesting and edifying subject to his hearers by prefacing it with the following observations:—Having been appointed by your unanimous choice to the presidency of the Albert Victor Lodge during the first year of its existence, it is the fervent wish of my heart to render myself as little undeserving as possible of the distinguished honour. As you well know, amongst the many important duties a Master has to perform, that of giving information is by no means the lightest. Not presuming upon any superior abilities, and not desiring, I assure you, to act the part of dictator, I would, however, while I have the honour of occupying this chair, do what I hold is incumbent on every W.M., viz.: Upon all suitable and convenient occasions afford information and instruction to the brethren, exhort them to consider the nature of our Institution, and remind them of the duties it prescribes. Bro. Statham intimated that at the commencement of the career of a Lodge it would be peculiarly opportune to consider the nature of the duties of the Master, his prerogatives, and his claims to the strict obedience of the brethren to his authority, to ensure order and harmony. He held it was a legitimate ambition for a brother to aspire to be Master of a Lodge, but he deprecated—as most intelligent Masons do—the custom of voting in succession, almost without any regard to his qualifications, or suitability for so distinguished a post, a brother who is totally unprepared or unfitted for its duties and responsibilities. He admitted that the character of a Lodge was often preserved by the election of a Past Master, but thought it operated against the advancement of the younger brethren. He held it as undesirable and unnecessary to adhere in every case to the custom of promoting the Junior to the Senior Warden's chair, he being already eligible for the office of Master. By thus creating a greater number of Past Wardens the brethren would have a better opportunity of selecting from amongst them a brother who could undertake the duties with confidence, and discharge them with efficiency and satisfaction. The idea here conveyed is no doubt that a Junior or Senior Warden, incompetent for the office of Master, would have time to school himself for so exalted a position. The worthy Brother then adverted to the difficulties and responsibilities of the W.M., often surrounded with many cares and anxieties. If he were a faithful brother, and loyal to his obligation, he would esteem the honourable office confided to him, and discharge his trust with zeal. In order to do so satisfactorily, Bro. Statham assured the brethren that a careful study of its principles was necessary, and a scrutinising observance and investigation into its ancient landmarks imperative. He believed that such a course of study and practice would enrich the mind of the student, and elevate the standard of Freemasonry, and the axiom, "Better the Mason, better the man," would be fully realised. If a brother who aspired to the chair had not acquired his complement of tuition, to him might be applied the words, "If he can do nothing and say nothing, he must be content to be nothing." Every Master should be able to understand and expound the ceremonies with due solemnity and elucidation. Our glorious Ritual should not appear frivolous, or a tedious formality. There was little or no excuse for any brother not possessing knowledge, seeing that Masonry to-day is not crippled by the restraints with which the timid jealousy of our predecessors fettered it. Progress is on the banner of the age, everything is moving onward, and Freemasonry has not been left laggingly behind; its history, antiquity, and principles are lucidly and forcibly explained in the Masonic treatises, magazines, and journals now so abundantly provided, and available to every one. An incompetent Master may derive information and explanations from the Craftsmen of his Lodge, but such a position is not flattering to him. Self respect ought to prevent this. He feared the idea of many Masters was nothing more than that they held the presidency of a convivial club. Such a post should imply far more than spending a pleasant evening in sociable company. Freemasonry should produce, by example and precept, a permanent effect on one's life for good among all grades of society. If it were not so, we were following a shadow. The Worshipful Brother dwelt upon the idea entertained that we over estimate the importance of Freemasonry. He contended that the Craft was not estimated sufficiently, otherwise it would be in a happier state to-day, and many who have been admitted to participate in its privileges ought never to be counted among its number. He was sorry that many men had sullied the lustre of Masonic purity, and dwarfed the standard of Masonic excellence. He yet had hope that the nobler views of the Craft would prevail. The Master once installed, his power became absolute in his Lodge, although due checks are provided against the arbitrary exercise of it. The knowledge of his power, and the confidence reposed in him, ought to deter the W.M. from capricious and tyrannical tendencies. By immemorial law, obedience is his right, and he must be obeyed accordingly. The W.M. has an indefeasible right to preside in his Lodge during his term of office and is not amenable to removal or suspension from office or to censure. The brethren could not compel him to open, close, or adjourn the Lodge; he did all at his own pleasure, and the command of the W.M. must be obeyed. There were many matters on which a Master could decide on his own responsibility, such as points of order, ceremonial, and arrangement of Lodge business; and to his decision on such questions all the members should cheerfully submit. This absolute authority may appear to some arbitrary. But it was beneficial, even though occasioning a temporary inconvenience, as by preserving his power intact the harmony of the Lodge was often kept unimpaired, which was paramount for its welfare. Should the W.M. overstep the mark, in his zeal or from other cause, Bro. Statham pointed out the Court of Appeal, viz., Grand Lodge, where the W.M. himself must submit; and he continued further by rightly supposing that some brethren, who had but little experience, would deem it improbable that any difference could arise in the decision of Masonic questions. Differences were averted by the ruling of a judicious and well-versed ruler, but experience tells us that these wise rulers are few and far between; therefore, there is a great deference shown to the opinions of members as well as Masters. The W.M. should be quite impartial in the deliberations of the Lodge, and guard the honour of the ballot; he should never forget that the welfare of the Lodge is in his keeping. He should be like the skilful commander of a splendid vessel navigating dangerous seas; he should be ever ready to heal dissension, and prevent disunion. He should be equal tempered, and maintain coolness of judgment. The real power of the W.M. consisted in the respect by which he was held by the Lodge. Bro. Statham condemned levity or rudeness in Lodge. He maintained a Master ought to visit such an offender sharply. The Master must consider the advantage, welfare, and comfort of his brethren, all his proceedings should be interpreted with charity and liberality; if he seems to err, there are means and opportunities for placid intercourse, and communication which no Master will refuse, but for any brother to be arrogant, self-willed or disobedient, whether from injured pride or disappointment, as to endeavour harshly to rule over him, is not only unmasonic, but totally unworthy a member of so noble and exalted a society as that of Freemasonry. An eminent Masonic writer had said, "Let it ever be born in mind that all the plans of Freemasonry are pacific, it co-operates with our blessed religion in regulating the tempers, restraining the passions, sweetening the dispositions, and harmonising the discordant interests of men. It breathes a spirit of universal love and benevolence, adds one thread more to the silken cord of evangelical charity which binds man to man, and seeks to entwine the cardinal virtues with Christian grace in the web of the affections and the drapery of the conduct." The W.M. has the right to admit all brethren as visitors to his Lodge. He could debar the entrance of any of dissolute habits. A Master should demand every satisfaction of a visitor's right to enter his Lodge. Bro. Statham was very warm on the rights of the W.M. at refreshment. Refreshment, he very justly said, is a department of Masonic duty, and the festive board is under official supervision. The Junior Warden called the brethren, by the command of the Master, from labour to refreshment, and *vice versa*. The habit then, he said, of closing the Lodge and then retiring to refreshment was, in his opinion, unconstitutional. At the opportune moment the J.W., after each brother had enjoyed "the feast of reason and the flow of soul," should instruct the brethren to resume labour, and as a consequence he inferred that every brother would be where duty called him, and inclination guided him—at his own fireside, to reflect upon his own family circle, and the virtuous teachings of the Craft. Having gone so far, he reminded the brethren that the basis of the Order is indissoluble friendship, and the cement of it unanimity and brotherly love. He knew it was a delicate thing to interest one's self in a dispute, and yet preserve decorum. It was inferred that unless good order, decency, and good temper be preserved in the Lodge, discontent would arise, confusion be introduced, and something approaching dissolution follow. He then pointed out four things to be observed and guarded against. First of all roughness, which makes a brother unpleasant to others; second, contempt, which brings uneasiness and pain along with it. No one can contentedly bear to be slighted; we should guard against the curled lip, the cruel sneer, and the scornful word; third, censoriousness; we are apt to find fault, but we do not consider our own shortcomings; fourth, railery, although clothed in wit and good language, often stings, and often leaves the sting behind. Contradiction is a species of incivility, he thought often indicative of ill-breeding. Bro. Statham considered affability a virtuous trait. We should oppose ill-grounded opinions, and rectify the mistakes of others, but do it with due care, truth, charity, and proper caution. He now drew a rapid picture of some of the features of our noble Institution, of which he hoped the Albert Victor Lodge was a young, and at present a humble representative; he trusted it would soon be seen as a bright and honoured symbol. He then passed on to Charity, the magic sound of which made every Mason's heart vibrate. He bestowed high eulogium on the Grand Institutions—both central and provincial—which are the highest jewels of Freemasonry, and inseparable from the three grand principles which govern our glorious Fraternity. In conclusion, our brother exhorted those present to strictly adhere to the holy teachings of Freemasonry. Let every brother lift his eyes to the bright morning star, emblem of peace and source of light; let him so live that he will secure to himself a residence in those blessed and immortal mansions whence all goodness emanates. Speak gently, act humanely, commiserate the destitute, fling wide the door of hospitality, cast round you the

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soft balmy breezes of Charity, for they may fan some burning brow ease some aching heart, wipe away some scalding tears, and bind up some bleeding spirit that may rise up to call you blessed, when the monumental stone shall cover your mouldering dust.

"Rouse to some work of high and holy love,
And thou an Angel's happiness shall know,
Shall 't bless the earth, while in the world above
The good begun by thee shall onward flow,
In many a branching stream, and wider grow.
The seed that in these few and fleeting hours
Thy hands unsparing and unwearied sow,
Shall deck thy grave with amaranthine flowers,
And yield the fruit Divine in Heaven's immortal bowers."

The worthy brother, having concluded his lecture, sat down amidst the loud and prolonged applause of his appreciative brethren.

The J.W. proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Bro. Statham for his able lecture, and expressed the feeling of all when he said it was a rare intellectual treat. The motion was seconded by Bro. J. L. Hine, who expressed himself delighted, and remarked if such abilities were more prevalently displayed in Lodges we should not hear that they had "nothing to do." Bro. Hine paid a high tribute of respect to the Worshipful Master and Brethren; he evidently takes a deep interest in the prosperity of this Lodge. The vote was carried by acclamation. The Worshipful Master, in acknowledgment, said: It has been with a considerable amount of trepidation that I have prepared and delivered this lecture, knowing that many of you are equally well informed upon this subject, if not better so than myself. I feel not only thankful, but proud of the vote of thanks you have been pleased to accord me. I yield to no man in my loyalty to Masonic principles, and am most anxious to see them carried out in their strictest integrity. This is the only motive by which I have been actuated in bringing this subject before you. Thanking you, my brethren, most sincerely for the patient attention you have given me, I can only say that any service I can at any time give to the glorious cause of Freemasonry will be cheerfully rendered. The W.M. is eminently and justly proud of his Lodge, which we are assured comprises a number of truly worthy and devoted Past Masters and brethren, who warmly and ably support their W.M. in his endeavours to carry out the true principles of the Craft. This Lodge was only consecrated last October, and notwithstanding the large expense necessarily involved in furnishing, the brethren generously contributed over sixty guineas to the late Festival of the R.M.B.I. The Charity box now went round, and resulted in the collection of £5 for the East Lancashire Educational Institution. The business of the evening being ended, the W.M. received the hearty good wishes of the Visitors, and the Lodge was closed in harmony, with solemn prayer. The brethren adjourned to the festive board, at which the W.M. presided. The usual Loyal toasts were offered and heartily received, after which the W.M. proposed the health of the newly-initiated brother. He had come among them highly recommended, and he hoped that Freemasonry would receive that study and attention from Bro. Moffatt, which would confer a great reward on him. The toast was received with all honours, and Bro. Smith obliged with a song. Bro. Moffatt was greatly impressed with the beauty of the ceremony, and would try to do what the Order taught him. Bro. J.W. proposed the health of the Visitors. He felt he could not give them too hearty a welcome. In the name of the Lodge he extended a cordial greeting to one and all. After a song from Bro. Almond, Bros. Hooper, Wedgwood, Davies, and Hansbrow returned thanks for the honour done the Visitors, and expressed themselves much delighted with the able lecture. Bro. J. L. Hine proposed Prosperity to the Masonic Charities. He complimented the Province on its noble works, and congratulated East Lancashire on the result of the late Festival. He attributed the success to proper and complete organisation. There was no stone left unturned to ensure success for this Institution of the Institutions. He was happy to know the Province could carry in all their candidates. It was a great credit to have about nineteen boys and ten girls in the Schools, and many aged Masons and widows of deceased brethren well cared for. The Province had no jealousy against any other. There was no antagonism—East Lancashire did not confine her charity to the Metropolitan Institutions merely; the Province possessed admirable Institutions of its own. There are local claims, and always will be, which we take in hand and administer, but by attending to these we are not debarred from giving to those Charities which are more extended in their operations. He wished Bro. Davies to realise the fact that East Lancashire acted generously, but she felt that if she threw her bread upon the waters, she would receive it back in ample proportion. Bro. Hine continued at some length, but it is known to all East Lancashire Masons what a deep interest he has taken in the Charities, and how ably he has worked up the organisation of the Province. We only hope that worthy "Time-Honoured Lancaster" may live long to carry on the good work he is so admirably adapted to discharge. The toast was cordially received, and was followed by other toasts and songs.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked by the members of the High Cross Lodge of Instruction, No. 754, which meets at the Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, on Thursday the 10th of April next, commencing at seven o'clock p.m. Bro. Turquand P.M. 1556 will preside.

At the last meeting of the York Time Immemorial Mark Lodge, on Tuesday, the 18th inst., the Rev. Danie Ace, D.D., W.M. 227, was elected an honorary member, the reverend gentlemen having been advanced in that Mark Lodge twenty-three years antecedently.

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THE DEVON MASONIC EDUCATIONAL FUND.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—A meeting of the General Committee *pro tem* of the above recently founded Fund was held at Plymouth, on Wednesday, the 19th inst. The most important of the business before the Committee was to receive the Bye-Laws for adoption and confirmation; the Chairman, Bro. L. P. Metham D.P.G.M., remarked that upon these, in a great measure, depended the future well-being of the Fund.

I am induced to trouble you with these remarks—not from a supposed personal importance in connection with this Fund, but from the fact that from the first I have taken a deep interest in bringing the scheme to a successful issue; and also as having the honour to represent the Committe of Petitions of Devon.

I feel, as do others in the Province equally interested in the success of the Fund,—the salient features of which have been well thought out, and defined during several years past,—that no law should be admitted in the working or management likely to injure the Great Charities in London, but that the Fund should be kept within the strict limits of usefulness to the Province.

At the meeting referred to above an attempt was made in a direction likely to cause loss to the funds that by a natural right should go to the Great Charities, thereby causing ultimate injury to those Institutions. This attempt, doubtless made *unwittingly* and with the best motives, *failed*. The remarks made in support of the proposition to incorporate in Law I. the right of the Committee to add the word *maintain*, showed a sad want of knowledge of the general working of our Charities, both in London and locally.

A speaker at this meeting stated that he had heard me at the previous meeting advocating this local Educational Fund, and now he felt *astonished* to hear my arguments against maintenance. I must, therefore, refer that speaker to what I have both published and advocated at various meetings throughout the Province; he will find a full report of all I stated at the General Meeting of the Masons of Devon, held 21st January 1879, at Plymouth, in *Daily Mercury* of 22nd January, also in the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE of the following Saturday. Being as ardent an advocate as ever for this local Educational Fund, I point to what I have hitherto written and spoken, and without fear of contradiction say, I have never *swerved* from the original ideas and opinions expressed, viz., to found a Fund that shall give, at small cost, education, clothing, and advancement in life to those orphans duly qualified, whom we, as a Province, cannot by any possibility elect into the great Charities in London. To add maintenance to the foregoing, is to increase fourfold the cost for each child so elected. Nor can we by any means find out whether money given for maintenance is legitimately applied.

If the Province could do its duty by giving now and again the proper amounts to the great Charities, and also *maintain* its surplus orphans at home, under proper supervision, I and all others would gladly say do it, but those who do the actual work of the Charities know too well the contrary. They know that Devon is not now giving its proper share of funds to the great Charities, in proportion to the benefits received.

The meeting held on 21st January, composed of donors and subscribers to the Fund, was summoned to discuss the desirability of "establishing a Fund to *educate, clothe*, and advance in life the children of deceased or distressed Masons of Devon." I am therefore more than astonished to find the word *maintain* has been added to this bye law, and this addition has been made without the knowledge or sanction of the constituent body of donors and subscribers to the Fund.

Not one word was stated in that Circular in reference to maintenance or sustentation, nor one word mentioned at that meeting, either by the Chairman or by one of the speakers, as to maintenance, The *donors* and subscribers, one and all, promised their respective monies for the purpose of giving education, clothing, and advancement in life. I therefore submit this Committee have no power to *add* maintenance, that being no part of the original scheme, and never having been brought before the body of doners and subscribers this Committee has no power to make a law to divert this *fund* from its original purpose without first calling the donors together and taking their opinion upon the proposed alteration. Further do I say, and I do not hazard these remarks without a thorough practical knowledge of the truth of the same, that to introduce maintenance or sustentation into this local scheme will so impoverish our power as a Province with the great Charities, as to reduce us from a position of influence, which we now hold, to one of absolute dependence.

A child elected on this fund with maintenance, clothing, education, and if necessary, advancement in life, would be in reality in a far bttter position than if elected into the Boys' or Girls' Schools in London.

I presume the smallest sum you could maintain a child for (allowing it is on the fund six years—that is from eight years of age until fourteen) is 10s per week, or £25 per year for maintenance; to this add clothing and education, and you reach at lowest estimate a sum approaching £40 per year for each child. For that sum the original promoters of this local fund, those who for years past have thoroughly thought out the wellbeing and successful working of a local institution, proposed to give the real benefit of a good education, clothe, and afterwards advance in life four poor orphans, for the same

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cost that will be incurred by one if this word "maintain" is allowed to stand part of Bye-law I.

In making these remarks I claim a knowledge gained by actual work at a cost of time and money. My experience is fortified by others, who for years past have worked in the Provinces of Lancashire, Cheshire, and Yorkshire, where local Masonic funds for educational purposes are no new idea, but during the last twenty years have been most successfully carried out. The united experience of these brethren is, that whilst these Provincial educational funds are kept and made secondary or subservient to our great National Masonic Charities in London, they do immense good to a class of orphans who never could hope to be placed on the great Charities by the aid of the Province of which their late father was a member.

An orphan can, by means of these local funds for education &c., be taken in hand by the Province at small cost, and this can be done without injury, or taking from the funds that by a natural right are devoted to our great National Masonic Charities.

If you add the cost of maintenance to the local fund, *designed* for education and clothing only, and this maintenance quadruples your *expenditure*, where is the money to come from to support the local scheme? Why, if it comes at all, it must be from Provincial Grand Lodge and private Lodges and Chapters, to whom you will be compelled to make frequent applications, and by so doing rob the great National Charities of what is justly their due. It *is well* known that neither Provincial Grand Lodge nor private Lodges can be continually giving to both the great National Charities and this *local* fund; it is equally well known that the Province of Devon has not given its fair share to the great National Masonic Charities for the past few years. That every penny, therefore, the Province can give to those great Charities is urgently needed, and needed in a sense of justice—for it is also an indisputable fact that Devon has lately, in fact during the few years past, placed upon the *funds* of all the Great Charities more than her fair share of candidates; and this has been brought about by the energy of those who undertake her charity work, and organise so successfully on behalf of the Province.

The real promoters of this local Educational Fund do not in the future even intend to canvass Lodge or Chapter for funds, but hopefully look to and depend upon the Craft of Devon, as a body, to come forward with their annual subscription of 5s or 10s year after year. The Lodges have not been enabled to give their ten guineas to each of the great Charities, to qualify as Life Governors; had such been possible, Devonshire would not now stand in need of a local Educational Fund, for with these votes the Province could easily place in the great National Masonic Charities each case or orphan as they came forward at each recurring election.

Although Devon utilises and organises her voting power for the great Charities most successfully, and places upon those Charities more than her share, yet unfortunately her surplus orphans outnumber her power of relief. It is on behalf of these the original promoters of this Local Educational Fund hopefully ask the great body of the Craft of Devon to come forward and give annually their 5s or 10s, which will provide ample funds to give each and all the advantages here shadowed forth, and this will be accomplished without injury, or taking from the funds that should be devoted to the great Charities, and without trenching by one penny on the monies which are the natural right of those Institutions that support our kith and kin—male and female—and our orphans of both sexes.

I remain, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

CHAS. GODTSCHALK P.M.

Representative in London of the Committee of Petitions of Devon; P.P.G.D.

FREEMASONRY AND ITS CHARITIES.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The letter of Bro. Perceval in your last issue will certainly call forth a certain amount of sympathy for him, even from his opponents. He is evidently still a believer in some of the principles upon which it was supposed by a few enthusiasts that a great London Masonic Charity Association could be successfully founded; and although so large a majority of the subscribers have withheld their support, it must be generally, if not universally, admitted that his zeal and perseverance have deserved, if they could not command, success. Experience has, apparently, taught him that one, at least, of the leading features of the moribund society has been unable to bear the test of time, as he now considers two last applications to be unworthy of a moment's consideration, notwithstanding that we have been invited to entrust our votes to the Association in order to ensure the election of *every* London candidate for the Schools.

But what has become of Bro. Perceval's supporters in this Metropolitan scheme?

A few months since the London Masonic Charity Association was the only subject with which the learned Lord Chief Justice could fill his columns. Weekly leaders praised the efforts of the Committee, and extolled the objects of the Association; lengthy reports of meetings were dished up every fortnight; correspondents, *pro* and *con*, were numerous, the *pros* being received with silent approbation, whilst the *cons* were favoured with editorial snubs. Even the advertising sheet boasted its quarter column of London Masonic Charity Association, with an imposing list of officials in capitals; and every addition to the small list of subscribers formed the subject of a special paragraph. So lately as the last week in January we were informed that "the need of the Association is so obvious to all who will only condescend to look beneath the surface that we think the Association is destined to be a great success."

How, then, can we account, firstly, for a subsequent ominous silence on the merits of the London Masonic Charity Association; secondly, for an editorial note to a letter from Bro. Perceval on the 15th inst.: "We publish our correspondent's letter, but we do not think the discussion seasonable or advisable, as all has been said that can be said;" and, lastly, for the article of last week, denouncing the proposal as tantamount to a revolution, and dismissing it "to the limbo of hopeless and chimerical projects?"

Possibly some of us may connect this divergence of opinion with passing events, but few will consider that Bro. Perceval has been handsomely treated by those who professed to be his friends and supporters in an unpopular suggestion; nor is it likely that many will attach much importance to the advice of a journal which can adopt such extremely opposite views within the space of a few weeks, without giving its readers any reasons for the change.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Fraternally yours,

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26th March 1879.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The letter of your correspondent, CHARLES JOHN PERCEVAL, is as little intelligible as his former epistle. He, moreover, is wrong in stating that there are but two last applications on the Girls' School list of candidates; there are three, and "Allison" is not one of them—they are respectively named "Jay," No. 1, "Poole," No. 7, and "Williams Edith Corrall," No. 24.

The idea of Bro. Perceval is not only unworkable, but its adoption would be an injustice to future candidates, as well as to many now accepted by the Committee, inasmuch as if the list for April were thinned of all the last and penultimate applications, it might happen that from amongst those much lower down on the list than the first of the excluded applicants, as many would have, in perpetuation of Bro. Perceval's scheme, to be brought forward as there are vacancies for, and thus eventually no candidate could be returned until the last application, as undoubtedly the friends of applicants would select such as could be taken into the School without delay and without expense, by virtue of the operation of a law rendering the election of such cases a paramount duty.

It has often been urged in another Masonic weekly issue, that the Craft did not understand the *raison d'être* of the London Masonic Charity Association. Is the Craft enlightened by the change of front now manifested by one of its promoters? I fear the response must be in the negative. That Bro. Perceval means well, will be the candid admission of every one conversant with the objects of our noble Charitable Institutions, but are not his effusions to a great extent Quixotic, and his ways past finding out?

Yours fraternally,

INQUIRER.

Shortly after the insertion in our columns of a report of the meeting of the Robert Burns Lodge, No. 999, held at Manchester on the 24th February, we received a communication from its Secretary, Bro. R. W. Aitken, complaining of the blundering way in which the names of the members were manipulated, and further finding fault with us for having stated, that "it is deplorable to witness the working as now set forth." He considers the fact of our representative not having been invited to banquet is the reason for this which he calls "unfair criticism," and he further assumes that anything but praise from a visitor comes with a bad grace. We have taken the pains to communicate with our Bro. Davies, who furnished the report in question, and so far from his remarks being incorrect, he assures us he hears the same opinion expressed by others regarding the working of this Lodge. As to the motive assigned for the "unfair criticism," we can assure our Bro. Aitken that our duties as representatives of the Masonic press so frequently call us out that we are at times pleased to be relieved of the latter portion of the evening's work; it is really a greater treat for us to spend a quiet evening at home than it would be to many of our brethren to attend an Installation Festival. In stating that visitors should only praise, Bro. Aitken betrays the whole secret of his objection. Unfortunately there are too many members of our Order who hold such opinions. We have frequently met with such brethren, and as a rule have found them to be such as our report describes the Officers of No. 999. To use a similar expression to that made use of by our brother, we might say—if a visitor is expected to praise and compliment his entertainers without due regard to either honesty or truth, it is about time that visiting should belong to the past. What can be more disgusting than to hear the officers of a Lodge praised for their work when not two sentences of the ritual have been given correctly.

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INSTALLATION MEETINGS.

COSMOPOLITAN LODGE, No. 428, S.C.

THE election and installation of Office Bearers for the ensuing year took place on the evening of the 20th December, when the Lodge, in response to an invitation of Bro. T. Pemberton, the R.W.M., had the honour of a visit from the District Grand Master of English Freemasons in Northern China, accompanied by his Officers. The Lodge met half an hour earlier than usual, and balloted for the candidates who had been previously nominated for the different offices, the voting resulting in the election of the following: T. Pemberton R.W.M., W. Birt I.P.M., W. Youngson S.M., U.W. Harris S.W., F. T. Williams J.W., W. Youngson Treas., J. J. G. Thueson Sec., J. Gould S.D., J. D. Clark J.D., J. Beckhoff I.G., R. A. J. Anderson S.S., J. Tonkin J.S., A. Silverthorne D.C., W. Van Corbach B.B., G. Baffy Hon. Organist, T. Hore Tyler. The R.W.M., Bro. Pemberton thanked the members for the confidence they had reposed in him by his election a second time to the highest position in the Lodge, and took the opportunity to thank his officers for the great assistance they had rendered him, without which he was sure the success that had characterised their proceedings during the last twelvemonths would not have been achieved. At nine o'clock, the R.W.D.G.M. of Northern China, (E.C.) and his Officers were received by the brethren with the customary honours of their rank. The R.W.M. expressed to the D.G.M. and his officers the pleasure their visit afforded to the brethren of the Lodge. It was an honour of which they were all proud, and their pride would be enhanced by the D.G.M. kindly consenting to officiate as Installing Master. The D.G.M. thanked the brethren for the warm reception accorded to him and his officers, and said it was always a pleasure for them to meet their brethren on occasions like the present. Being himself an honorary member of the Lodge, it was his duty to be present and assist in the labours; therefore they had, as it were, doubly honoured him in asking him to conduct the installation ceremony. The R.W.M. thereupon vacated the chair when the I.P.M. Bro. Birt presented the retiring R.W.M. for re-installation, explaining that he had again been elected master of the Lodge by a large majority. Bro. Pemberton was reinstalled in the chair of King Solomon and was saluted by all the brethren in due and ancient form. At the request of the D.G.M., Bro. Hart D.G.J.W., obligated and invested the Office Bearers in their respective positions, which was followed by the usual addresses. The Lodge was then closed and the brethren retired to the Banqueting Hall, which was beautifully decorated for the occasion. Full justice having been done to the good things provided, the Master proposed the first toast and, after the National Anthem had been sung, he gave "The rulers of our respective countries." In submitting the latter toast, he remarked that in a cosmopolitan community like Shanghai, and more especia ly in the Cosmopolitan Lodge, in which there were brethren from the four quarters of the globe, it was their duty never to forget the allegiance due to the sovereigns of their native lands. Bro. W. Birt P.M., 30°, explained that, as the Senior member of the Cosmopolitan Lodge present, the duty and pleasure devolved upon him of proposing the next toast, "The D.G.L. of Northern China." He thanked Bro. C. Thorne and his Deputy, Bro. Jas. Hart, and the other officers of the D.G.L. for their presence and for conducting the installation of the Master and Officers of the Lodge. It was an honour that the Scotch brethren very highly appreciated, and they could not be too loud in their praise of the very able manner in which the installation ceremony had been carried out. The erection of the D.G.L. in Northern China had had many beneficial influences on masonry in Shanghai, particularly on English masonry. Everyone had recently had occasion to notice and remark the great regularity and uniformity of Masonic work among the Lodges under the rule of the D.G.L. of Northern China, and, as a Scotch Mason he could not help envying his English brethren; but as another Lodge under the Scottish constitution had been recently erected in China, he earnestly hoped, for the good of the Scottish craft, that the day was not far distant when the G.L. of Scotland, in its wisdom, would erect a Prov. G.L. in Shanghai, when the Scottish craft in the Far East would aim to work as successfully as their English brethren in disseminating the culture of Brotherly Love, thereby adding to the glory of the ancient and noble fraternity. Bro. Thorne could only repeat what he said in Lodge, that it at all times afforded much pleasure to the Officers of the D.G.L. to be present on occasions like the present. Freemasonry in Shanghai has produced such a bond of union amongst all the Lodges, that they work with that harmony which may fairly be copied by others, and should indeed prove that Masonry is something more than an empty name. Before sitting down, he called on the brethren to join in drinking the health of Bro. Pemberton who had, for the second time, been installed into the chair. The Lodge had thrived under his care and all now wished him a second prosperous year of office. Bro. Hart responded to the toast of the D.G. Officers and expressed the pleasure it had afforded him to take the prominent part he had in the installation ceremony of a Lodge working under the Scotch Constitution. His pleasure was considerably enhanced by the fact that his Mother Lodge was Scotch,—Mother Killwinning—of which Robert Burns was once a member. The Master gracefully acknowledged the compliment the D.G.M. had paid him, and thanked the brethren for the hearty manner in which they had supported him. He next proposed the health of the Officers of the Lodge, and again referred to the great assistance they had rendered him during the last twelve months. The S. and J. Wardens replied. Bro. Kingsmill, replying to the toast of the Sister Lodges of Shanghai, spoke of the cordialty of feeling that existed among the various Lodges working under different constitutions, and expressed a hope that the feeling would long continue to characterise the proceedings of the Brotherhood. Bro. Cook, also said a few words as to the good feeling that existed among the different Lodges in Shanghai, and took occasion to propose "Grand Lodge of Scotland." Bro. Birt, in replying, thanked the members of the D.G. Lodge and visitors for the cordial reception given the toast, and remarked that he was certain that the members of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, on receiving a report of this meeting, would highly appreciate the compliment paid them, and more so the eminent services English masons were conferring on the Scottish craft in China. After other toasts had been proposed and acknowledged the brethren separated.—*North China Herald.*

NEW CONCORD LODGE, No. 813.

ON Thursday, the 20th inst., at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresha street, E.C. In the absence of the W.M., Bro. Wm. Stead, the Lodge was opened by Bro. T. J. Cusworth, who was supported by the Officers, Past Masters Bros. T. Bartlett, H. J. Gable, M. J. Atkins, and a large attendance of Visitors, amongst whom we may mention Bros. J. Mackinlay P.M. 351, H. H. Whale 172, W. M. Gow Good Hope Lodge, P. H. Kildaff 1579, T. J. Maidwell P.M. 27, Thos. Lawes 1426, H. Gabb 72, J. W. Hobbs P.M. 749, J Painter W.M. 749, H. Hastelow P.M. 101, G. Hobinstock 1017, Burt 13, L. Abrahams 898, A. Abrahams 205, W. S. Hunter W.M. 1677, Geo. G. Parker 1426, Geo. Tyson 1314, H. J. Horton 948, D. H. Jacobs P.M. 27, J. E. Randell 145, J. Lugell P.M. 1579, R. Pierpoint 177, W. W. Morgan Sec. 211, J. Groom 145. The minutes having been been read, they were unanimously confirmed, and the ballot was brought into requisition for Mr. C. Starkey as a candidate for initiation, and for Bro. G. Treble, late a member of this Lodge, as a candidate for joining. The result was unanimous in both cases. Mr. Starkey was then introduced, as was also Mr. Lewis Christopher Haslip, who had been balloted for at a previous meeting, and Bro. Cusworth performed the ceremony on their behalf in a most impressive manner, and greatly to the edification of the candidates. Bro. Johnson, a candidate for raising, was the next who came forward, and Bro. Cusworth conferred on him the benefits of the third degree. The agenda paper was not yet clear for the ceremony of Installation, as there was a candidate for the second degree; but Bro. Cusworth was equal to his work, and duly passed Bro. Chadwick. The W.M. elect, Bro. Richard Robert Harper, was then introduced, and duly took the obligation. Lodge was opened up, a Board of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. Cusworth, who had most ably conducted the duties hitherto, gained further credit for the way in which he conducted the ceremony. On the re-admission of the brethren, the W.M. was saluted, and he appointed his Officers:—S. George S.W., W. Gabb J.W., Stillwell Treas., W. H. Main Sec., Taylor S.D., Thomas S.D., Pierpoint I.G., C. I. Stevens Ph.D., M.A., Chaplain, Boulton W.S., A. J. Potter D.C. After routine business, Lodge was closed. The brethren, 78 in number, now adjourned to the banquet-room, where a most sumptuous repast was served up by Bros. Ritter and Clifford. The way in which the good things provided were placed upon the table and served elicited unqualified approval. On the removal of the cloth, the W.M. called on his Wardens to report those under their charge. This having been done, the W.M. proposed the first toast—the Queen and the Craft. After the National Anthem, the health of H.R.H. the Grand Master, was drunk, and followed by "God Bless the Prince of Wales." The Grand Officers having met with due notice, Bro. Stead proposed the health of the W.M. It seemed to him only the other day that he and Bro. Harper were initiated. Now they had attained the summit of the Lodge, not at the same time, but as close as such was possible. The brethren honoured the toast with the utmost enthusiasm, and, after a song from Bro. Wicks, the W.M. replied. Having tendered his thanks for the kind sentiments which had just been expressed, he stated that he had the interest of the Lodge at heart, and he felt assured that at the end of his year of office the members would give him credit for having striven to perform his duty. Bro. A. Abrahams here whistled "Happy be thy dreams." The W.M. proposed the health of the new members, and each acknowledged the compliment paid them. The health of the Past Masters was next given from the chair, and Bro. Bartlett directed attention to the jewel attached to the collar of the I.P.M., intimating that that was part of the vested property of the Lodge. Bearing in mind what had just been said by Bro. Harper as to he and Bro. Stead being his children in Freemasonry, he had now great pleasure in tendering for Bro. Stead's acceptance a P.M.'s jewel, which he wished him to accept and consider as his personal property; this he sincerely trusted Bro. Stead would find pleasure in wearing for many many years to come. After a song, Bro. Stead thanked the Lodge most sincerely for the kind things which had been said, not only of his personal efforts, but for what had been done by the P.M.s. He warmly thanked the members for the jewel. He had once most mistaken notions of what constituted Freemasonry. Since he had joined its ranks he had arrived at a very different opinion of its professors. Bro. Bartlett had been a P.M. for many years. He had always been well received and he hoped it might be many years ere his connection with the Lodge would be severed. Bro. Atkins hoped he might for many years have the opportunity of being among them. Bro. Cusworth would ever be ready to assist in any way that he was capable of. Bro. Main assured the members it was always a pleasure to him to attend. He considered the Lodge of Instruction in connection with their own Lodge was deserving of more support than was at present given it. After some other toasts, interspersed with songs and concluded by the Tyler, the brethren separated.

IVY LODGE, No. 1441.

ON Tuesday, the 25th March, the members of this Lodge assembled at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, for the annual induction of Officers. Lodge was opened, and, being advanced, Bro. Francis Gill was raised, after which Bros. Trehearne and Shaw were passed. Bro. T. F. Knight Smith was now introduced as W.M. elect, and was duly obligated by Bro. C. Smith, the

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first W.M. of the Ivy Lodge, who carried out the remainder of the Installation Ceremony with the greatest impressiveness, and, his knowledge of the Ritual being perfect, the whole passed off in a manner rarely equalled. P.M. John Noke acted as Director of Ceremonies. The W.M. appointed the following brethren to assist in the government of the Lodge for the coming year:—Bros. W. Ashur P.M. S.W., R. Forster J.W., C. Stuart Jolly P.M. Sec., G. Mattock P.M. Treas, G. Skegg S.D., J. Burgess J.D., A. Vernon I.G., A. Goodman D. of C. The report of the auditors was read, discussion thereon being postponed until next meeting. Before closing his Lodge the W.M. had the pleasing duty of presenting to the retiring Master a mark of the esteem of the brethren which took the form of a P.M.'s jewel. In giving it he felt sure he could do so in return for real benefits conferred on the Lodge by Bro. L. Cornelissen, who had always been respected in the Lodge for his goodwill and hearty co-operation in any measure brought forward. Bro. Cornelissen thanked the brethren for their uniform kindness to him; he had a great difficulty to contend with, being a foreigner, but the indulgence of the members had been such as to remove his uneasiness on that score. The W.M. now closed the Lodge, and the brethren proceeded to the Holborn Restaurant to banquet, their Hall at Camberwell having been let for a Ball. This journey occasioned some annoyance among the members, but the comforts of the Restaurant in some measure compensated them. The following were the Visitors to the Lodge:—Bros. E. Farwig W.M. 180, J. G. Rush 1201, F. L. Yonge 1216, H. D. Martin 1309, W. W. Morgan jun. 1385, and L. Sarre 1402. Bro. C. A. Cottebrune P.G.P. was also present, he being an honorary member of the Lodge, in recognition of his assistance at the consecration. At the conclusion of the banquet, the usual toasts were given, Bro. Cottebrune replying on behalf of the Grand Officers. Bro. Cornelissen referred to the Master as an enthusiastic Mason. He did not know but they might go too far if they copied him literally; but for all that he was a most desirable brother to have in the chair. They had better by far have too much energy than indifference; of this latter he felt Bro. K. Smith would never be guilty. The W.M. expressed the great pleasure he felt in occupying the position he now did. A few years since he would have looked upon such an event as all but impossible, now it was an accomplished fact. He was the first initiate of the Ivy Lodge, and now had the honour of being its Master, a position to be sought after and prized by every true Mason. He considered visiting was one of the most important points of Freemasonry; by it brethren were enabled better to study the principles of the Order, and become better acquainted with its various details. They had many Visitors present, all of whom he should be pleased to hear reply, would time permit. Bro. Farwig tendered the thanks of the Visitors for the reception they had met with at the Ivy Lodge, and wished the Master and his Lodge a successful future. The health of the Installing Master was next given. The toast was, the W.M. said, one of particular interest and pleasure to him. Bro. Smith had initiated him into Masonry, and now had installed him into the Chair of the Lodge. In the interim he had been a staunch friend. The Installing Master was one of the Founders of the Lodge, and on him had fallen the choice of the brethren when the question of first Master was decided. Bro. Smith, in reply, assured the brethren that nothing should be wanting on his part to merit the high compliments that had been passed on him. It was exceedingly gratifying to him to see the Ivy Lodge in so prosperous a state as it was at the present time. Their newly elected Master was in every way competent to maintain the high position to which the Lodge had attained. The toast of the Past Masters was now given. The Ivy Lodge had had a succession of good working Masons to preside over its destinies; they had all devoted their energies to making the Lodge one of the best in the Craft, and he thought their efforts had been eminently successful. Bros. Cornelissen and Cantle replied, assuring the brethren of their hearty co-operation, and wishing the Lodge a prosperous career. The Treasurer and Secretary were, the W.M. said, two most important Officers; their duties being continuous, not like that of other Officers lasting but for a short year, it was necessary they should be brethren well capable of faithfully performing their allotted tasks. He felt that the members would agree with him that the two brethren who filled these offices in the Ivy Lodge were so qualified, and he felt certain they would make good use of their abilities. Each of these brethren replied to the toast, after which that of the Officers was given, and responded to most heartily. The intervals between the various toasts were enlivened by some capital songs given by members of the Lodge.

STUART LODGE, No. 1632.

THE annual meeting was held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, on Monday, 24th inst. After the opening of the Lodge and the transaction of formal business, the W.M. elect, Bro. G. Thistle Thornes, was presented for the benefit of installation, which ceremony was efficiently performed by the Secretary of the Lodge, Bro. T. Poore P.M., Bro. C. Stuart-Barker jun. P.M. acting as D. of C. After the usual salutes the W.M. invested, as the Officers for the year, Bros. S. Browne S.W., G. R. Gilham J.W., G. Lilley Treas. and J.D., T. Poore Sec., D. Clark S.D., C. Stuart-Barker jun. D. of C., G. Evans Org., G. Gilham I.G., Job and Drossel Stewards, Steedman Tyler. The addresses were then given, thus completing the ceremony. Two propositions for initiation were handed in, and, the visiting brethren having tendered their hearty good wishes, Lodge was closed. The visitors were Bros. S. H. Perman 586, P.P.G.R. Wilts, C. Burley 1273 P.P.D. of C. Kent, A. J. Probyn 11, A. A. Pallas 23, R. W. Miller 55, R. J. Taylor 114, W. Coventry 174, R. Browne 503, M. L. Bale 538, J. W. Clegg 1259, W. W. Morgan jun., 1385, R. Lawson 1426, and J. M. Hunt 1662. The brethren then partook of a banquet, which was served in a most satisfactory manner. On the removal of the cloth the W.M. proposed the usual loyal toasts, all of which were heartily received. Bro. John Walmsley, the I.P.M. proposed the health of the W.M. He had great pleasure in doing so, having been associated with him for many years. He trusted he would perform the duties of his office in such a way as to merit as great approval as the members could bestow. The W.M. tendered his heartfelt thanks to each of the members of the Lodge for having placed him in his present proud position. He hoped to cement with each a greater friendship than at present existed, all were now his friends, he hoped that at the expiration of his term of office they would be brothers, in the true sense of the word. He was obliged to the visitors for their attendance on what was a great night with him, although perhaps an everyday occurence to them. He now had the pleasure to propose the health of the I.P.M., but would first place on his breast the magnificent Jewel which the members had so kindly voted to him. Their late Master was a man of keen friendship, if he could not be described as a man of pleasant words, and one that never forgot a kindness. During his term of office no word had been spoken in connection with the Lodge which needed withdrawal, had such been the case it would have been his greatest pleasure to heal the wound, but happily it was otherwise. As regarded his working it was only necessary to say that he had fulfilled his duties in such a way as to cast great lustre on the Stuart Lodge. The Jewel which was presented to our brother was certainly one of the neatest we have seen and reflects great credit on Bro. Steedman, who designed it; it bore the following inscription:—"Presented by the Stuart Lodge, 1632, to Bro. John Walmsley on the completion of his year of office as W.M., March 24, 1879." Bro. Walmsley considered that a great deal more had been said in his praise than he deserved. He had simply done his duty. He had always looked forward to the time when he might occupy the chair of a Lodge, and now he felt very loth to vacate the office as even an I.P.M. felt somewhat a loss of power. The W.M. next had to propose a toast he was sure would be received with pleasure—both by members and visitors. The members of a Lodge should feel very proud to have in their midst a brother who can perform the ceremony of installation as could their Bro. Poore. His working was admitted to be of the first order, not only by those present that evening, but by the members of many other Lodges who had the pleasure of witnessing his rendering of the ceremony. It gave the Lodge a high position when it ranked among its members such brethren as he. The members of the Stuart Lodge had many other kindnesses to thank him for, and his efforts on their behalf were so well known that any remarks he could make would only be re-echoing the feelings of each of them. Bro. Poore tendered thanks for the kind sentiments of the W.M., and for the hearty reception that had been accorded them. It had afforded him great pleasure to instal as able a Master as Bro. Thornes. If what had already been done was to be accepted as a guide for the future the Stuart Lodge could boast a good Master to preside over its destinies. If his "Poore" services could be of any use to this or any other Lodge, he should at all times be most happy to give them. In giving the health of the Past Masters the W.M. referred to the fact of the Stuart being a young Lodge, consequently they had not many brethren to toast under this title. The two they had were such as would be a credit to any Lodge. Bro. Walmsley replied. The W.M. next proposed the toast of the Visitors. He considered it a great pleasure to see so many present as they had that night. Bro. Burley and Perman responded to the toast. The W.M. now proposed the Officers of the Lodge. Although he sat in ease in giving this toast, his position would be a bed of thorns were he surrounded by inferior Officers; as it was, he knew that every Officer of the Lodge could, and would perform his duty most satisfactorily. Bro. S.W. stated that it would be the aim of each Officer to work the ceremonies and conduct the affairs of the Lodge in such a manner as to ensure success. Bro. J.W. would do everything in his power to further the interests of the Lodge, and trusted he might give satisfaction. Bro. S.D. would always feel it his special duty to help all new members; he considered the welcome accorded a brother on the first night of his appearance in a Lodge one of the most important matters to consider. Bro. J.D. trusted that the confidence reposed in him would not be abused. The W.M. concluded his labours by calling on the brethren to toast the press; this he considered the all-powerful toast of every civilised nation. By it we learnt what the world thought of us, and in its conduct the greatest men of all ages took a lively part. He coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Morgan jun., who replied as representative of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, after which the Tyler was summoned, and gave the closing toast. Several brethren contributed some excellent songs and recitations during the evening.

Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction, No. 1288.—On Wednesday, 19th March, at the Earl Russell Tavern, Isledon-road, Holloway. Present:—Bros. L. R. Rogers W.M., T. Press S.W., J. Pigot Treas. J.W., N. B. D. Dunn Sec., A. Goode S.D., Dunn J.D., S. Goode I.G. Past Master Bro. P. Dickinson Preceptor; T. Goode, J. W. Wright, Grout, &c. Bro. T. Goode candidate for raising, entrusted. Lodge opened, and ceremony of raising rehearsed. Traditional History given. Lodge closed in third and second degrees. Bro. Press elected W.M. for ensuing week.

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THIS Lodge held its anniversary meeting on the 27th December 1878, when the W.M. was installed and the Officers appointed for the ensuing year. The Lodge was opened at 9 p.m. by Bro. H. S. Morris W.M., at which time there were about forty brethren present, including Bros. Pemberton W.M. and Birt P.M. of the Cosmopolitan Lodge, No. 421 S.C., Jansen W.M. Ancient Landmark Am. Con., Koch P.M. Germania, Weiller D.G.S.W., Drummond Hay D.G. Treas. Japan, and several well-known brethren. At 9.15 the R.W.D.G. Bro. C. Thorne entered the Lodge, accompanied by Bro. J. Hart D.G.J.W., J. I. Miller D.G. Registrar, Thos. W. Kingsmill Pres. D. Board of G. Purposes, Moore D.G.S.B., Orme D.G. Sec., Evans D.G.S.D., Fentam D.G. Org., Brown D.G. Purs. They were received with the customary honours. The Lodge having been opened in the second degree, Bro. Morris W.M. requested Bro. Thorne to honour the Lodge by performing the installation ceremony, and he having acceded to the request, assumed the chair, when Bro. Anderson S.W., who had been unanimously elected as Master for the ensuing year, was presented, and duly installed in due and ancient form. The Lodge having been closed respectively in the third and second

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degrees, the W.M. invested his Officers as follow:—Bros. A. Robinson S.W., J. F. Holliday J.W., Wm. White Treas., J. D. Bishop Sec., H. A. Johnston S.D., J. Findlay J.D, T. Hore Tyler. The D.G.M. delivered the addresses to the W.M., Wardens and the Lodge respectively. The W.M. then thanked the R.W.D.G. Master and his Officers for their attendance, and assistance in the working of the installation ceremony. The R.W.D.G.M., in reply, expressed the pleasure it afforded him to assist at all times in the working of our ceremonies. He called the especial attention of the brethren to the necessity of their making themselves conversant with the Ritual, so that they might always be ready to aid the W.M. in the working of the Lodge, should any of the Officers, unfortunately, be absent; he also urged them by their conduct outside the Lodge to uphold the high character of our Masonic institution. The W.M. having thanked the visitors for their attendance, and some Masonic business having been attended to, the Lodge was closed in perfect harmony, and the brethren adjourned to the adjoining room, where a cold collation was spread. After ample justice had been done to the viands, the W.M. rose, and in a few graceful words proposed the health of the Queen, which was received with much enthusiasm, the brethren joining in the National Anthem. The W.M. then drew the brethren's attention to the great interest taken by M.W. Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales in everything calculated to benefit the noble Order over which he presided. The Prince did not confine himself to any one particular subject, for wherever good and useful work could be done for the advancement of the interests of mankind in general, there was our M.W. Grand Master to be found. In the papers just received from England, they learned how indefatigable he had been in his capacity of head of the British Commission at the Paris Exhibition; the golden opinions he had obtained, and the kindly feeling expressed towards him by members of every nationality, all of which clearly proved the high esteem in which he was held by all. His Royal Highness was most ably assisted in the Grand Lodge by the Pro G.M. the Earl of Carnarvon, and in fact by all his Officers. Time being short, he would not dilate further, but ask the brethren to show their respect by joining with him in drinking the toast. Bro. Morris P.M. rose, and reminded the Lodge that they had brethren working in harmony with them, who owed jurisdiction to Sister Grand Lodges. In Shanghai it was always the custom to remember those Sister Grand Lodges when assembled around the festive board. They had representatives amongst them of Lodges working under the Grand Lodge of Scotland, the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, and the Three Globes Lodge of Berlin; he therefore hoped he need do no more to ensure a hearty reception to the toast than to draw attention to the kindly feeling which was always shown towards brethren working under those Constitutions. The W.M. said he was sure he had an easy task in proposing the toast of the R.W.D. Grand Master and Officers of the D.G. Lodge, as all were so well known to the brethren present. The R.W.D.G. Master was much appreciated by the brethren generally, inasmuch as he had gained the esteem of those working under other constitutions, equally with that of the brethren over whom he presided; he had always shown himself a zealous Mason, ready to help them at any moment; and every W.M. knew, that should he need advice and assistance, he was ever willing to render it, the D.G. Officers were emulating the R.W.D.G.M. in this respect. The R.W.D.G.M. said he had been particularly gratified by the kindly feeling shown to him not only on the present, but on all occasions by the Shanghai brethren. When acting in the manner referred to by the W.M., he felt he was only carrying out the principles of the Order, which he had undertaken in common with all installed Masters to perform; and he was pleased to see many brethren associating themselves with him in this respect. He trusted that whether in or out of the Lodge, the principles and tenets of Masonic teaching would ever influence the conduct of the brethren, and also that the younger members would avail themselves of every opportunity of acquainting themselves with the duties they had undertaken to perform when they entered the Order; he advised them to attend Lodges of Instruction whenever they had an opportunity of so doing. He was pleased to find the D.G. Officers had acted in such a way as to gain approval, and on their and his own behalf he thanked the brethren for their kind reception of the toast. After a song by Bro. J. D. Bishop. Bro. Robinson S.W. proposed the next toast. He felt some difficulty in doing so, lest it should not receive that justice at his hands to which it was so fully entitled. Those who had worked up in the Lodge could not fail to be struck by the aid at all times rendered to the junior members by those who must be considered the pillars of the Lodge, viz., the Past Masters; they indeed set an example worthy of imitation, since, whenever they were called upon to fill any office, from that of W.M. to that of I.G., they were always found willing and ready; no matter how high or how low the position, they did not think it derogatory to them to fill it for the time being, provided the working of the Lodge could be efficiently carried out thereby. After a song by Bro. Holliday. Bro. Kingsmill acknowledged the kindly feelings of the brethren just expressed in response to the toast of the P.M.'s. On behalf of the P.M.'s, he could assure the Lodge that the statement by Bro. Robinson that every P.M. was ready to fill either a high or a subordinate office, was no exaggeration, inasmuch as they felt that to fill any office efficiently brought honour to them; and he trusted the junior brethren would emulate the P.M.'s in this respect; whilst thanking the brethren on their behalf, he must ask them to pay a special mark of honour to one who had only that evening taken his seat among the P.M.'s; he alluded to Bro. Morris, who had presided over them as W.M. during the past year; how well he had performed his duties and how kind and courteous he had proved to all, was so well known, that to dilate upon his many virtues was superfluous. To prevent being tedious, he would call upon them to show their appreciation of W. Bro. Morris by the manner in which they responded to the toast of his health. Song by Bro. Kingsmill. Bro. Morris thought as his name had been coupled with that of the P.M.'s he should have escaped addressing them separately. He heartily thanked the brethren for the assistance rendered to him during the past; he was afraid there had been a good many shortcomings on his part, but at the same time, he felt no one had a greater desire to do his duty than he himself, and any defects, he trusted in fact he knew by their kind expressions, would be and had been condoned. He thanked Bro. Kingsmill for bringing his name before the Lodge, and the brethren for thus enthusiastically responding to it. He had also to express his thanks to the brethren of the sister Lodges, who from time to time visited the Northern Lodge and assisted in its working. Personally he had received much attention at the hands of the P.M.'s of sister Lodges; that night they were favoured with the company of many of the members, and he felt assured the brethren would pay their tribute of respect by responding to the toast of the sister Lodges; he would couple the toast with the name of Bro. Short W.M. elect of the Tuscan Lodge, No. 1097. Bro. Short briefly responded; he thanked the brethren on behalf of his own Lodge, as also on behalf of the Royal Sussex Lodge. Bro. Thorne D.G.M., in the absence of Bro. Hart D.G.J.W., drew the brethren's attention to the happy selection of Officers made by the W.M. Many of them had filled subordinate offices, and were now gaining the reward of merit; all promised fairly for a successful year; he pointed out to the Officers some of the duties expected from them, and urged them to a regular attendance to their duties. Bro. Bishop, Secretary, in a few well chosen words, expressed on behalf of himself and brother Officers, their thanks for the notice taken of them. It would be their pleasure, as well as their duty, to aid the W.M. to the best of their ability in carrying on the working of the Lodge. There was one thing which always gratified the members of the Northern Lodge, and gave zest to its officers in the performance of their duties, and that was the presence of visitors. They had been favoured that evening by a goodly attendance of kind brethren, who had given tone to the meeting. Through the kindness of the W.M. he felt it an honour to be allowed to bring before the brethren the toast, which required no words from him beyond the actual mention of "Our Visitors," to recommend it to their attention. The toast was most enthusiastically received, with musical honours. Bro. Hjousbury, in returning thanks, said how pleased all brethren were to visit the Northern Lodge of China, where they always received a hearty welcome. They had partaken of its hospitality, and he was sure, by the happy faces of his brother visitors, who stood with him, that they felt deeply indebted to the brethren for the kindness received at their hands. The Tyler's toast was then given, and the brethren separated at 12.30 a.m.

Robert Burns Chapter, No. 25.—The Installation meeting was held at Freemason's Hall, on Monday, 24th instant. Present—Comps. John Bertram M.E.Z., J. R. Shervill H., Jas. Martin J., Kirby P.Z. Treas., Platt Scribe E., Last P.S., Baxter N., Hatton, and others. Visitors—Comps. Thomas, and Dicketts P.Z. 145. Business—Ballot was taken for Bros. J. E. Shand J.W. 1563, and G. Draton I.G. 25, and those brethren were exalted by Comp. Shervill, who had previously been installed M.E.Z. The other offices were filled as follow:—Martin H., Land J., Baxter N., Halton P.S., Elsley First Asst., Shand Second Asst. The Companions afterwards dined together, when the usual toasts and formalities were observed.

Union Chapter, No. 414.—This Chapter held its Quarterly Convocation on Friday, 21st of March, at the Masonic Hall, Reading. Present—Comps. Robert Bradley M.E.Z., A. Portsmouth H., W. P. Ivey acting S.E., J. T. Lamb S.N., R. Ravenor P.S., J. T. Brown 1st Assist., J. W. Hounslow acting as 2nd Assist.; P.Z.'s Comps. J. Dew, F. A. Bulley, W. Biggs; Members—Comps. C. J. Butler, J. Long, C. Stephens. Visitors—Comps. W. P. Ivey 771, J. Huran 694. The minutes of the last Convocation were read and confirmed. Two candidates were ballotted for and elected; one of them, Bro. G. W. Webb, being in attendance, was admitted and exalted. It is seldom that, in a country Chapter, the Ritual is so admirably performed as it was in the present case. After the usual closing ceremonies the Chapter was adjourned.

Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement.—The usual weekly Convocation was held on Tuesday, at the Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, and, as usual, was attended by some most talented Royal Arch Masons. There is no doubt that this is one of the best worked Chapters in the Metropolis. Comp. Brown was the M.E.Z. of the evening; Comps. J. Constable H., and H. Thompson 619 J. The usual formalities having been gone through, the ceremony of exaltation to the Royal Arch degree was performed by Comp. Brown in a faultless manner, Comp. Goldsmith being the candidate. The duties of P.S. were also rehearsed by a Companion in a manner which elicited general commendation, showing that he is well qualified to undertake that office in a regular Chapter, to which he soon expects to be appointed. The usual addresses were delivered by the acting J., H., and M.E.Z., and after some other business had been transacted, the Chapter was closed in due form, and adjourned until Tuesday next. Comp. Wallis, from Sheffield, was the only visitor.

The New York *Advocate* states that the Grand Lodge of Hungary has set out a prize of fifty 10-franc pieces for a pamphlet to be written for the purpose of informing the profane public of the substance and history of Freemasonry in general, and of the special mission the Royal Art is called to perform in the Austria-Hungary Monarchy. The work is to be completed and delivered 31st December 1879, and may be written either in German or the Hungarian language.

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MASONIC FEMALE ORPHAN SCHOOL, DUBLIN.

THE annual meeting and distribution of prizes to the pupils of this Institution will take place in the Exhibition Palace, Earlsfort-terrace, Dublin, on Thursday evening, the 8th of May next. Admission will be Tickets, obtainable by Governors only.

The doors of the Building will be opened at 7.45, from which time until the commencement of the proceedings, and also after the distribution of Prizes, a selection of music will be performed by the Grand Organist, in the Concert Hall, and also by Military Bands.

At 8.15, the Grand Officers and other brethren expected to occupy places on the platform will assemble in the Robing Room; and, a procession having been formed, it will move to the Grand Concert Hall. The Pupils of the School will enter the room, followed by the Pupils of the Masonic Orphan Boys' School, and, on reaching the platform, will file off and occupy the seats provided for them. The Most Worshipful Grand Master will then be saluted according to ancient custom, and the Hundredth Psalm having been sung, the Meeting will be addressed by Members of the Order; after which the procession will be re-formed, and proceed to the dais in the Glass Building, where the several Prizes and Certificates awarded to the Pupils at the annual examinations will be distributed.

We have received a copy of the report of the second Tottenham, Enfield and Edmonton Masonic Charitable Association, for the year ending February 1879. From it we learn, that £176 2s 6d has been subscribed, out of which sixteen appropriations have been made to the three Charities. The Committee pass a deserved compliment on Bros. J. H. Thompson and James Garrod, the Treasurer and Secretary respectively, to whose zeal and energy they attribute much of the prosperity of the Association.

PEMBROKE LODGE, No. 1299.

AT West Derby, near Liverpool, on Thursday, the 20th instant. Bro. John Capell W.M. presided, and was supported by P.M.'s Joseph Clegg, W. Crane, R. Bennett, W. S. Vines P.P.G.D.C., W. Jones D.C., P. Macmuldrow P.P.G.S.D., &c. There was a large attendance of Visitors as well as members. Brother Francis B. Brimham was installed as W.M. for the year, and the following Officers were appointed:—Bros. John Capell I.P.M., W. S. Bennett S.W., T. G. Fisher J.W., P. Macmuldrow Treas., W. Hiles Sec., W. Jones D.C., H. P. Bloomer S.D., L. Bramwell J.D., J. P. Bradford I.G., C. Ainsworth S.S., R. W. Taylor J.S., and J. Robinson Tyler. After business the W.M. presided at a banquet, and gave the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. On the health of the Past Masters being given, the W.M. presented a valuable P.M.'s jewel to Bro. J. Capell I.P.M. on behalf of the Lodge, and a beautiful coffee service, the gift of a number of the members. Bro. Capell, in returning thanks, said he had hitherto considered the day when he was installed as W.M. one of the happiest of his life, but he must now confess that such kind and flattering acknowledgements of the esteem and friendship of the brethren affected him yet more deeply. Among other interesting events of the evening was the presentation, by P. S. Gore 1356, of a handsome W.M.'s gavel to the Lodge.

ST. JAMES'S CHAPTER, No. 482.

THE annual convocation was held at the New Inn, Handsworth, Staffordshire, on the 17th inst. The Chapter was opened in due form by the Principals; Comps. the Rev. W. Randall M.E.Z., J. Jacobs P.Z. H., F. Caddick J., when the rest of the Comps. were admitted, among whom we noticed, J. F. Pepper E. acting P.S., F. W. Payton N., G. J. Payton Treas., R. T. Harley First A.S., W. H. Ward, T. Parton, and F. Garner Janitor. Also the following visitors:—T. Howkins P.Z. 43, John Pursall P.P.G.J. Warwickshire, J. S. Kennedy M.E.Z. 1031, Thomas E. Shaw M.E.Z. 1016, Henry Smith M.E.Z. 74, P. Howse H. 1016, H. T. Belcher H. 1031, J. H. Parkes 938. The minutes were read and confirmed. The bye-laws were read. The ballot was taken for Comps. W. B. Tatlow, Wolverhampton, Thomas Parton, West Bromwich, as joining members, also for Bros. James Roberts J.W. 662, Heywood Hartland 662, for exaltation, and found in each case to be unanimous. The latter named brethren being in attendance were duly exalted, the whole ceremony, with the lecture, being given in a very efficient manner. The M.E.Z. invited E. Comp. Thomas Howkins to take the chair as installing Principal, when E. Comp. the Rev. W. Randall was reinstalled as M.E.Z., F. Caddick as H., W. H. Ward as J. The M.E.Z. invested the following Comps. as Officers, viz.: J. F. Pepper as S.E. for the fourth time, F. W. Payton S.N., G. J. Payton Treas., R. T. Harley P.S., J. Jacobs P.Z. D.C., F. Garner Janitor. After several propositions had been made the Comps. adjourned to an excellent banquet, when the usual Loyal and R. A. toasts were given. The M.E.Z. thanked E. Comp. T. Howkins, installing Principal, for the splendid manner in which he had performed his work. The Visitors complimented the Principals and Acting P.S. on the manner in which the ceremonies had been rendered.

Unity Chapter, No. 1151.—The usual Quarterly Communication was held in the Masonic Rooms, Tywardreath, Cornwall, on Tuesday the 18th inst. Present:—Comps. W. Tonkin M.E.Z., Rev. Dr. Treffry H., J. Polkinghorne J., Dr. De Legh P.Z., T. C. Stephens P.Z., W. Rowe Treas., J. Rundels S.E., W. P. Smith S.E., P.S., Emra Holmes P.Z. P.G.S.B., J. Stephens, &c. The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed, and this being the annual meeting for the election of Officers for the ensuing year, the ballot was taken with the following result:—Emra Holmes M.E.Z., J. Polkinghorne H., W. P. Smith J., E. Wellington Scribe E., N. H. Lamb Scribe N. Sylvanus Trevail Treas., J. Walton P.S., Elliott Janitor. The other business having been disposed of, and a candidate proposed for exaltation, the Chapter was closed in due form and solemn prayer.

Hemming Lodge, No. 1512, Hampton.—The March meeting of this Lodge took place on Thursday, 20th instant, at the Red Lion Hotel. Bro. C. W. Fox W.M. presided. The necessary preliminaries being observed, and the minutes read and confirmed, Bro. C. J. Bunyan was raised to the sublime degree. Bro. John Cameron Jessett S.W. was unanimously elected W.M. for the year ensuing. Bro. E. Hopwood's valuable services as Treasurer were again secured in response to the unanimous vote of the brethren, and Bro. Gilbert re-elected Tyler. The bye-laws of the Lodge were read by the Secretary, certain dues were paid, but the arrears are still heavy, and our good brethren of the Hemming will, we are sure, see the necessity of reducing the same for the mutual comfort of both the retiring and the incoming Master, as also for the general welfare of the Lodge. We do not for a moment wish to imply that the arrears in 1512 are larger than the average amount that prevails in other Lodges, quite the contrary; but we do not believe in arrears at all, and they are an eyesore in the balance sheet of any Lodge. A P.M.'s jewel was heartily voted to the retiring Master, and all further business being disposed of, the Lodge was closed with solemn prayer, and the brethren adjourned to the supper room. The usual loyal toasts having been honoured, the Master's health was drunk with great cordiality, and duly responded to. The W.M. next proposed the health of the W.M. elect. This toast was received by the brethren in a manner which must have been most gratifying to the brother in question, as an earnest of the satisfaction they entertain at the prospect of his year of office. Bro. Jessett is a thorough good working Mason, and it is always a pleasure to chronicle the election of such a man to the highest honours it is within the power of the brethren to confer. Ten o'clock was now close at hand, and there was the usual exodus of the London contingent, (we wonder, by-the-bye, if these worthy brethren are aware the South Western run a *later* train to the metropolis at 10.57). The Senior Past Master Bro. Wm. Hammond P.P.G.D. Middlesex succeeded to the Master's gavel, and proposed the remaining toasts. Bros. Costelow and Pinckney responded as Visitors. The intervals were occupied with vocal effusions appropriate to the occasion, and as the parish clock struck eleven, the brethren separated, evidently well pleased with the labour and refreshment of the evening. The following is a complete list of the brethren present:—C. W. Fox W.M., W. Hammond P.M. Sec., E. Hopwood P.M. Treas., John Hurst P.M., John Hammond I.P.M., D. B. Raw late Treas., J. C. Jessett S.W., T. W. Ockenden J.W., T. C. Walls S.D., F. W. Kent J.D., J. W. Hiscox I.G., T. Moody M.C., W. J. Day jun. W.S.; C. J. Bunyan, G. Phillips, H. C. T. Murphy, Carpenter. W. Knowles, T. G. Wheeler. Visitors—Bros. C. J. Costelow S.D. 780, T. Pinckney 1638. Bro. T. C. Walls is the Steward of the Hemming for the Boys' Festival; we saw him busy collecting, and wish him every success with his list. The next regular meeting will be on Thursday, 16th October.

Ancient Carthage Lodge, No. 1717.—A meeting was held on the 16th instant, at the Masonic Hall, Tunis, North Africa. Present—Bros. A. M. Broadley D.G.S.W. Malta, W.M., J. H. Stevens S.W., Dr. A. Perini J.W., A. Blanch Sec. and Treas., G. Pentecost S.D., P. M. Paleologo J.D., V. C. Clement D.C., E. Gardelle, Barsotti, and Bokobsa Stewards, M. Le Gallais I.G., J. Eymon Tyler. Past Masters Bros. Dr. Mugnaini 32°, Salema 18°, together with Bros. Tulin de la Tunisie (German Consul General), Dr. Pace-Williams, and more than forty members. Visitors—Bros. A. Traverso, General Elias Musalli (Director of the Foreign Office of H. H. the Bey of Tunis), Samama, Forté, Xueref, and Enriques. Captain Robert Alexander Johnstone (Hants Militia) of Brighton and Tunis, who had been unanimously elected at the last regular meeting, was introduced and initiated by the W.M. into the mysteries of the Order. The W.M. also delivered the usual charge. The charitable collection having been made, the Lodge was adjourned.

NOTICE.—BACK NUMBERS.

Brethren who desire to complete their sets of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, should make early application for Back Numbers. At present all are in print, but of some we have only a few copies left. Cases for binding the several volumes can be had at the Office, 67 Barbican.

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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 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, W., at 8.
1461—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone.

MONDAY, 31st MARCH.

45—Strong Man, Sportsman, City-road, at 3. (Instruction.)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
196—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.)
1260—John Hervey, Albion Hall, London Wall, E.C., at 7.30. (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.)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8. (Inst.)
1636—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)

61—Probity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax.
62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester.
148—Lights, Masonic Hall, Warrington.
264—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, New-road, Batley.
404—Three Graces, Private Room, Haworth.
467—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham
613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport.
1177—Tenby, Royal Assembly Rooms, Tenby, Pembroke.
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction.)
1543—Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford.
1575—Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton.
R. A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
M.M. 146—Moore, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster.

TUESDAY, 1st 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.
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8. (Instruction.)
1261—Golden Rule, Café Royal, Regent-street, W.
1294—Royal Standard, Wellington Club, Upper-street, N.
1380—Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, Battersea Park, at 8. (Instruction.)
1381—Kennington, Surrey Tavern, Kennington Oval.
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1471—Islington, Three Bucks, 23 Great-ham-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
1507—Metropolitan, 289 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8. (In.)
1693—Kingsland, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N.
R. A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)

51—Angel, Three Cups Hotel, Colchester
70—St. John, Hayshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth.
103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
117—Wynnstay, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8. (Instruction.)
120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.
124—Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham.
158—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness.
209—Etonian, Masonic Hall, Windsor.
226—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough.
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30. (Instruction.)
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon.
265—Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley.
393—St. David, Freemasons' Hall, The Parade, Berwick-on-Tweed.
493—Royal Lebanon, Spread Eagle, Gloucester.
559—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.
624—Abbey, Masonic Hall, Union-street, Burton-on-Trent.
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
702—Sherborne, Subscription Rooms, Stroud, Gloucestershire.
734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington.
794—Warden, Royal Hotel, Sutton, Coldfield.
804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant.
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
847—Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.
897—Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helens, Liverpool
924—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Petersfield, Hampshire.
948—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard.
969—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
985—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston.
1002—Skiddaw, Lodge Room, Market-place, Cockermouth.
1134—Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Salford.
1214—Scarbro, Scarbro Hall, Caledonia-road, Batley.
1245—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar.
1322—Waverley, Caledonia Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne.
1336—Square and Compass, Corn Exchange, Wrexham.
1343—St. John, King's Arms, Grays.
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 6.0. (Instruction.)
1488—St. Elethi, Castle Hotel, Amlwch.
1540—Abercorn, Abercorn Arms Hotel, Great Stanmore, Middlesex.
R. A. 203—St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
R. A. 236—Loyalty, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.
R. A. 699—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
M. M. 69—United Service, Assembly Rooms, Bromston, Cheltham.
M. M. 115—Bedford, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
M. M. 161—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, 2nd APRIL.

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, S. (In.)
538—La Tolerance, Green Dragon, Maddox-street, W., at 7.45. (Inst.)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E., at 7.30. (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. at 8. (Instruction.)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8. (Instruction.)
1044—Wandsworth, Spread Eagle, Wandsworth. (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. (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-rd, Holloway, at 8. (Instruction.)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8. (Instruction.)
1538—Duke of Connaught, Faunce Arms, Kennington Park, at 8. (Instruction.)
1585—Royal Commemoration, Star and Garter Hotel, Putney.
1667—Rothesay, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's-inn-fields.
1707—Eleanor, Angel Hotel, Edmonton, at 8. (Instruction.)
1766—St. Leonard, Town Hall, Shoreditch.
R. A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8. (Instruction)

74—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham.
81—Doric, Private Room, Woodbridge, Suffolk.
86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescot.
258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike.
277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham.
298—Harmony, Masonic Room, Ann-street, Rochdale
326—Moira, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol.
327—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton.
380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds.
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne.
417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester.
471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Mon.
580—Harmony, Wheat-sheaf, Ormskirk.
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction.)
611—Marches, Old Rectory, Ludlow.
645—Humphrey Chetham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
678—Earl Ellesmere, Church Hotel, Kersley, Farnworth, near Bolton.
755—St. Tudno, Freemasons' Hall, Llandudno.
758—Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn.
910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract.
972—St. Augustin's, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction.)
992—St. Thomas, Griffin Hotel, Lower Broughton.
1010—Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship-street, Hull.
1013—Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1037—Portland, Royal Breakwater Hotel, Portland. (Instruction)
1063—Malling Abbey, Bear Inn, West Malling, Kent.
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
1091—Erme, Erme House, Ivybridge, Devon.
1187—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick.
1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich.
1218—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Mossley, near Manchester.
1274—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Chester-le-Street
1323—Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea.
1335—Lindsay, 20 King-street, Wigan.
1354—Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh, Lancashire
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1363—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester.
1431—St. Alphege, George Hotel, Solihull.
1479—Halsey, Town Hall, St. Albans.
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull, at 7.0. (Instruction.)
1549—Abercorn, Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore
1620—Marlborough, Derby Hall, Tue Brook, Liverpool.
1692—Hervey, George Hotel, Hayes.
R. A. 300—Perseverance, Pitt and Nelson Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne.
R. A. 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds.
R. A. 477—Fidelity, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
M. M. 36—Furness, Hartington Hotel, Duke-street, Barrow-in-Furness.

THURSDAY, 3rd APRIL.

3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8. (Instruction.)
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction.)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8. (Instruction.)
211—St. Michael, George, Australian Avenue, Barbican, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8. (Instruction.)
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
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.)
1614—Covent Garden, Ashley's Hotel, Henrietta-street, Covent Garden, 8. (Inst.)
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.)

24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle.
31—United Industrious, Masonic Hall, Canterbury.
38—Union, Council Chamber, Chichester.
41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath
50—Knights of Malta, George Hotel, Hinckley, Leicestershire
116—Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel, Colne.
123—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire.
208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury.
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
254—Trinity, Craven Arms Hotel, Coventry.
266—Napthali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood.
269—Fidelity, White Bull Hotel, Blackburn.
275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South-parade, Huddersfield
283—Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Haslingden.
289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds.
294—Constitutional, Assembly Rooms, Beverley, Yorks.
295—Combermere Union, Macclesfield Arms, Macclesfield.
300—Minerva, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton-under-Lyne.
309—Harmony, Red Lion, Fareham.
317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
337—Candour, Commercial Inn, Uppermill, Saddleworth.
344—Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe, Lancashire.
349—United Brethren, Royal Oak Inn, Clayton-le-Dale, near Blackburn.
350—Charity, Grapes Inn, Stoneclough, near Manchester.
360—Pomfret, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton.
369—Limestone Rock, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Clitheroe.
419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton.
425—Cestrian, Grosvenor Hotel, Chester.
442—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Boroughbury, Peterborough.
446—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire.
456—Foresters, White Hart Hotel, Ottoxeter.
462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington.
463—East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound, Croydon.
509—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.
636—D'Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth.
637—Portland, Masonic Rooms, Town Hall, Stoke-upon-Trent.
659—Blagdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blyth.
792—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bullring-lane, Grimsby
816—Royd, Spring Gardens Inn, Wardle, near Rochdale.
913—Pattison, Lord Raglan Tavern, Plumstead.
974—Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
1012—Prince of Wales, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire.
1074—Underley, Masonic Room, Market-place, Kirkby Lonsdale
1125—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Tiverton, Devon.
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1231—Savile, Royal Hotel, Eland.
1262—Ancholme, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire.
1294—Brent, Globe Hotel, Topsham, Devonshire.
1304—Olive Union, Masonic Hall, Horncastle, Lincolnshire.
1384—Equity, Alforde Chambers, Widnes.
1473—Bootle, Town Hall, Bootle, Lancashire.
1500—Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich.
1504—Red Rose of Lancaster, Starkies Arms Hotel, Padiham, near Burnley.
1515—Friendly, King's Head Hotel, Barnsley.
1576—Dee, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire.
1612—West Middlesex, Feathers Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1639—Watling-street, Cock Hotel, Stoney Stratford, Bucks.
R. A. 581—Rectitude, Corporation Hotel, Tipping-street, Ardwick, Manchester.
R. A. 784—Bridgewater, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire.
R. A. 1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
M.M. 53—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.
M. M. 158—Rose and Thistle, 20 King-street, Wigan.

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FRIDAY, 4th APRIL.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
766—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. 8. (Inst.)
834—Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-road. (Instruction.)
902—Burgoyne, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction.)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction.)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1288—Finsbury Park M.M., Earl Russell, Isledon-road, N. at 8. (Instruction.)
1366—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Metropolitan Societies Asylum, Balls Pond Road. N.
1627—Royal Kensington, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1642—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd. N. Kensington, at 7.30. (Inst.)
London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-street, E.C., at 8.
Metropolitan Masonic Benevolent Association, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 8.30.
R. A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8. (Inst.)
R.A. 1471—North London, Crown and Woolpack, St. John-st.-rd., at 8. (Inst.)

44—Friendship, Freemason's Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate.
219—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Todmorden.
243—St. George, Guildhall, Doncaster.
306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds.
401—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Slaidburn.
404—Watford, Freemasons' Hall, Watford.
460—Sutherland of Unity, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyme.
521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield
539—St. Matthew, Dragon Hotel, Walsall.
574—Loyal Berkshire of Hope, White Hart Hotel, Newbury
601—St. John, Wrekin Hotel, Wellington, Salop.
652—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth.
680—Sefton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
709—Invicta, Bank-street Hall, Ashford.
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
837—De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon.
839—Royal Gloucestershire, Bell Hotel, Gloucester.
1034—Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill.
1096—Lord Warden, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal.
1143—Royal Denbigh, Council Room, Denbigh.
1333—Athelstan, Town Hall, Atherstone, Warwick.
1387—Chorlton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton Cum Hardy.
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
1528—Fort, Red Lion Hotel, Newquay, Cornwall.
1557—Albert Edward, Bush Hotel, Hexham.
1561—Morecambe, Masonic Hall, Edward-street, Morecambe, Lancashire.
1648—Prince of Wales, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
1664—Gosforth, Freemasons' Hall, High-street, Gosforth.
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7.
R. A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, at 5.30.

SATURDAY, 5th APRIL.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.

149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham.
308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood.
1223—Amherst, Kings Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent.
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.—Held its weekly meeting at Bro. Spur in's, the Sportsman, City-road, on Monday, under the presidency of Bro. Fox, assisted by Bros. Hallam sen. S.W., Gyer J.W., Tolmie Preceptor, Fenner Sec., Sillis S.D., Isaac J.D., Pelikan I.G.; also a numerous gathering of "Strong Men," amongst whom we noticed Bros. R. H. Halford, Wing, Pearcy, Trewinnard, Gush, Gieseke, Spurgin, J. W. Smith, Willison, Gibbs, Symons, Halle, Cleverly, Weeden, Droscher, G. Cook, Hine, Parkinson, and Edmunds. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Gibbs candidate. Bro. Fox now vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Tolmie, who opened the Lodge in the second, and rehearsed the ceremony of installation, Bro. Fox acting as W.M. elect, and he appointed and invested his Officers, after which Bro. Tolmie completed the ceremony by giving the Charges in a very impressive manner, much to the pleasure of the numerous assembly. Bro. Hallam sen. worked the seventh section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Edmunds of the Metropolitan Lodge, No. 1507, was elected a member. Bro. Hallam sen. was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. A vote of thanks was accorded the W.M. for the excellent manner he had worked the ceremony, after which the Lodge was closed and adjourned.

Vitruvian Lodge of Instruction, No. 87.—On 20th instant, at White Hart, College-street, Lambeth. Present—Bros. Timothy W.M., Brown S.W., Janeway J.W., Isaac Treas., Bond Sec., Ball S.D., Chalkley J.D., Davis I.G. Bros. Stuart, De Solla, Whiting, E. Smith, Field, Watterton, Reynolds, Davis, Woodliff, &c. Bro. Davis was entrusted, and afterwards raised. The three sections were worked. Lodge resumed to first degree, and Bro. Reynolds of No. 87, elected a member. The S. Warden will be W.M. for next meeting.

Prudent Brethren Lodge, No. 145.—This Lodge met on the 25th, at Freemasons' Hall, London. Present—Bros. J. H. Leggott W.M., H. Lister S.W., J. Curtis acting J.W. in the absence of Dr. W. Wilkinson, G. States Sec., Thomas Bull P.M. Treasurer, C. A. Woods S.D., A. D. Kerrill J.D., J. Reid I.G., Grant Tyler. Past Master Bro. E. H. Thiellay. After preliminaries Bro. Toomer was passed, and Bros. J. Detraz, C. V. Smith, and M. Hart were raised. The work was excellently rendered. A notice of motion was given by Bro. T. Bull P.M. and Treas., to take into consideration the adoption of some method to perpetuate the name of the late Bro. John Boyd. The Lodge was then closed. There was no banquet, but the W.M. entertained the brethren with a very excellent supper at his personal charge.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—Held at Bro. Fysh's, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, on Saturday, the 22nd inst. Present—Bros. Pearcy W.M., Byott S.W., Brand J.W., Fenner Sec., Forss S.D., Hallam sen. J.D., Gibbs I.G.; also Bros. Powell, Reed, Gilham, McMillan, Greene, Jacobs, J. Millington, Hunt, Ross, Carr, Caldewood, Seidel, Halford, Garrod, and Fysh. Lodge opened; the minutes were read, and duly confirmed. Lodge advanced a degree, when Bro. Powell proved his efficiency, and was entrusted. Lodge was then opened in the third, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Powell candidate; the traditional history was given, and the ceremony performed in an unexceptionable manner. The W.M. worked the third section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was closed down. Bro. Hallam sen. worked the first, and the W.M. the second section of the first lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bros. F. J. Hine, of United Strength 228, and H. A. Jacobs, of Lodge of Friendship No. 206, were elected members. Bro. Byott was appointed to preside at next meeting.

Devonshire Lodge, No. 625.—An emergency meeting of this flourishing Lodge was held at the Norfolk Arms Hotel, Glossop, Derbyshire, on Wednesday, the 26th inst. Present:—Bros. Joseph Collins W.M., Thomas Dearnaley I.P.M., D. A. Davis S.W., W. Booth J.W., S. Collier Sec., W. Thorp Treas., J. Hadfield S.D., W. Garlick J.D., W. H. Hodgson I.G., Wm. Fielding Tyler. The Lodge was opened with due observance of ancient custom. The ballot was taken for Mr. Alfred Rowbottom and Mr. Samuel Rowbottom, both of Glossop, and proving unanimous in each case, those gentlemen were initiated by the Worshipful Master in a very able manner. The brethren of this Lodge work remarkably well, and considering it is an inland town, they deserve great credit for the zeal and application they evince for our beloved Craft and the Charities connected therewith. The labours of the evening being ended, the W.M. received the hearty good wishes of the Visitors, and the Lodge was closed. By the courtesy of the W.M., the brethren adjourned to supper. On the removal of the cloth, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed, and heartily received. Some good music made the evening very enjoyable. Among those present were Past Masters Hall, W. Dawson P.P. D.C., &c.; Bros. W. H. Irlam, E. Williams, S. P. Armitage, Geo. Woodcock, T. A. Tomlinson, T. Warhurst, &c.; Visitors—J. R. Roberts 320, and S. M. Davies FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—The Anniversary Supper took place on Tuesday, at Bro. Smyth's, the Sisters' Tavern, Pownall Road, Dalston. There was a good attendance of the members, and the proceedings throughout were of a most agreeable character. The chair was taken by Bro. George Weige, the W.M. elect of the mother Lodge; he had for his Wardens the Brothers J. and C. Lorkin, while the Preceptor, Bro. W. Wallington P.M., and the Secretary, Bro. Richard Dallas, supported the Chairman left and right. The repast was admirably served by Bro. Smyth, and justice was done the good things placed upon the table. On the removal of the cloth Bro. Weige gave the comprehensive toast—"Loyalty to the Throne, and Prosperity to the best interests of Freemasonry." This was well received and then came the complimentary toasts, which were interspersed by some capital songs. Bro. Wallington offered for the acceptance of the brethren the toast of the Worshipful Master, whom he characterised as a true Mason, and expressed the gratification felt by the members at the unanimous way in which Bro. Weige had been elected to preside over Dalhousie Lodge for the next twelve months. Bro. Weige gracefully acknowledged the honour done him, and expressed his obligations to Bro. Wallington for the kind manner in which he had referred to his efforts to advance the welfare of the Order. He also acknowledged his indebtedness to Bro. Wallington, who, in his capacity of Preceptor, had rendered such goodly service, not only to him personally, but to the other attendants at the Lodge of Instruction. Bros. Smyth (Treasurer) and Dallas (Secretary) were associated with the toast of Prosperity to the Lodge of Instruction, and each briefly replied. Bro. Morgan was called upon to reply for the Visitors, and he directed attention to the happy feeling that always existed amongst the members, and expressed the gratification he felt at meeting so many of the old members of this Lodge. The proceedings were enlivened by the musical efforts of the talented brethren whom one always meets here, and all departed satisfied with the way in which the evening had been spent. Among those who attended, we may enumerate Bros. G. Weige Chairman, W. Wallington, Harding, Wardell, Macklean, Forss, Darnall, J. Lorkin, McLean, Lovelock, Carr, C. Lorkin, Collins, Richardson, Holsworth, Giller, Polak, Finch, Clarke, Christian, Brasted, Whyman, Worsley, Smith, Dallas, Morgan, Smyth.

Whittington Lodge of Instruction, No. 862.—On the 26th at Bro. Hyde's, Red Lion, Poppins-court, Fleet-street. Present—Bros. Marston W.M., Abell S.W., H. R. Hallam J.W., Welsford S.D., Knill Abell J.D., Brown I.G., Long Preceptor, and about a dozen other brethren. The W.M. performed the ceremony of initiation in his usual impressive manner, Bro. France being the candidate. The S.W. was then presented to the W.M. for the benefit of Installation, which ceremony was also admirably rendered, more particularly the three concluding addresses. A part of the Lecture of the 1st degree was worked by the brethren. After which a brother was elected, and a vote of thanks was ordered to be recorded on the minutes for the able working of Bro. Marston. The Fifteen Sections are to be worked in this Lodge in May, by Bro. H. R. Hallam.

Tyne Lodge, No. 991.—The regular meeting took place on the 13th, at the Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay. There was a large attendance of brethren. The chair was occupied by the W.M. Bro. W. Gladstone, supported by Past Masters J. Montgomery, G. A.

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Allen and M. Guthery, W. Hardie S.W., T. W. Smith J.W., W. Morton Sec., G. Ridley S.D., G. Turnbull J.D., M. Whyle I.G., G. Hilltrop Tyler. The Lodge being opened, and all formalities gone through, the Provincial Grand Officers entered, the brethren receiving and saluting them according to custom. One brother was then passed, and three gentlemen initiated, both ceremonies being very efficiently rendered by the W.M. Bro. Adam Robertson P.G.S.W., testified the satisfaction he and the other P.G. Officers felt at their visit, and expressed a hope the brethren would use proper discrimination as to whom they admitted into the Order. He apologised for the non-attendance of the P.G.J.W., who was unable to be present, owing to domestic affliction. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren sat down to supper. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, that of the Past Grand Officers being replied to by the P.G.S.W. A meed of praise is due to the brethren of this Lodge for the energy they must have used in obtaining such a prettily fitted and well adapted hall for holding their meetings in. The Visitors present were —Bros. A. Robertson P.G.S.W., J. Cook P.P.G.S.W., J. Bolam P.G.S.D., G. Cockburn P.G.R., J. Spearman P.P.G.S. of W., B. P. Ord P.G.O., G. I. Dean P.G.A.D.C., G. G. Taylor P.G.A.P., W. M. Bell W.M. 1557, R. Symonds J.W. 1626, W. A. Ogelvi J.W. 24, J. Wood S.D. 48, S. M. Harris S.D. 406, &c.

Sykes Lodge, No. 1040.—A meeting was held on Wednesday, 16th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Great Driffield. Present:—Bros. W. Santon W.M., John Dunn S.W., James S. Wilson J.W., Ralph Teal P.M. Treas., H. Holgreaves Sec., M. Simpson S.D., Geo. Beilby J.D., W. Barnby Steward, John T. Kirby I.G., Bros. J. Elgey P.M., S. Chadwick Chaplain, Geo. H. Hewson, John Baines, W. Roberts. Bro. J. J. Baines was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft, according to ancient custom, by the Worshipful Master. It was decided to endow the Master for the time being with two votes in perpetuity for the Royal Masonic Institution for Aged Freemasons.

Wandsworth Lodge of Instruction, No. 1044.—At the Spread Eagle Hotel, Wandsworth, on Tuesday. The following brethren attended:—Bros. J. J. Holland W.M., W. A. Blackmore S.W., J. J. Frost J.W., P. V. Denham S.D., A. M. Newens I.G., J. G. Carter, C. Digby. F. H. Newens, and A. A. Denham. Bro. Holland, who was complimented by Bro. Carter (the Preceptor) for his proficiency, went through the working of the two degrees, Bro. A. N. Newens being the candidate. Bro. P. V. Denham gave notice of motion as to the disposal of the Lodge funds now in hand. It is proposed to devote a portion of the money to presenting Bro. J. G. Carter with a testimonial for his untiring energy and kindness in acting as Preceptor.

St. David's Lodge, No 1147.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester, on Thursday, the 13th inst. Present:—Bros. Ishmael Davies W.M., Thomas Elliott I.P.M., Ellis Jones P.M. as S.W., Wm. Hadden J.W., J. O. Evans Sec., R. Barlow S.D., J. B. Seel J.D., T. R. Williams P.M. D.C., A. Ehrenbach Organist, E. Staveley I.G., Wm. Sly Tyler, Past Masters T. R. Williams, T. R. Peel, T. Gibson, Edward Williams; Bros. M. T. Singer, W. Palmer, Ellis Tootill, F. J. Brown, Jas. P. Haworth, &c., and S. M. Davies FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE visitor. The Lodge was opened punctually at 6.30 with solemn prayer; the minutes of last meeting were read, and, being correctly recorded, were confirmed by command of the W.M. The Secretary read the bye-laws of the Lodge, as this was the first meeting after the induction of Bro. Davies into the chair. The Lodge was advanced to the second degree, and worked up to the third, from which the Lodge was worked down to the first. A sum of ten guineas was unanimously voted from the funds of the Lodge towards the R.M.B.I. The business of the evening being ended, the Lodge was closed with solemn prayer, and the brethren adjourned to supper. It is very gratifying to record our visit to this Lodge, and bear witness to the administration of its affairs. The W.M., who is a zealous Mason, has his zeal tempered with that geniality which emanates from the "cultivation of the heart," and his power in the Lodge will be strengthened by the esteem in which he is held by the brethren. The Officers are all Masons of tact and ability, and, if we mistake not, will, by the next meeting, feel quite at home in their new collars. But the most noticeable feature in the St. David's is the talent of the Past Masters, and the unmistakably deep interest they take in the welfare of the Lodge. We have known Lodges where Past Masters have assumed, and others do assume, every conceivable attitude towards the brethren who have done them honour, and, sad to say, often to the detriment of the Craft. How heartily then should a Lodge be congratulated where it possesses such estimable, talented and zealous Past Masters as we find at their posts in 1147? Surely such brethren are the shining lights of a Province, the pillars of a Lodge. The brethren of this Lodge fully appreciate their Past Masters, and no Lodge can be more happily in accord. That it may continue so is a consummation devoutly to be wished. On the removal of the cloth the W.M. proposed the first toast of the evening, the Queen and the Craft, which was duly honoured. The Most Worshipful the G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was heartily received, and the toast of the Pro Grand Master the Earl of Carnarvon, the Deputy Grand Master Lord Skelmersdale, and the Officers of Grand Lodge past and present, also met hearty responses. Bro. Gibson P.M. assumed the gavel; by permission of the W.M. he had to propose a very important toast. They had the pleasure of meeting on the day of the marriage of Bro. H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, and he was sure the brethren of the St. David's Lodge wished him and his bride all the happiness this world could afford. Every brother knew the interest the Prince took in the Craft, and he need not do more than ask them to drink to their Royal Highnesses very good health, and wish them joy. The toast was drunk with enthusiasm and twenty-one guns. Bro. Ehrenbach played a Wedding March. The W.M. proposed the toast of the Prov. G.M. Colonel Starkie, the Deputy, and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers past and present, which was cheerfully responded to. Bro. Ed. Williams P.M., on taking the gavel, said the duties of office still clung to him, but his performance of it on this occasion was very pleasing, as he had to propose the health of their worthy W.M. This being the first evening he had met the brethren "at home" as it were round his privileged festive board. He felt it an honour to have the first opportunity of asking them to pledge their regard in a bumper. They had that evening sufficient proof of the ability of their Worshipful Master to carry on the affairs of the Lodge for the next year with success. He looked for a very happy and prosperous year. He admired the impressive manner in which the ceremonies of the Lodge were performed by Bro. Davies, and requested the toast to be drunk with full honours, which was done with enthusiasm and one-and-twenty guns. Bro. Hewardine obliged with a song, after which the W.M. rose to respond. He thanked the brethren for their mark of esteem. He felt his position very acutely. He considered it one thing to be ambitious and seek the office of Worshipful Master, but quite another thing to discharge the duties of that high office. Having attained the distinction through the kindness of the members, he sought their indulgence, support, and hearty co-operation in his efforts to discharge his trust. He felt he should not ask in vain, and with their co-operation he looked forward to a pleasant year of office. He felt that it was a man's mission to do all he could for common humanity, and in few positions could he be of more service than in Freemasonry. Brethren who read of what transpires in our Order see how many good men shine among us, and he would particularly recommend every brother to make himself fully conversant with current Masonic matters, by reading accounts of what goes on. Bro. Peel P.M., in proposing the health of the Visiting Brother, did so with that kindness and consideration for which he is so well known. He proposed the health of Bro. Davies in two capacities, as a Brother Mason and as the representative of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE. He held that current Masonic literature was a great boon, as it gave an account of what transpired in the north, south, east and west, as well as abroad. All well-informed Masons read as much as possible. He exhorted the brethren to read not only current Masonic literature, but the valuable writings of many able authors. He hoped Bro. Davies might live long and happily to carry on his important duties, and to do good for the Craft. He held that the free unfettered liberty of the Masonic press rectified many errors, and prevented many others from creeping in, and by fair criticism roused lethargic officers to a sense of their duties. He had much pleasure in inviting them to do honour to the toast, which was drunk heartily, with Masonic honours. Bro. Hadden obliged with a song, after which Bro. Davies returned his best thanks for the honour done to him, as well as for the kind allusions to his efforts in connection with the journal he represented. Bro. S.W. *pro tem* had a pleasant duty to perform, and he felt sure the brethren would appreciate his mission. He had the honour to propose the health of the Past Masters. To them the Lodge would ever owe a great debt of gratitude. They were always at their posts, whoever was absent, and are ready to open and carry on the affairs of the Lodge. When the Lodge is open, they are ever willing to assist in its workings. The presence of our Past Masters is a great stimulus, and he hoped they might have good health and long life; the least thing they could do on the present occasion was to drink to their continued good health. The toast was warmly received, with three times seven. Bro. Hewardine again kindly added to the musical programme. Bro. Ellis Jones P.M., on behalf of the Past Masters, returned thanks. He regretted as a rule that these occasions were conspicuous for toasting. It was certainly a sign of good feeling, but he regretted that the higher standard of Masonic intelligence did not show itself when a brother had an opportunity of speaking. He more particularly alluded to the reports of meetings in the Masonic press. He feared there was too much superficial intelligence among Masons, and that they were content after acquiring very little. He was sorry he did not see a higher aim and effort generally portrayed. He was glad to see Bro. Davies, whose efforts in the Craft he commended, and whose reports he read with much satisfaction. As one of those who had occupied the chair, he had always availed himself of the privilege of inculcating the principle of a universal Brotherhood, and as such advocated the cosmopolitan nature of a Lodge, and the St. David's Lodge in particular. As a Lodge they did their utmost for their fellow men. He held that as Masons they should also do all they could for the human family at large. Bro. Brown responded to the call for a recitation. Bro. T. R. Williams P.M., Director of Ceremonies, rose. The W.M. had entrusted him with the gavel to propose the toast of the Officers of the Lodge. The toast was a very important one, as without the Officers being in their place they could not get along. He hoped they would not think it too much to attend punctually, as in consequence of his office it devolved upon him to see the Lodge in working order. The ability possessed by each Officer was equal to the duty each was called upon to discharge. He asked the brethren to drink heartily the toast he had the pleasure to propose, which was done with Masonic honour. Bro. Seel J.D. was requested to reply to the toast, and in doing so regretted the duty of responding for the Officers had not been placed in more able hands. To be punctual in attendance and efficient in work he felt were the aspirations of each Officer, and he felt sure that each would endeavour to honour the post he occupied, and bring credit to the Lodge by practising those principles out of it which they were taught within. Bro. Ellis Jones kindly favoured with the next song, and was followed by Bro. Ehrenbach giving a selection on the piano. The Tyler's toast ushered in the time for parting, when the brethren separated after spending a most enjoyable evening.

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West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1612.—At a meeting held at Ealing, on Thursday, 19th March, there were present:—Bros. G. Davis J.W. No. 167 W.M., W. Hogg P.M. 1349 S.W., C. G. Sparrow I.G. 1743 J.W., J. J. Clarke S.D., L. Franckel J.D., F. Delevante Org. 1612 I.G., H. E. Tucker Treas. and Preceptor 1612, J. Wells Acting Sec., and several others. This being the night set apart for the Fifteen Sections, they were worked by the following brethren. Bros. J. Murch D.C. 27, P. Burton 834, R. Josey 834, C. G. Sparrow I.G. 1743, A.C. Alais P.M. 834, H. R. Hallam 1349, Rudderforth S.W. 1668, A. W. Fenner S.D. 1227, W. G. Reynolds 1441, G. Davis J.W. 167, W. Hogg P.M. 1349, Dutton S.D. 167, C. G. Sparrow I.G. 1743, Rudderforth S.W. 1668, Hays. On the motion of Bro. Wells, seconded by Bro. Clarke, Bro. Smout jun. was unanimously elected a member of this Lodge of Instruction, as was also Bro. Penn P.M. 1642, on the motion of Bro. A. Jones, seconded by Bro. H. E. Tucker. Bro. Tucker proposed that a most cordial vote of thanks be accorded to the W.M., and to the brethren who had so kindly worked the Sections on this occasion, and that they should be elected honorary members of this Lodge of Instruction. The motion was ably seconded by Bro. Delevante, and carried with acclamation. A letter was read from Bro. T. Kingston W.M. 1612 expressing his regret at being unable to attend owing to illness in his family. The Lodge was closed in due form.

Temple Bar Lodge, No. 1728.—The usual meeting took place on the 20th inst., at the London, Fleet-street, and was well attended by members and several Visitors. Bro. T. W. C. Bush W.M. presided, assisted by his Officers—C. Butcher S.W., A. E. Staley J.W., Geo. Adamson Treas., P.P.G.A.D.C. Kent, Kennett Harris W.S. 1185 S.D., B. Butterworth J.D., J. Kimpton I.G., W. Woodward W.S., J. Rexworthy D.C., —Frost Organist, Recknell Acting Secretary. Lodge was opened, after which the ballot was taken for four gentlemen—Messrs. W. Fowler, James Gathercole, Edmund Meek, and J. W. H. Black,—and, proving favourable, they were, later in the evening, initiated into the mysteries of the Craft, the W.M. previously having passed Bro. Andrew. The working of Bro. Bush was all that could be desired. Each ceremony being given with that clear utterance and impressiveness peculiar to Bro. Bush, and for which he is at all times justly complimented. On the Lodge being closed, the brethren sat down to an excellent dinner. The evening being somewhat advanced, owing to the large amount of work got through, the W.M. gave the usual toasts in a slightly compressed form. In proposing the initiates, he regretted the absence of Bro. Meek, who, in consequence of indisposition, was unable to join the banquet-table. Later on he also deplored the absence of the Treasurer and Secretary of the Lodge, the latter sending a telegram from Manchester, where he had been hastily summoned on urgent business, and the former, Brother Adamson, being at home, owing to a severe and sudden domestic affliction, namely, the death of his youngest son. The toasts of the W.M., I.P.M., Officers, &c., being duly responded to, the Tyler's toast closed the evening. Some capital songs and recitations were given by Bros. Rexworthy, K. Harris, Frost, Bailey, Recknell, and others.

Royal Hanover Lodge, No. 1777.—A meeting of this Lodge was held at the Town Hall, Hounslow, on Saturday, the 22nd inst, when there were present Bros. H. A. Dubois, P. Prov. S.G.D. P.M. P.Z. W.M., Henry Lovegrove S.W., Geo. Clark jun. J.W., W. Ramsey I.P.M., H. B. Marshall Treas., W. H. Barber Sec., Harry Clark S.D., C. C. Cruikshanks J.D., Dr. Whitmarsh I.G., F. G. Perks D.C., G. J. Dunkley Organist, J. Daly Tyler, W. Heelis, C. J. Axford, T. W. G. Wood, W. S. Dunkley, and W. A. Villars. The Visitors were Bros. M. S. Larlham P.M., C. P. McKay W.M. 720, H. Baldwin, White, E. W. Dubois, and H. C. Levander M.A., Prov. Grand Secretary of Middlesex, and V. P. Beard of General Purposes. The minutes of the Consecration and two emergency meetings were read and confirmed, and the ballot having been taken for some joining members, the Lodge was opened in the second and third degrees, and Bros. H. B. Marshall, W. Heelis, C. J. Axford, and T. W. G. Wood were raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason, the ceremony being performed (by permission of the W.M. by Bro. McKay W.M. 720, a friend of one of the candidates for raising). The whole ceremony, including the lecture and traditional history being given. The W.M. then resumed the chair, and passed Bro. W. S. Dunkley, and W. A. Villars to the second degree. Messrs. F. W. Gritten and N. Voice, who had been previously balloted for, were duly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry. The draft bye-laws were read and approved, and ordered to be submitted to the Prov. Grand Secretary for approval by the Prov. Grand Master. An important part of the proceedings was the presentation by Bro. H. B. Marshall of a very handsome copy of the Sacred Law, which he had promised on the evening of his initiation. The W.M. thanked the donor in an appropriate speech, and proposed a vote of thanks, which the J.W. seconded, and which will be recorded on the minutes. Bro. H. Lovegrove expressed the pleasure felt by himself and the Founders of the Lodge at the presence in their midst of a very distinguished Mason, Bro. H. C. Levander Prov. G. Sec. (who was prevented from being present at the Consecration), and proposed that he be requested to accept honorary membership of the Lodge. This proposition was seconded by Bro. G. Clark J.W., and carried unanimously. At the close of the proceedings, which lasted over three hours, the brethren adjourned to the Red Lion Inn, where a banquet had been provided, and a pleasant evening was spent. The next regular meeting of the Lodge will be held on 24th May.

Charterhouse Masonic Club of Instruction.—At the meeting of this Club on Tuesday last, Bro. W. Webb W.M. 382 President, T. B. Humphrey Senior V.P., John Syer Junior V.P., W. Hames P.M. Preceptor, and a number of other brethren present. After the first and third ceremonies had been ably rehearsed, it was unanimously agreed that on the occasion of the first annual Festival to be held on Tuesday next, Bro. James Stevens P.M. of The Great City and other Lodges, should be requested to work the ceremony of installation of W.M., prior to the banquet. Arrangements were also made in respect of music and other accessories, to secure the success of the Festival, and the enjoyment of the numerous company expected. In our last impression we mentioned the name of Bro. Butt as the President on the forthcoming occasion, but we have been informed that that position will be filled by the able Preceptor of the Club, Bro. W. Hames. Bro. Butt it appears, however, is not without some desire to assist, as we have heard a whisper of "great works" on his part to secure comfort for his guests. On the whole, the Festival promises much for all concerned.

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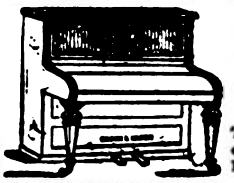
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THAT "Freemasonry is a succession of agreeable surprises" those who have proceeded farthest in its mysteries will be the most ready to admit. Its progress marks the unfolding of ever fresh and attractive scenes—always increasing in the intensity of their interest; and in each and all of these are new and useful lessons which may with advantage be applied to our everyday life. But perhaps to the initiate most especially come home the grand and solemn teachings of the Craft, as they are unveiled before him with the first gleams of Masonic light. Born into a new atmosphere, and surrounded by those symbols which had hitherto been to him a sealed book, he realises that he has thus far obtained the predominant wish of his heart; and the young student invariably bends with earnestness to the work before him and drinks in with avidity the beautiful lessons which are inculcated in the first charges of the ritual. Would that the impressions created at this early stage of the Mason's career were stamped indelibly on his heart and looked upon continuously as the "still small voice" which should actuate and guide every movement of his life. But, like all other human institutions, which are fallible, it is useless to disguise the fact that in not a few cases the sublime aspirations which fill the breast of the novitiate at his admission cool down, if they are not absolutely perverted, after the first flush of novelty has subsided. That this should be so is no more than we are taught by experience to look for in things mundane; and even in our religious institutions there is a no less departure from the "old love," as unworthy motives creep in and alloy the purity of first impressions. However, it is not so much our object in this article to remind backsliding or lukewarm Masons of the weaknesses to which all men alike are subject as to recal to our brethren the reverential emotions which thrilled their hearts when they first beheld the dawn within the sacred precincts of the Masonic Lodge. They had long been imbued with the desire—born of no mercenary or other unworthy motives, but of a wish to become more useful to their fellow men — to enter the portals of that mysterious Temple which has its votaries in every part of the habitable globe, and to know and understand those precepts of brotherly love, relief, and truth which have for ages distinguished the Order. And, having thus sipped of the fountain of truth and knowledge, they long for a deeper draught, and a more intimate acquaintance with the serious and solemn lessons which they undertake at their obligation to search into and observe. We have seen initiates so absorbed and engrossed by the strange-sounding, yet hallowed, admonitions of the W. Master, in his enunciation of the ritual, that they have turned, awe-struck almost, and expressed to us their unfathomable interest in, and appreciation of, the ceremony they had witnessed for the first time. This is as it should be. We hold it as no light matter that the initiation rite should be made as solemn as possible, without of course any extraneous accessories; otherwise, how can we look for a development of the highest and most admired traits in the Masonic character, and those acquirements which shed lustre and dignity upon the Craft? There have been unfortunate instances where work has been undertaken in sparse and inefficient Lodges, and where the very baldness and laxity of the ceremonial has caused in the mind of the newly-admitted brother a feeling of anything but prepossession with the grandeur or importance of the Institution of which he has just become a member after, perhaps, many years of wishful resolve. We are glad to know that this does not frequently occur, and that in the generality of Lodges due regard is paid, not only to the susceptibilities of the candidate, but also to the effect which the earliest enunciations of morality and virtue will produce in the more progressive stages of his Masonic inquiry and research. When such is the case—when the Officers of the Lodge, by their own intelligent rendering of the ritual, their profound and respectful adherence to the spirit of the original forms and rites—invest the proceedings with becoming splendour and completeness, it is only natural to expect that these beneficent influences will permeate through the hearts and minds of all the brethren assembled, and will strike particularly home to the acceptation of him for whose special behoof the ceremonial is being performed. Nor does the advantage of such an impression readily fade away. The new Apprentice, rightly estimating the gravity of the charges to which he has listened, and the beauty of the moral teaching they open up to him, discovers that all the finest susceptibilities of his nature have been touched; he resolves in his innermost heart to follow religiously the sublime precepts inculcated; and, by assiduously striving after a closer intimacy with the hidden mysteries of nature and science, to merit that favour which is always the heritage of the deserving. This is the type of man who is destined to become an ornament to the Craft, and the longer he cherishes and retains the ennobling sentiments which are aroused at his first discernment of Masonic truth the more sure is he to adorn the profession of which he has become a disciple. It is the Brother who thus imbibes the real soul and spirit of Masonry—apart from the mere trappings of ceremonial—that raises himself to a high position in the esteem of the Craft, whose members are at all times only too happy to accord deserved praise. It is refreshing to watch the comportment of such an acquisition to the Lodge on his "opening night." There is a keen and intelligent appreciation of the grand teachings set forth—of the universality of a system which places all men on a common platform for the consideration of high and honourable principles—away from the bickering of political or religious differences and disputes; and there is a grasping of the individual power with which he has become enfranchised for extending the blessings of Freemasonry, and to advance its usefulness and importance. He cannot fail, of course, to betray a retiring modesty in the companionship of Masons older than himself; but even in this laudable shrinking from undue prominence we have another proof of the deep root which the higher tenets of the Order have taken in his heart. With respectful attention he listens to the instruction which is proffered to him, and he receives the "milk for babes" with simple yet becoming obedience, looking forward with pride and ambition to those onward steps on the staircase which lead to more exalted themes and more proficient practice. How different is all this when the ceremony is blundered through in slipshod fashion, as though the command of the Junior Warden was the only word of welcome, the only signal of interest! In such an event the brilliancy of the rite is tarnished, its ritual shorn of point and effectiveness, and its whole tenour lowered, if not altogether neutralised. What matter for surprise, therefore, that a candidate initiated under such untoward conditions should entertain but vague and indistinct opi-

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nions respecting the ceremony which he had regarded with such ardent anticipation, and that he should fail to recognise anything more in Masonry than an organisation in which conviviality forms the most conspicuous feature? This is the matter in connection with which we may congratulate ourselves upon having seen a vast improvement of late years. Nothing tended so much to bring the Order into disrepute as the roysterings and revellings in which our brethren of "ye olden time" were wont to indulge, in the good old days, when even amongst the lords of the land the social bottle was more freely passed, and when titled tipplers frequently imbibed more than was good for their healths or than redounded to their Masonic credit. But these old customs have diminished in almost every grade of society, and thus we find that in the Fourth Degree there is a much nearer approach to decorum and good sense than existed formerly. Whilst cordially supporting the principle of extending to all the brethren such hospitality as we have it in our power to dispense, and recognising the fact that the newly-initiated should receive amongst his first impressions an example of open heartedness and good fellowship which should always actuate him toward the brethren, care must be taken to avoid even the appearance of too lavish display in this degree. It is often found that the pains bestowed upon this portion of a Lodge's proceedings is an index to a corresponding laxity in the discharge of more important functions, and it is in such Lodges where novitiates inhale light and contemptuous notions of the real objects of the Order, and an inordinate affection for the frivolities with which it is, or may be, ornamented. Upon the Worshipful Master and Officers of a Lodge a vast amount of responsibility rests as far as moulding the character and Masonic progress of the candidates who are presented to them. And we cannot too firmly press the matter home—that it would be preferable to delay an initiation ceremony for the time to scrambling through it in a half-hearted manner, and with the assistance of only a few inefficient brethren in attendance. Depend upon it first impressions are long retained, and exercise a lasting influence upon our after lives; and when we look around upon the ranks of bright and intelligent men who have achieved high position in the Craft it would need no great stretch of imagination to picture in the "mind's eye" the sort of initiation ceremony which those Masonic lights passed through. It is pleasant to think of those Sauls amongst their fellows whose aims are as lofty as their intellects, for the contrast is bold and gratifying when we gaze upon the background of men who have lost heart, perhaps from their early associations with the Craft—who have failed to receive such instruction as is necessary to give a grasp of the real principles and objects of the Order, or whose initiation may have been so cold and stunted as to have given birth to disappointment and disgust instead of that laudable ambition which is born of an intelligent recognition of what Masonry really is, and the sacred lessons it is intended to promulgate throughout the world. As our Lodges increase in influence and the number of their members, of course the race for high prizes will become more severe; and it will, we are sure, be the steady, thoughtful and painstaking workman who will outstrip his more boisterous and inexpert fellows to whom personal enjoyment ranks pre-eminent to the high and excellent discharge of duty. To the initiates, whom we more particularly address in these few words, let us remark that as they will experience the motto we have quoted at the beginning of this article, as they progress with their studies and research, so in life there are surprises which by moderation, good temper, and practical application of the principles of Freemasonry, may be made agreeable, not only to themselves, but to those by whom they are surrounded. In the uprightness and unwavering consistency of our Masonic conduct lies the secret of happiness and success. Well is it for the newly-admitted brother to learn, mark and inwardly digest as much of the impressive and priceless lessons that are revealed to his gaze when he first emerges from the utter darkness which is lifted from his soul on the night of his becoming a member of our ancient and honourable institution.

Their Royal Highnesses Prince Philip and Princess Louise of Saxecoburgh-Gotha honoured Messrs. Feltoe and Sons, in Albemarle-street, on Thursday last, with a visit, and graciously favoured them with commands for the renowned "Specialite" Sherry.

ROYAL ALBERT ORPHAN ASYLUM.

THE fourteenth annual report and treasurer's account of the cost of management, &c., in connection with this invaluable Institution have just been presented to the General Court of Governors and Subscribers. In the past year the subscriptions amounted to £1,804 17s 11d; donations, £1,420 7s 4d; purchased admissions, £3,179 1s 1d; presentation, £250; legacies, £195; interest on investments, £39 13s 4d; sermons, £11 6s 6d; making the gross receipts for the year, £7,240 6s 2d. The actual cost of management has been £3,481 4s 6d, which, with interest on mortgage (£450) charged in lieu of rent, makes the cost for food, clothing, lodging, education and training of children in the Asylum during the past year amount to £19 17s 1d per head; including furniture, building, repairs and outfits, it represents an average of £21 7s 4d per head. An important part of the industrial element in the Asylum is the farm and kitchen garden, the produce from which supplied to the house, after deducting the cost of labour and working expenses, resulted in a profit of £110 4s 7d. Fifty-four children have been admitted during the year—14 by election, seven on presentation, and 33 by purchase. Of these no less than 34 were rendered orphans by the disaster to the Princess Alice steamer, 32 of which were purchased by the Mansion House Committee. During the year 24 boys and 20 girls left the Asylum, and are all doing well in situations provided for them. The Committee in their report allude in feeling terms to the death of H.R.H. the Princess Alice, who was one of the vice-presidents of the institution; of Mr. John Sands, a member of the Managing Committee since its establishment; and of Mr. Augustin B. Fry, the respected and able surgeon of the Asylum. The vacant post of surgeon has been filled up by the election of Mr. William Henry Twort, of Canterbury. Lord William Frederick Seymour has joined the Board of Management; at the same time the Committee regret the resignation of Mr. John Harris, who had for so many years taken an active part in its deliberations. The general health of the children during the year has been very satisfactory. From the excellent results which the Institution has achieved in past years, and the evidence given of the manner in which its interior economy is studied and superintended, we feel assured that the appeal now put forth by the Committee for increased encouragement and support will be responded to, so as to still further lessen the liabilities of the Institution, which, we are gratified to learn, have been reduced during the past year by £1,887 2s. 7d. There is, however, still a deficit of £1,489 3s. 1d.; and the friends of the widow and orphan need scarcely to be reminded of the first principles of Masonic and Christian duty in assisting the Executive in promoting so excellent a Charity, which has been the means of rescuing so many helpless ones from poverty and destitution. The Secretary of the Institution, Bro. Wm. Worrell, who is well known to the Craft, will be happy to give any information in respect to the management and general benefits of the Institution, and by whom any contributions in behalf of that excellent object will be received.

We are pleased to announce that a new Lodge of Instruction has been established under the sanction of the Friars Lodge, 1349, and the first meeting took place on Tuesday evening last, at the Liverpool Arms, Canning Town. Among the members are several brethren well-known to the frequenters of East-end Lodges of Instruction, and it is confidently anticipated that this will become a new centre of attraction to members of the Craft in that district. A report of the opening meeting, on Tuesday last, will be found on another page, from which it will be seen that several members were elected, and a sub-committee appointed to frame a code of bye-laws for the new Lodge.

The *Portsmouth Times* states that the Most Worshipful Grand Master, the Prince of Wales, has intimated his intention to appoint Viscount Ebrington, eldest son of Earl Fortescue, to the Provincial Grand Mastership of Devonshire, vacant by the resignation of the Rev. L. Huyshe, of Clyst Hydon.

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FREEMASONRY IN CHINA.

A REGULAR meeting of the District Grand Lodge of Northern China was held at the Masonic Hall, Shanghai, on Tuesday, the 7th January last, under the presidency of the Right Worshipful Brother C. Thorne, District Grand Master. Amongst those present were:—Worshipful Bros. James Hart D.G.J.W. acting Deputy District Grand Master, J. I. Miller District Grand Registrar acting Dist. G.S.W., T. W. Kingsmill President Dist. Board of General Purposes acting as Dist. G.J.W., Rev. Dean Bulcher, D.D. acting Dist. G. Chaplain, Peter Orme Dist. G. Secretary, Robert Fergusson Dist. G.S.D., H. Evans Dist. G.J.D., F. J. Marshall Dist. G.S. of Works, H. S. Morris Dist. G.D.C., Lewis Moore Dist. G.S.B., G. B. Fentum Dist. G.O., J. Brown Dist. G. Pur., H. D Camajee, W. H. Anderson, B. Palamountain, and R. G. Goldspink, District Grand Stewards, T. Hore Dist. G.T.; W. H. Short W.M., and W. Miller S.W. Tuscan Lodge, No. 1027, A. Robinson S.W. Northern Lodge of China, No. 570. Visitors — E. P. Lalcaca Secretary and J. Indkay of the Royal Sussex Lodge, No. 501, A. Weiller P.D.G.W., D. Hay D.G.T., T. W. Harrocks of the District Grand Lodge of Japan, W. Birt P.M., J. Petersen and R. Anderson of the Cosmopolitan Lodge, No. 428, S.C., W. L. Koch jun. P.M., G. Baffy D.M., T. Hutching and Charles Schmidt of Lodge Germania, H. M. Cook P.M., A. Bruce, G. L. Skinner and W. Graham of Ancient Landmark Lodge, Mass. Const., J. Sharples of Fidelity Lodge, No. 477, &c. The D. Grand Lodge was opened at five o'clock in due form and with solemn prayer, and the circular calling the meeting having been read, the minutes of last regular Communication were read and confirmed. The President of the Board of General Purposes then presented the Report of a meeting of the Board, from which it appeared that the District G. Lodge is already indebted upwards of 100 taels, mainly for expenses connected with its inauguration. The income for the ensuing year was estimated not to exceed 200 taels. These facts were recommended to the consideration of the District Grand Lodge, with a view to retrenchment, which was absolutely necessary. It was resolved to discontinue the services of Secretary to the Board. The President spoke of the difficulty he had experienced in getting the returns from the Lodges completed up to 31st December 1877. It was necessary that these should be in order, so that the returns of the District Grand Lodge might be properly kept. It was resolved that the subject should be mentioned at the Communication of District Grand Lodge. The President stated that Wor. Bro. Evans had spoken to him of his intention to address the Board on the subject of the knocks usually given in the various degrees; he had not, however, done so. The R.W. District Grand Master said it was highly advisable that due notice should be given of all questions of this nature, as he might not be, on the moment, prepared to reply to all questions put in the Communications of the District Grand Lodge The report is received, and ordered to be inserted in the minutes. Bro. Orme, District Grand Secretary, and Past District Grand Junior Warden of China, was then unanimously elected District Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year; and the compliment thus paid was acknowledged in a few happily chosen sentences. The following District Grand Officers were then also appointed:—

James Hart P.M. 525, D.D.G.M.
John Irwin Miller P.M. 1027, D.G.S.W.
Thomas W. Kingsmill P.M. 570, D.G.J.W.
Peter Orme P.M. 1027, D.G. Treas.
Henry Evans P.M. 501, D.G. Reg.
Robert Fergusson P.M. 570, P.D.B. of G.P.
William Henry Anderson W.M. 570, D.G. Sec.
Adam Blyth Menzies P.M. 1433, D.G.S.D.
Herbert Stephen Morris P.M. 570, D.G.J.D.
Francis Julian Marshall P.M. 238, D.G.S. of W.
Lewis Moore P.M. 1027, D.G.D. of C.
John Brown P.M. 501, D.G.S.B.
George B. Fentum P.M. 525, D.G. Organist.
William H. Short W.M. 1027, D.G. Purs.
Alfred Johnsford W.M. elect 501, Eduljee P. Lalcaca acting Sec. 501, William Miller S.W. 1027, and David Alfred Emery W.M. elect 1433, D.G. Stewards.
Thomas Hore D.G. Tyler.

The election by ballot for the members to serve on the District Board of General Purposes was then proceeded with, and resulted in the appointment of Bros. Moore P.M. Tuscan Lodge No 1027 D.G.D.C., Short W.M. Tuscan Lodge D.G. Pur., and Johnsford S.W. and W.M. elect Royal Sussex Lodge No. 501 D.G. Steward. Bro. Moore, acting D.G. Treasurer, presented the accounts for 1878, which showed a deficit of taels 136·02, and these were received and passed unanimously. Some conversation took place relative to the arrears of rent, which had been applied for, but which had not yet been paid, in consequence of the secretaries of Lodges not having made their complete returns, and it was ultimately decided that Bro. Kingsmill should bring the matter before the executive committee and report. The R.W.D.G. Master then observed that a well-known brother had spoken to him in Lodge a few meetings back saying that he failed to see what beneficial effect Masonry had produced. He did not dispute the excellence of its foundation, but he observed that it did not apparently regulate the conduct of many who had been admitted to its privileges. This was a matter for their very serious consideration. It behoved them not simply to study their own lives and actions, but also taught them to be careful not to introduce any into the Craft who would not conscientiously fulfil the promises they made previous to their admission. Should any one desire to join their Lodges, he ought to be told that, the Institution being founded on the purest principles of morality and virtue, those who enter it are bound to act up to those principles. After the candidate had acknowledged his belief in the G.A.O.T.U. he was urged to practise every virtue; the address delivered to him at conclusion of the initiatory ceremony pointed out more fully the line of conduct expected from him. Perhaps if they looked fully into their own conduct they might find much in it which required amendment. Many of those present were Installed Masters, and they ought not to forget that when they received the benefit of installation they were especially warned to impress upon their brethren the dignity and high importance of Masonry; they were seriously to admonish them never to disgrace it; they were to teach them to practise out of the Lodge those duties they were taught within it, so that by amiable, virtuous and discreet conduct they might prove to the world at large the beneficial effects of our Institution. If every Master would act up to these precepts, he was perfectly sure they would have an improvement amongst the members of the Craft generally, so that remarks similar to those of the brother alluded to could not be made with justice. He would earnestly ask the co-operation of all present to the end that they might elevate the name of Mason to something beyond an empty title. In closing their Lodges in the second degree, they always called upon the brethren to remember that the eye of God is upon them, wherever they are, or whatever they do, and if they carried this feeling with them out of Lodge, it would regulate their lives in such a manner as to make members of the Fraternity respected by the world at large. Let them be especially careful whom they introduced into Masonry, lest they caused a slur to be cast upon the Institution. Before proposing a candidate for initiation, they should ascertain whether he had seriously considered what Masonry really was, and what it demands of its professors, and if they found him to be sound on these points, then by all means propose him; but they should not propose any one until they had fully explained to him some of their principles. By so doing they would raise the Masonic standard, and instead of, as at present, giving the outside world a chance to sneer at their Institution, they would gain the esteem of all right-minded men. The usual congratulations were passed, and District Grand Lodge was closed in due form.

The Prov. G. Chapter and Lodge of the Royal Order of Scotland will hold a meeting at 33, Golden-square, on Thursday, 15th May, at four o'clock, and that names of candidates (who must be members of the R.A. and 18°) should be sent to the Prov. Grand Sec. at the above address as soon as possible.

We are compelled to hold over several interesting items. We hope to be able to clear all off in our next week's issue.

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H.M. 24TH REGIMENT.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The charitable appeal which has been made, on behalf of the widows and orphans of the brave men who fell at Isandhana will, no doubt, be readily responded to by the Masonic fraternity.

It has been stated, that amongst the slain on the disastrous 22nd of January, were many *brethren* of our Society—but it also deserves to be recorded that the gallant corps who endured the brunt of the merciless Zulu attack was one of the first Regiments with which a military (or regimental) Lodge was associated. The engraved list of Lodges for 1769 has the following :—

No.	Description.	Constituted.
426	H.M. 24th Regt. of Foot, Genl. Cornwallis, at Gibraltar	June 11th 1768

The only "service" (*i.e.* Military and Naval) Lodges of prior date to No. 426 (under the Regular Grand Lodge) appear to have been (1) :—

Nos. 1756-69.	Description.	Constituted.
195	No. 8, The King's Regt. of Foot	Feb. 15th 1755
211	A Lodge in Capt. Bell's Troop in the Rt. Hon. Lord Ancram's Regt. of Dragoons	Feb. 7th 1756
237	The Three Crowns at Plymouth—The Second division of Marines	Jan. 2nd 1759
254	A Lodge on Board H.M.S. Vanguard	Jan. 16th 1760
279	(2) On board H.M.S. The Prince	May 22nd 1762

Under the Seceding Grand Lodge, or so-called "Ancients"—*five* military Lodges only were of earlier date than the Lodge in the 24th Regiment, viz., in the Royal Artillery, (3) Quebec (1756); 5th Battalion R.A. (1762); 2nd Regiment Lancashire Militia (1763); and 3rd Regiment ditto (1767) (4).

Yours fraternally,

R. F. GOULD,

P.M. 743, Meridian Lodge, 31st Regt.

(1) In the later numeration of 1770-80, H.M. 52nd Regt. appears as possessing a Lodge dating from 1762. This Lodge probably worked for many years under a Provincial Warrant (Quebec), prior to being placed on the roll of Grand Lodge.

(2) Now become, by various amalgamations, the Royal Somerset House and Inverness Lodge, No. 4.

(3) Now under Canadian jurisdiction. Continued as No. 17 on the English Roll until after 1865.

(4) Now No. 113, Lodge of Unanimity, Preston.

THE DISTINGUISHED AND LAMENTED BRO. RICHARD RODDA.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

Illi mors est lucrum: cum Christo esse: nermid multo melius esset.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—During this inclement and protracted winter, we have lamented the demise of many excellent and gifted men, of whom the world was not worthy, some of whom were distinguished in the ranks of Masonry.

The last of whom I beg to record here is a Devonshire worthy, the distinguished Bro. Richard Rodda, of East Stonehouse, Devon, whose many conspicuous attributes and excellencies endeared him to all who had the advantage of his intimate acquaintance and most valuable friendship.

Truly, I can say as a brother Mason,

Animæ dimidium meæ.

His sterling qualities, his transcendent abilities, I have already had the privilege to enumerate in your columns.

If ever a Mason, known to be a gentleman, deserved a place among your Masonic celebrities, our deceased brother did. His gentle expostulation to myself was, "I wish you had written more about Charity, and less of myself." Such was his genuine humility. I will not state that this Christian virtue was commensurate with his other splendid qualities; rather it was the most conspicuous gem in his lofty character, most prominent in the combination of his many excellencies.

Mainly to him and to his exertions was the election of the boy Cox indebted. Few beyond myself knew what he did in that case; but one circumstance I will reveal. When other helpers failed, or seemed to fail, *he did not.* I called on him, at his office in East Stonehouse, Devon, and then the election was virtually secured, for he knew well the excellent father of the orphan. He remarked to me, "I will see him elected." And, subsequently, writing to myself, he remarked, "*Failure* is not a word in my Masonic vocabulary."

In the higher grades of Masonry, as in everything that was valuable, our late Bro. Rodda was pre-eminent. Wherever he was found, there was the mark of merit and talent, which others in vain might envy. After his former illness, he wrote to me, thus expressing himself that his hope was, that his extended term of convalescence would better prepare him for admission into the Grand Lodge above. No wonder that a host of excellent Masons and other distinguished persons should attend his obsequies, and pay the due tribute of deserved respect to pre-eminent abilities and worth, at his sorrowing grave. Yet, to him, to die was gain; to be with Christ, his Saviour, his all in all; that to him was far better. An eminent Mason, a distinguished learned man, has preceded us to another world. His eloquence is now mute; but not in eternal silence. In undying strains he once recited to me his inimitable poem on "Time;" which thrilled me with emotion when he pre-nunciated the Archangel's asseveration that "Time shall be no longer." *Then*, our Brother shall rise again; and re-appear, body and soul re-united, in the Grand Lodge above; a worthy brother, who spent his time of life in works of untold charity; and even now, when he rests from his labours of love, his works of kindness and mercy do follow him.

Yours very truly,

DANIEL ACE, D.D.

Laughton Vicarage,
Near Gainsborough, Lincolnshire.

FREEMASONRY AND ITS CHARITIES.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I am pleased to have the good opinion of both "H." and "ENQUIRER," and their admission, so far, that my scheme, though apparently Quixotic and impracticable, is, at all events, an attempt at a move in the right direction, and I am perfectly willing to become the butt of criticism at the beginning, if I can only partially attain the butt that I am aiming at in the end. I admit that I was wrong in the name of one of my last applicants, viz., "Allison," whose claim I do not think sufficiently good because she, as well as "Jay," has already two sisters in the School, yet a fair reading of my letter will show the practicability of admitting every applicant (that is one girl and one boy, but not two girls or two boys of the same family) into our institutions, not necessarily on the first (except it is also a final) application, but before their chances cease altogether.

As to the tergiversation of the Editor of your contemporary, who is certainly one of the Fathers—if not the Father—not only of the London Masonic Charity Association, but of one of a similar organisation in West Yorkshire which has been attended with such success that they never have a last chance to support, and the word failure is not in their vocabulary; why he should consign this last infant of his, begot on the same principles, moulded in the same form (as far as circumstances would permit) as that of his first-born (of which he might justly be proud), to the "limbo of hopeless and chimerical projects," can be best answered by himself; that he was getting cold towards it his editorial note to my letter in his paper of the 15th instant was a clear indication, but that he should so damn his child with faint praise, and finally consign it to the realms of perdition, must have fairly astonished those with whom he was apparently working in unison, as well as

Your humble but hopeful servant,

CHARLES JOHN PERCEVAL.

8 Thurloe-place, 30th March 1879.

P.S. No. 24 Williams, Edith Corrall, I am informed by Bro. Hedges, Secretary of R.M.I.G., has been withdrawn, some benevolent lady adopting her. Thus my correspondence on the above subject must cease.

NEW MASONIC HALL AT SOUTHAMPTON.

THE corner stone of the Hall which is about to be erected for Masonic purposes by the Southampton Masonic Hall Company was laid on Monday afternoon, the 24th ult., by Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., the P.G.M. of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. The ceremony was purely unofficial, but was nevertheless performed in the presence of a numerous assemblage of brethren. The principal elevation of the hall, which is to be in the Italian style of architecture, freely treated, faces Albion-terrace, and is 50ft. in length; the side elevations, facing the Forest View roadway, extending about 73ft. The passage, five feet wide, is approached by an arched porch, with a passage and a corridor or lobby, nine feet long, leading to a cloak room, with bay windows, overlooking the Western Bay. There will be an ante-room or Chapter-room, 26ft. 4in. by 18ft. 9in., with a height of eleven feet, its bay windows overlooking the Western shore. The lodge-room will be 45ft. by 30ft. and 18ft. high, and will be lighted by two lanterns from the roof. There will be a banqueting-room, facing Albion-terrace, 38ft. 6in. by 25ft., also 18ft. feet high, together with a kitchen, wash-house, pantry, and serving passage. A back entrance will be from Forest View. On the one pair floor, over the ante-room, will be four rooms, and other accommodation for the lodge-keeper. The material is to be of white brick in all the exposed parts, with dressings partly in moulded brick, and of stone to the architraves and pediments. The roofs will be slated and tile capped. The plan altogether is adapted to a very irregular frontage in Forest View. The architect is Bro. J. G. Poole, of Portland-street, and the builder. Bro. S. Stevens, who it is hoped will have the hall ready for occupation in November next. Bro. W. Hickman, D.P.G.M., thanked the P.G.M. for his attendance, and the latter expressed a hope that the erection of the new building would be conducive to the best interests of Masonry here. The P.G.M. then laid the corner stone, which is situated at the north-east corner of the building, and bears the following inscription :—

This corner stone was laid by the Right Worshipful P.G.M. Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., the 24th day of March, 1879. Bro. W. Hickman, D.P.G.M., Chairman on the Board of Directors.—*Portsmouth Times.*

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FUNERAL OF BRO. R. RODDA, OF STONEHOUSE.

THE funeral of the late Bro. Richard Rodda, for twenty-one years high bailiff of the Stonehouse County Court, took place on Thursday, 27th ult. The *cortège* proceeded from the deceased's residence in Durnford-street, Stonehouse, to the parish church of St. George, of the congregation of which Bro. Rodda was a member. There was a large attendance, including many prominent Freemasons, among whom the deceased had held high office. In the first mourning coach were Mr. Jonathan Rodda and Mr. Charles Rodda, sons of the deceased; Master Rodda, grandson; Mr. William Rodda, brother; and Mr. Thomas Bodda, nephew. Second—Mr. Martin Thomas, of Manchester, nephew: Mr. John Ivey, of Penzance, nephew; Mr. W. J. Hughan, Past S.G.D. of England; and Mr. George Cox, Manor-office. Third—Mr. R. G. Edmonds, Registrar of the County Court; Messrs. J. E. Curteis and T. S. Bayly, the executors; and Mr. J. R. Newcombe. Fourth—Bearers—Four P.E.C.'s of the Masonic Knights Templar—Fraters Colonel H. C. Fitz Gerald, R. R. Rodd, J. Sadler, and I. Watts. Fifth—Bearers—Four P.M.'s of Lodge Fortitude, No. 105—Bros. George Hilson, G. C. Bignell, W. H. Anthony, and John James. Following in other carriages were many influential local gentlemen, including the chief officials connected with neighbouring County Courts, together with a sprinkling of the merchants and tradesmen of the town. Mr. Matthew Fortescue, judge of the County Court, wrote expressing deep sympathy with the family in their bereavement, and added that he would have been present at the funeral but for severe indisposition. Letters of sympathy had been sent by several other friends, who regretted their inability to be present to pay a last token of respect for the deceased.

At the church gate the corpse was met by the Rev. Percy R. Scott, the vicar, and the Rev. W. Whittley, P.P.G. Chaplain of the Freemasons, and minister of the Independent Chapel in Batter's-street, Plymouth, who walked together into the church, where the vicar read the Psalm and lesson, the Rev. W. Whittley occupying a chair by the reading desk, Mr. Scott having had one placed there in order that Mr. Whittley might remain near him. The hymn, "A few more years shall roll," was sung, and as the mourners and friends left the church the Dead March in "Saul" was played on the organ. Mr. Scott and Mr. Whittley rode together to the Plymouth cemetery, where a vault in which rested the remains of the deceased's second wife had been prepared for the reception of the body. This vault is situated in the Nonconformist portion of the ground, and here the concluding sentences of the beautiful service of the Church were read by Mr. Whittley, Mr. Scott standing by his side and leading the responses. At the close of the service Mr. Whittley gave a brief address to the Masonic brethren present. He pointed out the suddenness of the death. In the full vigour of life on the Monday evening, an inanimate corpse on the evening of the following Saturday. Cut off before the usual span allotted to man. How soon, for aught they knew, might that be the fate of any of them? What a solemn admonition to live so that it might be a life of preparation for the certain lot of all! Might they all be looking forward to that hopeful reunion promised to those who proved sure and faithful.

A very large number of the brethren gathered around the grave to take the last farewell of their brother, according to the rites of the Order. The deceased, although he suffered much in his illness, died in perfect consciousness. His end was one of hopeful faith; almost his last words were "The blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth from all sin." The coffin was covered with floral remembrances; among them Lodge Fortitude contributed a large and handsome wreath containing the square and compasses in camelias, azaleas, and lilies of the valley; a similar wreath with a triangle came from the gardens at Mount Edgcumbe; and another, in the form of a P.E.C.'s cross, was sent by Frater J. E. Curteis.

The cost of the improvements at St. George's Church will entail an expenditure of £600, without including the re-seating, which is also contemplated. A portion of the £600 is as yet not gathered. On the Monday before Bro. Rodda's decease he was in conversation with the vicar and churchwardens at the church, on the question of providing a central painted window, and on being told that it would cost £50, he at once undertook to obtain ten parishioners, including himself, who would provide the money by contributing £5 each. Towards the improvements recently effected Bro. Rodda contributed largely in personal exertions and pecuniary aid, and in obtaining an organ he was an active member of the committee and contributed liberally. The opening performances were given on it on Friday evening, when he was on what proved to be his death bed, and its next performance, besides accompanying the services on Sunday, was at his funeral.—*Western Morning News.*

FUNERAL OF BRO. BENJAMIN ROOSE.

TUESDAY, the 25th ult., was a day which will be long remembered in the town of Amlwch, as it was on that day that the last tribute of respect was shown to Benjamin Roose, Esq., of Frondeg. He died after a few days' illness, at his residence, on the 21st ult. When the news of his demise spread abroad, it cast quite a gloom over the whole town, and expressions of regret at his loss and sympathy with his family were universal. By his death the poor of the neighbourhood have lost a kind benefactor, society a useful member, and the Church a Christian and consistent supporter. He had been the Vicar's Churchwarden since the appointment of the former to the living, and had served in that capacity also during his predecessor's tenure of office. The number of persons present at his funeral—computed at about seven hundred—testified to the respect in which he was universally held. The deceased, having been a prominent Freemason, a goodly number of the Fraternity appeared in Masonic costume, to show their fraternal esteem and respect to one who had so well and faithfully exemplified those Christian and Masonic virtues inculcated by the Craft. The funeral procession was started at 1.15 p.m. by the Vicar, who made a few appropriate remarks suited to the occasion; his feelings being evidently overcome by the loss of such an invaluable coadjutor. The *cortège* was preceded by two Swordbearers (Freemasons)—Bros. C. S. Dyer and W. Jones—who were followed by members of the Fraternity in their full Masonic regalia, with their usual insignas of office covered with crape. Behind the Freemasons came the Vicar of Amlwch and the Rector of Llanelian; then the hearse and mourning coach, containing the brothers of the deceased and Mr. Williamson. The Hon. Lady Neave's carriage, containing Captain Mitchell and W. M. Preston Esq. J. W. Paynter jun. Esq.'s carriage, containing J. W. Paynter sen. and jun., W. C. Paynter Esq, and Captain Williams Glanydon. In addition to the above, we also noticed among the mourners Messrs. J. Matthews, John Owen, R. Roberts, J. Owen, Elias Jones, T. F. Evans, E. M. Hughes, W. Fanning, J. Richards, Williams, Lewis, Mitchell, H. Lloyd, Hughes, J. Treweek, Dr. Evans, Rev. J. Smith, and others. The procession was met at the church gate by the Vicar and the Revs. J. Smith and H. Lloyd, and slowly proceeded to the church, a selection of appropriate music, including the Dead March, being played on the organ by Miss Sophia Sellers. The Rev. J. Smith read the appointed Psalms, and the Vicar the lesson, at the conclusion of which an address was delivered by the Rev. H. Lloyd. The procession was then reformed, and proceeded to the cemetery, where the remainder of the Burial Service was most impressively and feelingly read by the Vicar. When all was over, the Masonic brethren of the deceased each threw into the grave a sprig of acacia, being the emblem of immortality. Among the Masons present we noticed Bros. J. Treweek W.M. 1488, J. Peters P.M. 597, P.P.G.S.W., Rev. T. Lloyd Kyffin P.M. 113 P.P.G. Chaplain, J. Lloyd Griffith P.M. 597, P.G.S.B., Rev. H. Lloyd I.P.M. 1488, W. P. Elliott W.M. 597, T. Pritchard W.M. 1113, Dr. Evan Williams P.M. Sec. 1113, Rev. J. W. Smith S.W. 1488, W. Jones J.W. 1488, E. M. Jones Treas. 1488, O. Rowlands S.D. 1488, T. Lloyd Evans I.G. 1488, Thomas Jones S.S. 1148, J. W. Jones J.S. 1488, Dr. W. Francis Jones 1488, J. Hughes 1488, C. S. Dyer 1488, Captain Robert Griffith 1488, Owen Roberts 597, W. H. Jones J.D. 1113, Joseph Crewdson S.S. 1113, Dr. E. Parry Edwards 597 and 1488, and Owen Roberts Tyler 1113 and 1488. The following is a summary of the address delivered on the occasion by the Rev. Henry Lloyd I.P.M.:—"Friends and Brethren,—With the kind permission of our worthy Vicar, and which my sacred profession as a Clerk in Holy Orders may perhaps in some measure warrant, I am allowed, according to Masonic custom, if my feelings will permit me, to make a few remarks over the mortal remains of our dear, very dear, departed friend and brother. He is no more—his genial presence will never more grace any social meeting of friends, or the closer gathering of the Antient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons; but let us hope that the remembrance of the virtues displayed by our deeply regretted friend and brother will always live in our memory, and be an incentive to us to imitate him in those moral and social virtues which enabled him to adorn society in general, and to be an ornament to the Craft in particular. He was at all times ready, even foremost, in practising that distinguishing feature of Freemasonry—Charity. I cannot imagine to myself a picture more pitiable than that the death or burial of a fellow-being should take place without a tear of regret being shed upon his bier. The picture presented here to-day, my friends and brethren, gloomy as it may be in other respects, is in that respect far from being a gloomy one. I feel that I can confidently appeal to the immense concourse of gentlemen who have come here to pay this last tribute of respect to our dear departed friend and brother that there is not one among us who can look into the bosom of the cold grave of our beloved brother, without a pang of regret that it should have so unexpectedly received into its icy embrace one who was so near and dear to us. The Masonic wish is that all brethren should live respected and die regretted; that wish has been fully realised in the instance of our newly lost brother here. His right hand, which is now cold and still in death, was at all times ready to be given in real fellowship to all who sought it; and, when extended to a fellow Mason was on all occasions a sure pledge of brotherhood. He was also always ready to relieve a friend or brother in his hour of distress, and to succour him in his time of need; and I feel sure that the posture of his daily supplications reminded him of the wants of his friends and brethren, and disposed his heart to exercise towards them those Christian and Masonic virtues which were the distinguishing features of his well-spent life. His breast, in which, until stilled by death, once beat a truly Masonic heart, was always the sacred repository of his brethren's secrets, when entrusted to his care as such. He was also on all occasions ready to defend a Mason's character in his absence as well as in his presence, nor would he suffer others to malign him if in his power to prevent it, but would on the contrary repel the slanderer of his good name. Friends, though his body lies here in the cold embrace of the King of Terrors, let us hope that his soul has winged its way to that land of eternal rest and joy where terrors are unknown. And brethren, though we have lost that which is mortal of him from our Masonic Lodges here on earth, let us sincerely trust that that which is immortal has ascended to the Grand Lodge above, where the world's Great Architect lives and reigns for evermore.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Glad tidings.—Some constitutions have a tendency to rheumatism, and are throughout the year borne down by its protracted tortures. Let all sufferers bathe the affected parts with warm brine, and afterwards rub in this soothing Ointment. They will find it the best means of lessening their agony, and, assisted by Holloway's Pills, the surest way of overcoming their disease. More need not be said than to request a few day's trial of this safe and soothing treatment, by which the disease will ultimately be completely swept away. Pains that would make a giant shudder are assuaged, without difficulty, by Holloway's easy and inexpensive remedies which comfort, by moderating the throbbing vessels and calming the excited nerves.

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ROYAL ARCH.

Joppa Chapter, No. 188.—A Convocation of this excellent working Chapter was held on Monday last, at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street. Comps. Littaur Z., P. Dickinson H., L. Lazarus J., S. V. Abrahams P.Z. Treas., W. H. Gulliford S.E. H. P. Isaac P.S.; P.Z.s E. P. Albert, J. Lazarus, H. M. Levy, M. J. Emanuel; Comps. Mann, Jennings, A. Botibol, W. Howard, Moore, Davis, Haines, Quincey, Boekbinder, Dewsnap; Visitors—Comps. Eckstein 1196, and C. F. Hogard M.E.Z. 145. There were several names on the agenda paper, but Bros. M. Lenzberg and N. H. Benjamin being in attendance, were duly exalted into R. A. Masonry by the M.E.Z. in his usually impressive manner, ably assisted by the other Principals and Officers. The Chapter was then closed, and the company sat down to a sumptuous banquet, provided by Comp. W. G. Jennings. The usual Loyal and R.A. toasts were duly honoured, after which the M.E.Z. proposed the health of the newly exalted Companions, in doing which he gave a beautiful illustration of the duties of R. A. Masonry, his remarks being listened to with great attention. Comp. Benjamin responded to the toast, and said how pleased he was with the remarks of the M.E.Z. Comp. Lenzberg followed, briefly and appropriately. Comp. M. J. Emanuel P.Z., then proposed the health of the Z., in doing which he said they all knew his real worth in every respect, and those who listened to the manner in which he performed the ceremony, not only on this but on every occasion when he occupied the chair, must have been gratified with the intelligence he displayed, and the excellent way in which he discharged his duties. The M.E.Z. in reply, thanked the company, and said although he had the interests of the Chapter at heart, yet their kind remarks would be an incentive to him to work more assiduously for their comfort. He promised them that when the chair was in his occupation it should not lose any of its lustre. The M.E.Z, in proposing the health of the Visitors, said they were honoured by the presence of two distinguished brethren. Comp. Hogard was well known, not only in Craft Masonry, but also in the Royal Arch, and as a member of the Board of General Purposes. Comp. Eckstein was a friend of the worthy J., and that was sufficient recommendation. Comp. Hogard, in reply, thanked the Z. for his kind expressions. The Z. had initiated him into the Order, and he was proud to see him in the chair of this important Chapter. Comp. Eckstein fully endorsed all Bro. Hogard had said, and spoke of the beautiful ritual so admirably performed by each Officer individually. The M.E.Z. then proposed the health of the P.Z.'s, and spoke of the manner in which each of them had performed his important duties. Comp. E. P. Albert had occupied the chair for two years, in a very able manner, or he would not have been re-elected. Comp. J. Lazarus was a zealous R.A. Mason, and he had performed the duties of the minor offices, which qualified him to fill the chair creditably. Comp. J. Lazarus returned thanks for the manner in which the toast had been received. The health of the H., J., Treas., Sec., P.S., and Officers was given, and the Z. gave the meed of praise due to them for the excellent work which they had performed. The Janitor's toast was given, and the Comps. separated.

Caledonian Chapter, No. 204.—The regular Convocation was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester, on Thursday, the 20th ult. Comps. R. L. Mestayer Z., A. Humphreys H., Rev. S. Y. B. Bradshaw J., W. W. Dawson S.E., N. Domville N., R. Hartley Treasurer, John Roberts P.S., A. B. Whittaker A.S., Jas. Sly Janitor, and Comps. T. J. Hooper P.Z., Edward Clay P.Z., E. Nathan P.Z., &c.; Comps. W. Byway, J. Davies, W. Sykes P.Z., J. Walter, W. Aldred P.Z., J. Richardson, H. D. Marks, E. C. Locke, R. A. Eldershaw, &c. Visitors—D. A. Davis P.S. 1094 and 625, Vetter 317, J. Hall P.Z., &c. The Chapter having been opened, and the minutes of last Convocation confirmed, Ex. Comp. Hall proceeded to instal Comp. Bradshaw as third Principal of the Chapter, that appointment having to be deferred through his unavoidable absence at the time when the first and second Principals were installed in their present chairs. The Comps. were called upon to salute the third chief in accordance with ancient custom, which was done; after which Bros. A. Painter and T. Southern were exalted to the supreme degree of Holy Royal Arch. The labours of the evening ended, the Comps. adjourned to supper. On the removal of the cloth, the Ex. Chief proposed the first toast, the Queen, which was followed by that of the Princess of Wales and the rest of the Royal Family. The health of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Sovereign head of the Craft, was cordially drunk, likewise that of the Pro Grand Principal, and the rulers of R.A. Masonry. The Officers of Prov. Grand Chapter were next honoured. This was supplemented by a Comp. opening the harmony of the evening with a song. Ex. Comp. Clay rose to propose a toast which was always acceptable to the Comps. of the Caledonian Chapter. He had more than ordinary pleasure in proposing the health of the newly-exalted Companions, as in Comp. Painter he recognised a son of a very old friend. He felt highly gratified to welcome him to the Chapter, and trusted that the friendship so much appreciated and so long existing between himself and Comp. Painter's father might be extended to the son. He regretted that Comp. Southern had to leave early. He called on the Comps. to drink to the toast heartily, which was done. Comp. Domville kindly favoured with a song, he was accompanied by Comp. Vetter on the piano. Comp. Painter returned thanks for the honour conferred, and expressed the pleasure of being admitted to companionship in Holy Royal Arch. He also thanked Comp. Clay for the remarks personally directed to him, and he very cordially reciprocated the feelings expressed. Comp. Vetter obliged with an overture on the piano. The M.E.Z. proposed the health of the newly-installed third Principal, whom every one knew as one of the most zealous and true Masons living. He was assured that the duty confided to him in the Caledonian Chapter would be discharged with such efficiency as would redound to the honour of the Chapter, and the welfare of the Fraternity. The toast was heartily received, with full honours. Comp. Whittaker kindly favoured the Companions with a song, after which Ex. Companion Bradshaw expressed his warmest thanks for the very kind manner in which the Companions had responded to the toast which it had pleased the M.E.Z. to propose in such complimentary terms. He thanked them also for their sympathy and consideration in the cause which prevented his being present at the appointed time for investiture, and looked forward to a year which would indicate how delighted he was with the appointment, and how truly he appreciated the honour of the position. To Comp. Marks was entrusted the duty of proposing the toast of the Visiting Companions. The Chapter was well favoured that evening in the presence of Comps. Davies, FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, Godrich and Vetter, whose musical abilities were so conducive to their pleasure, and Comp. D. A. Davis. He but uttered the feeling of the Chapter when he said they were very delighted with the favour of their company, and trusted all would come again. This toast was always heartily received among Comps., and he called upon the members of the Caledonian Chapter to honour the toast. Comp. Marks favoured the Companions with a song, and Comps. Godrich, Vetter, D. A. Davis and S. M. Davies returned thanks for the kind fraternal greeting extended to them, and assured the Companions that they had enjoyed themselves greatly. Before parting Comp. Bradshaw, knowing Comp. Davies had been in Canada, enquired very kindly about Ex. Comp. Rev. Vincent Clementi, one of the most accomplished and zealous Masons in existence, and on being told that not long ago Bro. Davies had seen him in the flourishing town of Peterborough, hale and hearty, Bro. Bradshaw was delighted. So we meet and so we part.

Macdonald Chapter, No. 1216.—The usual Convocation of this Chapter was held on Thursday, 20th ult., at the Headquarters of the 1st Surrey Rifles, Flodden-road, Camberwell, and was as usual well attended. The fittings and furniture of this Chapter are both unique and elegant, and never fail to elicit from Visitors general admiration. Comp. W. J. Messenger M.E.Z., Waterall P.Z. (acting H. in the absence of Comp. Hastie), Newington Bridges, J., W. H. Thomas S.E., Bradley P.S., Captain Styan A.S., and W. Allen Janitor. The Visitors were Comps. Larlham and J. Stevens P.Z. 720, and H. Thompson J. 619. Bro. G. H. Besley, of the Macdonald Lodge, was introduced, and in a very able manner exalted by the M.E.Z. After some other business, the Chapter was closed in due form, and the Companions adjourned for refreshment, which was provided by Bro. Kethro, the caterer to the corps, and gave general satisfaction. The whole of the customary toasts were not given, for reasons assigned, but that of the health of the M.E.Z. was not allowed to be omitted. It was proposed in very appropriate terms, in which the ability he had displayed in the performance of the ceremony received its due share of commendation. The M.E.Z. very briefly returned thanks for the honour conferred upon him, and then proposed the health of the Visitors; in doing so, he remarked that he was glad to see present amongst them that evening Comp. Thompson, from whom, when attending the Domatic Lodge of Instruction, he had received a considerable amount of assistance in qualifying him for the duties he had to perform in the Craft. He also welcomed amongst them Comps. Stevens and Larlham, of the Panmure Chapter, and was glad to have the opportunity of proposing their health. The toast was very cordially drunk by the Companions. Comp. Stevens returned thanks for the favourable manner in which they had received mention of his name, and expressed the renewed pleasure he had experienced in being amongst them that evening. Comp. Henry Thompson had very great pleasure in visiting the Chapter that evening, for the first time, as he on many occasions had had most gratifying meetings and associations with the members of the 1st Surrey. In the first place, he had for many years experienced repeated acts of kindness in meeting with them "on the tented field" of Wimbledon; in the next, he had the gratification of meeting them in the Macdonald Lodge, and that night his pleasure had been supplemented by meeting them in the Macdonald Chapter. Their M.E.Z. had been pleased to refer to the services he had rendered him in the Lodge of Instruction, but he believed Comp. Messenger over-estimated any assistance he might have rendered; still as regarded the Royal Arch degree, at any rate, the pupil had outstripped the teacher; and although he (Comp. Thompson) might endeavour to do so, he thought it would be long, indeed, before he should overtake him in the race. Humble, however, as might be his efforts, he would try what he could do, and if he failed to reach his high standard, he would try to emulate his bright example. Thanking the Companions for the hospitality they had shown to him, he said his visit to the Macdonald Chapter would remain in his mind as one of the most agreeable evenings he had ever spent in the company of the 1st Surreys. Comp. Larlham P.S. also responded; he had so often been a Visitor there, he almost began to consider that he was a member of their Chapter, and he should briefly thank them for including his name in the toast. Comp. W. Cranch sang, in exquisite style, "The Thorn," and other songs.

Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement.—The usual weekly Convocation of this excellent Chapter of Improvement, working under the warrant of the Rose of Denmark, No. 975, was held on Tuesday evening last, at the Jamaica Tavern, Cornhill. From the number of talented Royal Arch Masons attending this Chapter, it is eminently fitted to afford correct information to any seeking preferment in that supreme degree. The chairs of M.E.Z., H., and J. were respectively filled by Comps. Brown, Waterall, and H. Thompson, Comps. Thomas W. White S.E., P. A. Bianchi S.N., W. H. Lee P.S.; and the other Companions present were G. L. Walker, J. J. Rowe, J. C. Goldsmith, H. Wood, H. J. Gabb, Thomas

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Slaiter, St. Machor's, Aberdeen (Scottish Constitution). The ceremony of Exaltation was performed by the M.E.Z., Comp. Brown, with his usual ability, Comp. Gabb being the candidate; and especial praise is due to the other Officers for the manner in which they discharged their duties. Comp. Thomas Slaiter was elected a member of this Chapter of Improvement. This was election night, and Comp. Wood was appointed as M.E.Z., Comp. Waterall as H., and Comp H. Thompson as J. The Chapter was then closed, and adjourned until Tuesday evening, 8th April.

North London Chapter of Improvement, No. 1471.—Crown and Woolpack, St. John-street-road (near the Angel, Islington).—This Chapter is now in full work, under the Preceptorship of J. L. Mather P.Z. 174 and M.E.Z. 1471. A Convocation was held on Friday, the 21st ult., Comp. Killick Z., Griggs H., Sparrow J., Halford P.S. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Stock as candidate.

On 28th ult., Comp. Griggs was the M.E.Z., W. J. Hunter H., and Halford J. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Stock being the candidate. The meetings are held every Friday at eight, and close at 9.30., Comp. J. L. Mather President.

CHARTERHOUSE CLUB OF INSTRUCTION.

THE first Annual Festival of this Club was held, according to the previously advertised announcements, at the New Market Hotel, King-street, West Smithfield, on Tuesday, the 1st instant. Bro. James Stevens P.M. of The Great City Lodge, 1426, opened a Lodge at six p.m., supported by Bros. W. Hames Preceptor as S.W., W. Webb W.M. 382 as J.W., and a large number of brethren, amongst whom were Bros. T. B. Humphrey Sec., John Syer 720 and 1017 D.C., R. R. Harper W.M. 1017, Seymour Smith, R. W. Brown, W. Stead P.M. 813, W. C. Hale 1216, G. W. Taylor P.M. 917, W. H. Gulliford P.M. 1017, W. J. Hunter W.M. 1677, F. R. Hayes 73 and 1697, R. Prime 917, J. L. Coulton P.M. 382, M. H. Levington 1017, P. P. Chandler 1017, R. B. Greenwood 1623, J. W. Wallace P.M. 1509, T. F. Van Raalte 917, John Bain 360 S.C., W. Heath 584. W. W. Morgan Sec. 211, R. D. Cummings, A. H. Chisholm, W. Gilbert, and others who did not sign the attendance sheet. The Lodge having been advanced, Bro. Stevens addressed the brethren on the mode of election of W.M., and the acting Senior Warden, Bro. Hames, having been presented, the ceremony of installation was rehearsed in the most careful and perfect manner, the Installing Master introducing, as occasion offered, some most interesting additions to the ordinary ceremony. These evidently gave his hearers very considerable satisfaction, and the cordial vote of thanks which he received at the conclusion of his labours was endorsed thoroughly by the W.M., who stated that during the course of a long Masonic career he had never heard the beautiful ceremony of installation so ably rendered. This must have been highly gratifying to Bro. Stevens, who briefly, but forcibly, acknowledged the compliment. Lodge having been closed, the Club members and visitors proceeded to banquet in the large assembly room of the hotel, where the host, Bro. Butt, had prepared abundant evidence of his liberality and ability to cater for large gatherings of his patrons, whether Masonic or otherwise. At this very elegantly appointed feast Bro. Wm. Hames 1677 P.M. 917 officiated as President, Bro. James Stevens P.M. 720, 1216, 1426 as Senior Vice President, and Bro. Wm. Webb W.M. 382 as Junior Vice President, while the comforts of the guests were well looked after by Bros. John Syer as D.C. and T. B. Humphrey the energetic Secretary of the Club. It has seldom been our good fortune to sit down to so thoroughly an agreeable re-union of Masonic brethren, for equally in respect of the viands and wines provided, and the social harmony and goodfellowship which pervaded the whole arrangements, no single circumstance militated against the fullest enjoyment of each person present. On the cloth being cleared, the President proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts, which were heartily responded to, although the brethren in their Club character omitted the usual "fire" accompaniment. The Senior Vice-President, Bro. James Stevens, proposed the toast of the evening, Success to the Charterhouse Masonic Club, and the health of the President, Bro. Wm. Hames Preceptor of the Club. Bro. Stevens remarked that he was quite sure the brethren would be ready to do all justice to this toast. He referred to the many vicissitudes through which the Club had passed, and referred humorously to the old adage that "three removes are as bad as a fire." No less than five changes had been made in their place of meeting, and it was almost a matter of surprise that the Charterhouse Club of Instruction had not been burnt out altogether. He had only been acquainted with the Lodge intimately five or six weeks, when their Junior Vice President was elected to the Mastership of a Lodge at Uxbridge; but he could say, after his very short experience, that the Club could not find a better meeting place than they had at the New Market Hotel. Coming to the subject of the meeting, he argued there was nothing whatever antagonistic to the ancient rules, charges, or constitution of the Order of Freemasonry in the means they adopted for the purpose of conveying instruction to each other. There was no more fit occupation for Freemasons than to meet together as a Club, and talk over their principles, tenets, and ceremonies, and mutually to explain to each other their different significations. Besides, it was one of the best methods of making the young Officers who came amongst them proficient in the discharge of their respective offices. The toast was most cordially received, and the President in acknowledging the compliment paid to him expressed his practical acquaintance with all the vicissitudes through which the club had passed. During the time he had been its Preceptor they had some very good meetings, varied, of course, by indifferent attendance, but he ventured to predicate the future meetings of the club would be such as would be an honour to any Preceptor to preside over. He should always have pleasure in doing his utmost to promote the welfare of the club, it was a school to which many were indebted for their first knowledge of Masonry. He expressed his earnest conviction that as time went on it would regain its wonted vigour and become worthy of all the exertions they could bestow upon it. Bro. H. Webb jun. then proposed, in felicitous terms, the health of the Visitors, and in replying to the toast with which his name was associated, Bro. Morgan made some sharp allusions to the "rough and tumble" manner in which the work was done at many of the Lodges of Instruction, where some of the attendants seemed to think the desired end was attained by rushing through the three ceremonies in the course of the evening, and taking some four or five of the sections by way of giving zest to their appetites for what they considered Masonic knowledge. He urged that instruction could be much better imparted were the brethren to insist upon the several helpers in the work keeping well to the point, and going back time after time until they were enabled to get through perfectly what was required of them. He was acquainted with many members of the Craft who had obtained their knowledge of Masonic ritual by attending this Club of Instruction, and he could freely state those he referred to were a credit to their Preceptors. On behalf of the Visitors, Brother Morgan thanked the members for the very pleasant and enjoyable evening they had spent. The W.M. then proposed the health of the Vice-Presidents, Bros. James Stevens P.M. (Installing Master) Senior V.P., and William Webb W.M. Jun. V.P. In doing so, he acknowledged with thanks the manner in which Bro. Stevens had discharged the important functions of Installing Master, and it was no empty compliment to say that during his very long Masonic experience he had seldom heard it more efficiently rendered. The Vice-Presidents responded in a few happily chosen sentences. Several other toasts followed—the health of the Secretary (Bro. T. B. Humphrey) and that of the Director of Ceremonies (Bro. John Syer), the Press, the Host, Bro. T. Butt, and finally that of our Distressed Brethren. During the evening some capital songs were given, and our genial Brother Seymour Smith gave happy illustration of his musical abilities, both vocal and instrumental. Bro. Prime gave a splendid rendering of the "Old Sexton," to which Bro. Smith's accompaniment was very effective.

THE RECENT CAMBRIDGE LOCAL EXAMINATION.

A SUMMARY of the results of this Examination, which appeared in our issue of the 22nd ult., was sufficiently gratifying to the Fraternity in a general sense, but at the request of many of the brethren interested, we are induced to give a few more details, such as must be conducive to the satisfaction of the subscribers and friends of our excellent Masonic Charities. In the first class, in which pupils from upwards of forty-five schools were examined, and outside the Boys' Masonic School, candidates from only six of that number obtain first-class honours. From our Boys' School there were fourteen candidates, and of these no less than nine obtained first honours, viz.:—Davenport, Abingdon, distinguished for English and French; J. H. Moon, Bristol, for Latin; Sage, Atherstone, for Latin; E. R. Ralling, Colchester, for English; J. J. Hazel and P. K. Heavyside, Darlington; H. E. V. Pinson, Norwich; S. H. Sargant, Reigate; and H. J. Wellington, Lincoln. In the second class three passed meritoriously, namely, E. L. Price, W. B. Evans, and F. C. Gates, all of London. In the third class J. E. Battye, of Huddersfield; and H. M. Fenemore, of Canterbury, were successful. Thus it will be seen that of the fourteen boys sent up from our School none failed, nine taking first honours, three second class, and two third. Considering that the picked pupils out of forty-five Schools (London Main Centre) were examined, these results must be highly gratifying to our Masonic brethren, evidencing the superior care which is taken in the education and training of the boys. Only fifteen candidates out of the London Main Centre got into the first class, and those were distributed over six schools. Of these fifteen first class honours, the Royal Masonic boys obtained nine places, leaving the remaining six to be shared by the other five schools.

The *East Anglian Daily Times* writes:—"We are glad to hear that as the result of our paragraph announcing that thirteen out of fourteen of the girls of the Masonic Schools had passed the Cambridge Local Examinations, a Suffolk brother has offered to take the fourteen competitors with two attendants to a grand morning concert, to be given at St. James's Hall, London, in May next, in aid of the funds of the new Hospital for Women, 222, Marylebone-road, London.

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A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT of the Governors and Subscribers of this Institution will be held in the Hall of the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on Saturday, 12th of April, at Twelve o'clock precisely, on the General Business of the Institution, to consider the following notice of motion, and to elect 18 Girls into the School by ballot, from a list of 46 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 Bro. R. B. Webster, Vice-Pres.: "That the name of Harriet Emily Hood be struck off the List of Elected Candidates."

*** The name of Edith Corral Williams, No. 24 on the List, has been withdrawn.

F. R. W. HEDGES, Secretary.

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PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

ON Wednesday last, under the banner of the Lodge of Harmony, No. 275, the annual meeting of the West Yorkshire Prov. Grand Lodge took place in the Masonic Hall, Huddersfield, under the presidency of the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master Sir Henry Edwards, Bart., assisted by Deputy Prov. G.M. Brother Tew, and a large array of Prov. Grand Officers. Only six Lodges out of sixty-six in the Province were unrepresented, the attendance numbering about 250. The customary salutations having been tendered to the Provincial Grand Master and his Deputy, Sir Henry Edwards, Bart., Prov. Grand Master, after congratulating the brethren upon the progress and success of Masonry in the Province said:—"When last I occupied this chair, it was for a few brief moments, on the occasion of the assembly of the brethren to render a tribute of respect to the memory of a virtuous brother and excellent Mason, and to pay our last homage to departed worth. No one who looks around this hall can fail to be struck with the portraits of many administrators in the Craft in this Province, and how well you have invoked the painter's skill to adorn your walls with the likenesses of the rulers and governors of our Order. Let us imitate their virtues, and follow in their footsteps, and practise the lofty principles of these builders and founders of our institutions, whose resemblances you have been pleased to perpetuate with such fidelity. Moreover, when I examine the roll of this Lodge, I find the names of a large number of Past Masters, the majority of whom have been thought worthy at various times to hold different offices in this Provincial Grand Lodge. No brother who reads the names of those who form your list of Past Masters, no one who notes the record of their services, can doubt that the Masonic work they have accomplished has been done for this Lodge under the most able guidance, and has been of a thoroughly solid and satisfactory character. The latest illustration of your principles is the generous contribution of nearly £90 to the "Bentley Shaw Memorial Fund Presentation," and £50 to the "Aged Freemasons' and Widows' Annuity Fund;" and further, the Worshipful Master has set a good example by making himself a Steward at the annual Festivals of the Girls' and Boys' Institutions, accompanied by a donation to each of these Masonic Schools. This Lodge of Harmony is, as it were, the centre of a Masonic system. Where we meet to-day we are surrounded by other Lodges of planetary brilliancy. Thus we see with what success Freemasonry has ramified and increased until this part of West Yorkshire is covered with Masonic Institutions, after the same pattern as our central institution, the Grand Lodge of England; and the importance which is represented by the brethren and friends I see gathered around me; and by the lists of the Lodges, which testify to the number of novitiates who, under your auspices, are entering Freemasonry and the world of geometric science and of moral culture. Since we met under the Friendly Lodge, I and my Deputy, Brother Tew, attended the Festival on the 12th February of the Aged Freemasons and Widows, in the Freemasons' Hall. We supported our gallant friend and neighbour the Provincial Grand Master of East Lancashire, when the largest sum collected within those walls was announced; and, in consequence, at the meeting of the Committee of this Institution, the following day, it gave my Deputy and our Secretary, who were present, the satisfaction to acquaint me that the number of vacancies for widows was increased from six to sixteen. (Applause.) As the chairman of our charity will shortly inform us, this Province has one widow and two aged men candidates for our sympathies. This augmentation of admission will give our voting power and our efforts a far higher prospect of success for these worthy but unfortunate claimants on our benevolence. Our chairman and vice-chairman have laboured earnestly for us, and will do their best at the elections. We hope their efforts will be rewarded with success. When we last assembled at Barnsley we offered our sympathies to Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen on the death of her daughter her Royal Highness the Princess Alice. To-day it is our duty to express our felicitations towards the same royal lady on her acquisition of a royal daughter-in-law. His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught

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who, on the day of his installation of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales as Grand Master of England, was described by our royal Grand Master as the youngest entered apprentice in the Craft, has been united in marriage to the Princess Louise Marguerite of Prussia. We offer the congratulations of the Craft in this Province, not only to her Majesty, the Patroness of our Order, but also to the newly-wedded royal couple. May this bride and bridegroom realise the heartfelt aspirations of the Craft that there will be a most ample fulfilment of the promise ratified in the ancient chapel of St. George, at Windsor, of a happy and contented married life. (Applause.) Our Poet Laureate has said of his typical English Margaret—

> From the westward-winding flood,
> From the evening lighted wood,
> From all things you have won,
> A tearful grace as though you stood
> Between the rainbow and the sun.

The new English Margaret has indeed a tearful grace, and on Thursday the 13th March, in St. George's Chapter, this royal lady stood indeed "between the rainbow and the sun." (Applause.) The time has again come round when I must part officially with most of the acting Provincial Grand Lodge Officers, and select others to fill their chairs for the coming year. The demands upon the services of these retiring brethren have been indeed excessive during the year just closing. I thank all the outgoing Officers for their zeal, and the ready performance, of their, at times, difficult duties; and, perhaps, more particularly the Registrar, on whose time, patience, and legal knowledge this province has largely drawn. But in the annual constitutional change of officers comes the most difficult, onorous, and disagreeable of my duties—so many worthy brethren on whom I should like to confer Provincial Grand Lodge recognition, and so few official favours to bestow. I always approach this duty with difficulty, anxiety, and delicacy, viz:—Out of a long list, yearly increasing in number, to select names for the ensuing year of the most energetic, able, and zealous Past Masters. Those brethren, therefore, who shortly will receive from me the appointment of office must, under the difficult circumstances by which I am surrounded, accept even the lowest office it is in my power to offer them as the equivalent of the highest position in the Craft. It is not by placing you in a chair that I can best confer recognition on your Masonic labours. I want you to feel your work in the Craft is far more precious than that which Lodge rank confers. It is because your labours and generosity cause your names to be respected in every Lodge, it is because you give to your Masonic work something which to my mind is far more precious and rare than the mere merit of the apron of Provincial Grand Lodge—intelligence, and the single-hearted devotion of a well-spent Masonic life, I thank you all, and honour these Past Masters because they have helped the Lodges within and the brethren without, and because they have touched the chords which have evoked the impulses of benevolence and charity towards others who could not without assistance help themselves, either within or outside the walls of the Lodge. It is for their mental and administrative endowments I appreciate and recognise and thank them most; for their examples of fortitude, prudence, and justice. The best of endowments and the most enduring reward they can possess is the memory they leave in their Lodges, which impels those who come after them to strenuous efforts and exalted aims. I accept the invitation of the Scarborough Lodge, No. 1214, to meet at Batley in October, the place of the next Provincial Grand Lodge gathering. In consequence of the depression of trade, and other matters which I named at Barnsley, at the last quarterly meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge, I deem it inexpedient this year to hold an intermediate quarterly meeting in July. Bro. Tew, Deputy Provincial Grand Master, also addressed the brethren, joining in expressions of gratitude to the retiring Officers, especially paying a compliment to the zealous, genial, and able manner in which Bro. Malcolm had discharged the duties of Provincial Grand Registrar, an office which had largely trespassed on his time during the past year. In the course of the day the Provincial Grand Master, in the name of the Provincial Grand Lodge, presented Bro. Malcolm with a handsome jewel, as some slight but permanent recognition of his services, and expressed the pleasure he felt in pinning it on his breast. Bro. Malcolm briefly acknowledged the gift, but felt he had done no more than his duty as a Mason.

GRAND MASONIC BALL IN JAPAN.

We read in the *Japan Gazette* an account of a brilliant *réunion* which took place at Yokohama, under most successful auspices, on the 20th January last. The ball-room was decorated with exquisite taste, each panel of the side walls serving as a frame for a Masonic emblem in evergreen, whilst between them were hung tiny silk banners, which produced a very pretty effect. The room was brilliantly lighted by six large chandeliers, suspended from the high-pitched roof in the form of a double triangle, and by candelabra placed at frequent intervals against the walls. The powerful band of the Leipzig, which had been kindly granted by Captain Paschen, was placed outside one of the windows, and played a capital selection of dance-music with unflagging energy. The company began to arrive soon after half-past eight o'clock, and by the time that the pleasures of the ball were at their height the scene presented was picturesque and animated in the extreme. Nearly eighty ladies were present—a number, we believe, never before equalled on a similar occasion in Yokohama—and the toilettes were of the most brilliant description. The American and German naval officers, both hosts and guests, appeared in uniform, while the usual sables of the civilian brethren were relieved with aprons and collars of divers degrees of splendour. The Masonic costumes were most various, comprising the simple aprons of the Master Masons, the sashes of the Royal Arch, the swords of the Templars, the "purple" of the District Grand Officers, and the magnificent gold collar of the D. G. Master, who wore an apron adorned with the lotus and pomegranate in heavy gold embroidery. His Excellency Sir Harry S. Parkes and Bro. Stevens the United States *Chargé d'Affaires*, and nearly all the foreign consuls were present; Bro. Stevens, as well as several of the consuls, appeared in the insignia of the Fraternity. At midnight a sumptuous supper was partaken of, and just before the ladies left the room the gentlemen thronged in and filled the space round and outside the doorway while the District Grand Master of the English Constitution (Bro. Dallas) proposed the toast of the evening, "Our Sovereigns, our Presidents, and the Craft." The introductory toast having been duly honoured, he went on somewhat briefly to propose the healths of "Our Guests, both ladies and gentlemen," thanking them for having come in such numbers and for having so heartily contributed to make the Masonic ball a success. Quoting the words of an old Masonic song,

> "No mortal can more the ladies adore,
> Than a Free and Accepted Mason,"

he said that it did not follow that every "free and accepted" could adequately propose their health. He confessed his own inability, but it weighed on him lightly as with the dazzling galaxy of beauty then present to speak for itself, words from him were unnecessary. With a few words of thanks and good wishes he left the toast in the hands of his brother Masons, but first called for three cheers for the ladies. These were given rapturously and the toast was drunk with enthusiasm. Sir Harry Parkes responded in a most appropriate speech that was frequently interrupted by applause. He complimented and congratulated the Fraternity on the success of the ball, but complained on behalf of the ladies that they would go away with no more knowledge of the secrets and mysteries of the Order than they possessed before. He had always understood that good feeling and hospitality were special characteristics of the Order, and what he had seen this evening only confirmed him in that belief. He thought that so numerous a company with so large a proportion of ladies had never been collected before in Yokohama, and added that he could not better thank the hosts of the evening than by expressing a hope on the part of all the guests that the Fraternity would at some future time repeat their most successful entertainment. After supper, dancing was resumed with great spirit; a little after two o'clock the Tokio guests left to catch their special train, but at three the rooms were still full, and a little before four o'clock there were some twenty couples left to finish the ball with Sir Roger de Coverley. Altogether we may say that a more successful ball has never been seen here, and it made experienced ball-goers almost fancy that they were back in Europe.

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 APRIL.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
198—Percy Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
1624—Ecclesston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.

149—Peace Private Rooms, Meltham.
308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood.
1223—Amherst, Kings Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent.
1458—Truth Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester.

MONDAY, 7th APRIL.

45—Strong Man, Sportsman, City-road, at 8. (Instruction.)
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 6.30. (Instruct.)
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction.)
704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
1290—John Hervey, Albion Hall, London Wall, E.C., at 7.30. (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.)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8. (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)
1669—Royal Leopold, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.

37—Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moors.
53—Royal Sussex, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath.
119—Sun, Square and Compasses, Freemasons' Hall, Whitehaven.
133—Harmony, Ship Hotel, Faversham.
154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.
156—Harmony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth.
169—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover.
302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford.
307—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Helston Bridge.
334—Vitruvian, Royal Hotel, Ross, Herefordshire.
381—Harmony and Industry, Smalley's Hotel, Market-street, Over Darwen.
395—Guy, Crown Hotel, Leamington Priors.
411—St. George, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields.
431—Three Grand Principles, Red Lion Hotel, Petty Curry, Cambridge.
482—St. James, New Inn, Handsworth, Staffordshire.
507—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead.
622—St. Cuthburga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne.
651—Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon.
674—Oakley, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Basingstoke.
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury.
870—St. Oswald, Assembly Rooms, Ashbourne, Derbyshire.
1008—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
1015—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire.
1050—Gundulph, Kings' Head Hotel, Rochester.
1051—Rowley, Athenæum, Lancaster.
1077—Witton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire.
1108—Royal Wharfedale, Private Room, Boroughgate, Otley, York.
1124—St. Oswald, Wynnstay Arms Hotel, Oswestry.
1196—Forward, Masonic Rooms, New Hall-street, Birmingham.
1211—Goderich, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds.
1239—Wentworth, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.

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1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1302—De Warren, Masonic Hall, White Swan Hotel, Halifax.
1380—Skelmersdale, Queen's Hotel, Waterloo, Liverpool.
1440—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction.)
1477—Sir Watkin; Masonic Hall, Mold.
1519—Albert Edward, Albion Hotel, Clayton-le-Moors, near Accrington.
1573—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Caer-street, Swansea.
1578—Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales.
1678—St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle.
R. A. 262—Salopian, Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury.
R. A. 390—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds.
M. M. 37—Wyndham, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Basingstoke.
R. C.—Skelmersdale, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.

TUESDAY, 8th APRIL.

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, City
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney. (Instruction.)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8. (Instruction.)
933—Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
1360—Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, Battersea Park, at 8. (Instruction.)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1471—Islington, Three Bucks, 23 Gresham-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1507—Metropolitan, 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-st.-rd., at 8. (In.)
1604—Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1614—Covent Garden, Ashley's Hotel, Henrietta-street, Covent Garden.
R. A. 145—Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 8.0.

93—Social, Freemasons' Hall, Norwich.
117—Wynnstay, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8. (Instruction.)
128—Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley.
131—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro.
178—Antiquity, Royal Hotel, Wigan.
184—United Chatham of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Kent.
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
272—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston.
284—Shakespeare, Masonic Room, High-street, Warwick.
373—Socrates, George Hotel, High-street, Huntingdon.
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-st., Newc.-on-Tyne. (Instr.)
448—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax.
473—Faithful, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.
503—Belvidere, Star Hotel, Maidstone.
510—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard.
603—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Cleckheaton.
626—Lansdowne of Unity, Town Hall, Chippenham.
650—Star in the East, Pier Hotel, Harwich.
696—St. Bartholomew, Anchor Hotel, Wednesbury.
726—Staffordshire Knot, North Western Hotel, Stafford.
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
829—Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup.
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.
1325—Stanley, 214 Gt. Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
1414—Knole, Masonic Hall, Sevenoaks.
1465—Ockenden, Talbot Hotel, Cuckfield, Sussex.
1509—Madoc, Queen's Hotel, Portmadoc.
1522—Olicana, Crescent Hotel, Ilkley.
1545—Baildon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baildon.
1587—St. Giles, Royal Oak Hotel, Cheadle.
1593—Royal Naval College, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.
1713—Tilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton, Liverpool.
R. A. 265—Judea, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley.
R. A. 789—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds.
R. A. 452—Frederick of Unity, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon
R. A. 537—Zion, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
R. A. 758—Bridgewater, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire.
M. M. 152—Dover and Cinque Ports, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover.
R. C.—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, 9th APRIL.

Committee, Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, at 3.
3—Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
16—Kent, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C.
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth.
147—Justice, White Swan, High-street, Deptford.
193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7. (Instruction.)
201—Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
228—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, S.(In.)
538—La Tolerance, Green Dragon, Maddox-street, W., at 7.45. (Inst.)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E.
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. at 8. (Instruction.)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8. (Instruction.)
1044—Wandsworth, Spread Eagle, Wandsworth. (Instruction.)
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7. (Instruction.)
1196—Urban, The Three Bucks, Gresham-street, at 6.30. (Instruction.)
1260—John Hervey, Freemason's Hall, W.C.
1278—Burdett Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8. (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-road, Holloway, at 8. (Instruction.)
1305—St. Marylebone, Eyre Arms, St. John's Wood.
1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-street, Wapping.
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8. (Instruction.)
1554—Duke of Connaught, Faunce Arms, Kennington Park, at 8. (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. (Instruction)
M. M.—Old Kent, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.

54—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham-street, Rochdale.
125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe, Kent.
128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury, Lancashire.
140—Antiquity, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton.
191—St. John, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire.
204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
210—Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton.
225—St. Luke, Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich.
274—Tranquillity, Boar's Head Inn, Newchurch, near Manchester.
281—Fortitude, Athenæum, Lancaster.
288—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Todmorden.
289—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield.
363—Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth.
387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley.
483—Sympathy, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend.
567—Unity, Globe Hotel, Warwick.
606—Segontium, The Castle, Carnarvon.
625—Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop.
696—Benevolence, Private Room, Prince Town, Dartmoor, Devon.
750—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton.
758—Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond.
851—Worthing of Friendship, Steyne Hotel, Worthing.
852—Zetland, Albert Hotel, New Bailey-street, Salford.
854—Albert, Duke of York Inn, Shaw, near Oldham.
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury.
1018—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
1031—Fletcher, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
1060—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Church-street, Tamworth.
1064—Borough, Bull Hotel, Burnley.
1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1101—Grey Friars, Masonic Hall, Reading.
1209—Lewises, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate.
1248—Denison, Grand Hotel, Scarborough.
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction.)
1342—Walker, Hope and Anchor Inn, Byker, Newcastle.
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool.
1398—Baldwin, The Castle, Dalton-in-Furness.
1403—West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk.
1424—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham.
1434—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham.
1503—Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham.
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull, at 7.0. (Instruction.)
1520—Earl Shrewsbury, Public Rooms, Cannock, Staffs.
1547—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1582—Llanidloes, Trewythen Arms, Llanidloes, North Wales.
1643—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne.
1645—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slaithwaite.
1797—South Down, Music Room, Hurstpierpoint.
R. A. 86—Lebanon, Masonic Hall, Prescot.
R. A. 462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington.
R. A. 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
M. M. 145—Constantine, Three Cups Hotel, Colchester.
M. M. 192—St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, The Parade, Berwick.

THURSDAY, 10th APRIL.

3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8. (Instruction.)
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
19—Royal Athelstan, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction.)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8. (Instruction.)
206—Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
263—Bank of England, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
534—Polish National, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8. (Instruction.)
860—Dalhousie, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
1076—Capper, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1349—Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-road, Paddington.
1436—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, E.C. at 6.30. (Instruction.)
1558—Duke of Connaught, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1614—Covent Garden, Ashley's Hotel, Henrietta-street, Covent Garden, 8. (Inst.)
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. 813—New Concord, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.

35—Medina, 85 High-street, Cowes.
97—Palatine, Masonic Hall, Toward-road, Sunderland.
139—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
215—Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden.
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
333—Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston.
339—Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Cumberland.
432—Abbey, Newdegate Arms, Nuneaton.
469—Hundred of Elloe, Masonic Rooms, London Road, Spalding.
477—Mersey, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
546—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Caroline-street, Longton, Stafford.
732—Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton.
739—Temperance, Masonic Room, New-street, Birmingham.
784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal.
786—Croxteth United Service, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
945—Abbey, Abbey Council Chamber, Abingdon, Berks.
971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial-street, Batley.
991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Willington Quay, Northumberland.
1035—Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.
1055—Derby, Knowsley's Hotel, Cheetham, Lancashire.
1098—St. George, Private Room, Temperance Hotel, Tredegar, Mon.
1144—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne.
1145—Equality, Red Lion Hotel, Accrington.
1147—St. David, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1204—Royd, Imperial Hotel, Malvern, Worcestershire.
1273—St. Michael, Free Church School-rooms, Sittingbourne.
1369—Bala, Plasgoch Hotel, Bala.
1416—Falcon, Masonic Hall, Castle Yard, Thirsk.
1429—Albert Edward Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Newport, Mon.
1457—Bagshaw, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill.
1514—Thornhill, Dearn House, Lindley, Huddersfield.
1583—Corbet, Corbet Arms, Towyn.
1697—Hospitality, Royal Hotel, Waterfoot, near Manchester.
1782—Machen, Swan Hotel, Coleshill.
R. A. 163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
R. A. 307—Good Intent, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge.
R. A. 337—Confidence, Private Rooms, Commercial Inn, Uppermill.
R. A. 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
K. T. 58—Fearnley, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury.

SATURDAY, 12th APRIL.

Quarterly General Court, Girl's School, Freemason's Hall, at 12.
198—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.

1415—Campbell, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court.
1612—West Middlesex, Institute, Ealing.
1637—Unity, De Burgh Hotel, West Drayton, Middlesex.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.—Held its meeting on Monday, at Bro. Spurgin's, the Sportsman, City-road, presided over by Bro. Hallam sen. W.M., assisted by Bros. Gyee S.W., Sillis J.W., Wing acting Preceptor, Fenner Sec., W. Rowley S.D., J. W. Smith J.D., Willison I.G.; also Bros. Weeden, J. Millington, F. R. Callow, Droscher, Pearcy, Trewinnard, Gibbs, Edmunds, Hirst, and Spurgeon. Bro. Droscher, having answered the questions satisfactorily, was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed by the W.M. in a very excellent manner, Bro. Droscher acting as candidate. Bro. Droscher proved his efficiency as a F.C., and was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the third degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, the traditional history being given, Bro. Droscher acting as candidate. The W.M. worked the third section of the lecture,

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assisted by the brethren. Lodge was closed down to the first degree, when, on the proposition of Bro. Fenner, it was unanimously resolved that the invitation of the Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction to this Lodge of Instruction to work the Fifteen Sections on the last Wednesday in April, be accepted. Bro. Gyer was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, after which the brethren separated.

Angel Lodge, No. 51.—The monthly meeting was held on Tuesday evening last, at Colchester. Present—W. Bro. Alfred Welch P.M. as W.M., W. P. Lewis P.M. S.W., John J. C. Turner J.W., T. J. Ralling Sec., G. Mercer S.D., H. H. Costobadie J.D., W. Sowman Steward, J. F. Ralling I.G., S. Munson Tyler; P.M.'s Bros. A. E. Church, C. O. G. Becker, W. Rickey, and several visitors and members of the Lodge. The business of the evening was a raising and initiation, both of which were conducted in the acting W.M.'s well-known perfect manner. It was decided that the votes of the Lodge for the Masonic Schools should be given to the friends of Mabel Harrison Tipper. Some five-and-twenty brethren afterwards met around the festive board, and a very happy evening was spent. The health of the absent W.M. (who has recently been called upon business to the Cape of Good Hope) was heartily drunk, with best wishes for his safe and happy return.

Constitutional Lodge of Instruction, No. 55.—A meeting was held on Tuesday last, at the Bedford Hotel, Southampton-buildings. Present—Bros. Hallam W.M., Pownceby S.W., Soper J.W., Dickins Sec., White S.D., Sandle J.D., Gower I.G. Past Master Bro. Bingemann Preceptor; Bros. Tate, Brown, Dodson, Cornu, Gilruth, Sanders, Tranter, Snodin, and others. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Gardner being the candidate. The first, fourth, and part of the third sections were worked. The bye laws, as revised, were read and confirmed. Bro. Gardner was elected a member. Bro. T. B. Dodson was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and will work the ceremony of Installation. The Lodge was then closed in perfect harmony.

Manchester Lodge, No. 179.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Thursday, the 20th ult., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street. Bros. D. M. Belfrage W.M., Lovett S.W., Green J.W., W. Hopekirk P.M. Treas., Hughes P.M. Sec., Pugsley S.D., Dettmar J.D., Brown I.G., Osmond D.C., Millward Asst. D.C., Parsons W.S., P.M.'s Kew, Berry, Benet. The Visitors were Bros. Mullord 1288, Rodwell 1248, and H. M. Levy P.M. 188. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. Bros. Bryant and Baldwin were passed to the second degree in a very impressive manner. The petition of the widow of a brother of the Lodge was accredited to the Grand Lodge of Benevolence. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren sat down to a very excellent banquet provided by Bro. F. Clemow. The W.M. proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts, Bros. Millward and Millard singing the solo verses of the National Anthem. Bro. Rosser sang a very excellent song. The W.M. proposed the toast of the Visitors, and Bros. Mullord, Rodwell and H. M. Levy replied. Bro. Kew P.M. proposed the health of the W.M., whose working had been fully recognised in Freemasonry. No member of the Lodge but would say that they were proud of having such a W.M. He not only knew his duties in the chair, but also presided over the brethren in a genial manner. He hoped they would accord the toast the welcome it merited. The W.M. thanked the brethren for their expressions, and hoped to be among them not only during his year of office, but as a P.M., to rank with them, and to be associated with them for many years. Before resuming the chair, he would ask them to drink the toast of the Past Masters, all of whom were deserving their regard. He would couple with the toast the names of two brethren—Bro. Benet, who was Steward for the R.M.I.B., and Bro. W. Hopekirk P.M. and Treasurer, who was a Steward for the R.M.I.G. They were deserving of regard and esteem. Bro. C. Parker here sang "Harry Bluff." Bro. Kew P.M. returned thanks for the toast, and said all required of the P.M.'s would be given. Bro. W. Hopekirk followed, and spoke of the Charities. He hoped the P.M.'s performed their duties to the satisfaction of the brethren, and pointed out what Freemasonry had done for the noble Charities; and he hoped that every brother would be a donor or subscriber. Bro. Benet said this was the second time he had been Steward. The brethren had supported him on a former occasion, and he trusted they would not now desert him. The W.M. proposed the toast of the Officers of the Lodge, whom he might aptly designate as the future Masters. Bro. Parsons S.W. returned thanks, and then the Tyler's toast was given.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—The weekly meeting of this Lodge of Instruction was held on Saturday last, at Bro. Fysh's, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road. Present:—Bros. Byott W.M., Braund S.W., Perss J.W., Pearcy Precept., Fenner Sec., R. H. Halford Treas., Gibbs S.D., Powell J.D., J. Millington I.G., also Bros. Williams, C. Lorkin, J. Lorkin, Hunt, Mackie, Ross, Parkes, Trewinnard, Garrod, and Peace. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Williams acting as candidate. Bro. Ross having given proofs of his efficiency was entrusted. The Lodge having been advanced, the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, with Bro. Ross as candidate. Both ceremonies were rehearsed in a manner which reflected great credit on the W.M., it being his maiden attempt in this Lodge of Instruction. Bro. C. Lorkin worked the second, and Bro. Pearcy the third, sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge being resumed to the first degree, Bro. C. Lorkin worked the first section of this lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Braund was appointed W.M. for this Saturday. A vote of thanks was accorded to the W.M. for his services in the chair for the first time in this Lodge, after which the brethren adjourned.

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193.—A meeting was held on Wednesday last, at the Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street. Present—Bros. Thos. B. Biddle W.M., Thomas W. C. Bush S.W., D. Moss J.W., Bush Treas., J. K. Pitt Sec., William Woodward S.D., J. E. Fells J.D., J. M. Hunt I.G., and H. Patmore J.W. 228, Andrew, Walker. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Andrews acting as candidate. Bro. Moss worked the first, second, and third sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Bush was elected W.M. for next Wednesday, at seven o'clock.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—Met at the Star and Garter, Kew-bridge, on 21st March, when the Officers of the mother Lodge took their respective positions to rehearse for 28th ult. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read, confirmed and signed. Lodge was opened successively in the three degrees, and the W.M. rehearsed the ceremonies of initiation and raising in a very impressive manner, Bro. Botley acting as candidate in each instance. Between the ceremonies there was refreshment. Lodge was closed in due form, and adjourned till Friday, 4th April, at half past seven. The Hon. Secretary takes this opportunity of informing the brethren and intending visitors that the Lodge of Instruction will not be held on Good Friday.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—On Tuesday evening last, at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston. Bros. Smyth W.M., Lovelock S.W., J. Lorkin J.W., Clark S.D., Christian J.D., Carr I.G., Dallas Sec., Smyth Treas., P.M. Wallington Preceptor; Bros. Brasted, Collins, Wardell, Richardson, C. Lorkin and others. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Polak candidate. Bro. Dallas worked the first, second and third sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Lovelock was elected W.M. for next Tuesday.

Wandsworth Lodge of Instruction, No. 1044.—A meeting was held at the Spread Eagle Hotel, on Tuesday last. Bro. W. A. Blackmore was the W.M., and there were also present Bros. J. Frost S.W., P. V. Denham J.W., J. J. Holland S.D., H. J. Newens J.D., F. Reed I.G.; and W. A. Morgan, J. G. Carter, C. Digby, J. Sanders and A. A. Denham. Bro. Hunt was a visitor from the Beaconsfield Lodge. The W.M. worked the first degree, Bro. Morgan being the candidate. The W.M.'s chair was then taken by Bro. C. Digby (the W.M. of the Doric Lodge), who went through the ceremony of raising Bro. Hunt, which was done in a perfect manner. Bro. P. V. Denham, pursuant to notice, moved as to the disposal of the funds now in hand. He suggested that a portion should be spent in giving Bro. J. G. Carter some token for the benefit he had conferred on the brethren as Preceptor, and that a banquet, to celebrate the occasion, should be held. Bro. Carter, with becoming modesty, declined to accept a testimonial paid out of the funds, as he thought they should be devoted to the Charities. Bro. W. A. Morgan hinted that the better course would be for the brethren to subscribe, and this was agreed to. Bro. P. V. Denham proposed, Bro. A. A. Denham seconded, and it was carried, "That a banquet be held of the members at a convenient date." It was resolved, upon a motion by Bro. J. J. Holland, seconded by Bro. C. Digby, that the Lodge adjourn from the last Tuesday in April to the first Tuesday in September.

Friars Lodge of Instruction, No. 1349.—Held at Bro. Pavitt's, the Liverpool Arms, Canning-town, on Tuesday last. Present—Bros. Andrews W.M., Pavitt S.W., Worsley J.W., W. J. Smith S.I., Spencer J.D., Thorman I.G.; also Bros. Johnson, Watkins, West, Dixon, Sadler, Pullen, Calverley, Dunsmore, Musto P.M. Preceptor, W. Hogg Hon. Sec. The minutes of the last meeting, held at the Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars, 7th February 1878, were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was worked by the W.M., Bro. Johnson acting as candidate. The following brethren were then proposed by Bro. S.W., and seconded by Bro. Musto P.M. Preceptor, carried unanimously:—Bros. Dunsmore 1382, Sadler 860, Spencer 1076, West 933, Smith 860, Watkins 1076. Bro. Wright having notified his resignation as Treasurer of the Lodge, it was proposed by Bro. Musto, and seconded by Bro. Worsley, that Bro. Pavitt be elected Treasurer—this was unanimously carried. Bros. Worsley, Smith, and Watkins were then elected as a Committee to revise the bye-laws of this Lodge of Instruction. It was proposed by Bro. Musto, and seconded by Bro. J.W., that Bro. S.W. be W.M. for the ensuing week, and this was carried unanimously. Nothing further being offered for the good of Freemasonry, the Lodge was adjourned until Tuesday next.

Tyndall Lodge, No. 1363.—A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 2nd April, at the Lodge Room, Chipping Sodbury. Present—Bros. E. Crossman W.M., Wm. Tucker S.W., J. P. Curtis Sec., T. Tinsley S.D., J. Naysmith J.D., Hy. Young D.C., C. Newman I.G., Chas. Iles Tyler, James Payne Curtis I.P.M., and a number of brethren. Visitor—Bros. P.M. Besley 855. Bro. R. N. Hooper was passed to the second degree. Bro. T. G. Seymour was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. The following resolution was carried unanimously:—"That each W.M. on taking office shall subscribe to the Tyndall Benevolent Fund the sum of £1 1s; Wardens, 10s 6d each; Secretary and Treasurer, Deacons and Inner Guard, 7s 6d each." Brother Crossman W. Master then presented a Past Master's jewel to the I.P.M. Brother James Payne Curtis, in recognition of his valuable services during his year of office. This was suitably acknowledged. A resolution was passed to invite the neighbouring Lodge, No. 855, to visit the Tyndall at its next regular night of meeting in May. The Lodge was then closed at 9.20.

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PROSPERITY LODGE, No. 65.

THE Installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Thursday, the 27th ult., at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, and was numerously attended by brethren and visitors. The chair was occupied by the W.M., Bro. Brown, and there were also present:—Bros. G. Burge S.W., E. W. Braine J.W., Goodwin Treasurer, E. E. Ferry Secretary, Sim P.M. S.D., Chick J.D., Roberts I.G., P.M.'s Bros. A. L. Leins, Carruthers, C. Daniel, Davey, Arnold, Chivers, &c. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes confirmed. Bro. H. Caton was passed to the second degree in a very perfect manner by the W.M. Bro. T. E. Bush 454 D.G.P., of Christchurch, New Zealand, was elected a joining member. The auditors' report was read and adopted. A board of Installed Masters was opened, and Bro. C. Daniel P.M., who was elected for the second time to fill the chair by the unanimous votes of the brethren, was inducted into that office by the retiring W.M., Bro. Brown, in a very perfect, impressive, and solemn manner, in the presence of twenty W.M.'s and P.M.'s. The customary salutations having been given, the W.M. invested his Officers:—Bros. Ferry S.W., Chicken J.W., Goodwin P.M. Treas., Brown I.P.M. Sec., Roberts S.D., Shadler J.D., Robinson I.G., Liens P.M. D.C., Rich Asst. D.C., Wall W.S., Speight P.M. Tyler. The W.M., in appointing the Officers, made some very pertinent remarks. In investing Bro. Ferry as S.W., he alluded to the able manner in which he had discharged his duties of Secretary—a manner in every respect to the satisfaction of the Lodge. Bro. Brown, Treas., announced his intention to act as Steward at the next anniversary Festival for the Boys' School, and he hoped the brethren would support him. Bro. Goodwin P.M. proposed that the sum of five guineas be voted from the Lodge funds, to be placed on his list, which was carried. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren, eighty-two in number, sat down to a sumptuous and *recherché* banquet and dessert, provided by Bros. Ritter and Clifford, that gave great satisfaction. The W.M. proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts in very eloquent terms. Bro. Brown I.P.M. then said it was with great pleasure he had to propose the toast of the Worshipful Master. It could not be enhanced by any words of his. They had seen how he had performed the duties of the chair. On a former occasion, having so ably discharged those duties, the brethren had thought fit to elect him for the second time. He was sure his year of office would be a success second only to the year in which he had previously occupied the chair. Bro. Goodchild very humorously sang the "Spelling Bee." The W.M., in reply, thanked the I.P.M. for the flattering terms in which he had spoken of him, and said he intended to do all he could for their comfort in the ensuing year, the same as he did when he previously occupied the chair. His greatest pleasure would be to hear, on relinquishing that office, that he had left it with the approbation of all the brethren. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Visitors; there were about twenty-five present, several of whom were well known in the Craft. They were honoured that night with their presence. He would call on Bro. Marks G.M. Lodge No. 1, Bro. Butt P.M., and H. W. O. Levy P.M. Bro. Roberts then sang a very capital song. Bros. Marks, Butt, and H. W. O. Levy severally responded, and complimented the W.M. on his genial presidency and hospitality, and the able manner in which the I.P.M. had performed the ceremony of installation. The W.M. proposed the toast of the I.P.M. Bro. Brown. No one could have listened to the ceremony of Installation, rendered so impressively, but must have been pleased. With great pleasure he had to present that worthy Bro. with a P.M. jewel; in the name of the Lodge, he placed it on his breast, hoping he might live long to wear it. In addition to that, he had to present a very elegant gold watch and chain, the unanimous gift of the brethren to his amiable wife; and he was sure she would appreciate it as a present from those by whom her worthy husband was respected. Bro. Clegg sang the next song. Bro. Brown thanked the brethren for the valuable gifts, and fully appreciated their kindness, not only to him, but to his dear wife; he was proud to rank as a P.M. of the Lodge, and nothing would be wanting on his part in that capacity to conduce to the prosperity of the Lodge. It would be a pleasant surprise to his wife. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the P.M.s; he was pleased at seeing around him so many old and tried friends. They being old made them more valued and respected; he could not particularise them, as they were all worthy. Bro. Arnold P.M., in very excellent terms, responded to the toast proposed by Bros. Leins and Brown. The W.M. then proposed the Masonic Charities. They must not forget these. He hoped the Lodge would never let a year pass without sending up a Steward. They had Bro. Brown, who had undertaken the office of Steward; they should support him, and further all the Charities. He coupled with the toast "Success to the Lodge of Instruction," which was held at Bro. Maidwell's, Leadenhall-street. There good Masonic instruction could be obtained. Bro. Maidwell was present; he attended to their comforts, and afforded them instruction; and Bro. Holland was the Secretary, and all he did was for the good of the Lodge of Instruction. Bros. Maidwell and Holland responded to the toast in very excellent terms. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Treasurer, Secretary, Wardens, and Officers; he hoped the selection he had made met with their approval. The Officers having severally responded, Bro. Martin gave a very capital recitation of the "Battle of Waterloo," after which the Tyler's toast was given; and the brethren separated. Among the Visitors were Bros. D. Moss 1275, Birch 1651, Martleet P.M. 217, Linsey 1632, Holland P.M. 1321, Marsh P.M. 9, E. Picking P.M. 1327 late 65, T. Maidwell P.M. 27, King 27, Thompson 185, King P.M. 1227, Barker 860, Clegg 1257 Cruikshank 1777, Rickman 890, Martin No. 1, D. Reid 415, Butt 837, H. W. O. Levy P.M. 188.

SCIENTIFIC LODGE, No. 840.

THE installation ceremony was held at the Victoria Hotel, Wolverton, on Monday 17th ult. Bro. A. Culverhouse was duly installed W.M., the ceremony of installation being ably performed by Bro. R. Hales, P.P.J.G.W. The newly-installed W.M. then proceeded to invest his Officers as follow:—Bro. Large S.W., Bro. Fady J.W., Bro. Longstaff S.D., Bro. Wade J.D., Bro. Mackey I.G., Bro. Hamilton Steward, and Bro. Bonser Tyler. The business ended, the members adjourned to the banqueting room, where the arrangements were carried out with much taste, indicating that nothing could be wanting on the part of Bro. Hicks and his staff of assistants to make the banquet a success. The *menu* was excellent, well prepared, and included some very choice and dainty dishes. The catering was simply perfection, and as a consequence was thoroughly appreciated by the large number of brethren present. About 48 sat down to the repast, including the W.M. elect and his Officers, Bro. E. Cox, P. P. G.S.W., Northants and Hunts; Bro. Jacob and Bro. Simmons, Northants and Hunts: Bro. J. M'Cubbin, P. J. G. W., Berks and Bucks; Bro. R. Hales, P.P.J.G.W., Berks and Bucks; Bro. the Rev. F.W. Harnett, P.P.G.C., Berks and Bucks; Bro. R. King, P.P.G.S.B., Berks and Bucks; Bro. C. Aveline, P.P.G.D.C., Berks and Bucks; Bro. W. H. Robinson, P.P.G.P., Berks and Bucks; Bro. J. Reeve, P.P.G.S.B., Berks and Bucks; Bro. E. Revill, P.G.P., Berks and Bucks; Bro. Elmes, W.M., Watling Street Lodge, Stony Stratford; Bro. J. B. Wilmer, W.M., SS. Peter and Paul's Lodge, Newport Pagnell, &c., &c. The toasts of "The Queen and Craft," "The Grand Master, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales," "The Earls of Carnarvon and Skelmersdale, and the other Grand Officers," "The Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master of Berks and Bucks, Sir Daniel Gooch," and "The Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge," were duly honoured, the latter being coupled with the name of Bro. M'Cubbin, who suitably acknowledged the compliment.—The Rev. F. W. Harnett said he rose to perform a very pleasing duty—to lay down his work and give it to his neighbour. They had installed Bro. A. Culverhouse in the chair, and from what he and they knew of him, he was quite sure he would wisely perform the duties appertaining to that office. He had great regard for Bro. Culverhouse as a man; for his disposition, and for his constant attention to everything that belonged to the things of this life. He believed him to be a most fitting person to be at the head of a Freemasons' Lodge, and therefore in proposing his health would ask them to wish him prosperity, health, happiness and success.—The toast was well received and heartily responded to.—The W.M., in reply, thanked the immediate P.M, the Rev. F. W. Harnett, for the very kind way in which he had mentioned his name, although he thought too many kind things had been said about him. The remarks, however, would encourage him to further zeal in promoting the business connected with the Lodge. He was glad to have secured their good opinion that evening, and hoped at the end of his year of office he might still merit the same opinion. He knew there was a large amount of work to do, but he felt secure in the knowledge that the elected Officers would render him every assistance in their power, and if occasion required the P.M.'s would willingly help him through his duties; and as "One good turn deserves another," he could not do better than propose his health. This he did most heartily, for he was sure Bro. Harnett had done much to render "The Scientific Lodge" a successful one; and as a small token of respect, esteem, and love in which he was held by the Lodge, he would present him with a Past Master's Jewel.—The Rev. Bro. briefly replied, and alluded to the importance of Masonry in general. —The toast of "The Visitors" was given, and replied to by Bro. J. B. Wilmer, W.M.—The W.M. proposed the health of Bro. R. Hales, and spoke in eulogistic terms of his ability as a Mason, and cordially thanked him for the important assistance he had rendered in the day's proceedings.—Bro. Hales briefly responded. "The Masonic Charities" was given, coupled with the name of Bro. E. Cox, who made a lengthy speech in behalf of those valuable institutions, which had made such important and useful progress during the last few years.—Harmony was then the order of the evening, which was thoroughly enjoyed.—*Croydon's Weekly Standard.*

CORINTHIAN LODGE, No. 1382.

THE installation of the W.M. Bro. J. Delves, took place at the George Hotel, Millwall Dock, on Wednesday, the 16th March. Bro. Spelt was raised to the sublime degree of a M.M., after which the installing of W.M. was proceeded with. Bro. B. Carter, of Stratford, performed the ceremony, and did so in such an efficient manner that it called forth the unanimous eulogiums of the P.M.'s and brethren. The Officers appointed were as follows:—Bros. Hodges S.W., W. Millington J.W., Shabloe P.M. Chaplain, Carnelly P.M. Treas., Smith P.M. Sec., E. Deacon S.D., Whalley J.D., Stapleton I.G., Bennett P.M. D.C., Lescroll W.S., Millett Organist, W. Shyes P.M. Tyler. The banquet was placed upon the table by Bro. host Clark in a manner that reflected the highest credit on his catering. The toasts were given in rapid succession, in consequence of the lateness of the hour. The replies were concise and pointed. After a very happy and harmonious meeting, the Tyler's toast closed this auspicious meeting. Bro. M. Sherwin Organist 1076, 1472 and others, presided at the harmonium during the ceremony, and accompanied on the pianoforte during the convivial proceedings of the evening.

CALLENDER LODGE, No. 1052.

THE regular monthly meeting was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester, on Tuesday, the 18th ult. Present —Bros. W. Slade W.M., Samuel Davies I.P.M., Arthur Hines S.W., Samuel Warburton J.W., C. M. Booth Secretary, R. E. Johnson P.M.

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Treasurer, Thos. Fallows S.D., Wm. Duncan J.D., Geo. Pescott I.G., Jas. Sly Tyler. P.M.'s Bros. Daniel Edwards, Daniel Langridge, and Bros. A. W. Yonings, A. B. Outram, T. J. Pulford, S. Wrigley, R. White, R. Walker, &c. Visitors—W. D. Waddell 163, T. R. Stephens 152, J. L. Aspland W.M. 633, H. H. Warburton P.M. 163, S. M. Davies FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, &c. The Lodge wes opened with solemn prayer, and the minutes of last regular meeting read and confirmed. The Lodge was advanced to the second degree, and finally worked up to the third, when the sublime degree of M.M. was conferred on Bro. T. J. Pulford. The Lodge resumed business in the first, and the W.M. announced that the portrait of the late R.W. Bro. Callender had at last been safely returned to the possession of the Lodge. The ballot was then taken for the election of W.M. for the next year, and resulted unanimously in favour of Bro. Arthur Hines S.W. For this striking mark of appreciation Bro. Hines briefly returned thanks. The election of Treasurer followed, and resulted in the selection for the sixth time of Bro. R. E. Johnson P.M. Bro. Jas. Sly was also re-elected Tyler. Bro. Johnson appropriately thanked the brethren for the renewal of their confidence in him. The W.M. then received the hearty good wishes of the visitors, and by his kind invitation all the brethren adjourned to supper, where all enjoyed the good things provided. On the removal of the cloth, the W.M. proposed the customary Loyal and Masonic toasts, which were duly honoured. After Bro. Walker had kindly obliged with a song, the W.M. rose to propose the health of the newly raised brother. He congratulated him on his attaining the rank of Master Mason, trusted he would learn more, and recommended him to go forward and become a useful Officer in his Lodge. When the older members fell into the sere and yellow leaf, it was pleasing to see the younger ones, who had received the benefit of light from their hands, come forward and carry on the good work. It was always cheering to brethren who had worked hard in their Lodge to witness this in their declining years. The toast was drunk with Masonic honours. Bro. Edwards P.M. kindly favoured with a song. Bro. Pulford returned his sincere thanks for the privilege he had enjoyed. The more he learned of Freemasonry, the more he appreciated it. He hoped to improve the knowledge he now possessed by a regular attendance at his Lodge. The W.M. proposed the health of the Visitors, which he did in a right fraternal spirit. It was a great feature in life to see brothers bound together by indissoluble bonds of union. Visiting gave many advantages; it gave all an opportunity of improvement. There was always something to be learned, and the presence of visitors gave a zest to the Officers of a Lodge. He hoped the brethren who had that evening favoured them with a visit would again drop in; at all times the Callender Lodge would receive them cordially. Bro. Wrigley gave an illustration of ventriloquism, which was much enjoyed, and Bro. Warburton added to the harmony of the evening with a capital song. Brother Waddell returned thanks on behalf of the Visitors for the genial manner in which their health was proposed and accepted. He was very pleased to be present to witness the unanimous election of his friend and brother the Senior Warden to the office of W.M. for the next year. He was sure it was an election which would prove advantageous to the Lodge, as Bro. Hines was well fitted to fill the chair. Bro. Stephens also responded, and was followed by Bro. Aspland, who expressed himself as being very pleased to see his friend the W.M. do the work so well that evening, and was gratified with the cordial feeling of the brethren towards visitors. The W.M. rose with pleasure to propose the health of the W.M. elect. The chair he was about to vacate had been filled by many worthy brethren, and he was sure that Bro. Hines would still farther honour it. His induction into the position of ruler of the Lodge would be hailed with pleasure. He felt the members would render him every assistance, and pay due obedience to his orders. He might also rely on the hearty co-operation of the Past Masters. Bro. Slade took this opportunity of thanking them for the cordial support given him during his year of office. He then asked the brethren to join in drinking to the very good health of the W.M. elect. Bro. Davis gave the next song. Bro. Hines replied for the kindness shown; he thanked the brethren from the depth of his heart for the honour conferred upon him. He would study the best interests of the Lodge, and hoped the year would be prosperous and happy; more he could not say. He felt a great pleasure in proposing the health of the W.M., who had done so much for the benefit of the Lodge during the year. Every one knew his good qualities, and it was needless to say more than ask them to honour the toast,—which was done. Bro. Edwards gave the next song. The W.M. returned thanks for the honour done the last toast. His year of office was fast expiring. If he had discharged his duties to their satisfaction it was well. He had ever sought to do his best for the Lodge. He could congratulate them on the happy termination of all pending matters, and trusted the Lodge would go on prospering for the future. He hoped always to be in his place, and trusted the brethren would give that attention to the Lodge which was so essential to its compact working. Bro. Davies obliged with the next song, after which he assumed the gavel to propose the health of the Treasurer. He always felt it a pleasure to do honour to a good Mason, and in Bro. Johnson they had a Past Master who had done his duty so thoroughly that the brethren could never repay him. He was an example to them all. He need say no more, but ask them to welcome the toast with due honours. Bro. Wrigley obliged with a song, after which Bro. Johnson replied. He had for many years been identified with the Lodge, and was now its oldest Past Master. He looked back on the history of the Lodge, and stood alone as a contemporary with its illustrious founder. He recommended all to attend to their Lodge duties. Every brother had a duty to discharge. He thanked them for their often-expressed marks of appreciation. It was always a pleasure to be in Lodge. He hoped the Lodge would be prosperous and happy. The Officers had done their utmost to extend the best interests of the Lodge, and he for one would make it as prosperous, and the brethren as happy as possible for the next year. The Tyler's toast brought a very enjoyable evening to a conclusion.

DE GREY AND RIPON LODGE, No. 1161.

A MEETING of this well-worked Lodge was held at the Denmark Hotel, Lloyd-street, Greenheys, on Wednesday the 19th ult. Present:—Bros. W. T. Norton I.P.M. as W.M., W. Sturm S.W., J. Burgess J.W., T. J. Cowan Sec., R. Dottie S.D., John Hayes Treas., A. Radford J.D., A. Radford as I.G., Geo. Burrows Tyler, and Past Masters Julius Arenberg, W. H. Anderton, S. P. Bidder, and Bros. Newman, H. C. Smith, J. G. Walker, Wm. Hall, R. L. Corlett, &c. Visitors:—W. D. Waddell 163, D. A. Davis S.W. 625, W. R. Sowter J.W. 815, S. R. Brown S.W. 1083, H. L. Rocca S.W. 815, W. Parker W.M. 993, W. Renshaw, W. Fell, and J. F. Anderson 815, R. Darwin 667, W. Ashworth 210, E. Ashworth 993, H. Lister W.M. 1011, J. Dickson P.M. 1011, W. Jones W.M. 993, J. Smith 1458, Wm. Schofield 815, S. M. Davies FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, &c., &c. After partaking of a substantial tea, the brethren repaired to the Lodge room—which is a fine, spacious, and well-furnished apartment. The W.M. opened the Lodge with due observance of the usual customs. The minutes of the last regular meeting were ratified, and then the ballot was taken for Mr. R. C. Hulme, which proved unanimous, and that gentleman was initiated into the mysteries of Ancient Freemasonry. Bro. J.D. gave the charge very ably. The Lodge was then advanced to the second degree, and Bro. J. Arensberg passed Bro. Wm. Hall to take his seat among Fellow Crafts. Bro. Norton again ascended the east, and conferred the second degree on Bro. H. C. Clifford Smith The working of all the Officers of this Lodge is admirable, and the De Grey and Ripon is one of those vigorous Lodges which it does a brother's heart good to visit. There is nothing musty or languid belonging to 1161. The large number of visitors present at its meetings, and the pleasure they all evince at attending indicates that the brethren of Manchester do appreciate a healthy Lodge. If some Lodges cease to be instructive and energetic—which really means entertaining—then brethren will go where they can be edified and gratified. This is also applicable in Royal Arch Masonry—Freemasonry lives, and is a reality. This is an age of action, of great competition. Let those who are sluggish and now rusting in the Craft bestir themselves. The business of the evening being ended, Bro. Norton received the hearty good wishes of the visiting brethren, and the Lodge was closed with solemn prayer. By request of the I.P.M. the brethren adjourned to the festive board, where the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were briefly but appropriately put from the chair, and cordially received by the brethren. After Bro. Dickson had played an overture on the piano, Bro. Norton proposed the health of the newly initiated brother, and in doing so said he was proud to welcome him into our ancient and honourable Order. He intimated that its precepts tended to make every Mason a good and worthy man. He invited the brethren to drink to the toast with full honours, which was heartily complied with. Bro. Lister gave a song, accompanied by Bro. Dickson on the piano. Bro. Hulme returned thanks for the kind manner in which his name had been received, and for the great honour conferred on him in admitting him a member of the Order. He desired to attain fuller knowledge of the Craft. Bro. Bidder had control of the gavel to propose the toast of the visitors. The members of the De Grey and Ripon Lodge anticipated this toast on all occasions with great pleasure. They delighted to honour the brethren who favoured them with their presence. In most Lodges in every Province the toast of the visitors was a happy one to propose, and a cheerful one to receive. We give the heartiest possible welcome to visitors, and we hail them as our brothers, come they from abroad or from home. The Lodge felt peculiarly happy that night in having so many visiting brethren. The De Grey and Ripon always looked upon each attendant with a mark of esteem and appreciation. He was glad to see the Province so truly represented there that night. The presence of P.G. Officers put the W.M. and Officers on their metal, as they all knew their work would be criticised. This was a great advantage. He knew any errors or shortcomings would be pointed out with a fraternal feeling. We ought to live to learn; in the Craft they could always learn if they would. He was glad to see so many brethren who were known for the deep interest they take in the Craft, and without exception they rejoiced to see all. If the number had been double, the welcome would be equal, if not more hearty. They were favoured with a visit from Bro. Davies, of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE. They were greatly indebted to the Masonic Press, and the labours of the brethren employed in that laudable pursuit for the information they impart. They do more to promulgate the principles of the Order than most brethren think. He trusted every brother would carry away with him pleasant reminiscences of his visit to the De Grey and Ripon Lodge. Bro. Greenwood, whose arrival was warmly greeted, next presided at the piano, and gave one of his humorous selections, which kept the company in roars of laughter. Bros. Rocca, Waddell, Parker, Brown, Lister, Smith, Darwen, Jones, and Davies replied to the toast of the visitors, by this it was evident that many brothers wished to bestow the meed of praise which was certainly well deserved, as egards the administration and working of the Lodge, as well as for the genuine reception extended to all the visitors. Bro. Davies especially had reason to be grateful for the appreciative manner in which the Masonic Press had been mentioned by Bro. Bidder. Bro. Rocca, by courtesy of the W.M., had the honour to propose the health of the Officers of the Lodge. He was sure the toast would be received with acclamation. He deeply regretted to say the W.M. was sick and confined to his house. He was sure the sympathy of all reached him there. He spoke most feelingly on this subject, as the winter had been productive of sickness and bereavement in many of the homes of the brethren. They would all unite with him in the hope that the Worshipful Master would soon be restored to health, and be able to resume his duties in the Lodge. He knew it was what they all would endorse when he said that the Officers of this Lodge knew and did their duty, from P.M.'s to those who filled minor posts. Good Officers were the backbone of a Lodge. He did not know how Lodges got on without able Officers. The talent the

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present Officers of the Lodge exhibited, indicated that the members would have good and able Masters for years to come. He wished the Lodge every prosperity. Bro. Greenwood again favoured the brethren with a selection, but in consequence of the lateness of the hour, and the knowledge that time and trains will wait for no man, we had to forego the pleasure of sitting it out, and are debarred the gratification of recording the replies to the last toast.

Vitruvian Lodge of Instruction, No 27.—A meeting was held 27th March at the White Hart, College-street Lambeth. Present—Bros. Brown W.M., Cox S.W., Watterton J.W., Isaac Treas., Bond Sec., Timothy S.D., Ball J.D., Field I.G., Stuart, Chalkley, Whiting. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Brown candidate. First, second, and third sections worked, the S.W. was elected W.M. for following meeting. The Fifteen Sections will be worked on the last Thursday in April, Bro. Stuart W.M.

Doric Lodge of Instruction, No. 933.—Duke's Head, Whitechapel-road. At the usual meeting of this Lodge, on the 21st ult., Bro. J. Taylor occupied the chair; Bros. West S.W., Forss J.W., Job S.D., Webb J.D., McDonald I.G.. There were present also Bros. Goldstein, Richmond, Friedeberg, Stephens, and Past Masters Barnes, Cundick Preceptor, and Wm. Musto Hon. Sec. Lodge was duly opened and advanced; the ceremony of raising was worked, Bro. Richmond candidate. Lodge was closed to the second degree, and the W.M. worked the first and second sections of the lecture, ably assisted by the brethren. Bro. West was elected W.M. for the ensuing Friday evening, and Lodge was closed.

Friars Lodge, No. 1349.—The regular meeting was held at the Cheshire Cheese, Crutched-friars, E.C., on 19th March. Lodge was opened by W.M. Bro. T. Foxall, assisted by Bros. J. Calverley I.P.M., J. Shepherd S.W., H. R. Hallam J.W., W. Musto P.M. Treas., W. Hogg P.M. Sec., R. Durell S.D., H. L. Godolphin I.G., E. B. Burr W.S., I. Allison, I. Revel, J. Wright P.G.P., G. Spencer, I. Quincey, S. G. Sharpe, Sadd, T. H. Williams, &c. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Friedeberg having answered the usual questions for passing, was entrusted, after which the W.M. passed him to the second degree in a very finished manner. The Lodge then proceeded to ballot for the W.M. for the next year, the result proving unanimously in favour of the S.W. Bro. I. Shepherd, who returned thanks for this mark of esteem. Bro. W. Musto P.M. was then unanimously re-elected Treasurer, and the Tyler, Bro. Steedman, was also re-elected. An Audit Committee was appointed, consisting of Bros. Sadd, Revel, and Spencer. The gentleman whose name was down to be initiated not being present, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren partook of refreshment, provided by Bro. J. Wright, the worthy host. Upon the removal of the cloth, the W.M. introduced the toast of Her Majesty the Queen and the Craft, which was heartily received. In proposing the M.W.G.M., the W.M. reviewed the prosperity of the Craft during the government of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, giving the M.W.G.M. great credit for the care he bestowed in granting new Lodge Warrants, and for his interest in the Craft generally. The next toast, the Pro G.M., D.G.M., and other G.L. Officers, was heartily received, and coupled with the name of Bro. J. Wright P.G.P., who briefly returned thanks. The Visitors was proposed next, the W.M. giving a hearty welcome, and expressing the pleasure the Lodge derived from having visitors. Bro. P. Rose Innes 1261, having replied, Bro. W. Musto P.M., rose to propose the health of the W.M. In doing so, he expressed his appreciation of the excellent working W.M., and ascribed to him the credit of having imparted much Masonic knowledge, for which he (Bro. Musto) was very grateful. He hoped the W.M. was pleased with his pupil. The W.M. having replied, the toast of the Past Masters was given and responded to by Bros. Musto and Hogg Sec., in suitable terms. The Masonic Press was next given, to which Bro. G. H. Stephens responded. The evening's proceedings were interspersed with songs and recitations. The Tyler's toast brought a very cheerful meeting to a close.

The Great City Lodge of Instruction, No. 1426.—Held at Masons' Hall Tavern, E.C., on Thursday, 27th March. Bros. Poore P.M. W.M., Blackie S.W., Goodman J.W., Rush I.G., and several other brethren, members of the Lodge. The Lodge was opened in the first degree, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. This being the night for rehearsal of the Ceremony of Installation, the Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. Blackie was presented as acting W.M. elect. The ceremony was given by Bro. Poore in his usually perfect and impressive manner. The Lodge was afterwards closed down, and the ceremony of initiation rehearsed, Bro. W. Bertram acting as candidate. A vote of thanks was unanimously passed to Bro. Poore for acting as Installing Master, in place of Bro. Saul, who was prevented by illness from being present.

Royal Military Lodge of Instruction, No. 1449,—A meeting was held on Monday last, at the Masonic Hall, Canterbury, Present—Bros. Blamiers W.M., Joffreys S.W., Miskin J.W., E. Beer, Treas., W. Carter Sec., Coates S.D., Lagden J.D., E. Beer D.C., Vautier Steward, Carter I.G., Howarth, &c. Lodge opened, and minutes were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Coates candidate. The Lodge was then advanced, and the ceremony of the degree rehearsed, Bro. Vautier being the candidate. The Lodge was lowered, and closed in ancient form and with solemn prayer.

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THE SIGNIFICANCE OF MASONIC LIGHT.

WE have perused with peculiar pleasure a little *brochure* containing a lecture on this subject, which was delivered in the Gladsmuir Lodge, No. 1385, High Barnet, recently, by Bro. the Rev. Charles W. Butler, F.R.H.S., Chaplain to the Robin Hood Lodge, 1493, and which has been published at the request of many brethren. The sentiments contained in this well-considered address are of so refining and elevating a character that it is only common justice that they should be as widely diffused as possible, for the benefit of the brethren at large; and in making copious extracts from the text before us we feel assured that our aim will be rightly understood and appreciated, namely, to prevent such gems of Masonic light from being hidden under the bushel of only a restricted circulation. After referring to the undoubted fact that Religion and Freemasonry were wedded from the first, having an identical aim, though differing in their nature and method, he points out that Freemasonry is content to take position as handmaid to Religion, commending to its members the practice of pure morality, the cultivation of every moral and social virtue, and enforcing the claims which religion and humanity make on their zeal and service. It is, perhaps, no marvel that the position of Freemasonry has been misunderstood; that it has been represented as assuming to be identical with religion; and still more preposterous, that it aims at superseding religion altogether! Refuting this absurdity, Bro. Butler pithily sets forth that:—"What it actually claims is, simply to be a system of morality inculcated on scientific principles, and embodied in a series of symbols, alike pleasing to the eye and impressive on the mind and memory. Its utility lies partly in its impressive rituals, partly in the broad principle of philanthropy and virtue on which it is based, partly in its catholicity and total freedom from political or ecclesiastical controversy, and partly in the 'Mystic tie' by which a bond of unity is established among brethren in all parts of the world." As the youngest tyro in the Masonic art well knows, Light takes the first and highest place amongst the symbols through which instruction is imparted to Freemasons. Up to a certain point in his earliest introduction to Freemasonry, the candidate might retire from the Lodge without the faintest conception of its form, its arrangement, its symbolic beauty. The moment comes when, having gone too far to recede, he confesses the predominant wish of his heart, and a blessing, of which he has suffered temporary deprivation, is restored to him. With the earliest flash of light that falls upon him he receives mental impressions that will be solemnly treasured through life. Henceforth he is a pilgrim in search of higher degrees of Light—a true and worthy Mason in proportion to the zeal and perseverance with which the search is pursued. In its objective signification the lecturer reminds us of the canopy which in a fully-furnished Lodge covers the seat of the W.M., and which is a symbolical representation of the open firmament, with its starry lights, under which the fathers of Masonry were wont to assemble; and of Heaven, the eternal seat of Deity. On the pedestal lies the open Bible, the great Light of Freemasonry, towards which the face of every brother in the Lodge is turned. From the great Light on the altar comes the whole mystery, every confidential fact and every symbolism of Masonry. The G.A.O.T.U. is the source of Light; and in all the personal communication of the divine will which He has been pleased to make to man He has, in the language of King David, "clothed Himself with Light as with a garment." It was probably in the form of a bright cloud that God conversed with Adam in Paradise. After man's degradation, Light guarded the entrance of Eden, that the tree of life might not be invaded by profane hands. Freemasonry constantly reminds us of the weary and benighted Jacob, when he saw the vision of that wonderful Ladder, with seraphim ascending and descending, while the G.A.O.T.U. in a flood of Light communicated to him those assurances of prosperity which were so amply realised in his day and generation. Moses at the Burning Bush was favoured with the inspiration of Light, and received that Incommunicable Name which constitutes the secret of Speculative Masonry. The homes of the Israelites were filled with the Light of the Divine presence during the three days in which the plague of darkness afflicted the Egyptians; and the cloud of Light was a guide to the Hebrews in their flight, and a darkness and terror to their angry pursuers. It was in an awful display of Light shining in darkness that the Divine presence was revealed to our Grand Master Solomon at the dedication of the Temple. "The House," we read, "was filled with a cloud so that the priests could not stand to minister, by reason of the cloud. Then said Solomon: The Lord hath said that He would dwell in the thick darkness." And so for ages the solemn darkness of the inner Temple was enlightened by the Shekinah—the Light resting between the cherubim and the mercy seat, as a visible proof to mankind of the presence of Deity in their midst. Recognising the fundamental principle of the worship of the one true God as the very foundation of Masonic teaching, there is but little danger of this Grand Objective Light being slighted or covered with Atheistic darkness in this country; and we believe with the writer of the little work from which we are quoting when he says that this danger, which so long has loomed upon the Grand Orient of France, will be fatal to the interests and the very existence of the brotherhood in that country if not firmly and bravely overcome. To smother the Light on the altar, to shut out that Supreme Light which is the truest and highest object of a Mason's pursuit, would be to strike the death-blow upon our Order, and to destroy the deepest bond of union by which our world-wide brotherhood has from time immemorial been cemented. Then the author dilates at some length on the subjective aspect of this Light, which is rather the cultivation of an inner principle than an object to gaze upon. The symbolic darkness in which the candidate is introduced to Masonry is emblematical of the ignorance which precedes the reception of knowledge, and the various stages to which the brother is elevated in his progress in the science are all indications of the dawning of new Light, the result of his intelligent apprehension and earnest pursuit of the teachings of the Order. He is reminded in his progress of the darkness of death and the obscurity of the grave, together with "the never-fading Light which follows at the resurrection of the just." Rising to a scene of intellectual brightness, he his reminded that, being obedient to the precepts of Masonry and the dictates of Religion, he shall "rejoice on the resurrection morn, when the clouds of error and imperfection shall be separated from his mind, and shall behold with unveiled eye the glories which issue from the expanse of Heaven, the everlasting splendour of the throne of God." Passing from the floor of one degree to that of another, through the field of corn by the river-side, and the pillars of the Temple into the *sanctum sanctorum*, where the Eastern Light gleams through the "darkness visible," the lessons become

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increasingly interesting and impressive. As the Mason's apprehension of these lessons deepens, he becomes more and more entitled to be numbered among "the sons of Light." Unless they are lost to him through carelessness or incapacity, all the steps in Masonry mark the degrees of his growing intelligence and earnestness; while at all times, standing perfectly erect, and his feet formed to the Masonic angle, his body is an emblem of his mind, and his feet of the rectitude of his life. But while the growth of intelligence is promoted by the study of these symbols each brother is left to the freest exercise of his own judgment, and the most unrestrained formation of his own convictions. The light that is in him is of a character which will blend freely and harmoniously with the light that is in others. There is nothing in Freemasonry which conflicts with the teachings of Christianity. Thus, the writer of this little work observes: — "Believing, as I do, that Christianity is the highest development of religious Light, Freemasonry seems to me to be in more complete harmony with it than with any other form of ancient or modern religion. No brother can fail to recognise the direct reference in all degrees of Freemasonry to the religion of Jesus Christ. Each succeeding degree increases the Light, and makes the reference more clear and definite." And yet, be it observed, the interpretation of our Masonic symbols is subject to no inflexible rule. Each brother may interpret them according to the Light that is in him. So far as possible everything is excluded from the Lodge which might offend or cast apparent reflection on the sincerity or intelligent convictions of a brother. The Jew, the Turk, and the Christian may mingle freely in the same Lodge, agreeing in the grand essential and universal principles of religion, recognising and worshipping the G.A.O.T.U., for His wisdom, goodness, and power, though differing in some convictions peculiar to each. To give a fixed interpretation to all the symbols which surround them would be to break up the system of union which brought the brethren together from so many points of the Compass. The Light that is in them seeks the one True, Supreme Light—makes them sensible of affinity which no intellectual diversity can destroy, and leaves them free, when they separate, to go each his way—the Jew to his synagogue, the Turk to his mosque, and the Christian to his church—each with an undisturbed confidence in the rectitude of his own particular faith. Summing up the great teachings of Masonic Light, our brother leads us back again to the starting-point of the Masonic faith—the three sustaining Pillars of a Mason's Lodge: Wisdom, Strength, and Beauty: Wisdom to recognise the Supreme Light, who dwells in the cloud of our Temple; Strength to pursue the path of knowledge and intelligence; and Beauty, to make our lives attractive and serviceable to our brethren. Or, more expressively still, these teachings are all embraced in the three moral virtues which composed the chief stairs of Jacob's Ladder—Faith, Hope, and Charity: Faith in the G.A.O.T.U.; Hope in salvation from darkness and sin; and Charity, the brightest gem that adorns the Masonic profession, to diffuse happiness on every hand. "The greatest of these is Charity." It is the light which is reflected from the life of the true Mason; the spirit of brotherly love which aims at spreading "goodwill amongst men." A Mason who does not as truly reflect the Light of divine Charity as the moon reflects the glory of the sun, is a Mason unfaithful to his profession. We have quoted largely from our brother's masterly and truly catholic exposition of a subject which cannot fail to be of vital interest to all Masons, but recommend those who are yearning after a greater halo of Masonic Light to procure for themselves this rich and recondite treatise, of which of course we are precluded, through want of space and other considerations, from giving more than the merest outline.

THE DISASTROUS FLOODS IN HUNGARY.

THE following pathetic appeal to the universal brotherhood has been issued by the St. John's Grand Lodge of Hungary, in aid of the unfortunate sufferers by the recent inundations at Szegedin. Details of this calamitous affair have so recently filled the newspapers that it would be superfluous to recapitulate here the enormous amount of misery and ruin which has suddenly overtaken the peaceful denizens of this once sequestered and pretty Hungarian town. Let the heart be ever so stony and cold, it cannot fail to be touched by the recital of bereavements and dissolution of family ties which have been created by the ruthless overflowing of the waters of the River Theiss. And, although in our ordinary conversation we are acquainted with the well-worn aphorism that "Charity begins at home," yet we assert that the charity which lies at the foundation of our Masonic principles and profession is as boundless as the universe itself, and that, wherever the cry of the widow and the orphan is raised, there is the grand opportunity of practising that virtue which we have professed to admire and promised to support. That cry comes from poor desolated Szegedin, and it is in the power of the Fraternity of Great Britain to help, as we are assured they will do. We shall, therefore, watch with no little degree of interest the spirit in which the appeal issued by Bro. Francis Pulszky is answered by English Freemasons, who we know by experience need no spur or goad to direct their benevolence into proper and legitimate channels. We publish the letter *in extenso* as received from Bro. Pulszky:—

ST. JOHN'S GRAND LODGE OF HUNGARY.

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To the Glory of the G.A.O.T.U.

To all W. and W. Lodges and to all Brethren of the Globe.

Or. Budapest, 14th March 1879.

Worshipful and Beloved Brethren,—

Szegedin, one of the most prosperous Hungarian cities, was inundated on the 12th March by the floods of the Theiss river, and was almost completely destroyed.

Thousands of inhabitants of that unfortunate city found their deaths, parents lost their children, and children their protectors and supporters.

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We are convinced that you will take part in such an act of humanity, and ask you kindly to direct your contributions to the office of St. John's Grand Lodge of Hungary in Budapest, Josephsplatz 11. The sums received shall be acknowledged in its official paper Orient, and the Grand Lodge shall cause their distribution to be conducted by the brethren of the Lodge Arpád, working under its authority in the Orient of Szegedin.

We greet you with brotherly love.

For the St. John's Grand Lodge of Hungary:

FRANCIS PULSZKY, Grand Master.

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HINTS TO "Q." ABOUT ANCIENT LANDMARKS AND MASONIC REFORM.

BY BRO. JACOB NORTON.

FOR more than a century Masons believed that the following compact was made in 1721 between the Grand Lodge of England and the four original Lodges, viz.:—

"Every privilege which they (the four Lodges) collectively enjoyed by virtue of their immemorial rights, they should still continue to enjoy, and that no law, rule, or regulation to be hereafter made, should deprive them of such privileges."

This compact, as plain as language could make it, stipulated for perpetual independence of the four Lodges from all control of the Grand Lodge. Nay, more, it would have even empowered them to create other Grand Lodges in London. Any lawyer could easily so construe or misconstrue the said compact; and the Lodge of Antiquity probably construed it in the same way when it set up a Grand Lodge of its own under the nominal jurisdiction of the G. L. of York, led on by the same Bro. Preston, who was the first writer that brought to light the said compact.

Bro. Gould, whose industry and Masonic zeal no one appreciates more highly than I do, happened to discover that one of the original

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Lodges was compelled in 1723 to accept a charter from the G. L., and whose rank in the Lodge List was lowered to No. 10 in 1729; believing, as all others believed, in the authenticity of the said compact very naturally accused the G.L. of England of injustice for breaking the compact. Fearing that the said Lodge might occasion trouble to the G. L. by claiming its independence and what not! I therefore took the liberty of pointing out my reasons for doubting the story about the compact. This was one reason for writing upon the subject. And secondly, the discovery of Bro. Gould would have fastened upon the founders of the Grand Lodge a double accusation; first, for agreeing to a very injudicious, and, I may even add, to a very absurd compact; and the second, the injustice of violating their own made compact. I have, therefore, endeavoured to rescue the reputation of Bros. Anderson, Desaguliers, Payne, and others, by showing that they were neither guilty of folly nor of injustice, because they never made the said compact, and, of course, never broke it; thereupon, our *hot-headed* Bro. "Q." took umbrage at my remarks, and accused me of want of veneration for the founders of the G. L. Bro. "Q." made no effort to dispel my doubts about the validity of the said compact, but because he likes to read the fables about Romulus, &c., therefore I am to be blamed, for doubting the validity and genuineness of the compact, and for exposing the nonsense of ancient landmarks. The late Bro. Charles Mackay, in one of his poems, furnished specimens of three sermons, preached by three distinct preachers. The first preacher's admiration was centered on the *past*, and he therefore exhorted his hearers to go *backward*. His philosophy was, that

"Man to misery is born,
Born to drudge, and sweat, and suffer,
Born to labour and to pray."

The second preacher regarded the *present age* as the summit of perfection, and *he* preached,

"Stand still! ye restless nations,
Fate is law, and law is perfect,
If ye meddle, ye will mar,
Change is rash and ever was so,
We are happy as we are."

But the third and youngest preacher believed in the *go-ahead* doctrine.

"Standing still (he says) is childish folly,
Going backward is a crime,
None should patiently endure
Any ill he can cure.
Onward then, while a wrong remains,
Onward, and all the earth shall aid us, &c.

Our good Bro. "Q" is evidently a disciple of the "stand still" preacher, with a certain sympathy also for the *backward* preacher, while my own sympathy is enlisted on behalf of the go-ahead preacher; and these are my reasons.

No one can deny that we enjoy in the 19th century a greater degree of civil and religious liberty than our ancestors enjoyed in the 17th century. These again enjoyed more liberty than their ancestors enjoyed in the 15th century, and so on, and so on. All previous centuries were darker and darker, until we come to what is called the dark age. It is of no consequence whether it was darkest in the 6th, 7th, or 9th century, or whether all these centuries were alike dark. There is no doubt that the world, or at least Christendom, had had very dark ages, from which it gradually emerged. It must be obvious even to Bro. "Q." that this progressive enlightenment is neither due to the influence of "backward" preachers, nor to the "stand still" preachers, but we are indebted altogether for the blessings we now enjoy to the succession of the go-ahead or "onward" preachers, who, in the long run, have step by step built up the present state of civilisation. There is no need here to demonstrate the absurdity of the doctrines of the backward preacher, for however much a Mason may *gush* about antiquity, he certainly would not consent to bring us back to the state of barbarism of antiquity. Our last backward Masonic preacher's notions, viz., Dr. Oliver's, are already generally discarded. I shall therefore confine my reasoning to the disciples of the *stand-still* preacher.

I remember the arguments and predictions of the English *stand-still party* during the agitation for Catholic emancipation, the first Reform Bill, Jewish emancipation, &c. I remember how they used to attribute the prosperity and power of England to her religious intolerance, rotten boroughs, and other relics of barbarism which the Revolution of 1688 left upon the Statute-books. I remember, also, when the reform advocates were denominated "destructives," &c. I have, however, lived to witness many reforms pass in England. I am not aware that any one was hurt, while a large number of Englishmen were pacified and became more content. But, nevertheless, that was no reason for stopping all further efforts of reform, or to talk about *finality* of reform. For first, every reformer is opposed by the *backward* and *stand-still* preachers. And secondly, Caution, prudence, or timidity of the reformer himself generally makes him halt half way. In short, all the English reforms within my own recollection were more compromises, something like settling with creditors at the rate of sixpence in the pound, or a few pence, more or less. The Americans, after their separation from England, effected more extensive reforms, but even there the *standstill* party were too powerful, and the slave institution was left untouched, the abolition of slavery was left to the reformers of the present generation. Besides which, when a government gets to be fifty years old, or even less, a new crop of corruptions sprout out, which, if not nipped in the bud, will grow up, and, if not looked after, they will accumulate; these corruptions are, of course, profitable to certain parties, and an effort to abolish those corruptions will surely be opposed by the standstill preachers. We see, then, that, as long as selfishness, bigotry, and corruption exists, there will always be work for the onward preacher.

The founders of the G.L. of England were *onward preachers*, and are therefore entitled to our gratitude. They observed that every religionist was apt to puff up his own religion, and to treat with contempt all other sects but his own. Each religionist pretended that his sacred books taught better doctrines than all other sacred books, and all pretended that their respective books taught the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man, charity, justice, mercy, &c. If the pretension of either of these had been true, the votaries of these sects ought to have been as good as angels; instead of which, they acted more like devils. Every sect, when it obtained power, invariably persecuted all other sects. Had Dr. Anderson lived in Scotland one hundred years earlier, he might have been as bigoted a presbyterian as the majority of the members of his church were, but he happened to live in England at a time when his church was despised by the dominant church. He might also have remembered the persecution of his brethren in the days of Charles II. or James II. Desaguliers was a French exile for conscience sake. Payne may also have been a dissenter. Hence, to emancipate themselves from the disagreeable intolerance, they reasoned themselves into the belief that religious intolerance was wrong (though it was a very ancient landmark) and this conviction of theirs gave rise to our Freemasonry, viz.—to unite the good and true, irrespective of religious differences, into a brotherhood, providing they believed in a Supreme Being. It is evident that such a union would have been impossible if each religionist had been allowed in the Lodge, either to insult the religions of the other brethren, or even to continue the old practice of puffing up his own religion; religious discussion was, therefore, prohibited in the Lodge. But that was not all. The pre 1717 Masons used to pray in Lodges to the Trinity; the said prayer would have been offensive to the Anti-trinitarian, while the orthodox would have been offended if their sectarian notion had been omitted from the prayer. Hence (so it seems to me), prayers were discontinued altogether. Bro. E. T. Corson, of Cincinnati, sent me three extracts from distinct works; the last was printed in 1766, each of these confirming the above statement; that the *moderns* used no prayers in their Lodges. The *ancients*, who were instigated by *backward preachers*, continued to use Christian prayers, which the moderns afterwards imitated. But I firmly believe, and so does Dr. Albert G. Mackay, that for about fifty years after the establishment of the G.L. of England no prayers were used in her Lodges. The Bible was used among the pre 1717 Masons to obligate candidates on; in the earliest ritual of the G. Lodge it was used for no other purpose; its being made into a "great light," was a subsequent innovation. Even as late as 1730 the G.L. of England was opened in *due form* without the Bible on the pedestal. It is rather curious that in 1730 the G. Lodge was opened with the Book of the Constitution and the sword lying on the pedestal instead of the Bible, just the same as the French Masons do now. But whatever credit and gratitude may be due to the founders of the G. Lodge, we should not forget the fact that they were liable to err; and it is as much my duty to expose their shortcoming, as it is to praise for the good they have done.

The faults of Bro. Anderson were, first, his writing a very absurd history of Freemasonry, and, second, his retention in the ritual of saint patronage, and the observance of saints' days, enjoined by him in the Constitution. These blunders were the parents of Templar degrees, Christian degrees, &c., which uprooted the fundamental Masonic aim on the European Continent, and which afterwards reacted upon English Masonry itself. The *Ancients* were the first to adopt the new humbuggries. Dunckerley made them popular among the *Moderns*. Hutchinson persuaded everybody that the third degree is Christian, and what not. In short, all the Masonic preachers after Anderson, during the last century, either preached the *backward* doctrine or the *stand still* doctrine; but, upon the whole, even English Masonry was pushed backward. Preston stopped the practice of using sectarian prayers in Lodges. In 1814, Dr. Hemming revised the ritual, and made an onward movement, by discarding saint patronage and the observance of saints' days; and that was the first, and is still the first, onward movement in England.

In America, not only no onward movement was made at all, but the ritual has been interlarded with additional rant and cant, unknown in any European Masonic ritual; and to the repeated remonstrances made in New York and Boston against the American Masonic mongrel, their reply amounted to no more and no less than, "We have so received it, and we must so impart it;" or, in other words, *ancient landmarks*. And yet, some points which they call *ancient landmarks* were introduced in 1819, and even later. There is a great deal of rubbish even in the English ritual which requires pruning. A very eminent English Officer of the Grand Lodge said once in my presence, "Our ritual will have to be overhauled, and a great deal of accumulated rubbish will have to be thrown out." And even Bro. Q. confessed that "Masonry had its share of humbug attached to it." Such being the case, I ask Bro. Q. whether humbug ought to be tolerated in any respectable society? and more especially so, whether it ought to be tolerated in a society which boasts that hypocrisy and deceit is unknown amongst them, and sincerity and plain dealing are their distinguishing characteristics? Surely, Bro. Q. will not answer these questions in the affirmative! and if my supposition is right, then he ought not to find fault with me for attacking the nonsense of irrepealable laws and ancient landmarks, which may be called the citadel, behind which all bigots and Jesuits, all the backward and all the stand still preachers, inside and outside of Masonry, have invariably entrenched themselves. When once that fortification is demolished, we shall have a chance of reasoning rationally about Masonic reform.

The annual meeting of the John Hervey Lodge, No. 1260, took place on Wednesday, when Bro. E. Jones Goodacre was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year. A report will appear in our next.

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LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

SIR,—I am very glad to observe, from your report of one of the Masonic gatherings last week, that attention has at length been called to the "rough and tumble" manner in which instruction is not unfrequently imparted in some of our Lodges. It is a great privilege, as well as pleasure, to attend these meetings for rudimentary enlightenment, which in reality must be regarded as the nursery from which our experts of the future are to be transplanted; but are there not occasions when one has retired from such an assembly and been forced to acknowledge that the whole evening has been wasted, and that from sheer laxity the time has been expended in a manner that has been simply "flat, stale and unprofitable?" And why is this the case? Simply because those who have undertaken to carry out the duties of the evening are not brought back to complete—as they would be in any ordinary school—and to perfect themselves in what they had already nearly accomplished, thus to make themselves masters, as they go along, of the various portions of the ritual. I have attended on recurrent evenings and found the same weakness apparent, the same laxity winked at, and the time has slipped away so unprofitably that we have turned to each other at the close of the meeting and asked in vain, "What progress have we made to-night?" Another error should be guarded against, if Preceptors will allow me to refer momentarily to this fact. Often when a student blunders at a word or sentence he is immediately tripped, and the sudden arrest invariably causes him to lose the thread of his observation and to cover himself with confusion. Preceptors will I am sure excuse my reference to this fault on their part. Rather allow the young aspirant to complete his laudable effort, so far as his talent has developed, and then in kindly terms correct any flaws that may have been detected during the recital; and then, if necessary, allow the passages to be repeated. The Preceptor should carry a mental note-book always with him, and he would ever find that a "word in season" is enough to the wise. Free but courteous criticism should be tolerated on all occasions, as by this means defects are corrected without offending the most fastidious tastes or susceptibilities. I was once a constant attendant at Lodges of Instruction, but must say that the loose and slovenly way in which many of them are conducted is sufficient to disgust even a less thin-skinned individual (if such were possible) than

Yours fraternally,

VIGIL.

EDUCATIONAL CHARITIES.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BRO.,—In your last issue I was very pleased to see you gave a notice of the progress of that most deserving institution the Royal Albert Orphan Asylum, the results of which must be a source of unqualified satisfaction to its many subscribers and friends. Fully bearing in mind the old adage that "comparisons are odious," I note that the cost of management, including payment on mortgage (in lieu of rent), food, clothing, education, &c., amounts to £19 17s 1d per head. Of course I do not wish to place our Masonic Schools on the same level as this Charity, though the object of each is kindred in its nature; but I have frequently heard it remarked—and I suppose it will continue to be a subject of discussion—that it would be as well to see whether or not some greater economy could not be practised in the case of our Boys and Girls. I am quite prepared to admit that every Mason desires to see the children of our deceased brethren educated and brought up in a manner befitting their station in life—like little ladies and gentlemen. But with due deference to this praiseworthy sentiment, there seems to be a very wide difference between the cost of maintenance in our Schools—some £36 for the Girls—and those who are cared for by the Charity I have named. I have not had the opportunity of inquiring into the matter very closely, but I have often heard persons connected with other institutions, such as the Commercial Travellers' School at Pinner, where I believe the boys are well cared for, though perhaps they do not get so thorough an education as in the Masonic Schools, but where the cost of management is far below our own. I do not for a moment listen to the arguments so often heard as to our desire to turn out our boys and girls with an artificial pride, and with high-flown ideas, because every man would like his children brought up certainly in as good a sphere, if not better, than that in which he has himself moved. Therefore I am not disposed to grumble at the superiority of the education which is imparted to our children. Still, with the distressing cases that we have before us continually, and which we are utterly unable to meet, it may be worth while to see if something cannot be done by the exercise of a more strict economy to spread the advantages of our Masonic Institutions over a somewhat larger and wider area. Perhaps you, or some of your intelligent correspondents who are conversant with the interior working of our own and other Charities might be able to throw a little light upon a subject which is deeply exercising the minds of not a few of the brethren in various parts of the country. It is congratulatory in the extreme to see the efficiency of the boys, as evidenced in the recent Cambridge Local Examination, of which you gave a detailed list last week. I know that Bro. Morris of Wood Green, is most anxious to bring his happy family well to the fore in the educational department; and he must be complimented on the very successful results he has this year achieved. Still, as the father of a family, and seeing the numbers who are to be provided for, and the still increasing list of those who are claiming a just participation in the benefits of our Institutions, there can be no harm in ventilating the question as to whether, by a little economy in some of the departments, room cannot be made for a few more of the deserving applicants, so that on the succeeding election days there may be more hearts made glad and grateful, and a few less sent empty away. Trusting to hear from some or other of your more intelligent correspondents on this subject, which I have raised mainly for the sake of eliciting information,

I remain, Dear Sir and Bro,

Yours fraternally,

A SUBSCRIBER.

"FIRST IMPRESSIONS."

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BRO.,—No doubt many brethren have shared with me the pleasure I experienced from a perusal of your sound and practical article last week on "First Impressions." For a very long time I have observed a laxity of manner—a levity almost—in the administration of the first principles of Masonry to the novitiate on his admission. Of course at that moment when he is "all eyes and ears," so to speak, when he strains every faculty to grasp as much of the hidden mystery that is permitted to be revealed to him, he takes note of even the most trivial circumstance, and marks the demeanour of the brethren in such a way as leaves its "impression" long after the ceremony has concluded. It must be the experience of every Mason that the initiate is invariably in that malleable frame of mind during his first passage through a Lodge to receive good impressions or the reverse, in accordance precisely as the rite is performed. Thus the interchange of amused glances, whisperings, and any other movements calculated to disturb the candidate's composure, or to divert his attention, should be carefully avoided. Such interludes only tend to strip the ceremony of its solemnity, and produce in the observant mind of the initiate a greater or less feeling of disappointment, if not of surprise, that sentences of such grave import which, though familiar to older members, now fall upon his ear for the first time, can be marked with such frivolity. Yet such is by no means an uncommon occurrence. Again, I was pleased to observe that you pointed a mild rebuke to those Masters who, probably having a great deal of work crowded into one evening, are disposed to hurry over the initiation ceremony. A greater mistake could not be committed, for this not unfrequently mars the initiate's whole conception of the system. How often do we find that there is "no time" to explain the tracing-board—the W.M. deferring that, and much other valuable instruction, to some "more convenient season?" Unless a man is determined to make himself competent in all respects to discharge the high responsibilities of the chair, he should never accept the position; and when there he should be rigid in his determination to see that those duties which are required of him and his supporters are carried out, not only in the spirit but to the letter. I have penned these few thoughts as the outcome of my perusal of your very apposite article last week. I only wish that it could be reprinted in the form of a pamphlet for distribution amongst Entered Apprentices. At that period, as I have said, their minds are receptive and easily moulded, and the inhalation of such wise counsel as you administer would be most beneficial, when they are eagerly on the search after further light. Taking a great interest, as I do, in your excellent journal, I shall feel pleased if you will forward me fifty copies for distribution amongst those whom I think may derive benefit from its perusal, but who may not as yet be familiar with its contents.

I remain, dear Sir and Brother,

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

LEO.

7th April, 1879.

HOLIDAY TIMES AND BUSINESS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—A friend of mine has just mentioned the fact, and it is one that may be well borne in mind, for the convenience of brethren in the future, that the Quarterly Court for the election of Girls falls on Saturday next, and that for the Boys on Easter Monday. Now, as during the holiday season many persons may be desirous of spending their few days' respite in the country, whilst most of us will be glad of the retirement afforded between Good Friday and Easter Monday, it would have been a source of no inconsiderable convenience had these Courts been postponed until a more convenient season. Perhaps when such an event occurs again in the future some arrangements may be made so as to meet the convenience of the brethren who wish to attend these Courts, and not to break in upon their holiday keeping, to which no doubt many of them have been looking forward with the most agreeable anticipations.

Yours fraternally,

S.W.

ROYAL POLYTECHNIC.—THE FAIRY DELL. THE ELECTRIC LIGHT. GAS, what it does and can do. THE STEAM ENGINE, &c. THE ZULU WAR. VOYAGES IN THE AIR, and THE WONDERS OF MODERN SCIENCE. THE ZOOCEPHALIC TROUPE of Living Marionettes. STOKES ON MEMORY. LEOTARD the Automaton, and the AUTOMATIC HEAD. Diver, Diving Bells, &c.—Admission, 1s; Open at 12 and 7. Carriages at 5 and 10.

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REVIEWS.

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Our Red Coats and Blue Jackets. By Henry Stewart. London: John Hogg, Paternoster Row.

Books on battles have always a peculiar charm for boys. And here we have a volume which for beauty of style and finish is sufficient to dazzle the eye and to whet the keenest admiration of the English youth. It is essentially one such as we can imagine the successful pupil receiving at the hands of his school examiner with a gleeful twinkle in his eye as he turns over its gilded covers and peers inside at its richly coloured embellishments. And as he meanders through its pages, rich with stories of "adventure by flood and field," we can realise with what pride and avidity he will peruse the accounts of brilliant exploits which are emblazoned on the flag of that empire upon whose might the sun never sets. In panoramic style are recorded the principal achievements of the British arms, both by land and sea, from the time of the opening of the great war with France, in 1793, down to the signing of the peace treaty with King Coffee, of Ashantee. There can be no greater help to the juvenile mind, whilst mastering the history of his own as well as of other countries, than to be on familiar terms with the names of great men who have led our armies across far-off battle-fields, and our sturdy cruisers abreast every sea. And the object of the compiler of this most acceptable volume seems to be to enumerate in pleasant conversational manner the salient features of both naval and military engagements in which the British services have taken so prominent and victorious a part—giving vividness and variety to the narrative by the introduction of anecdotes and short accounts of personal valour. Considerately eschewing lengthy details as to the political complications which induced the wars recorded—and through which young readers cannot be expected to wade—Mr. Stewart tells a round unvarnished tale of the several conflicts which have left their mark upon the naval and military annals of the past century, increasing the usefulness of his work to the general reader by adding a chronological list of engagements, which renders the whole a handy book of reference. Fully half the volume is occupied in relation of the most prominent incidents of the French and Peninsular wars; and although military operations were not then on such a scale of magnitude as in the present day, nor the weapons of warfare so deadly, yet from that fact alone there are afforded more personal instances of British pluck and obstinacy such as lend a spiciness to tales of war. The account of the battle of Waterloo is written in heroic and stirring language, a graphic description being given of the arena of that glorious triumph, the mere mention of which even yet causes a "flush to glow from cheek to brow" whenever the tale is told amongst Englishmen. Considerable attention is also paid to the leading features in the Crimean campaign, most of which are within the recollection of comparatively young men; and the details of the storming of the Alma, the Balaclava Charge, the Battle of Inkermann, and the capture of Sebastopol are admirably told, interspersed with stirring incidents and records of personal valour. Taken altogether, this book is just such an one as the ordinary English youth will covet, whether for beauty of exterior, which makes it an ornament to the drawing-room table, or for the exciting and interesting character of its contents. It is a most judicious compilation of historical facts, and it bristles throughout with the most telling passages of incident and adventure.

The Secret of Success; or, How to Get on in the World. By W. H. Davenport Adams. London: John Hogg, Paternoster Row.

The object of this bulky and handsomely got-up volume is not exactly that which its title at first blush might suggest to many minds. It points out no royal road to a Monte Christo's hoard of wealth, or to a philosopher's stone that shall turn everything it touches into gold. Legions of quack nostrums have been issued from time to time, professing in their varied departments to show how "good luck" may be attained, and giving "straight tips" as to how a speedy ascent may be gained to the pinnacles of fame and fortune. These, however, have invariably been emanations from men who have painfully found life to be a delusion and a snare, who have either missed or wilfully deserted the paths of moral rectitude, and whose counsel, therefore, has only served as the Will-o'-the-wisp to allure others into the fens and morasses of disappointment. Mr. Adams candidly asserts at the outset that he has discovered no shorter or easier pathway to worldly success than before existed; and that if any reader takes up his book in the hope of learning some new way of money-making, some fresh exposition of the gospel of getting-on, he may find himself disappointed. Plain, homely, and eminently practical expositions of the principles which should guide our every-day life are embodied in this comprehensive treatise; and though most of them are well-worn, and almost universally acknowledged, we find them, alas! too little practised in the common dealings of this competitive age. To start with, of course, the writer points out that, in order to ensure success in any grade of life, the *mens sana* and *corpore sano* must be indissolubly blended, and thus he directs attention to the complete culture of the physical, moral, and intellectual faculties of the individual. Very often materialistic success proves nothing more than deplorable failure; and the great secret of success, he argues, lies in the cultivation of the habits of diligent application, temperate living, and high thinking. It is perfectly true that these doctrines and precepts have been preached exhaustively enough by moralists and philanthropists for years, but such truths cannot be too frequently set before readers of every class and age. To the young they serve as a healthy stimulus to high aims and lofty ambitions; to "children of large growth" they supply the brake-power against recklessness and haste, as well as incentives to wisdom. We are not of that class who would cram all manner of "goody" and impossible maxims into the mental capacity of our rising generation. But inasmuch as an occasional tonic, administered even in homœopathic doses, is essential to physical health, so are words of wisdom and wholesome counsel of priceless worth in the moral training of those who are about to set out upon the stormy sea of life. Referring to the objection which may be made to his volume, that it traverses much of the same ground as that already covered by Smiles, in his "Self Help," and others, Mr. Adams points out that his work, on the other hand, devotes a considerable space to illustrations from the departments of business and commerce—departments which have hitherto, at least for such purposes, been comparatively overlooked; and it pursues more than one course of inquiry which previous writers have scarcely glanced at. He anticipates another obvious objection by setting forth that, although the volume before us says nothing absolutely new—that it repeats truths which have become commonplace—yet truths of such importance cannot be too frequently repeated. "This repetition may impress minds which have not been impressed, and they may be accompanied with fresh examples, or presented in newer forms, so as to arrest the attention of the careless, or suggest to the thoughtful new lines of reflection." After a careful perusal of the work in hand, we have no hesitation in expressing our opinion that it is one we should like to see in the hands of every young man as he sets forth on the threshold of active business life. There is a robust manliness in the style of the writer's diction which is simply contagious, and a mere occasional glance at its pages cannot fail to give elasticity and moral tone to the thoughts and actions of the reader. It must not be supposed that the book is a mere homily of moral precept and instruction, for throughout the whole of its pages there runs a silver thread of interesting narrative, such as admirably sustains the reader's attention; whilst the examples given of the achievements of eminent men in all conditions of life are most entertaining as well as instructive. There are also illustrations and anecdotes without number, setting forth how essential it is to economise time, and make good use of it when thus saved—the choosing of right starting-points in life, and the cultivation of worthy friendships—the value of resolution, moral accuracy and uprightness in our business habits—and a host of other directions, pointing like finger-posts along the road to success. We feel perfectly assured that the more extensively this admirable book is read the greater will be its influence for good, and we heartily commend it to the attention of our readers of every class. The work presents us with a compilation of a vast amount of valuable information, evidently the result of the reading and observation of many years; and no one can peruse its pages without deriving intellectual benefit. But, unlike many works of similar aim that we have seen in the past, and which we have had to struggle through with serious visage, this volume is spangled throughout with cheery incidents and sketches of humour which render palatable truths that may perhaps have lost their attractiveness by frequent repetition. The work is commendable in every respect, and forms a very acceptable present, especially to young men of thought and good sense.

Obituary.

We regret to announce the demise of our late respected Brother John Johnson, which melancholy event occurred on the 29th ult. in his fifty-first year, after a short illness. The funeral took place at Abney Park Cemetery on the 2nd inst., where many marks of respect testified to the great esteem in which Bro. Johnson was held. The funeral *cortège* was followed by a numerous assemblage of the *employés* of the Gas Light and Coke Company, of which our esteemed brother was engineer. There was also a large attendance of brethren of the Lodges and Chapters to which he belonged. Among the many floral wreaths borne upon the coffin was one of acacia, which was respectfully placed there by Bro. T. W. Adams I.P.M. of 1623, of which the deceased Brother was a Founder and J.W. Our Brother was initiated in the Era Lodge 1423 in 1875, and his active interest in the Order may be judged from the fact of his being a Founder of West Smithfield Lodge 1623, Evening Star Lodge 1719, Hammersmith Mark 211, West Smithfield Mark 223, and the Era Chapter 1423. He was a Life Governor of all our Masonic Charities, already a past Steward, and had only recently represented the West Smithfield Lodge at the Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, when he was able to take up on his list about seventy guineas. The Craft has sustained a great loss in consequence of our late Brother's career of usefulness being thus cut short. We sympathise most deeply with his widow and three children in their bereavement.

CRYPTIC DEGREES.

A meeting of the Grand Master's Council, No. 1, was held at the Masonic Rooms, 2 Red Lion-square, on Wednesday, the 2nd inst. Present—Bros. T. C. Walls Rt. Ill. Dep. Master, Thos. Poore as Conductor of Works, H. R. Cooper Smith as Captain of the Guard, D. M. Dewar Recorder, F. Davison G. Treasurer, R. Berridge, E. Latchworth, R. H. Thrupp, Robert Roy, &c. Bros. W. J. Hickman, W. Klingenstein, George Kenning, Alfred Williams, Fentham Hedges were severally admitted to the Degrees of Most Excellent, Royal, Select, and Super Excellent Master, the ceremonies being impressively rendered by the Right Ill. Dep. Master Bro. Walls, assisted by Bros. Poore and Cooper Smith. The next meeting was fixed for Thursday the 8th May, on which day, after the reception of candidates, the Annual Festival will be held.

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INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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STRONG MAN LODGE, No. 45.

THE members of this Lodge met at Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, on Thursday, the 3rd inst., in full force to do honour to the incoming of Bro. Symons as W.M. The meeting was called for four o'clock. Bro. A. A. Wing presided, assisted by Bros. Symons S.W., Hallé J.W.. Follitt P.M. Treas., G. H. T. Dyer P.M. Sec., Cordingly S.D., Horne J.D., Deane I.G., Steed Tyler. The following P.M.'s were also present:—H. Moss, J. Vass, C. Driver, E. J. Read, A. Pilbeam and J. G. Defriez. Lodge was duly opened, and the minutes of last meeting were confirmed. The ballot was taken for the admission of Mr. H. N. Symons; it proved unanimous, and that gentleman being in attendance was regularly initiated into Freemasonry. Bro. Sharp, a candidate for passing, gave proofs of his proficiency, and was entrusted. The Lodge was opened up, and Bro. Sharp was duly passed. Bro. H. Moss then presented Bro. Symons the W.M. elect to receive the benefit of installation, and Bro. Wing performed the ceremony in a manner which reflected great credit for the attention he must have paid to the study of this beautiful ceremony. The newly-installed W.M. appointed and invested his Officers as follows:—Bros. Hallé S.W., Follitt P.M. Treas., A. A. Wing P.M. Sec., Horne S.D., Deane J.D., W. A. S. Humphries I.G., Steed Tyler, Smith and Bigg Stewards, Nell D.C. The brethren adjourned to banquet, where justice was done to the good cheer provided by mine hosts, Bros. Wood and Romain. When the cloth had been removed, the W.M. gave the Loyal and Patriotic toasts in a condensed form. Loyalty to the Throne and Prosperity to the Craft was greeted with full honours. "God Save the Queen" was sung by the brethren. Bro. Wing I.P.M. then proposed the health of the W.M. It was the first time he had held the gavel for this purpose, and he felt his task a difficult one; he felt as if he ought to say a great deal, both in praise of the Worshipful Master and of the P.M.'s; however, he felt assured that every member would appreciate his feelings. He had experienced great pleasure in receiving support from the P.M.'s, and he hoped the W.M. would receive the same assistance he had; from what he knew of Bro. Symons he felt confident the Lodge would gain considerably by having placed him in his honourable position. He called upon the brethren to do honour to the toast, and the call was heartily responded to. The W.M. replied, observing it was a most difficult task to return thanks for the kind manner this toast had been received. The song Bro. Vass had favoured them with that evening—The Jolly Young Waterman—he had heard some six years since, and this brought him to the period of his initiation. From that time he determined he would do everything to uphold the Lodge, and now he was W.M. he would endeavour to meet the wishes of the brethren, and still further sustain its prestige. He felt proud of the unanimity which prevailed in the Lodge, and hoped at the end of his year of office he would be enabled to instal his successor in as able a manner as Bro. Wing had performed the like task this evening. He would endeavour to please all, and he thanked them for the high position they had placed him in. The W.M. now proposed the health of the Initiate; the toast to him was a peculiar one, as the Initiate was his own brother. He would, therefore, simply ask the brethren to drink to his welfare. Bro. Initiate thanked the brethren for having received him so cordially, and for admitting him into this ancient Lodge; he trusted he would prove himself worthy of their confidence. The W.M. now proposed the health of the I.P.M.; they all knew Bro. Wing well, the toast needed but few remarks from him. It was, however, one of the most pleasing incidents of his life to invest Bro. Wing with a P.M.'s jewel—a jewel he had well earned. He presented it in the name of the Strong Man Lodge, and in placing it on Bro. Wing's breast, he trusted that he would live for many years to wear it. Bro. P.M. Wing returned his sincere thanks. It had been the summit of his wishes to preside over this Lodge, and it gave him a vast amount of pleasure during his year of office, inasmuch as he believed his efforts had been crowned with success. He had received such courtesy and good feeling from the brethren of the Lodge that he felt justified in thinking his endeavours to please had met with their approbation. Every W.M. should study the wishes of the brethren, and they would be more than repaid by kindliness of feeling; he felt doubly proud at being presented with a P.M.'s jewel, and hoped the Strong Man Lodge would prosper, and would unite in being happy and promote happiness. The health of the P.M.'s was the next toast on the list. The W.M. remarked that he looked to them to assist him in his duties; they had carried the Strong Man Lodge through many difficulties. He coupled with the toast the name of Bro. H. Moss, the father of the Lodge. Bro. Moss returned thanks for his name being coupled with the toast. He had been forty years a member of the Lodge; he assured the brethren that he never heard the beautiful ceremony of installation more effectively rendered than it was this evening by Bro. P.M. Wing. Nothing was more pleasing to him than to assist the W.M. for the time being, and to see the duties of the chair conducted properly. He hoped the present W.M. would go through his year of office with honour, as his predecessors had done. The Visitors' toast was next proposed. The W.M. remarked they were always glad to see visitors; they had two P.M.'s, and several other members who held important offices in Lodges; he gave them hearty welcome. Bro. Tolmie acted as spokesmen for the Visitors. However, he felt physically unequal to the task. He thanked the brethren for the cordial manner all had been received, and the pleasure enjoyed from the excellent working of the Lodge, particularly referring to the manner in which the installation ceremony had been conducted by Bro. Wing. The W.M., in proposing the health of the Officers, said it was a toast he offered with some anxiety, as he wished it clearly to be understood that the brethren were not chosen for office by rotation, but from their capabilities. He hoped they would assist him, and help to sustain the reputation of the Strong Man Lodge, and he assured the brethren that by attending Lodges of Instruction they would gain that knowledge which was so essential to the honour and credit of Mother Lodges. To this the Treasurer responded. The Tyler's toast concluded the evening, and the brethren separated at rather a late hour, after having spent a very comfortable evening. The following were the Visitors:—H. Higgins P.M. 1381, R. G. Tolmie W.M. 861, D. F. Gillien W.M. 1425, John Hill S.W. 140, A. W. Fenner S.D. 1227, Thos. Harnson 1045, W. Craig S.D. 1425, James Starkey 1489, Thomas Richardson 1599, H. A. Watson 1707, H. Ampfield 364. The W.M. (Bro. Symons). Bros. Halle and Voss contributed to the harmony of the evening by some excellent songs and recitations.

MERCHANT NAVY LODGE, No. 781.

THE installation of Bro. J. J. Gavin as the W.M. of this popular East-end Lodge took place on Wednesday evening at the Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, under the most gratifying and brilliant auspices. Not only was there a full attendance of the members of the Lodge but a fair sprinkling of the purple gave additional zest to the proceedings. Soon after four o'clock the Lodge was opened in accordance with ancient formalities, the retiring W.M. Bro. C. Breden occupying the chair. He was supported by Bros. Gavin S.W., A. Scheerboom J.W., J. W. Wright P.M. Treas., E. T. Read P.M. Sec., B. C. Rawe S.D., R. F. Ould J.D., W. Steedman P.M. Tyler, &c. Amongst the Past Masters present we observed Bros. J. W. Reeves, T. Neville, E. Killick, W. J. Helps, J. Kinfred, W. J. Medland; and there were also present—Bros. J. Lax, T. D. Salter, R. H. Bennett, F. Robinson, G. Walker, A. G. Williams, S. Chapman, T. Hitchman, W. Lukes, J. W. Chapman, T. Gaisford, T. Huett, J. E. Ives, W. H. Crowley, H. J. Dickson, J. Bloy, G. C. Cannon, H. D. Gibbs, J. Bernhardt, J. T. Moore, G. W. Jones, G. Simmonds, T. Hallett, Thos. Hudson, and with the visitors were—Bros. C. R. Bennett P.M. 1382, W. C. Barlow 174, W. J. Cowper 1668, Thos. Cull 1446, H. J. Amphlett 1511, M. Rosenheim 27, James Emer 1259, J. A. Keeble 174, W. Watkins 1076, &c. The usual formalities having been observed and some preliminary business transacted, the Lodge was temporarily closed during the sitting of the Board of Installed Masters, and on the re-admission of the brethren the ceremony of installation was performed in masterly style by Bro. J. Terry P.G.J.W. of Hertfordshire, the well-known and highly esteemed Secretary of our Masonic Institution for Aged Masons. It was not merely a recital of an ancient rite, impressive under any circumstances, but a splendid elocutionary banquet, which held and riveted the attention of the brethren, and elicited a glow of pride that the Merchant Navy Lodge should possess an honorary member of such calibre as our Bro. Terry. The Charges were given in a manner that was simply faultless, and the whole of the working was such as redounded to the utmost credit on the Officers who assisted in their respective spheres. Due honours were accorded to the newly installed W.M., whose demeanour in the chair gave excellent promise of his wisdom to discern and power to execute his important duties, and the salutations having ended, he proceeded to invest his Officers for the year, Bro. Terry disposing of the collars with a few happily-chosen sentences to each. We can hardly forbear quoting, from memory, one of these. In "collaring" the Steward, Bro. Terry gave him a brief exordium on the virtues of self-denial which would be the lot of Bro. Robinson to practice, adding that if he should succeed in pleasing everybody, see that each brother had precisely and all that he required at the table, and was assailed with no fault finding whatever, he would be able to congratulate himself upon being a model Steward, and the most fortunate man in the world—to whom the brethren would say with one voice "Well done, good and faithful servant." The Officers on whom the collars were bestowed are—Bros. A. Scheerboom S.W., B. C. Rawe J.W., J. W. Wright P.M. Treas., E. T. Read P.M. Sec., R. F. Ould S.D., Everett J.D., J. E. Ives I.G., J. Lax D.C., F. Robinson Steward, Palmer Organist, and W. Steedman P.M. Tyler. Bro. Wright, with characteristic humour, acknowledged the compliment which had been paid to him by his re-election to the office of Treasurer, and assured the brethren who were in arrears—if, indeed, there were any—that the funds would bear the additional pressure to which they would be subjected by their polite attention. The remark, of course, evoked spontaneous merriment, and following immediately after Bro. Read thanked the Lodge for the renewal of its confidence by re-electing him Secretary, and said he would take this opportunity of publicly acknowledging the kind assistance he had received from Bro. Terry at the recent election to the R.M. Benevolent Institution, when they succeeded in getting in Bro. Shoring. He was vastly indebted to Bro. Terry, and he sincerely trusted the members of this Lodge would assist him to the utmost of their power in repaying the votes which had been so generously lent him, and which had resulted in such a gratifying success to their Lodge. Several applications for relief were considered, and the deserving found true personification of Masonic Charity at the hands of the Merchant Navy Lodge. There were one or two striking instances of necessity, and it was a gratifying feature of this meeting to notice the sturdy and robust manner in which these claims were met. Equally commendable, in our opinion, was the refusal of one demand, which should never have been permitted to come before the Lodge. After the transaction of some other routine business, the Lodge was closed, and subsequently the brethren sat down to a sumptuous banquet, which was provided in excellent style by Bro. Gregory. Admirable arrangements were made for the comfort and convenience of the numerous company, and elicited deserved expressions of satisfaction from the brethren present. At the conclusion of the repast the Loyal and Masonic toasts were given briefly and pithily from the chair, and received with enthusiasm, Bro. Palmer rendering efficient assistance as accompanyist on the pianoforte. Bro. Wright responded in felicitous terms to the toast of our Prov. rulers, after which Bro. C.

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Breden I.P.M. gave the health of the newly-installed Master, the toast being received with ringing cheers. In giving the toast, Bro. Breden referred at some length to the assiduity and attention which Bro. Gavin had paid to his duties, and the satisfaction the brethren all experienced at seeing him elevated to the supreme rule of the Lodge. He trusted and believed that all the Officers whom their W.M. had to-day invested would rally around him, and support him in the arduous duties he had undertaken. If they all worked unanimously together, they could surmount any difficulty, and he trusted that in the coming year the Merchant Navy Lodge would well sustain the prestige it had won for its united strength. The Worshipful Master, in response, expressed his deep sense of the honour which had been that day conferred upon him, and promised that it should be his constant aim to support the dignity and rightly to discharge the trust which had been committed to him. He was confident that in this endeavour he should be readily supported by those who had preceded him in office, as well as by the brethren whom he had been pleased to appoint as his coadjutors to-day. Before sitting down, the W.M. gave the health of the Visitors, of whom he was proud to see so goodly an array, and he assured them that the Merchant Navy Lodge was always pleased to extend a cordial welcome to all brethren who honoured it with their countenance. The toast was received with musical honours, and P.M.'s Bros. C. R. Bennett 1382, and W. C. Barlow 174, severally acknowledged the compliment, referring generally to the charities which were the pride and boast of the Fraternity. Then followed the toast of the Masonic Charities, coupled with the name of Bro. Terry, who responded in a lengthy and eloquent appeal on behalf of the invaluable institutions of which he is the representative. He acknowledged the valuable aid which had been rendered to the charities by the Merchant Navy Lodge, under whose banner he was very pleased to be enrolled. This Lodge had experienced many vicissitudes, and it could not be said of it that it had no history; and he trusted it would now go on in an increasingly flourishing degree, and sustain the reputation it had gained in way of supporting the deserving institutions which were the pride of the Fraternity. He expatiated on the great spirit and enterprise of the mercantile marine, which had aided so materially in building up the commercial greatness of this empire, and said it was a pleasure to come into the East-end and to meet the representatives of the merchant navy of England assembled under the banner of this Lodge. He then alluded in an interesting manner to the changes which had taken place in the Boys' and Girls' Schools, with the view of giving increased facilities; and quoted statistical returns to illustrate the vast amount of good which was being done in these invaluable institutions. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Officers of the Merchant Navy Lodge, whom he described as the back-bone of his support, and from whom he trusted he should receive such assistance in the coming year as would enable him to discharge his duties with credit to himself and satisfaction to the general body of the brethren. The toast was cordially received and acknowledged by Bro. Breden, I.P.M. Several other complimentary toasts were honoured, and, amidst an abundance of good singing, mirth, and harmony, the brethren continued to pass a very harmonious time until the "drowsy god" bade them reluctantly to separate.

AMHURST LODGE, No. 1223.

THE installation of Bro. C. Banks as W.M. of this Lodge took place on Saturday last, at the King's Arms Hotel, Westerham, in the presence of a goodly attendance of members and visitors, amongst whom were many Officers of rank. The brethren assembled at the Cannon-street Station of the South Eastern Railway, and on their arrival at Sevenoaks they were met by a number of conveyances in which they proceeded to the place of meeting, enjoying in the course of a six miles drive some of the most beautiful scenery for which the "Garden of England" is famed. At half past two o'clock the Lodge was opened in due form by the retiring W.M. Bro. A. W. Duret, who was supported by Bros. C. Banks S.W., C. Dodd J.W., R. Dartnell Treasurer, J. H. Jewell P.M. Sec., Webb S.D., Miller J.D., F. J. Baker I.G., Newsom P.M., T. Mortlock P.M. (honorary members), C. J. Dodd I.P.M., Newsom P.P.G.S.B. Kent. A Board of Installed Masters was opened, and Bro. Banks the W.M. elect was presented to the Lodge, and subsequently installed into the chair by the retiring W.M. Bro. Duret, Bros. Newsom and Mortlock temporarily occupying the Wardens' chairs. The ceremony was perfectly and impressively rendered, and at its conclusion Bro. Duret was warmly congratulated by the brethren and visitors. The W.M. having been saluted, he invested his Officers for the ensuing year as follow:—A. W. Duret I.P.M., C. Dodd S.W., J. Webb J.W., R. Dartnell P.M. Treasurer, J. H. Jewell P.G.O. Secretary, S. Smith S.D., F. J. Baker J.D., Owen I.G., S. Lava D.C. and Allison Tyler. In accordance with the Bye-laws of the P.G. Lodge, Bro. E. J. Dodd P.M. was elected a member of the Charity Committee. Letters expressing their regret at being unavoidably prevented from attending the meeting were read from Viscount Holmesdale Prov. G. Master, and several other Grand Officers. Pursuant to notice of motion, Bro. Dodd P.M. proposed, and Bro. Dartnell seconded, that a P.M. jewel be presented to the retiring W.M., in recognition of the valuable services he had rendered to the Lodge during his year of office. This resolution, after some complimentary remarks from Bro. Mortlock P.M., was carried amidst acclamation. The W.M. then, in appropriate terms, presented to Bro. Duret I.P.M. the handsome and massive jewel which had been subscribed for by the brethren, expressing the hope that he might live long to wear it, and adding that he only echoed the sentiments of one and all by whom he was surrounded when he said that such a jewel could not have been more worthily bestowed. The recipient of the gift acknowledged the kindliness and brotherly feeling which had prompted it, and testified to his entire confidence in his successor in office. At the conclusion of business the brethren sat down to an excellent banquet provided by Bro. P.M. Hadley, whose arrangements for the comfort and convenience of his guests elicited unbounded expressions of approbation. The customary loyal and Masonic toasts were then disposed of, Bros. Jewell and Newsom responding to the toast of our Provincial rulers. The health of the newly-installed W.M. was next proposed in felicitous terms by Bro. Duret, the toast being received with the utmost cordiality by the brethren. Bro. Banks, in acknowledging the compliment, hoped that during his tenure of office he might be able to discharge his onerous duties satisfactorily, and that he might merit the praise which they had so justly accorded to him who had this day vacated the chair. Before sitting down he proposed the health of the visitors, coupled with the names of Bros. H. M. Levy and Dawson, who, in the course of their replies, expressed the pleasure it had afforded them to see how well every detail of the work had been carried out. The W.M. then proposed the health of the Past Masters of the Lodge, alluding to the valuable assistance they at all times rendered to the brethren. Bro. Duret I.P.M. returned thanks, in doing which he said he was deeply sensible of the complimentary observations which the brethren had been pleased to pass upon his mode of working; but all he did was for the benefit of the Lodge, and he hoped every officer and brother would do his utmost to assist the W.M. in carrying out the duties that were expected of them. Bro. Newsom followed on behalf of the P.M.'s, and Bro. Dodd added a few words in reply, intimating that he was a Steward for the next anniversary Festival of the Girls' School, and he was sure such a Charity needed and deserved their every support, whilst Bro. Dodd, as Steward for the Boys' School, spoke equally in favour of that excellent institution, and hoped the brethren would divide their favours. The W.M. then proposed the health of their highly esteemed and respected Bro. Mortlock P.M., whose excellent working was proverbial; and Bro. Mortlock expressed his desire to acquit himself on all occasions in such a manner as to reflect credit on the Lodge. The health of the Officers, and several other complimentary toasts were honoured, and after spending a very joyous meeting, the brethren returned to their vehicles, and drove to the station for home.

Royal Alfred Lodge, No. 780.—The first meeting of the season 1879 was held on Friday, the 28th ult., at the Star and Garden, Kew Bridge, when there was a strong attendance of the members, though we missed several of the well known faces we are accustomed to greet at this popular Lodge. Bro. Charles May opened his Lodge at two o'clock, when he was supported by Bros. W. Gomm S.W., B. Blasby J.W., Walter Goss I.P.M. and Treasurer, Wm. Hilton P.M. Sec., Costelow S.D., Franckel J.D., Gunner I.G., Tarling W.S., Gilbert Tyler. At this Lodge a cordial welcome is always extended to Visitors, and on this occasion there were present in that capacity Bros. F. Murray P.D.G.M. China, W. Maxwell Gow Good Hope, R. White 101, E. Matthews 173, W. W. Morgan Sec. 211, A. Ruttwen 249, George C. Sayer 315, C. Misselbrook 781, F. Skinner 813, W. F. Tindall 1351, G. Lewis Luker 1441, G. Phillips 1512, H. E. Tucker Treas. 1612, A. Botley 1612, George L. Fenner 1636. The agenda paper—always a full one here—gave the names of seven candidates for the third degree, and there were three candidates who presented themselves to pass the ordeal of the ballot. After the minutes had been read and confirmed, Lodge was opened up, and Brothers John Snook, Edwin Eydmann, John Henry Jarvis, Richard Wood, and Robert Gifford underwent and passed a satisfactory examination. In due course the ceremony of raising was performed. Mr. George Cumbers and Mr. Robert Charles Owen Emmerson sustained their appeal for admission into our mysteries, and the former gentleman, who was present, was introduced, and duly initiated. The W.M. performed both ceremonies most perfectly, and the way he was supported by his Officers reflected great credit, not only on them individually, but upon Bro. J. Chambers Roe P.M., who so ably fulfils the duties of Preceptor at the Lodge of Instruction associated with the Royal Alfred. Several matters of interest were then discussed by the members, and Lodge was closed. Brother Stanbury's new banquet hall now became the centre of attraction for the guests assembled. The worthy host had provided a most inviting banquet, and the viands seemed to the taste of one and all. On the removal of the cloth, the toast list was considered. With the toast of the Grand Officers was associated the name of Bro. Henry Murray Past Deputy District Grand Master for China, who expressed his gratification at the cordial greeting he had met with, and offered some amusing details as to what was being done by Freemasons in China. This distinguished brother gave particulars as to the cosmopolitan character of our Institution, but declared that in the course of his experience he had never met with a Chinese Freemason; in fact, there was an insuperable barrier to this section of the community joining our ranks, as there was no means by which they could be made to undertake the necessary obligation. Bro. Murray closed his remarks, which were listened to with great attention, by again thanking the W.M. and brethren for the reception they had given him. To Bro. Walter Goss was entrusted the gavel to propose the health of the W.M; this he did in most felicitous terms. Bro. May thanked the brethren for the kindness they had shown him both in the Lodge and at the banquet table. It was to the brethren of this Lodge he was indebted for what little Masonic knowledge he possessed, and he would exercise his knowledge to further the interests of Freemasonry. The remaining toasts received further recognition, and when the assemblage dispersed, each brother felt that the proceedings throughout were of a most enjoyable character. Bro. Tarling, the D. of C., was most assiduous in looking after the comfort of the several Visitors, who seemed thoroughly to appreciate his kindness.

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ERRATA IN VOTING PAPER.

1.—Cole Alfred Thomas, will remain on the List for Election in October next if unsuccessful at this Election.
Jones Ernest Handel, *for* No. "24" *read* "22."
Bowman George Frederick, *for* No. "27" *read* "25."
61.—Salter Arthur Edward, will be removed from the List if unsuccessful at this Election.

FREDERICK BINCKES,
(V.P., P.G. Std.) Secretary.

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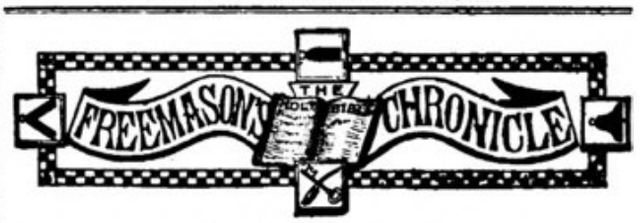
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PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

IN our report of the above Provincial Grand Lodge annual meeting in our last issue, we were unable to give the list of brethren appointed to office for the ensuing year. Our correspondent has favoured us with the list as follows:—Bros. R. I. Critchley 208 Dewsbury, Prov. S.G.W., B. Broughton 302 Bradford, J.W., Revs. B. Towns, Halifax, and J. Room, Keighley, Chaplains, Bros. C. L. Mason 304 Leeds, Treas, D. Allison Shaw 827 Dewsbury, Reg., H. Smith 387 Wakefield, Sec., John Fawcett 904 Rotherham, S.D., G. F. Crowe 1211 Leeds, J.D., Pratt 1034 Eccleshill, S. of W., J. Beedie 1042 Leeds, and J. Edwards 296 Sheffield, D. of C., W. W. Mackay 154 Castleford S.B., S. Suckley, Sheffield, Org., P. Parker 264 Batley, Purs., Thos. Knowles 308 Assist Purs., Dr. Paley 837 Ripon, S. Slack 910 Pontefract, J. Menzies 61 Halifax, J. Sykes 1514 Lindley, C. R. Freeman 275 Huddersfield, and W. Harrop 290 Huddersfield, Stewards, J. Lee 290 Huddersfield, Tyler, J. Sheard 208 Dewsbury, Asst. Tyler. Bro. C. L. Mason P.M. 304 Leeds was unanimously elected Treasurer, in the place of Bro. Critchley, who has been appointed Prov. S.G. Warden.

PROV. G. CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS, EAST LANCASHIRE.

THE annual meeting of the above Prov. G. Chapter was held in the Town Hall, Blackburn, on the 3rd inst., a numerous assemblage of Companions from all parts of the Province testifying to the interest taken in Royal Arch Masonry in this district. Amongst those present were Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, M.E. Prov. G. Superintendent, Comps. R. H. Hutchinson as Prov. G.H., Dr. Royle as Prov. G.J., J. B. Carr P. Prov. G. Scribe N., W. O. Walker P. Prov. G. Scribe N., Wm. Roberts P. Prov. G.P.S., Chas. Davis, Ralph Landless, Thos. Hargreaves P. Prov. G. 2nd Assistant Sojourners, G. P. Brockbank, T. J. Hooper P. Prov. G. Treasurers, T. S. Ainsworth Prov. G. Registrar, E. Heywood Prov. Grand Sword Bearer, Ellis Jones, Benjamin Taylor P. Prov. Grand Sword Bearers, E. Sleigh P. Prov. G. Standard Bearer, J. H. Sillitoe Prov. Grand Director of Ceremonies, R. Whittaker P. Prov. G. Director of Ceremonies, Jas. Varley Prov. G. Organist, T. R. Peel, J. W. P. Salmon, W. Nicholl Prov. G. Stewards; Thos. Mitchell Prov. G. Janitor, and representatives from all the Chapters in the Province, with only one exception. The Prov. G. Chapter was opened at 1.45 p.m., and after the roll of Chapters had been called over and letters of apology from absent Prov. G. Officers had been read, the M.E. Prov. G. Supt. called attention to the fact that the absence of the 2nd Prov. G. Principal Comp. J. L. Hine was occasioned by a painful bereavement, namely, the loss of his beloved wife. The Prov. G. Supt. in befitting terms then proposed that a letter of condolence be sent to Comp. Hine. The motion was duly seconded, and carried with universal expressions of sympathy with Comp. Hine in his deep affliction. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved, as were also the accounts of Prov. G. Chapter for the past year. Comp. Edmund Heywood was unani-

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monsly elected Prov. G. Treasurer. The M.E. Prov. G. Superintendent appointed the following Companions as Prov. G. Officers for the ensuing year, and they were severally invested with their jewels of office, and saluted accordingly, viz.:—Comps. C. R. M. Beswicke-Royds H., Franklin Thomas J., John Tunnah Scribe E., James Newton Scribe N., George Higgins P.S., Denis Towers 1st Assist. S., Richard Timperley 2nd Asst. S., Edmund Heywood Treas., John E. Anderton Reg., John Smethurst S.B., Julius Arensberg Standard B., John W. P. Salmon Director of Ceremonies, Edwin Halliwell Org.; Samuel Haworth, Nathaniel Jones and Richard Gornall, Stewards; Thomas Mitchell Janitor. Comps. John E. Lees and Thomas Grime were appointed Auditors of the Prov. G. Chapter accounts. A committee was appointed for the purpose of framing a code of bye-laws for the government of the Prov. G. Chapter. It was determined that the Scribe E. of each Chapter in the Province be desired to send a copy of the circular convening meetings of Chapters to each of the three Prov. G. Principals. A grant of £10 was made to the East Lancashire Systematic Educational and Benevolent Institution. All business being concluded, the Prov. G. Chapter was closed at 2.45 p.m., and the Companions adjourned to banquet at the Old Bull Hotel.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF MIDDLESEX AND SURREY.

A SPECIAL meeting was held at the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge, on Monday, the 24th ult. At 4.30 p.m. the Mallet and Chisel Mark Lodge, No. 5, was opened by P.M. Bro. C. H. Rogers Harrison, in the unavoidable absence of the W.M.; after which the Chair was taken by Bro. W. G. Brighten P.M., Grand Superintendent of Works and Provincial Grand Mark Secretary of Middlesex and Surrey, who proceeded to the installation of Bro. A. W. Hume as W.M. for the ensuing year; after which the W.M. advanced Bro. Turner to the degree of M.M.M. The Mallet and Chisel Lodge was closed at 6 p.m., when the P.G. Lodge was opened, there being present:—The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Mark Master Colonel Francis Burdett, the Very Worshipful F. Davison Deputy Provincial Grand Mark Master, Major C. H. Harding P.G.J.W., the Rev. Ambrose Hall Provincial Grand Chaplain, C. Hammerton Prov. G. Treasurer, R. Davies Prov. G. Registrar, W. G. Brighten P.G. Secretary, F. Draege P.G.J.O., R. P. Spice P.G.S.D., S. W. Lambert P.G.J.D., J. B. Shackleton P.G.D. of Ceremonies, J. B. Balten Sword Bearer, A. W. Hume Standard Bearer, H. Court jun. Organist, E. Passawer Inner Guard, Charles Palmer, W. L. Nicholls and R. W. Brown Stewards, W. Taylor P.P.S.W., D. M. Dewar P.G.O., R. H. Thrupp G.J.O., E. G. Bakie P.M.O., J. Stevens P.P.M.O., and J. K. Pitt W.M. There were likewise present the following Visitors—Bros. Henry Lovegrove J. No. 234, H. J. Stark 5, H. J. Sparks, J. Horton W.M. 176, E. J. Hoare Organist, H. C. Jepps, E. W. Lote, B. Haynes S.O. 211, M. Ramsey P.M. 13, W.M. 7, E. Hopwood S.O. 181, and C. H. Rogers Harrison P.M.M. The first business of the evening was to confirm the minutes of the previous Provincial Grand Lodge Meeting, held at the Greyhound, Croydon, on 29th June last, and these having been duly confirmed, the Provincial Grand Secretary Bro. W. G. Brighten, proceeded to call over the roll of Lodges, 21 in number, and reported on the great progress made by the Province during the past year. The following Mark Lodges were represented:—Keystone, No. 3, Mallet and Chisel, No. 5, Carnarvon, No. 7, Hiram, No. 13, Macdonald, No. 104, Percy, No. 114, Panmure, No. 139, Grosvenor, No. 144, Ers, No. 176, Francis Burdett, No. 181, Croydon, No. 198, Duke of Connaught, No. 199, Hammersmith, No. 211, West Smithfield, No. 223, Menatschim, No. 224, Brixton, No. 234. The following were unrepresented:—Studholme, No. 187, Clapton, 236. The P.G. Secretary further reported that warrants had already been granted for three new Lodges in the Province, and that they would be consecrated during the ensuing month, namely, Prince Leopold, No. 238, Royal Naval, 239, and Trinity College, 244. The proposed new Bye-laws were then read, and it was moved by the Very Worshipful Bro. Davidson that such Bye-laws be adopted by this Province, and that the Provincial Grand Secretary do forthwith have a proof-sheet thereof prepared, and submitted to Grand Mark Lodge for the purpose of taking its opinion thereon, and if possible obtain such opinion and consent of Grand Mark Lodge prior to the annual meeting of this Provincial Grand Mark Lodge in June next, when these minutes would come on for confirmation. This motion was seconded by Brother James Stevens P.G.J.O., and carried unanimously. Several letters of regret for enforced absence were read, and Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed, when the brethren adjourned to a banquet, where the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

RED CROSS OF CONSTANTINE.

The Installation Meeting of the Eboracum Conclave No. 137 was held at York on Thursday the 3rd inst., when the following Officers were installed for the ensuing year:—E. Sir Knts. the Earl of Zetland (G.V. England) M.P.S., J. S. Cumberland V.E., Sir Knts. C. G. Padel Senior Genl., G. Simpson Junior Genl., Laurence Murphy (4th Dragoon Guards) H.P., A. T. B. Turner Recorder, M. Millington Prefect, T. Humphries Standard Bearer, W. P. Husband Herald, and H. Jackson Sentinel. A Committee was appointed to draw up a code of Bye-laws. The Report of the Auditors was received and regarded as very satisfactory. The ceremonies were performed by Ill. Sir Knt. T. B. Whytehead P.S., in the absence of the M.P.S. Sir Knt. T. Cooper, who was confined to his bed through illness.

SHANGHAI.—TUSCAN LODGE, No. 1,027.

THE sixteenth installation meeting of the Tuscan Lodge took place on Monday, the 30th December 1878, on which occasion the officers were invested. W. Bro. J. C. Hughes, the W.M. for 1878 being unfortunately absent from Shanghai, the Lodge was opened at nine o'clock p.m. by W. Bro. Lewis Moore I.P.M., the Hall being well thronged with brethren, among the more distinguished of whom were the following:—W. Bro. Weiller D.G. Sup. of Works, and W. Bro. Drummond Hay D.G. Treasurer of the D.G. Lodge of Japan, W. Bro. Thos. Pemberton W.M. Lodge Cosmopolitan No. 428 S.C., W. Bro. M. H. Cook P.M. and W. Bro. D. C. Jansen W.M. Ancient Landmark Lodge Mass. Constitution, W. Bro. W. L. Koch jun. W.M. Lodge Germania, and many others. Shortly afterwards, the R.W. Deputy Grand Master Bro. C. Thorne entered the Lodge, accompanied by the following District Grand Officers:—W. Bros. T. W. Kingsmill President Board of General Purposes, P. Orme D.G. Secretary, H. Evans D.G.J.D., H. S. Morris D.G. Director of Ceremonies, G. B. Fentum D.G. Organist, who presided at the Organ, J. Brown D.G. Pursuivant, W. Bro. W. H. Anderson and Bro. B. Palamountain D.G. Stewards, &c., &c., and they were received with the customary honours. W. Bro. Moore thanked the R.W.D.G.M. and his Officers for the honour of their company, to which the R.W.D.G.M. replied, that from the time of its foundation he had always taken the greatest interest in the Tuscan Lodge, and as an honorary member of it he felt an additional pleasure in the exercise of his right as D.G.M. to assist at these ceremonies. W. Bro. Moore then requested W. Bro. Thos. W. Kingsmill, to conduct the installation, and W. Bro. Kingsmill having accepted the gavel, took the chair, and proceded to instal the W.M. elect. W. Bro. W. H. Short, who, after the observance of the ancient customs, invested his Officers for the ensuing year, Bro. Wm. Müller S.W., Bro. H. J. Fisher J.W., Bro. C. H. King Treasurer, Bro. John Morris Secretary, Bro. Cecil W. Holliday S.D., Bro. J. W. L. M. Williamson J.D., Bro. R. Markwick D.C., Bro. G. E. York Steward, Bro. J. A. Sullivan I.G., Bro. T. Hore Tyler. The W.M. thanked W. Bro. Kingsmill for his kindness in undertaking the installation, and expressed his admiration of the able manner in which it had been conducted at his hands. W. Bro. Kingsmill in reply paid some very high compliments to the working of the Tuscan Lodge, which he had enjoyed many opportunities of witnessing, and concluded by wishing the Lodge continued prosperity. The W.M. thanked the numerous visitors for their presence, and invited them to partake of a supper which had been provided. Lodge being closed, the brethren adjourned to the Banquet room, which had given Bro. Hore, the Tyler, an opportunity of displaying the decorative art in a very effective manner, seasonable evergreens being happily blended with Masonic devices. After the refreshments, the W.M. rose to propose the first toast, viz. "The Queen and the Craft." He said—Our Queen shews her interest in Masonry by the generous support she gives to the Charities, and although the ladies are not represented at our Masonic meetings, Her Majesty has ever shewn her kindly feeling towards the Craft. The present time, however, is one of sorrow to the Queen, and I am sure I express the sentiments of the Craft at large, when I say how heartily we sympathise with her in her bereavement by the lamented death of the beloved Princess Alice. The feelings of love and loyalty to Her Majesty extend indeed to the very ends of the earth, and I need therefore do no more than call upon you to honour the toast "The Queen and the Craft." The National Anthem having been sung, the W.M. said—The next toast it is customary to divide, but as time is short I am sure it will not be considered disrespectful if I unite with our most worshipful Grand Master, the Pro Grand Master, his Deputy Grand Master, and the Officers of the Grand Lodge of England. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales looks personally into all details connected with his office, and causes much enthusiasm amongst the Grand Officers by his own example. Indeed, no matter what duties he undertakes, he throws so much goodwill and work into them, as to gain the affections of those around him. The Pro Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master also are ever to the front when needed in any Masonic capacity, while the Grand Officers well support their endeavours to promote the welfare of Freemasonry. I now ask you to drink to the Most Worshipful Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master and the Officers of the Grand Lodge of England. Song—God bless the Prince of Wales. W. Bro. Orme P.M. then rose to propose a toast which he felt would meet with cordial acceptance from the brethren. Much of the success which had attended Freemasonry in China was owing, he said, to the mutual understanding and general good fellowship which had at all times existed between Sister Lodges working under various Constitutions. In a place so distant from our homes, and where the community was so purely cosmopolitan as in China, such friendly feelings could not be too warmly appreciated, and it gave him great pleasure, as he was sure it did to all the members of the Tuscan Lodge, to see so many illustrious brethren hailing from Sister Lodges among them to-night. This was not the first time it had been the privilege of the Tuscan Lodge to meet brethren from Sister Lodges at the festive board, and he hoped it would not be the last. The example set by the Ancient Landmark Lodge, Mass. Constitution, and so successfully followed by other Lodges in Shanghai, was a good one. He believed that such meetings did a great deal towards cementing the union among Masons of different nationalities; it enabled them to become acquainted with each other, and assisted in finding out the amiable qualities of each. He greeted with pleasure the representatives of the Lodge Germania working under the three Globes, Berlin; many of whose members were iniated into Freemasonry in the Tuscan Lodge, and he should always feel a warm interest in their welfare and prosperity. There were also members present from the Cosmopolitan Lodge, No. 428, under the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and of the Ancient Landmark Lodge, under the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, all of whom he heartily welcomed. Much had already been said on Masonic subjects during the evening, and as there were several speakers to follow him, he would, without further preface, ask the brethren to drink the

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health of the Grand Master and Officers of Sister Grand Lodges. W. Bro. M. H. Cook, P.M. Ancient Landmark Lodge, responded on behalf of the Lodge of Massachusetts. Masonry, he was proud to say, had established a firm footing in America, and the Grand Lodge which he represented was one of the oldest offshoots of the Craft in the New Continent. He was happy to meet on common ground with brethren hailing from other Constitutions, and the Ancient Landmark Lodge felt itself honoured by the kind hospitality which had that evening been extended to its members. (Cheers.) Song by Bro. Bishop. The W.M. then said—The toast he had now the pleasure to propose was the District Grand Master and Officers of the D.G.L. of Northern China. All Masons working under the English Constitution must feel very proud of the rare abilities of R.W. Bro. Thorne. W. Bro. Kingsmill, too, had that evening conducted the installation ceremony in a most highly efficient manner, while W. Bro. Moore had had the bulk of the Lodge work to direct during the past year, owing to the unexpected departue of W. Bro. Hughes, who held the chair. The W.M. concluded by proposing the toast of which he had given notice. The toast was acknowledged by W. Bro. Thorne, R.W.D.G.M., who said, W.M., Bros. Wardens and Brethren,—In returning you thanks on behalf of the Officers of the D.G. Lodge for the kind response you have made to the toast proposed in such eloquent terms by the W.M., I can assure you it is a pleasure at all times for us to take part in your ceremonies. The admirable manner in which the Installation has been performed by our W. Bro. Kingsmill will, I hope, make its proper impression upon you, so that you may carry out the principles inculcated thereby. Masonry is doing good service in Shanghai, and I am sure if we all strive to promulgate its true principles, we shall find much benefit accrue to others who are not within our pale. The D.G. Officers are ever ready to lend their aid in assisting the working of the various Lodges, and I trust the junior members of the Craft will emulate their example. To shew what may be achieved in this way, I may instance the career of our W. Bro. Henry Æneas Sidford, who was largely instrumental in establishing the Tuscan Lodge, in connection wherewith he overcame a multitude of difficulties. We all know his services to the Doric Lodge at Chinkiang, and we now hear of his visiting Amoy to instal the W.M. of the new Ionic Lodge there, the D.G.M. of Hongkong having recognised Bro. Sidford's long and able services by appointing him his District Grand Senior Warden. Before I resume my seat I have to ask you to join me in drinking the health of the W.M. our W. Bro. Short, who by the manner in which he handles the gavel gives promise of proving himself a worthy successor of former incumbents of the Tuscan chair, and may our best wishes help him on the way. The W.M. said he had already addressed the brethren on several occasions, and need scarcely say there was no more gratifying one than the present, but as he had no wish to monopolise the conversation, he would simply ask their acceptance of his heartfelt thanks and wish prosperity to every one present. Song by Bro. Tweedie. Bro. Wm. Miller S.W. said the next toast was one which would be received with much satisfaction. Unlike the one they had last honoured, this was not a personal but a collective toast, yet it gave him (Bro. Miller) an opportunity of mentioning by name several of their senior brethren, who not only had benefitted Freemasonry generally: but had given himself great assistance, and allowed him to profit by their more extended experience. He alluded more particularly to W. Bros. J. C. Hughes, Lewis Moore, J. I. Miller, P. Orme, R. S. Gundry, and last but not least, to W. Bro. W. C. Thorne, our present R.W.D.G.M., who had been associated with the Tuscan Lodge from its very foundation, and although he had never filled the chair of that particular Lodge, had always favoured us with his attendance on all possible occasions. Bro. Miller concluded by proposing the health of the Past Masters of the Tuscan Lodge coupled, with the name of W. Bro. Orme. Song by Bro. Primrose. In replying to the toast W. Past Master Orme P.D.G.J.W. for China alluded to the pleasure it always afforded P.M.'s in the Craft to view the progress and improvement of Freemasonry. It was of course very gratifying to the P.M.'s of the Tuscan Lodge particularly to mark the strides it had made during the past few years. One of its founders was present here to-night, R.W. Bro. C. Thorne, and to him many thanks were due, not only for work formerly done in the Lodge, but for the instruction and guidance afforded to its rulers, since he had been appointed by the Prince of Wales to the high office he at present occupied; and it must be very gratifying to him to see the very creditable institution that had been erected on the foundation of the Tuscan Lodge. Bro. Miller had made very flattering allusion to the work of W. Bros. Gundry, J. I. Miller, L. Moore and himself (W. Bro. Orme), and doubtless all the P.M.'s would agree with him in feeling that their labours were rewarded by the high position the Tuscan Lodge now held. He noticed the improved working in Shanghai Lodges generally, and recommended the junior brethren to attend regularly the Lodge of Assiduity which had so largely led to this result, and with a tribute of praise to the W.M. and officers lately elected, he closed his remarks by thanking the brethren for their cordial reception of the toast of the P.M.'s. W. Bro. Kingsmill said a pleasing duty devolved on him in the toast he now had to propose. They had heard of the present officers of the Tuscan Lodge, and they had seen how worthy they were of the promotion which had fallen to their lot, but what of those of the past? without whose exertions the Lodge could never have attained its present position. He had for many years noted the zealous discharge of their duties by the Masters who year after year had been elected to fill the chair, and under whose bountiful care the Lodge had always been conducted in a manner which reflected credit on Masonry in Shanghai. He was sorry to miss from amongst them W. Bro. Hughes their I.P.M., who had been summoned from Shanghai during his year of office, but all, or nearly all, the past Officers of the year were then around him, and in proposing their health, he would couple it with the name of one of the most distinguished of their number, a well-known and honoured Mason, W. Bro. Lewis Moore. W. Bro. Moore in reply, said—W.M. and Brethren, I regret W. Bro. Hughes the I.P.M. is not present here this evening, as he could have replied to the toast in a far more able manner than I can. However, on his behalf, I beg to thank you. I am sure you all regret that he was obliged to leave before his term of office had expired, as he had the working of the Lodge at heart. On behalf of the Officers I also beg to return their sincere thanks. They have all done their best to enable the working of the Lodge to go on smoothly, and I am glad their endeavours have been so much appreciated. The praise poured on me by the W.M. I am afraid I am not entitled to, because I have only done my duty as a Mason ought to do, and further I shall at all times be ready to assist the Lodge as far as lies in my power, when called upon. I trust the Tuscan Lodge will continue to work as heretofore, and that it will shortly be, if it is not already, second to none in Shanghai. After a song by W. Bro. Jansen, W. Bro. Moore again rose and said, W.M. and Brethren, I am glad that the proposal of the next toast has been entrusted to me. You have heard W. Bro. Orme dilate upon the Sister Grand Lodges, and incidentally refer to the Lodges in Shanghai working under their rule. It is prosperity to these Lodges and health to their members that I ask you to respond to, and I am certain it requires no commendation from me to ensure an enthusiastic reception for this toast. We have present with us to-night members of the Lodges Ancient Landmark, Cosmopolitan and Germania. Lately, many of us assisted at the installation ceremonies of the two former, and afterwards enjoyed the hospitality of their members. I regret to say that through the ignorance of many of our own members of the German language, we are not enabled to join in the ceremonies of the latter Lodge as we would like to do, but we can at all times bear testimony to the fraternal feeling that exists between the members and ourselves, which is fully borne out by the ready and kind manner in which they attend our meetings, and cheer us by their genial cordiality. They also unite with us in aiding the relief of suffering amongst the brethren, when unfortunately it is necessary to enlist their sympathies. Brethren, I was going to say a great deal more, but I have just been reminded time is short. I will not, therefore, detain you further, but at once ask you to unite in wishing prosperity to our Sister Lodges, and continued health and strength to their members. W. Bro. Jansen W.M. Ancient Landmark Lodge, Mass. Constitution, in a humourous speech acknowledged the toast on behalf of his own and the other Lodges, and favourably contrasted the warmth of his reception with the severity of the weather, the thermometer being at the time somewhere in the neighbourhood of zero. He was glad, however, to see that Bro. W. Kingsmill kept up a generous flow from the capacious punch-bowl before him, and which he fancied the coldness of the night would render more attractive than his speaking. W. Bro. Moore had claimed for the Officers of the Tuscan Lodge that they had done their best in Masonry. He (Bro. Jansen) did not doubt they had also done their best to warm the room, and he could have wished that greater success had rewarded their labours in that direction. For his own part, however, he had been very glad to partake of their hospitable entertainment, and would conclude by asking the brethren to drink to the health of the Officers of the Tuscan Lodge. (Cheers.) Bro. H. J. Fisher J.W. acknowledged the compliment on behalf of himself and his brother Officers. W. Bro. Orme, in a few appropriate words, then proposed the health of the Visitors, which was acknowledged by Bro. W. Weiller of the D.G. Lodge of Japan. The Tyler's Toast brought the formal part of the programme to an end.

GODERICH LODGE, No. 1211.

MONDAY April 7th, was the day for the regular meeting of the Goderich Lodge, and the occasion of the installation of Bro. James Broughton S.W. as W.M. There was a large muster of brethren, including representatives of all the other six Lodges in Leeds. The usual routine business having been got through, Bro. P. M. Cox presented Bro. Broughton for the benefits of installation, a ceremony which was most ably gone through by the retiring W.M., Bro. Winn. After the customary salutations, Bro. Broughton proceeded to invest his Officers for the ensuing year as follows:—Bro. Townsend S.W., Eddison J.W., Fleming P.M. Treasurer, Fourners Secretary, Bradford S.D., Calverley J.D., Higgins I.G., Smithson P.M. D.C., Skelton and Pickard, Steward, and Oates P.M. Tyler. Later in the evening it was resolved to devote the sum of £10 10s to endow the chair of the Charity Steward of the Lodge for the benefit of the Girls' School, after which the W.M., on behalf of the Lodge, presented to Bro. Winn I.P.M. a handsome P.M.'s jewel, as some acknowledgment of the high esteem and appreciation in which Bro. Winn is held by the members. In doing so, Bro. Broughton paid a high compliment to the ready manner in which Bro. Winn accepted the office of W.M., somewhat out of the ordinary course, in consequence of the decease of the then S.W., and also of the able manner in which he had discharged his duties, and particularly his last effort as Installing Master. Bro. Winn feelingly expressed his gratification to the brethren at receiving so permanent a mark of their favour, and said he would ever treasure the jewel as a thing most sacred, as also he was sure would his family when it pleased the Great Architect of the Universe to call him to his rest. A sumptuous banquet followed, after which the customary Loyal, Masonic and complimentary toasts were given.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked by members of the St. James's Union Lodge of Instruction, No. 180, at the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, No. 1056, at the Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C., on Friday, the 25th of April, commencing at six o'clock precisely. Bros. Farwig W.M. 180 W.M., Parsons P.M. 180 S.W., Cameron P.M. 180 J.W. FIRST LECTURE:—Bros. Paul, Iriuth, Hancock, Cameron, Belfrage, Waugh, Watts. SECOND LECTURE:—Bros. Wade, Lowrie, Woods, Docker, Dairy. THIRD LECTURE:—Bros. Richardson, Parsons, Hemming. Bro. W. W. Snelling, 180, Hon. Sec.

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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 APRIL.

Quarterly General Court, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12.
198—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.

1415—Campbell, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court.
1612—West Middlesex, Institute, Ealing.
1637—Unity, De Burgh Hotel, West Drayton, Middlesex.

MONDAY, 14th APRIL.

Quarterly Meeting, Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12.

TUESDAY, 15th APRIL.

Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
30—United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7. (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
95—Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
141—Faith, 2 Westminster-chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
194—St. Paul, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C.
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney. (Instruction.)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8. (Instruction.)
1339—Stockwell, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell.
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1360—Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, Battersea Park, at 8. (Instruction.)
1420—Earl Spencer, Swan Hotel, Battersea Old Bridge, S.W.
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1471—Islington, Three Bucks, 23 Gresham-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1507—Metropolitan, 269 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8. (In.)
R. A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction.)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 8.0.

117—Wynnstay, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8. (Instruction.)
213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich.
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30. (Instruction.)
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon.
384—St. David, Masonic Rooms, Bangor.
402—Royal Sussex, George the Fourth, Nottingham.
414—Union, Masonic Hall, Reading.
418—Menturia, Mechanics Institute, Hanley.
468—Light, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham.
667—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
1006—Tregullow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrier, Cornwall.
1052—Callender, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
1089—De Shurland, Fountain Hotel, Sheerness.
1113—Anglesea, Bull Hotel, Llangefni.
1276—Warren, Stanley Arms Hotel, Seacombe, Cheshire.
1325—Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1427—Percy, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle.
1470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable.
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 6.0. (Instruction.)
1534—Concord, George Hotel, Prestwich.
1651—Charity, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
1670—Prince Arthur, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool.
1764—Eleanor Cross, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton.
R. A. 268—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne.
R. A. 829—High Cross, Bull Inn, Dartford.
R. A. 1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham.

WEDNESDAY, 16th APRIL.

General Committee, Grand Chapter, Freemasons' Hall, at 3.
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.)
228—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8. (In.)
538—La Tolerance, Green Dragon, Maddox-street, W., at 7.45. (Inst.)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E., at 7.30. (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. at 8. (Instruction.)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8. (Instruction.)
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7. (Instruction.)
1196—Urban, The Three Bucks Gresham-street, at 6.30. (Instruction.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8. (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-road, Holloway, at 8. (Instruction.)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8. (Instruction.)
1558—Duke of Connaught, Fauntce Arms, Kennington Park, at 8. (Instruction.)
1673—Langton, London Masonic Club, 101 Queen Victoria-street, E.C.
1707—Eleanor, Angel Hotel, Edmonton, at 8. (Instruction.)
R. A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8. (Instruction)

20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham.
121—Mount Sinai, Public-buildings, Penzance.
175—East Medina, Masonic Hall, John-street, Ryde, I.W.
200—Old Globe, Private Rooms Globe-street, Scarborough.
221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton.
325—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford.
428—Sincerity, Angel Inn, Northwich, Cheshire.
461—Sutherland, Town Hall, Birstall.
537—Zetland, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
581—Faith, Drover's Inn, Openshaw.
592—Cotteswold, King's Head Hotel, Cirencester.
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction.)
633—Yarborough, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
683—Isca, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire.
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
874—Holmesdale, Royal Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells.
938—Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
969—Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Workington.
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction.)
1019—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.
1090—Syke, Masonic Hall, Driffield, Yorks.
1098—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.
1129—St. Chad's, Roebuck Hotel, Rochdale.
1161—De Grey and Ripon, Denmark Hotel, Lloyd-street, Greenheys, Manchester
1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. Germains, Cornwall.
1288—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich.
1296—Holte, Holte Hotel, Aston.
1351—Brighouse, Masonic Room, Bradford-road, Brighouse.
1357—Anchor, Masonic Rooms, Durham House, Northallerton.
1358—Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster.
1366—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1443—Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon.
1501—Wycombe, Town Hall, High Wycombe.
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull.
1634—Starkie, Railway Hotel, Ramsbottom.
R. A. 240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields
R. A. 258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike.
R. A. 387—Moravian, Masonic Hall, Shipley.
M. M. 135—Hotspur, Freemasons' Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick.

THURSDAY, 17th APRIL.

House Committee, Girls' School, at 4.
3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8. (Instruction.)
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
23—Globe, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction.)
63—St. Mary, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8. (Instruction.)
169—Temperance, White Swan, High-street, Deptford.
181—Universal, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
211—St. Michael, George, Australian Avenue, Barbican, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8. (Instruction.)
813—New Concord, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1287—Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
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.)
1475—Peckham, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1614—Covent Garden, Ashley's Hotel, Henrietta-street, Covent Garden, 8. (Inst.)
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.)

42—Relief, Albion Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lanc.
56—Howard, High-street, Arundel.
98—St. Martin, Town Hall, Burslem.
100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor Hotel, Quay, Great Yarmouth.
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
268—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, George-street, Ashton-under-Lyne.
343—Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Starkie-street, Preston.
345—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Church-street, Blackburn.
367—Probity and Freedom, Red Lion Inn, Smallbridge.
523—John of Gaunt, Freemasons' Hall, Halford-street, Leicester.
600—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
605—Combermere, Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe.
663—Wiltshire of Fidelity, Town Hall, Devizes.
1011—Richmond, Crown Hotel, Blackfriars-street, Salford.
1042—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds.
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1227—Upton, Spotted Dog, Upton, E.
1299—Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, near Liverpool.
1327—King Harold, Britannia Hotel, Waltham New Town.
1332—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon.
1432—Fitzalan, Wynnstay Arms, Oswestry.
1612—West Middlesex, Feathers Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
R. A. 275—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, South-parade, Huddersfield.
R. A. 913—Pattison, Lord Raglan Tavern, Plumstead.
R. A. 1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonia-road, Batley.

FRIDAY, 18th APRIL.

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. 8. (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.)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1288—Finsbury Park M.M., Earl Russell, Isledon-road, N. at 8. (Instruction.)
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1642—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 7.30. (Inst.)
London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-street, E.C., at 8.
R. A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8. (Inst.)
R. A. 1471—North London, Crown and Woolpack, St. John-st.-rd., at 8. (Inst.)
M. M. 104—Macdonald, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
R. C.—Invicta, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square.

127—Union Freemasons' Hall, Margate.
152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
347—Noah's Ark, Wagon and Horses Hotel, Tipton.
516—Phœnix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket.
541—De Loraine, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
993—Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Levenshulme.
1096—Lord Warden, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal.
1311—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds.
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7.
R. A. 521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.
R. A. 837—Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon.
R. A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, at 5.30.
M. M. 123—Callender, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire.

SATURDAY, 19th APRIL.

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.)
1641—Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.
R. A. 308—Stability, Station House Hotel, Bottoms, Stanafield.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.—Held at Bro. Spurgin's the Sportsman, City-road, on Monday the 7th inst. Present—Bros. Gyer W.M., Sillis S.W., Willison J.W., Tolmie Preceptor, Fenner sec., Hallam sen. S.D., Gibbs J.D., Edmonds I.G.; also Bros. Pearcy, Ovens, Weeden, Fox, Burtle, Wing, G. Cook, Spurgin, W. Williams, McMillan and Murray. Bro. Hallam rehearsed the ceremony of Initiation, Bro. Weeden being the candidate. Bro. Pearcy worked the 4th and 5th, Bro. Hallam the 6th, and Bro. Tolmie the 7th sections assisted by the brethren. Bros. Ovens of Metropolitan Lodge 1507, W. Williams of Kingsland Lodge 1693, and Murray of Finsbury Lodge 861 were elected members. A vote of thanks was accorded the W.M., also to Bro. Willison for his very useful gift to the Lodge of a dais for the W.M.'s chair. Lodge was closed and adjourned for a fortnight.

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Lodge of Lights, No. 148.—The regular monthly communication of this Lodge was held at the Masonic Rooms, Sankey-street, Warrington, on Monday, the 31st ult. Bros. J. R. Young W.M., C. E. Hindley S.W., A. H. Young J.W., J. Bowes P.M. P.P.G.W. Sec. and Treasurer, Jas. Paterson S.D., T. Grime J.D., A. Peake I.G., T. Domville Tyler; P.M.'s Bros. W. Sharp, J. Harding; and Bros. J. Bayley, F. Walter, H. Crawford, Wm. Burn, G. F. Curzon, J. Pierpoint. Visitors—J. Tomlinson P.M. 368, E. C. Cooper P.M. 484, J. Armistead, J. H. Galloway Treas. 1250, F. Derry P.M. 482 P.P.J.G.W. Staffordshire, &c. The Lodge being opened with solemn preliminaries, the minutes of last Lodge meeting were read and ratified. The Lodge was advanced to the second degree, and eventually to that of Master Mason, in which Bro. Bowes very ably raised Bro. Crawford to the sublime degree. The Lodge was resumed to the first, and closed in peace and harmony.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—Held its meeting on Saturday the 5th inst. at Bro. Fysh's, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road. Present:—Bros. Gibbs W.M., J. A. Powell S.W., J. Millington J.W., Pearcy Preceptor, Fenner Sec., Ross S.D., J. Lorkin J.D., Hunt I.G., also Bros. Brasted, Garrod, Hallam sen., C. Lorkin, Phillips, Mullord, Peach, Taverner, Giller, Burtle, Cusworth, H. Hall, Stock, Trowinnard, Abraham, Carnaby, and Gyer. After preliminaries the ceremony of initiation was ably rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Brasted as candidate. Bro. Hallam worked the first, Bro. Pearcy the second section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Pearcy worked the third, assisted by Bro. Taverner; the fourth, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Hallam the seventh, assisted by Bro. Peach. Bro. Abrahams of Perfect Ashlar 1178, Peach and Taverner of Enfield 1237, and Carnaby of Crusaders 1677, were elected member. Bro. Powell was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week. The Lodge votes for the "Old People" were awarded to Bro. Pearcy, and those for the "Boys" to Bro. Cusworth.

Salopian Chapter, No. 262.—A Convocation was held on the 7th inst. at the Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury, present—Comp., J. B. Boucher M.E.Z., E. C. Peele P.Z., E. M. Wakeman H., E. Andrew P.Z. (acting) J., T. Warren Thompson E., H. Newman N., V.C.L. Crump Treas. (acting) P.S., P. H. Evans Asst. S. and other Companions. After the minutes of the previous meeting had been duly ratified, Bro. R. Forrest was exalted to the Supreme Deg. of a R.A. Mason, in a very impressive manner. The historical lecture was delivered by Comp. Andrew, the symbolical by Comp. E. M. Wakeman H., and the mystical by Comp. Boucher M.E.Z., all of which were rendered in first-rate style. The fact that Comp. Boucher and Comp. Newman are "good and true Masons" was proved by the former journeying from London, and the latter from Cardiff, to discharge the duties of the Offices they hold in the Chapter.

Silurian Lodge, No. 471.—A meeting was held on Wednesday, 2nd inst., at the Masonic Hall, Newport, Mon. Present—Bros. Charles H. Oliver jun. W.M., A. McMahon S.W., C. Evans J.W., R. B. Evans Sec., H. E. Head S.D., Rev. E. Davies J.D., H. J. Groves P.M. Org., Stephens Steward, G. Llewellyn I.G., Fletcher Tyler, Hopton Assistant Tyler. Past Masters Bros. J. Campbell, C. H. Oliver, J. Horner, Sheppard, Watkins, Rowe, Orders, Lawrence, and about 40 members of the Lodge. Visitors—Bros. S. G. Homfray P.G.A.D.C. and D.P.G.M. Mon., H. Richards W.M. Albert Edward Lodge 1428. Business—The Lodge was opened to the second degree, when Bro. E. A. Lansdowne passed a most satisfactory examination previous to being raised to the sublime degree of M.M., and retired. The Lodge was then opened in the third degree, and Bro. E. A. Lansdowne was raised and invested with the badge of a M.M., the ceremony being most ably conducted by Bro. Charles H. Oliver jun. W.M. The Lodge was then reduced to the first degree, when it was proposed by the W.M., and seconded by Bro. J. Campbell I.P.M., that a cordial vote of thanks be given to the D.P.G.M. Capt. Homfray A.G.D., for his attendance on the occasion. The vote was carried with acclamation, and Bro. Homfray suitably returned thanks. The accounts for the past year were then passed, and the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony at 9.30 p.m.

Yarborough Lodge, No. 554.—A regular meeting of this Lodge was held at the Green Dragon, Stepney, E., on the 3rd ult. Present—Bros. J. Hansen Thorn W.M., T. S. Taylor S.W., E. W. Walter J.W., J. G. Stevens P.M. Treasurer, G. Ward Verry P.M. Secretary, T. W. Tait S.D., W. Cross J.D., J. Taylor D.C. as I.G., G. T. Seddon Organist, J. R. Shingfield W.S., C. T. Speight Tyler; also Bros. Hugh Cotter I.P.M., J. J. Middleton P.M., J. J. Berry P.M., T. J. Barnes P.M., J. Hood P.M., &c., and Bros. W. March, A. Symes, A. Wood, F. Russell, O. W. Peacock, P. Gulle[illegible], A. Walter, W. Kent, E. W. Thomas, G. Wood, &c. The busines[illegible] before the Lodge was the raising of Bros. W. March, F. Russell, and A. E. Wood, and the initiation of Messrs. W. Hawes and W. N. Spr[illegible]ks into the mysteries of the Order. Lodge was opened in due form with prayer, and the minutes of the last meeting were confir[illegible]ed. Lodge was opened up, and Bros. W. March and F. Russell w[illegible]e raised to the degree of M.M., after which Bro. A. E. Wood was also raised, deaconed by P.M. Hood. The ballot proving unanimo[illegible]ly in favour of the candidates, they were admitted into the Order in [illegible]ne form, all the ceremonies being very ably and impressively r[illegible]dered. The Lodge next voted ten guineas to the Institutions for B[illegible]s and Girls, on the lists of Bros. P.M.'s Barnes and G. W. Verry. P[illegible]positions for initiation having been made, Lodge was closed and adj[illegible]rned. There was no banquet, but many of the brethren stayed to hol[illegible]ar the toasts of "The Queen and the Craft," and the Initiates. S[illegible]e songs and recitations enlivened the proceedings, and the Tyler's t[illegible]st separated the brethren at a reasonable hour.

Crystal Palace Lodge, No. 742.—After seven years wandering this Lodge resumed its meetings in the old quarters at the Crystal Palace, on Thursday, the 3rd instant, when the chair was filled by Bro. Charles D. D. Hume Prov. G.D. Berks and Bucks, P.M. 209, &c. The W.M. was supported by Bros. Henry Speedy S.W., Dick Radclyffe J.W., Thomas Foxall P.M. Treasurer, William Land P.M. Secretary, Blundell S.D., Fred. Orme J.D., Eyre I.G., John Lassam W.S., Cole D.C.; P.M.'s Bros. S. P. Acton, W. W. Baxter, H. Cox, R. Roberts, H. T. Thompson, and George Weeks. Amongst the members present were Bros. Hagelmann, F. Speedy, Blunsum, Ayres, Pullen, Blott, Graddon, &c. The Visitors included Bros. R. B. Newsom P.P.G.S.B. Kent P.M. 1692, C. Eaton 1692, H. W. Chappell (Light of the South Lodge, Rosario de Santa Fé, Argentine Republic), C. W. Fox P.M. 1326, J. B. Walter, &c. The Lodge business comprised the confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting, balloting for a joining member, Bro. Edward J. Whall; the annual reading of the bye laws, the election of W.M., Treasurer, and Tyler for the ensuing year; the appointment of an audit committee, and the nomination of four brethren to act as a Committee of the Benevolent Fund. Bro. Henry Speedy was unanimously selected as W.M., Bro. Thomas Foxall re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Woodstock Tyler. Several propositions for initiation and joining were ordered to be inserted in the next summons, and the Lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to the Saloon Dining Room, where an excellent banquet was served in that perfect style for which Bros. Bertram and Roberts are so justly famed. On the removal of the cloth, the W.M., in brief but well chosen sentences, proposed the usual Masonic toasts, which were received with the customary cordiality. In responding for the Visitors, Bro. R. B. Newsom congratulated the Lodge upon its return to the beautiful building in which they were then assembled, where they had for so many years been accustomed to meet, and which was the birthplace and proper home of the Crystal Palace Lodge. With the toast of the Masonic Charities, the W.M. associated the name of Bro. Henry Cox P.H., whom he thanked in the name of the Lodge for his arduous exertions in securing the election to the Masonic Schools of two orphan children of a late member. It was announced that Bro. Cox would represent the Lodge at the ensuing Festival of the Girls' School, and that the J.W., Bro. Dick Radclyffe, was undertaking a similar duty for the Boys' School in connection with his mother Lodge, the Etonian St. John, No. 209. The meeting terminated at an early hour, after a cordial expression of good wishes to their esteemed hosts, to which Bro. William Bertram responded. Some excellent songs and recitations contributed to the enjoyment of a most pleasant evening.

High Cross Lodge, No. 754.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held at the Seven Sisters' Hotel, Tottenham, on Wednesday 26th March. Present—Bro. H. Stephens W.M., who was supported by his Officers, P.M.'s Bros. Dance, Wells, Roberts, Barham, Linzell, and Jones, and several brethren. The first business was to ballot for Mr. A. G. Fidler, who was that evening a candidate for Freemasonry, the ballot having proved unanimously in his favour, Mr. Fidler was duly initiated by the W.M., in his usual impressive manner. The W.M. then announced to the brethren he had a proposition to make which he trusted would be received with that spirit which the nature of the proposition so justly merited. After making a few remarks on the good it would do, he moved that the sum of fifty guineas be granted out of the Lodge funds for the Masonic Charities, by which means certain of the Officers of the Lodge would become Life Governors to the various Masonic institutions. The proposition was seconded by Bro. David Roberts P.M., Treasurer, who in a lengthy and able speech pleaded the cause of charity, concluding his remarks by saying the Lodge would not suffer by taking this step, and felt sure no member present would ever regret assisting in this great and good action. Having been duly discussed, the proposition was carried unanimously. The Lodge was then closed in ancient form, and the brethren adjourned for refreshment, to which ample justice was done. On the cloth being removed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given Bro. Roberts P.M. gave the health of the W.M., referring to the zeal with which he at all times undertook to carry out any object for the good of the Lodge, and especially to the great act of charity he had taken part in that evening. This would add to the popularity and esteem in which he was already regarded by the brethren, and would set an example to young members to follow in his footsteps. He was pleased to see a gentleman amongst them that evening for the first time (the Initiate), whose father he had known and respected for many years, and trusted that he had witnessed would make a good impression on his mind. The W.M., in replying, said nothing could give him greater gratification, and more unalloyed pleasure than to find that he had gained the esteem of the brethren. Their kindly expressions he knew were real and earnest. The W.M. now gave the health of the Initiate. Coming into the Lodge so well recommended, and judging from what he had seen of him that evening, he felt sure he would be a credit to the Lodge. Bro. Fidler, in replying, thanked the W.M. and the brethren for the kind manner in which they had received him. He felt certain he should never regret joining Freemasonry. The toast of the P.M.'s was responded to by Bro. Wells, who regretted he was unable to be present earlier in the evening. It was always his great desire to support the W.M., and render any assistance that laid in his power. The health of the Visitors was responded to by Bro. Young (St. Leonards Lodge). The proceedings concluded with the Tyler's toast.

High Cross Lodge of Instruction, No. 754.—On Thursday, 27th March, at Bro. Matto[illegible]'s, Coach and Horses, Tottenham. Bros. Young W.M., Disc[illegible] S.W., Oxley J.W., Peach S.D., Everdell I.G., Thompson Precep[illegible]r, Garrod Sec., and others. The ceremony of initiation was rehe[illegible]sed, Bro. Peach candidate. Bro. Taverner having answered the u[illegible]al questions preliminary to passing, the Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the

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ceremony of passing rehearsed. On the Lodge being resumed to the first degree, the Secretary was pleased to inform the brethren the list was completed for the working of the Fifteen Sections on Thursday, the 10th April. A hearty vote of thanks to the W.M. was recorded on the minutes for his able working, this being the first time he had taken the chair in any Lodge. Bro. Driscoll was elected to preside at the next meeting.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—At the meeting on Friday 4th April, at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, there were present:—Bros. Blasby W.M., Tucker Treasurer S.W., Goss I.P.M. J.W., Costelow S.D., Gomm J.D., Skinner I.G., Gunner Hon. Sec., Kyezor, Acworth, Talbot, &c.; and as a Visitor, Bro. R. Compton P.M. 68, 1765, P.P.G.S.D. Bristol. Lodge was regularly opened, and minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. On Lodge being advanced, Bro. Gunner volunteered as candidate, and the ceremony of the third degree was rehearsed. Lodge was closed down, and the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Kyezor candidate. Bro. Tucker was elected W.M. for the meeting on 18th April, when we are informed several visitors will attend. Bro. Compton drew attention to some slight points of variation between the York Ritual upon which some of the English Lodges work and our own, and he gave illustrations. The brethren heartily thanked Bro. Compton for his short dissertation, and hoped the time would shortly arrive when differences of detail would be expunged by order promulgated by Grand Lodge, so important is it that all English Lodges should follow strictly the same observances. Lodge was then closed in due form and adjourned to 18th April, at half-past seven.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—Weekly meeting on Tuesday, 8th inst., at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston. Bros. Lovelock W.M., J. Lorkin S.W., Clark J.W., Wardell S.D., Forss J.D., Christian I.G., Dallas Sec., Smyth Treas., P.M. Wallington Preceptor; McMillan, Smyth, Carr, C. Lorkin, Webb, Weige, Bigg and others. The Lodge was opened in due form. Bro. Bigg answered the necessary questions, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, he being the candidate. The Lodge was opened in the third degree, and regularly closed to the first. The Lodge was called from labour to refreshment, and afterwards resumed its Masonic duties. The Preceptor worked the installation ceremony, Bro. Weige as W.M. elect, who went through the formal investiture of his Officers. Bro. J. Lorkin was elected W.M. for next Tuesday evening.

Newall Lodge, No. 1134.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Islington-square, Salford, on Tuesday, the 1st inst. Present—Bros. W. T. Hansbrow W.M., James Farmer P.M. as S.W., P. J. Eddleston P.M. as J.W., E. H. Hodgkins as Sec., H. Mainwaring P.M. Treas., J. W. Nicholls as S.D., Wm. Pollitt I.G., C. F. Wormald Org., Jas. Sly Tyler; and Bros. J. B. Hansfield, Z. Poirette, C. Weber, J. S. Pinder, &c. The Lodge was opened, and the customary preliminaries observed, after which the Lodge was advanced to the second degree, and finally opened in the third, when Bro. J. S. Pinder was raised to the sublime degree of M.M. by the W.M. Bro. Mainwaring gave the symbolic lecture, and Bro. Eddleston explained the W.T., and gave the traditional history very ably, taking his position in the East for that purpose. By his command the Lodge resumed in the first degree, and after business of a private nature was despatched, the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed by Bro. Hansbrow, and duly honoured. In proposing the health of the newly raised Brother, the W.M. observed that sufficient had been seen of Bro. Pinder to satisfy him that the sublime degree had been conferred meritoriously. He felt that Bro. Pinder fully realised that a Master Mason enjoyed the privilege of attaining office, and although he may begin at the lowest step there was nothing to prevent a deserving Mason attaining distinction and honour in the Craft. The toast was drunk with full honours. Bro. Pinder returned thanks in suitable terms. The W.M. then proposed the health of Bro. Weber, who had but very recently returned from Mexico and the United States. Bro. Hansbrow knew he uttered the sentiments of each and all when he said that he was delighted to welcome him among them again after his long absence. The toast was received with musical honours. Bro. Weber in reply said it was not so very long ago since he visited his Lodge last, and yet in the interim he had seen a new world, and had met with many strange adventures. On quitting the shores of old England his foremost thought was home and its endearing ties; next his Lodge. He never forgot the night of meeting, and was with them in thought and spirit, and knew that with a certain toast his name and absence would be associated. Bro. Weber entertained the brethren with a few interesting Masonic episodes of his travels, and promised a more lengthy account next Lodge night. For his safe return he was grateful, and for the honour done him by the W.M. and company he expressed his warmest thanks. Bro. Hodgkins proposed the health of the Past Masters, to whom the Lodge was greatly indebted, and especially to Past Master Eddleston, who at great inconvenience came to aid and instruct the brethren. The toast was most heartily received. Bro. Mainwaring, in acknowledging the honour done him, expressed his best wishes for the welfare and prosperity of the Lodge. Bro. Eddleston assured the brethren that all he could do for the Lodge was done heartily. He was pleased to see the third degree given that evening so well. Bro. Farmer was very much pleased with the honour shown the last toast. He felt pleased to be associated with a toast which brought Bro. Eddleston's name up. That worthy brother was ever ready to aid them, and was a credit to this or any other Lodge. The Lodge ought to be very proud of him as a Past Master, considering he had to come and go such a long distance. As Past Masters they were all ready to assist the W.M. and promote the best interests of the Lodge. Bro. Eddleston proposed the health of the W.M. amidst very kindly expressions, and called upon the brethren to drink heartily to the same, which was done with musical honours, and the W.M. replied in a brief but suitable address. The Tyler's toast terminated a pleasant evening.

Friars' Lodge of Instruction, No. 1349.—Held at the Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, on the 8th inst., present—Bros. Pavitt W.M., Worsley S.W., Smith J.W., Johnson S.D., Pullen J.D., Roberts I.G., Foxall W.M. of 1349, Barker, Spencer, Dunsmore, Watkins, Musto Preceptor, and Andrews acting Sec. Bro. Pullen having answered the necessary questions, was entrusted, and the ceremony of passing was worked in his favour by the W.M. The 1st and 2nd sections of the lecture were worked by Bro. Barker, assisted by the brethren. The Lodge was then closed in the 2nd degree. Bros. Barker and Roberts were unanimously elected members of the Lodge. The Secretary then read the Bye-laws as revised by the Committee appointed at the previous Lodge meeting. The discussion in reference to the same was adjourned to next week. It was proposed by Bro. Preceptor, and seconded by Bro. J.W., that Bro. S.W. be W.M. for the ensuing week, carried unanimously. Nothing further being offered for the good of Freemasonry, the Lodge was closed, and adjourned until the 15th inst.

North London Chapter of Improvement, No. 1,471.—Crown and Woolpack, St. John-street-road (near the Angel, Islington). The regular weekly Convocation was held on Friday the 4th of April. Comps. J. W. Hobbs M.E.Z., J. Cusworth H., G. Soper J., Sparrow S.N., Killick S.E., Lake P.S., Halford Treasurer, Pearcy, Stock, Gibbs, and others. The ceremony of exaltation was performed by the M.E.Z. with marked ability, Comp. Pearcy being the candidate, the other Officers, especially H. and J., rendering very efficient service.

Henley Lodge, No. 1472.—A regular meeting of this Lodge was held at The Tree Crowns, North Woolwich, on the 21st inst. Bro. W. J. Turner W.M. After the confirmation of the minutes the Lodge was opened in the second degree, when Bros. Biggs and Feast were entrusted. The Lodge was then opened in the third degree, and Bro. Biggs and Feast were raised to the sublime degree of M.M. by Bro. Manning I.M.P., who was most courteously allowed by the W.M. to give Bros. Biggs and Feast their third, which he performed in a very impressive manner. The Lodge having resumed to the first, the W.M. stated he had a pleasing duty to perform, it being no other than the presentation of a testimonial to the I.M.P. Bro. Manning, consisting of an illuminated engrossed vellum, as a slight recognition of past services. In very feeling terms P.M. Manning acknowledged the compliment which had been paid him. The Lodge was then closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to the banquetting room, where a cold collation was served, and at its conclusion the customary Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. Some excellent songs were sung by Bro. P.M. West and Bro. J. Lloyd S.W. Bro. Sherwin Organist also sang, and presided at the pianoforte.

Abercorn Lodge, No. 1549.—The first meeting of the season was held on Wednesday, the 2nd inst., at the Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore, N.W. Present—Bros. George Sidcombe W.M., R. Helsdon P.M. P.G.P. Middlesex acting S.W., W. S. Marshall J.W., Chas. Veal P.G.S.D. Surrey Sec., R. Roy S.D., Chas. Long J.D., G. H. Hall W. Steward acting I.G., John Middleton Tyler, and many other brethren. Bros. Osman Vincent I.P.M., J. W. Garrod P.M. Visitors—Bros. Holak G.M. No. 1, W. Denison 1541, W. G. Greenwood 100, Cecil Austin 811. The Lodge was opened at 3.40 p.m., when the usual preliminaries having been satisfactorily disposed of, the minutes of last regular meeting, in October 1878, were read and confirmed. The Lodge was then advanced to the second degree, and Bro. Robert B. Paton passed a most successful examination preparatory to his raising. The Lodge having been opened in the third degree, Bro. Paton was raised to the sublime privileges of M.M. by the W.M., who performed the ceremony in a highly creditable manner. Having lowered the Lodge to the first degree, the W.M. read a letter from Bro. John Clark, who tendered his resignation. This was ultimately accepted, amidst expressions of regret. Four candidates were proposed for initiation at the next meeting, and the ballot proved unanimous in favour of Bro. John Welford as a joining member. The W.M. briefly intimated that he intended to represent the Lodge at the Annual Festival of the Girls' School, and the proceedings being closed in peace and harmony, the brethren sat down to their usual banquet, and enjoyed a very agreeable evening.

Rothesay Lodge, No. 1687.—The regular meeting of this lately consecrated Lodge was held on Wednesday last, at the Inns of Court Hotel, under the presidency of the second W.M., Bro. F. Kirk, assisted by Bros. J. Hancock S.W., J. Docker J.W., W. C. Parsons P.M. Sec., L. Beck P.M. P.G.O. Middlesex, Cropland S.D., Forscutt I.G., Berrow Organist, B. Swallow P.P.G.J.D. Middlesex, Wake, Newell, Green, Valeriani, Lintold, Macgillvray, Wallace, Farr, Mickells, &c. After the confirmation of the minutes of the last meeting, Bros. Gaze, Butlin, Leigh, and Fucigna were passed to the second degree. Mr. Blewitt was then balloted for, and having been unanimously accepted, was duly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry. Both ceremonies were performed by the W.M. in such a manner as to elicit genuine expressions of admiration from the brethren. At the conclusion of the routine business the nomination of W.M. for the ensuing year, and the election of

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Treasurer, Auditors, and Tyler was proceeded with. The votes of the brethren were unanimous in favour of Bro. J. Hancock as the succeeding W.M., the result being hailed with loud applause; Bro. L. Beck P.M. was appointed Treasurer; Bro. Potter P.M. Tyler, and Bros. Macgillvray, Green sen., and Lintoff Auditors. Bro. L. Beck I.P.M. then expressed the pleasure it afforded him to propose that a P.M.', jewel should be presented to the retiring W.M., in recognition of the able manner in which he had discharged the duties of his office during the past year. He also suggested that in addition to this gift the collar and jewel should be presented with it; and he concluded by expressing the hope that Bro. Kirk might live long to wear them. Bro. W. C. Parsons P.M. Sec., in seconding the proposition, endorsed all that had fallen from the lips of the previous speaker as to the efficient manner in which the duties of the chair had been performed during the year which had just closed. The motion was then agreed to with acclamation. It was announced that the W.M. was a Steward for the Boys' Institution, the merits of which were eloquently expatiated on by the worthy Secretary, with the hope that more extended support would be accorded to it by the brethren. The W.M. observed that a suggestion had been made to him to the effect that they should present to Bro. L. Beck his Prov. Grand clothing. At the conclusion of the business, the Lodge was closed until October next, and subsequently the brethren sat down to a sumptuous banquet, provided by Bro. Gosden, whose arrangements gave every satisfaction. Dessert having been placed before the guests, the customary Loyal and Masonic toasts were given from the chair and duly honoured, the W.M. briefly alluding to the satisfactory progress which Masonry had made under the Prince of Wales's presidency, and to the special gratitude which this Lodge owed to his Royal Highness for having allowed them to adopt one of his titles. Bro. L. Beck, in proposing the health of the W. Master, said the task afforded him a considerable amount of pleasure, for it must have been a source of unmixed satisfaction to the brethren to have witnessed the excellent manner in which the duties of the Lodge had been discharged during the past year. Not only had the working of the Lodge been all that could be desired, but the proceedings had been rendered the more agreeable in consequence of the genial way in which Bro. Kirk had presided over them. They all hoped to see him, not only ranking as a P.M., but associated with the Lodge for many years to come. The W.M., in acknowledging the compliment which had been paid to him, expressed his thanks for the kind and hearty co-operation which had been given him by the brethren of the Lodge, and he could assure his successor, whom he was pleased had been unanimously elected to the chair for next year, that he should be only too glad on his part to render him any assistance or advice that he might need. The healths of the Newly Initiated and the Visitors were then given and heartily received; after which the W.M. submitted the health of Bro. J. Hancock, the Worshipful Master-elect, referring to him a brother whom every one respected. They had all seen the excellent manner in which he had acquitted himself in the various offices he had filled in the Lodge, and he felt certain they would be proud to hail him as their new W.M. Bro. Hancock said he felt extremely gratified by the unanimous choice which had fallen upon him to-day, and he assured them he should not readily forget their great kindness to him. He hoped, after the manner in which the W.M. had spoken of him, to be able to carry out the duties of the Lodge to their satisfaction, and with credit to himself. The W.M. then proposed the health of the I.P.M. Bro. Louis Beck, who might be designated the Father of the Lodge, having been its first W.M. He had to thank Bro. Beck for very much of the success which had attended his own year of office, and he took this opportunity of doing so. Bro. Beck, in reply, said it was a source of pride to him to have been the first Master of this flourishing young Lodge. He had the privilege of having to attend many Scotch gatherings where H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was known as the Duke of Rothesay, and he could assure them the name of the Lodge was always well received. They had permission to use those arms on their jewels and banner. He had experienced great pleasure in having had to instal the W.M. into the chair, and he thanked Bro. Kirk for the kindly way in which he had spoken of him. The health of the Treasurer and Secretary was next given, with eulogistic allusions to the excellence of their services, and the toast was suitably responded to by Bros. Beck and Parsons. After doing honour to the Wardens and Junior Officers, the Tyler's toast was given, and the brethren separated.

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PROGRESSIVE STUDIES.

HAVING been admonished as to the necessity of exercising due caution and prudence in his progressive studies, the E.A. very naturally casts about him for the sources of advice and counsel from which he may hope to derive the most sterling and reliable assistance. In this larva condition, so to speak, of his speculative attainments—when, as we have said, the mind of the young Mason is receptive, and capable of being moulded like the potter's clay—he very properly regards all by whom he is surrounded as now friends, bound together by an indissoluble tie of brotherhood, and from whom he has a right to expect nothing but sure and faithful guidance. If our Institution were anything but human in root and branch, and if the body of its members were immaculate, these infantile expectations could not fail to be realised to the utmost; but he must be a bold Mason indeed who would assert that perfection is attained by an average study only of the Masonic art. The adage holds now as ever that a good Mason must, perforce, be a good man. Practically to exemplify all the principles of morality and virtue contained in the *curriculum* of our system must be to raise the standard of the man to the highest perfection of human excellence; the closer he adheres to the ancient lines and landmarks which are set before him in the Order the more marked must be the uprightness of his thoughts and the rectitude of his actions; and that any departure from these elevating and refining precepts, which are the pivot upon which the whole system of Masonry revolves, is possible, the E.A. has yet to discover. With his foot upon the first round of that ladder whose summit reaches to the firmament of all that is pure and estimable, he is now, perhaps more than at any other period of his career, filled with an ardent and sincere determination to acquit himself as a worthy member of a society from which radiate at every point lessons of new and sublime import to his after life. What had hitherto been to him a passing show—a mere pageant, surrounded by a halo of fascinating mystery, but perhaps after all possessing but shallow foundation—he discovers to be a grand and tangible reality worth striving after, a study of which it is eminently desirable that he should be the master. Grasping, then, the banner with the strange device, his motto now is "Excelsior;" he looks not back upon the cavernous void from which he has safely emerged; and by the assistance of the effulgence which radiates from those three pedestals, he proceeds, with "firm but humble confidence," on his journeyings in the pathway of Light. In this beautiful system of morality, veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols, he sees Wisdom, Strength and Beauty depicted in every object upon which his eye rests within the tabernacle; and, if he be the pattern novitiate we would endeavour to pourtray, he longs to shape the rough ashlar into the perfect by a course of apt and judicious research. Care must here be exercised that a laudable ambition is not allowed to overleap itself into impetuosity—that rock upon which so many a promising barque has split. Nor is this necessary brake-power far to seek in a well-regulated Lodge. In the case of the seasoned Past Master, who knows that a kindly but firm application of the rein is essential to the right direction and development of all youthful aspirations, he will always be found guarded in his tactics towards the young Apprentice. Just as the expert master of any profession curbs the pardonable ambition of his pupil, who if left alone would attempt work beyond his power, and by acquiring a slovenly style would inevitably become but an indifferent workman, so the Officers of a Lodge are responsible for the early training of those who are initiated under their rule, and for their gradual growth in Masonic knowledge. Under such auspices as we point out, the foundation is laid upon which the young Mason is enabled to raise a superstructure perfect in all its parts and honourable to the builder. He lays his lines and plans with a mind untinged by doubt or uncertainty; and under skilful direction from the overseers of the work he gains confidence as he proceeds to the more finished branches of his profession. Many a Mason who has become an ornament to the Craft, and a faithful monitor to those with whom he is associated, has occasion to reflect upon the "word in season" which was thus kindly administered to him at the outset of his Masonic journeying. To break in rudely or abruptly upon even seeming precocity is sometimes to nip a fair blossom in the bud, or to torture into deformity the promising sapling of a goodly tree. It is not merely the prerogative, but also the privilege, of the veterans to the Craft to guide and rule the recruits, and to mould the material at their command to the best possible uses. Taken thus in hand by benign and intelligent superiors, there are sanguine hopes that the initiate may take his onward steps with prudence mingled with zeal; and every advance made in this spirit, and under such surveillance, brings with it sheaves of ripened grain into the storehouse of his Masonic experience. Witness the increasing attention which he pays to the recurring sentences of the ritual, as—now entitled to sit amongst the brethren, clothed and in his right mind—he aids in the initiation of new comers into the Lodge. Carefully observing the attitude of the poor and penniless enquirer after light and truth, he is wont to follow inarticulately every word that falls from the Master and his Wardens, noting mentally the prominent passages which fell so grandly on his ear but a short time before. And then, that touch of Nature which maketh the whole world kin prompts him at the earliest convenience to commune with the students in his lower form, and with them to con over those lessons and instructions with which they have thus early been entrusted. "As iron sharpeneth iron, so doth the countenance of man his friend;" and nowhere is the scriptural proverb more fully illustrated than within the precincts of a Masonic lodge. With single eye to the upholding of those sacred precepts, and in anticipation of still higher illustrations of symbolic grandeur which he is admonished are to follow, the initiate concentrates his whole soul on the working out of those principles which adorn the profession to which he has attached his name. Expanding into a magnanimity which is the natural outcome of such teaching, he embraces every opportunity of practising those virtues which he has professed to admire and promised to support. Wise is the E.A. who eschews the too intimate acquaintanceship and example of those elder brethren who flaunt their "little knowledge" in profuse signs and grandiloquent phrases, and who regard the frivolities which occasionally surround Masonry as their chief concern, while they emblazon the eloquent symbols of our Order on every occasion on their trade marks. He regards the utilisation of membership for such purposes to be a violation of that professedly sincere declaration that he was prompted to unite himself with the brethren "from no mercenary or other unworthy motive;" and he has such a wholesome disgust at this prostitution of the system that he squeamishly avoids brandishing his own acquirements, or copying such unseemly example. Let the Officer who is careful for the dignity and wellbeing of the Lodge whose interests he is pledged to uphold encourage such traits in the character of those in whom he is able to trace the germs of an intelligent

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apprehension of the highest attributes of the system he loves and adorns. Remember that to these young members we have to look for the building up and sustentation of the prestige we aim at in time to come; and to the rightly framing of the joints and interstices now, the substance and durability of the structure hereafter mainly depends. And, lastly, when the voice from the South calls the workmen to more congenial climes, let the same elevated sense of dignity and good sense pervade the periods of relaxation to which they are justly entitled as the reward of labour. Let us not be understood to insist upon a rigid transference of official stateliness to the banqueting hall. We would have the labours of the day relieved by an unrestrained and generous flow of peace and harmony, blended with the ever-to-be prized elements of moderation and good sense. But at times we have been pained to witness how easy in this degree is the descent from chaste allegory to ribald prose—from Parnassus to the gutter. Nothing is more calculated to inspire disgust in the mind of inexperienced members than the too lavish expenditure of attention—and of funds which should be devoted to Charity—on the more ornamental, and if convivial, accessories of Masonic gatherings. And it is not always inappropriate, or with affected egotism, they mentally inquire "why was not the price of this precious ointment given to the needy, instead of being squandered in unnecessary self-indulgence?" The essence of our system is Charity, and without a constant regard to this first great principle we realise nothing but sounding brass and tinkling cymbals—we perpetrate a misuse of ostensible professions, and assume a virtue we have not. There must be no hypocrisy or cant in the fulfilment of our Masonic obligations. We hope to revert to this subject in a future article; but, from the standpoint we have taken in regard to newly-admitted members, we may have said sufficient to remind Past Masters and Officers of some portion of the duty of discrimination they may have overlooked, and to stimulate them to unite in effecting such points of improvement in detail as may be expedient. By all those who desire to see maintained the beautiful symmetry and due decorum of their Lodges, and by their principle and example to infuse the same spirit amongst those who follow them in the paths of research, the wise caution in Dean Trench's couplet will be taken well to heart:—

> Would'st thou go forth to bless, be sure of thine own ground,
> Fix well thy centre first, then draw thy circles round.

Let this be the fundamental maxim of those who undertake the responsible duty of ruling and governing their respective Lodges, and then we may be certain the instruction which will be imparted to future initiates will never go beyond that fixed circumference from which no Mason can materially err.

THE SCHOOL ELECTIONS.

THE selection of Boys and Girls from the lists of approved Candidates has just been made, and the proceedings excited quite the ordinary amount of interest and excitement, notwithstanding that the brethren were summoned from various parts of the country to Freemasons' Tavern in the midst of a holiday week. In a general sense the Elections were satisfactory, though of course where there are so few vacancies compared with the numbers who deservedly claim the privileges afforded by our noble Masonic Institutions, many must of necessity be sent away disappointed. Thus, so far as the Boys' School is concerned, only sixteen out of sixty-eight applicants could hope to succeed, whilst for the eighteen vacancies in the Girls' School no fewer than forty-six names appeared on the ballot papers. The inadequacy of the funds and accommodation to meet all who are unfortunately so circumstanced as to need the benefits of our Institutions has, and we fear will long be deplored whenever an appeal is made on behalf of "Our Masonic Charities;" but that they are enabled to accomplish even their present ends is a source of unfeigned satisfaction, and ranks our Schools amongst the foremost and most glorious landmarks of the nation. For example, we note that since its establishment in 1788 no less than 1162 girls have been educated, clothed, and maintained within the walls of our Girls' School at Battersea Rise. From small beginnings the School has grown into very considerable proportions, maintaining now a normal list of 200 Girls upon the books. The Boys' School at Wood Green is doing an equally great work in its own department, and if any proof were needed of the efficient instruction imparted in our Schools we have only to point to the recent Cambridge Local Examinations, wherein our pupils of both sexes acquitted themselves in the most creditable and praiseworthy manner. It is not, however, necessary that we should here go into details respecting which the brethren do not fail to be frequently reminded; but merely, while congratulating those parents and children who have this week been successful in their efforts, assuring those who returned home disappointed that they have the hearty sympathies of the brethren, mingled with their universal regret that circumstances will not allow of the Institutions flinging open their doors to admit all the cases of deserving need that are presented to them.

The Quarterly Court of the Governors of, and Subscribers to, the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was held in the large hall of Freemasons' Tavern, on Saturday last, when the chair was occupied by Bro. Lieut-Col. John Creaton, Treasurer and Trustee. There was a very large attendance of the brethren, many of whom hold high rank in London and the provinces, and amongst whom were Bros. J. L. Hine V.P., C. F. Matier, A. E. Gladwell, T. J. Sabine V.P., J. E. Le Feuvre, C. J. Perceval V.P., W. H. Paull, J. Vaughan (Warwick), G. Wyatt (Isle of Wight), John Wordsworth 1019, J. G. Stevens, John Thompson 1019, T. J. Barnes, R. B. Webster, J. J. Berry, Robert Wylie (West Lancashire), J. P. Platt, Thomas Hill, W. H. B. Tomlinson and H. Smith (West Yorkshire), W. J. Murlis, A. H. Tattersall, T. W. White, Birch, E. P. Albert, Elford, Hubert, Dicketts, Æneas J. Macintyre G. Reg. V.P., Frederick Binckes, John Clabon, and others. Bro. Birch gave notice of motion for the meeting in October, for an alteration of one of the new rules, so as to enable provincial brethren to vote by proxy at any election for Secretary of the Institution. Bro. R. J. Macintyre, Q.C., proposed, and Bro. J. M. Clabon seconded, the re-election of Bro. Lieut.-Col. Creaton as Treasurer, and the resolution was carried unanimously, amidst loud cheering. The brethren then proceeded to elect 18 Girls out of a list of 46 candidates, and the scrutineers announced, shortly after four o'clock, the subjoined result. It will be seen from the number of votes recorded that nothing less than nine hundred could be reckoned on as a safe return, one under that number being the lowest polled in favour of any of the successful candidates. At the October election the least number successfully recorded was 1104, but then there were only four candidates, and if we trace the list down to 18 places, we find that the votes only overreached 300. Taking the successful candidates as they stand in order on the poll, it may be remarked that Rosamond Laybourne came before the Court for the second time, with but 346 votes brought forward in her behalf from the last election. Our Welsh brethren, however, appear to have laboured most zealously and well in her behalf, augmenting the number of her votes by 1213, and placing their candidate at the head of the poll with the grand total of 1559. Little Laybourne is a daughter of the late P.M. John Laybourne, of the Ica Lodge No. 683, of Newport, Monmouth, who, after subscribing to his Lodge for 15 years, died in 1872, leaving four children dependent on his widow. There was another candidate from the same Province, viz., Edith Corrall Williams, who obtained 83 votes in October, but who, prior to this election, was for some reason withdrawn, leaving the brethren to concentrate their efforts on Laybourne. As we anticipated, Florence May Jones, coming with 884 votes to her credit, stood high upon the poll; having gained 556 on the day of the election, she was lifted into the second place with a total of 1440. The case was a deserving one, the mother having been left with five children, and the brethren of East Riding of Yorkshire are once more to be congratulated on their success. Our late Bro. Jones, P.M. of North York Lodge No. 602, also held provincial office, and had worked assiduously for ten years in the interests of Freemasonry. The third on the list is Florence E. M. Palmer, on whose behalf a second application was made, and who came fortified with 1018 votes to the good. Her late father was a brewer's foreman, and a member of the High Cross Lodge No. 754; he died in 1873, leaving five children dependent on their mother, who resides at Romford. Next stands Helen Mary Busher, who brought the very respectable figure of 865 from the October Court, and who succeeded in raising that number on Saturday to 1310. It is a trite saying that the West Lancashire brethren, when determined and united, are hard to beat; can do anything they choose; and in the case of the Busher family we have a fair evidence of the veracity of the statement. Helen has already a sister in the Institution, and a brother in the Boys' School; still the parents have seven children dependent on them. Bro. Busher had subscribed for fourteen and a quarter years to the Sincerity Lodge No. 293, Kendal, and doubtless the vigorous manner in which his cause has been continuously pushed by the brethren represents a vast amount of good work done by their P.G.S.B. for many years. We recently pointed out that in relation to Katherine Annie Peele, she was one of the candidates who, if unsuccessful on this occasion, would be debarred, by the age limit, from making another application, but the efforts of our Durham brethren were successful in raising their 344 votes in hand to a total of 1238, and in thus placing her fifth upon the list, Mrs. Peele has reason to feel grateful to her late husband's Masonic friends, for he had only subscribed to his Lodge three and a half years, and does not appear to have held any office. Notwithstanding, there is already one daughter in the Institution, and this second success will entirely relieve her of maternal responsibilities. Sussex next figures on the list, with Catherine Frances Hide, whose widowed mother has one other child dependent on her, at Brighton. Our late Bro. Hide was a member of Yarborough Lodge, 811, for seven years, ; at the last election, his friends polled no fewer than 1256 votes in the child's favour, this number unaided being sufficient on Saturday to place her sixth on the poll. Gloucestershire brought forward an eminently deserving case, and no one will begrudge the success scored on behalf of little Thurza Ann Veal, who with five other children, had been bereft of both parents. Their late father was a member of Prince of Wales's Lodge, No. 951, for seven and three-quarter years, and we are pleased that the little orphan for whom 686 votes were polled on the last occasion, was successful now with a total of 1218. Another deserving case was that which stood next upon the ballot paper, viz., Mary Eliza May, whose success we had looked upon as almost a foregone conclusion. At the last election, the Western Division of South Wales scored for her 745 votes, and these on Saturday were raised to 1211, placing the candidate eighth upon the list. Our late Bro. Mott, who belonged to the St. David's Lodge, No. 951, had served in several offices in the Pro-

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vinces of Lancashire, Cumberland, and Westmorland, had subscribed to his Lodge fifteen years, and had also rendered valuable service as Steward to the Masonic Charitable Institutions. The widowed mother has still four children to maintain. It was only to be expected that on the third occasion our Essex brethren would contrive to carry in their candidate, Edith Mary Garnett, who had already in hand 836 votes. The mother is thus relieved of one of her two children. The Yarborough Lodge, 554, were successful, as we said they ought to be, on behalf of Ellen Amy Wadham, who, with three other children, had been bereft of both parents, and had been cared for by their aunt, Mrs. Stiles, at Anerley. This candidate brought forward 1149 votes, and these required no addition to make her election sure on this occasion. Blanche Adelaide Mitton comes twelfth in order, and brought 685 votes to support her second application, these being raised to 1112. Her late father was member of Eccleshall Lodge, No. 1034, Bradford, and he left three children entirely dependent on his widow. Wiltshire was successful with its two candidates. The first, Ada Mary Cook, who although only recording 43 votes, last October, was placed thirteenth on the list, with a total of 1058. Her late father was a member of the Royal Sussex Lodge, No. 355, and at his death, nearly five years ago, left four children dependent on his widow. The second, Ellen Mary Good, whose father is insane, and whose mother has still four other children to maintain, at Woodgates, near Salisbury, had gained 949 votes at a previous election, and these proved sufficient to give her a place amongst the successful company. There were peculiarly urgent reasons why little Florence Lizzie Duckett should obtain the success her friends desired for her, and the 1055 votes polled on her first application may be taken as a criterion of the interest manifested in behalf of the family. Our late Bro. Duckett was well known in journalism, and was, up to the time of his sudden demise, connected with the staff of the *Standard*. The mother was left with six children, and we are certain this assistance on the part of the brethren will be gratefully felt by her. Our West Yorkshire friends were again successful in the return of Ellen Senior, who received 1054 votes on this occasion alone, and of Kate Hebblethwaite, in whose behalf 783 were added to the 183 already recorded, swelling her total to 946. Lowest in point of numbers was Beatrice Mary Clark, one out of a family of ten fatherless children, and our Warwickshire brethren are to be congratulated upon their narrow escape from failure in this very deserving case. Annexed is the full return of the polling:—

SUCCESSFUL.

No. on list	Name	Forward	Polled	Total
22	Laybourne, Rosamond E. A.	346	1213	1559
23	Jones, Florence May	884	556	1440
18	Palmer, Florence E. M.	1018	360	1378
15	Busher, Helen Mary	865	445	1310
7	Peele, Katherine Annie	344	924	1268
27	Hide, Catherine Frances	—	1256	1256
13	Veal, Thurza Ann	686	532	1218
14	Mott, Mary Eliza	745	466	1211
20	Harbord, Elizabeth Alice	1086	124	1210
2	Garnett, Edith Mary	836	345	1181
31	Wadham, Ellen Amy	—	1149	1149
5	Mitton, Blanche Adelaide	685	427	1112
10	Cook, Ada Mary	43	1015	1058
34	Duckett, Florence Lizzie	—	1055	1055
9	Senior, Ellen	—	1054	1054
37	Good, Ellen Mary	—	949	949
8	Hebblethwaite, Kate	163	783	946
11	Clark, Beatrice Mary	532	367	899

UNSUCCESSFUL.

1	Jay, Gertrude Alice	575	223	797
39	Hicks, Edith	—	792	792
16	Deeley, Agnes A.	300	462	762
40	Kirke, Alice Clara	—	753	753
3	Sampson, Mabel Jane	613	72	685
41	Lang, Margaret Ethel	—	672	672
25	Williams, Emma Eliza	252	305	557
12	Allison, Ethel Frances W.	158	389	547
36	Fellows, Charlotte Amelia	—	546	546
30	Hill, Emily S. H.	—	480	480
33	Dawson, Alice Mary	—	475	475
6	Keighley, Harriott Geraldine	248	211	459
45	Pratt, Clara	—	436	436
19	Hart, Eva C. H.	198	238	436
46	Tipper, Mabel Harrison	—	389	389
29	Cheek, Laura Sophia	—	360	360
32	Wain, Fanny Elizabeth	—	216	216
26	Cecil, Emily Alford	—	209	209
21	Priestley, Jul et S. H.	141	53	194
35	Evens, Mildred	—	139	139
28	Parker, Annie Sarah	—	135	135
44	King, Emily Beatrice	—	77	77
47	Wyatt, Mary Ann A.	—	75	75
4	Parker, Elizabeth Minnie	22	27	49
17	Brown, Edith	28	12	40
38	Gover, Annie	—	15	15
42	Hill, Annie Elizabeth	—	13	13
43	Howle, Minnie	—	2	2

The Quarterly Court of the supporters of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was held on Monday, at Freemasons' Tavern, under the chairmanship of Colonel Creaton. Among a very large number of brethren were Bros. S. Rawson, A. J. D. Filer, E. Snell, W. Winn, Edward Cox, John Constable, Henry Smith (West Yorkshire), Thomas Cubitt, D. M. Dewar, S. B. Wilson, A. H. Tattershall, Rev. A. F. Woodford, C. F. Matier, W. Hyde Pullen, W. H. Main, F. Adlard, Collard Moutrie, W. Stephens, F. R. W. Hedges, John G. Stevens, G. Adamson, J. Pratt, John Thompson (Hull), A. E. Gladwell, D. D. Mercer, A. Middlemass, H. Massey, G. W. Verry, E. Hopwood, W. J. Murlis, R. W. Stewart, J. A. Birch, W. W. Morgan, George Neal, John Coutts, A. J. Ireton, and F. Binckes Secretary. A discussion arose as to altering one of the new laws (No. 55) by making a brother's subscription to his Lodge for seven years sufficient qualification for his son's candidature for the Institution, if the payments shall not be consecutive, the new law as it at present stands requiring that the seven years' subscription shall be consecutive. The laws, however, were allowed to stand as they are for the next six months, to prevent any difficulty, and Bro. Matier gave notice that at the October Quarterly Court he would move that the word "consecutive" be struck out. Bro. J. A. Birch also gave notice that he would at the same meeting move that the election of Secretary of the Institution should be conducted by voting by proxies as at the election of children. Bro. George Plucknett was elected Treasurer of the Institution, and the General Committee was re-elected, a new member being chosen, in the person of Bro. C. H. McKay, in the room of Bro. Jesse Turner deceased. The election of sixteen candidates was then proceeded with. From the number of votes recorded, it will be seen that in the case of William Richard Thorn, who heads the list of successful candidates, the London brethren laboured hard to secure the return of the nominee of St. James's Union Lodge, No. 180. Bro. Thorn was a member of this Lodge only a little over a year, and especial sympathy was extended towards the four little orphan children who had been bereaved of both parents, and who are under the care of friends in the Amersham-road, New Cross. Starting with 418 gained at the October election, the number was supplemented on Monday by 1174, raising a grand total of 1592. The second successful candidate, Arthur John Chandler, hails from Norwich, his father having been a P.M. of the Social Lodge, No. 93, and a subscribing member for ten years. His widow, who now resides at Walton-on-the-Naze, has three children dependent on her, but this selection will make the second benefit the family has received at the hands of the Institution, one having been previously entered in the Boys' School. The third in order of success is James Ward, who had failed at no less than three previous elections, but had scored a reserve fund of 1221 votes to be brought forward to his account last Monday. Though only 308 fresh votes were polled on the day, they were sufficient to ensure success, and our North Wales and Salop brethren may congratulate themselves upon having at length, after great perseverance, achieved their praiseworthy aim to relieve a deserving widow of one of her numerous family of nine children. Bro. Ward was the Worshipful Master of the Welchpool Lodge at the time of his decease, just four years ago, and he had been a subscribing member for no less a period than thirteen and a half years. The case was an eminently deserving one, and we are pleased that the friends of the family so resolutely adhered to the purpose which they undertook so long ago. John Greenwood Landless, who made so poor a start in October last, received no less than 1,525 votes on this occasion, and was thus raised to fourth position on the poll. As Secretary of the Zetland Lodge No. 852, at Salford, our late Bro. Landless had rendered good service to the Craft, and on his death, in 1874, left four children dependent on his widow. James Alexander Walker comes next, having scored 1,504 votes on the first application. The candidate's father was W.M. of the Mirfield Lodge No. 1,102, with which he had been connected about nine years, leaving three children at his death, which occurred nearly four years ago. In the case of Richard John Warner, who in October obtained a nucleus of 347 votes; received this time the substantial addition of 1,156, making a total of 1,503, and securing him sixth position on the list. Bro. Warner was W.M. of the Arboretum Lodge No. 731, Derby, at the time of his death, in 1876, and left four little children looking to the bereaved mother for support. Geo. Norman C. Keighley came forward for the third time, with a reserve of 734 votes, and these, we are pleased to say, were swollen up to 1,493, thus relieving Mrs. Keighley of one out of her family of seven children. Her late husband was initiated in the Excelsior Lodge No. 825, Calcutta, and was a subscribing member for five and a half years. Frank Sydney Ward, who has a sister in the Girls' School, ranks eighth upon the list, with 1,489 votes recorded on the first application. Our late Bro. Waud was J.W. of the Highcross Lodge No. 754, Tottenham, and left five children at his death. Great sympathy was felt towards the family, as was amply testified by the brethren, who worked so zealously as to secure the return of this candidate without even a single delay. Henry Hugh King added to his seven previously recorded votes 1,438, and ranks ninth on the poll. His father is a member of the Philanthropic Lodge No. 304, but afterwards joined the British Union Lodge No. 114, of which latter he was S.D. He unfortunately became insane, and is now confined in a lunatic asylum; and the election on Monday relieves the widow of the care of her only child. Richard Howell Nicholls appeared for the third time, and his case was rendered urgent by the fact that if unsuccessful on this occasion he would be debarred by the age limit from trying again. He had no less than 1,013 votes to the good, and to these were now added 418, making a total of 1,431. His late father was a P.M. of the Vitruvian Lodge No. 87, Lambeth, a joining member of St. John's Lodge No. 1343, Grays Thurrock, Essex, where he died in 1877, leaving six children to be cared for by his widow. Eleventh on the list is Ernest William Sissons, of Dover, who in his first application is successful with 1,419 votes. This speaks well for our Kentish brethren when they put their shoulders to the wheel in behalf of a deserving case. Our late Bro. Sissons was a member of both the Dover Lodges, and had subscribed for no less a period than twenty and a quarter years.

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Both parents are dead, and there are seven children to be provided for, so that our readers will admit that the case was one really deserving of sympathy. Tom Allison, who made a start of 706 at the last election, polled only one less on Monday, and the united figures raised the total to 1,411. His late father had been connected with three Lodges, and at the time of his death, in 1875, was J.W. of Lodge of Industry No. 48, Gateshead; the widow being left with four children. Similarly situated is the mother of Arthur Salter, who was elected with 1,408 votes. She also was left with four children, her husband, who was treasurer of the Sphinx Lodge No. 1,329, Camberwell, having died a little over six months ago. Geo. Wm. Southam came with 254 votes from the last election, which number was increased to 1,387. Our late Bro. Southam was a member of St. Peter's Lodge No. 442, Peterborough, and left his widow with six children unprovided for. Last but one within the charmed circle of success is James Baker Green, who on his first application last October secured 554 votes. On Monday, these figures were supplemented by 772, to the great satisfaction of the Dorsetshire brethren, who had laboured hard and unitedly to ensure such a result. The case was a very deserving one, a family of six children being bereft of both parents. Our late Bro. Green, who died just over five years ago, was a member of the Honour and Friendship Lodge, No. 1266, Blandford, where for many years he was deservedly respected. Last on the list was John Gibbs, for whom second application was made, with 117 votes to the good. To this number were added 1173, making a total of 1290, a figure that was very closely approached by some of the unsuccessful boys. Bro. Gibbs belonged to the Nyanza Lodge, No. 1197, Ilminster, and at his death six years ago, left a widow and two children. Our Somersetshire brethren had a very close run, but they maintained their confidence to the last, and we congratulate them upon well-earned success. Of course, there were many disappointments, with all of whom the friends of the Institution sympathise, but which they are powerless to meet under present circumstances. The following is a detailed return of the voting, as declared at four o'clock:—

SUCCESSFUL.

No. on list	Name	Forward	Polled	Total
33	Thorn, William Richard	418	1174	1592
11	Chandler, Arthur John	1153	419	1572
12	Ward, James	1221	308	1529
42	Landless, John Greenwood	3	1525	1528
50	Walker, James Alexander	—	1504	1504
40	Warner, Richard John	347	1156	1503
18	Keighley, Geo. Norman C.	734	759	1493
64	Waud, Frank Sydney	—	1489	1489
37	King, Henry Hugh	7	1438	1445
15	Nicholls, Richard Howell	1013	418	1431
53	Sissons, Ernest William	—	1419	1419
35	Alison, Tom	706	705	1411
51	Salter, Arthur	—	1408	1408
28	Southam, George William	254	1133	1387
39	Green, James Baker	554	772	1326
14	Gibbs, John	117	1173	1290

UNSUCCESSFUL.

2	Wilkinson, Percy Charles	919	666	1285
8	Parker, George Shadwell	708	547	1255
6	Allin, Charles James Fox	375	844	1219
47	Colbeck, Frank	—	1065	1065
38	Henderson, John	4	925	929
34	Beckett, Ernest George	272	647	919
67	Garstin, Paul Belmore	—	—	861
36	Norrish, Herbert	340	479	819
13	Spalding, Edmund Parcell	437	328	765
7	Barclay, Henry G. Hackett	466	210	676
30	Brooks, George Bertie	290	329	619
32	Hounslow, Herbert Rich	231	383	614
41	Thomas, John M. Alex.	19	556	575
3	Wait, Emanuel	477	64	541
65	Stone, Percy Herbert	—	512	512
27	Baxley, William Henry	94	306	400
29	Gauntlett, George Fredk.	212	165	377
17	Scott, John Sheppard	203	172	375
31	Grave, Richard Arthur	194	164	358
59	Kennedy, Arthur James	—	316	316
63	Seddon, James Albert	—	313	313
4	Ridpeth, Lovell Hope	216	18	234
48	Wagstaff, Charles C.	—	199	199
44	Wilton, Ernst Colville C.	34	132	166
66	Shrapnell, A. E. Scrope	—	158	158
43	Crane, Harry Samuel J.	2	140	142
26	Tracy, William	93	42	135
5	Frost, Christian Frederic	10	117	127
60	Neville, Fredk. John	—	106	106
54	Fellows, Arthur	—	103	103
62	Coe, Albert Edward	—	102	102
21	Marshall, Phillipson	50	51	101
68	Woollons, Walter H.	—	84	84
56	Goldsbrough, Jno. Tom	—	79	79
57	Unwin, Fras. Arthur	—	57	57
45	Fellows, Herbert M.	7	42	49
22	Jones, Ernest Handel	23	22	45
1	Cole, Alfred Thomas	10	32	42
9	Bell, James Herbert	15	7	22
52	Brown, Walter Boston	—	16	16
19	Gay, George John	14	1	15
10	Giles, Frank Arthur	3	7	10
24	Bartley, William James	8	—	8
46	Steinhauer, George W.	—	5	5
20	Winter, Richard Thomas	—	5	5
23	Read, John	—	2	2
16	Black, William	—	2	2
25	Bowman, George Frederick	—	—	—
49	Hawke, Edwin Ernest	—	—	—
55	Barker, Arthur	—	—	—
58	Foot, William Robert D.	—	—	—
61	Pratt, Robert Williamson	—	—	—

The proceedings closed with the usual votes of thanks to the Chairman, Scrutineers, and others, and Bro. F. Binckes, the Secretary, intimated that the successful boys will be admitted by the School Committee at the end of August next, and that the parents or guardians would have due notice, with the particulars of admission of every candidate who had just been elected. The company then separated.

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BRO. NORTON'S CRITICISMS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Your frequent correspondent, Mr. Jacob Norton, in his comments on the series of papers furnished by me to the "CHRONICLE," raises many interesting points, upon the majority of which I offer no remark at present; though it will afford me pleasure to discuss them hereafter, when my book has seen the light, and to attempt to vindicate myself from the charge of undue credulity, which is inferentially preferred in the friendly strictures of this excellent Masonic critic. In the examples given of Bro. Preston's inaccuracy, it is, indeed, only fair to observe that Bro. Norton *understates* his case. No account of the history and privileges of the old Lodges appeared until 1781 (3rd Ed. Illustrations of Masonry), when Preston was under sentence of expulsion from the Society, and it is reasonably to be inferred that the circumstances under which he then applied himself to the task of recording the privileges of his Lodge would operate in favour of a more trenchant assertion of its rights than might have occurred *before* the memorable secession of the Lodge of Antiquity (A.D. 1778.)

I think, however, we should go too far in rejecting *all* his statements which are incapable of verification. The proper course, as it seems to me, being to take them for what they are worth, or, in other words, to yield credence to such only as are not improbable or inconsistent with well attested facts. I cannot bring myself to believe *that in any case* Preston resorted to *sheer invention*, and think therefore that he expressed views which were in entire harmony with the traditions of his era. I am unable to follow Bro. Norton in the conclusions he arrives at with regard to "Ancient Landmarks." According to my view, there are, and must be, certain settled customs, ceremonies, and obligations of the Craft upon which Grand Lodges (or the brethren at large) are powerless to innovate. Indeed, were this not the case—by a general vote of the fraternity the "Freemasons" of to-day might be turned into the "Fenians" (or anything else) of to-morrow. It must, however, be freely admitted that many alterations have been made in the "Old Constitutions," notably at the Union in 1813. But this deplorable fact should, I think, rather stimulate us to preserve what "Ancient Landmarks" are remaining, than to break down *all* the "old inclosures," and thus indefinitely extend the boundaries of the Society. For my own part, I deprecate change of any kind; but if any alteration or amendment of the existing Masonic system is, in the fulness of time, judged expedient and desirable, I heartily trust the views of the "*backward*" school may prevail, and that we may return to the native simplicity of the only *Rite* which was known to our Masonic ancestors.

Yours fraternally,

R. F. GOULD.

FREEMASONRY AND ITS CHARITIES.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—It is the duty of every Freemason to subscribe to our noble Charities. We often hear this; we frequently read it in the Masonic press; whenever we attend a Lodge meeting we are reminded of this claim upon us. Seldom do we sit down to a Lodge dinner without an invitation to place our names on the lists of one or more Stewards. On paying fees at the Lodge of Instruction we are informed that the whole of the funds are devoted to Masonic Charities. The postman brings appeals from energetic brethren, urging us to take tickets in a monster raffle for Life Governorships; Masonic acquaintances button-hole us at street corners for donations; charity associations solicit us to become members; everywhere the same, same cry,—Give, give.

Are these repeated appeals responded to? The best answer to this question is in the summaries you furnish from time of the ever increasing amounts announced at successive Festivals. The Committees have little reason to complain that donors are either few or niggardly; or that Stewards are sparing of their trouble or pockets, in their efforts to secure satisfactory returns. During the past year there appears to have been a total of about £27,000 placed at the

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disposal of the Committees of the two Schools; and in return we are surely entitled to put forward our claim on them,—Give, give.

We want intelligible accounts of the expenditure of the funds so freely provided; we should like to be convinced, by the evidence of clear balance sheets, that the large sums annually subscribed are judiciously laid out. We desire, when canvassing, to be able to assure our friends that monies will, not only be thankfully received, but be faithfully applied; and we wish to show a better result to our elections than the disappointment of seventy per cent. of the candidates whose claims have been admitted, and whose parents have, in many cases, answered freely to the call,—Give, give.

What has been done with £27,000? All we know is that 210 Boys and 200 Girls are reported to have been provided for at an average cost *of upwards of sixty-five pounds* each for the year! "A SUBSCRIBER" last week referred in the CHRONICLE to the cost of the children in the Royal Albert Orphan Asylum, being at the rate of £19 17s 1d per head. The report of a large Metropolitan School now before me shows the average annual expenditure per head, during the past ten years, to have been about £31, including every charge; admissions may be bought into many institutions at about £25 per annum paid in advance; but the monies subscribed for *Masonic* orphans appear to have been squandered at the rate of £65 per head. Yet, again, the Stewards are hard at work repeating their never ceasing cry,—Give, give.

Possibly the Committees may render accounts which will make it clear that there has been no extravagance, no waste. They may be able to show that the care of Masons' children necessarily costs more than twice the amount required for the offspring of the popular world who are not Masons. In any case, they possess information which the subscribers require, and it should be as much a pleasure to them as it is a duty to,—Give, give.

Yours fraternally,

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LONDON MASONIC CHARITY ASSOCIATION.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR,—Having gathered from the remarks made in the columns of your contemporary that this Association had ceased to exist, my surprise was great to see its promoters actively engaged at the Elections on Saturday and Monday last, a feeling greatly intensified by the result of the Boy's Election; the scrutineers returning 117 votes only as having been recorded for C. F. Frost, and but 7 for F. A. Giles. Surely such a termination to its labours is far from commensurate with the trouble and expense the Association must have been put to; it, in fact, merely illustrates the fable of the mountain in labour. The friends of the two candidates, Frost and Giles, must have felt themselves considerably disappointed, inasmuch as virtually the two cases were, to use a Masonic term, *blackballed*. It might have happened that had less prominence been given to their candidatures a different position would have been assigned to them by the scrutineers on the declaration of the poll. The Craft will be keenly on the alert for the publication of the next report of the Association, as, doubtless, the Executive will thereby throw light on much which, at the present moment, is shrouded in obscurity.

Yours fraternally,

A SUBSCRIBER.

16th April 1879.

[We are enabled to state that the members of the London Masonic Charity Association who had conduct of the votes on the occasion of the election on Monday, finding it was impossible to secure the election of either of the candidates they had promised to support, made the best use possible of their proxies by lending them to assist in the election of another child, the result in that case being a success. They therefore, are in a position to demonstrate their ability at the next election to carry a case, and we hope in October next to record they have been successful.—ED. F.C.]

CHARITY ASSOCIATION.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Will your correspondent, Bro. C. J. Perceval, give the West Yorkshire Masons particulars as to the Editor of the *Freemason* being "One of the fathers—if not the father of a similar organisation 'in West Yorkshire' to the London Masonic Charity Association?"

Many brethren in the West Riding do not credit the Editor of the *Freemason* with being the "Father" of any such association. I have no doubt that whilst he was a Provincial Grand Officer for West Yorkshire Bro. Woodford helped on the cause of charity, but his being the founder of our West Yorkshire organisation is unknown to many of the Craft in this Province.

Yours fraternally,

P.M. W. Yorks.

Huddersfield, 5th April 1879.

A NICE POINT.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Would you kindly inform me if, when a Brother Mason resigns voluntarily, for certain reasons, based on substantiated facts, and that he communicates orally these reasons to the Lodge duly opened, and afterwards hands over the communication to the W.M., the fact of his resignation and the circumstances or reasons leading thereto are to be registered on the minutes?

It appears to me evident that they should. For if at once or at some future time that Brother wishes to join another Lodge, according to Constitutions, under heading "Members and their Duty," Art. 5, he would be obliged to produce a certificate stating the circumstances under which he left. So if these are not registered on the minutes, I fail to see how he is to obtain that certificate, especially if a series of years has elapsed before it is asked, and when it is possible that a new Secretary may be there, and in fact many, perhaps even all the members composing the Lodge may be comparatively new, and would know nothing whatever of the matter. I ask you this, as Secretary of a Lodge, and would feel greatly obliged if you would give me a reply by return.

I remain, yours respectfully,

Sir and Brother,

A SEC. AND P.M.

[It is unreasonable to imagine that the Secretary of a Lodge should take a *verbatim* account of everything that transpires in his Lodge. Of course, it is very awkward to attempt to give an opinion upon such a point; it is rather for the brethren in question, when the minutes are brought forward for confirmation, to consider whether they are sufficiently explicit or not. At all events, so far as we are able to see, no fixed rule can be laid down for a matter of this sort. —ED. F. C.]

PLACES WORTH KNOWING ABOUT.

BY A PERIPATETIC BROTHER.

WHERE to dine is almost as perplexing a matter to the City man as the annual question is to Paterfamilias—Where shall we go for our holiday? And the main difficulty lies in the selection from the myriad hotels, restaurants, and eating houses which abound on every hand, and from which are emitted the most savoury odours "daily from twelve to three o'clock," as the *menu* says. Demosthenes junior lamented the plenitude of books, and considered that his learning availed him nothing now that his fellows had an equal chance of gaining information. If we argued on the same grounds, we might say that because of the legion of inviting luncheon bars and dining saloons which meet us at every turn it is no good to eat. We think it was Byron who asserted that—

> "Happiness for man—the hungry sinner
> Since Eve ate apples—much depends on dinner;"

and there is no doubt a considerable amount of moral force in the assertion. Seeing, therefore, that meals are indispensable, and that the readiest way to find your way into a man's good graces is through his digestion, we look around for the most likely and suitable places we can find. We are not overburdened with this world's goods, in these depressed times, and a little money must be made to go much further than it used to do, unless one would fall into the difficulties which beset Mr. Richard Swiveller. In the first place, then, cleanliness is the chief recommendation to a house where diners most do congregate. The best dinner in Christendom is spoilt by dirty plates and cutlery, and a slovenliness in the disposition of the various concomitants of the diner's use. A clean tidy saloon—with cheerful attendance—into which you can "pop" at stated hours, and be sure of getting good viands and drinks at a moderate tariff, is sure to prove attractive, and the best proof of success is when you see the same satisfied faces at the same rendezvous on successive days.

Travelling every day by the South Eastern line to and from Cannon Street, I have noticed with pleasure, as no doubt many of my fellow-*voyageurs* have done also, the great improvements which have been made by Bros. Smith and King of the Cannon Tavern, at the corner leading into Walbrook. Not long ago I turned into this bar with a friend to transact a business matter; I well remember the stuffy tap-roomy aspect of the place compared with what it is now. Then but one joint was cooked, at mid-day, and it was Hobson's choice with the few who frequented the tavern,—more from motives of convenience than preference,—it being near their offices in this part of the City. The close atmosphere seemed to condense divers steaming odours that ascended from some subterranean vault, and the whole place was stuffy, sticky, and uncomfortable. Now all is changed; and that our Bros. Smith and King have been enabled to effect so great a transformation in so short a time since their occupancy is only another proof of the omnipotency of enterprise and business aptitude. The size of the bar has been doubled, the whole of the serving business being transacted in the central part; whilst around the rectangular counters there is ample space for customers to sit at ease and enjoy comfortably their chop, steak, or more substantial fare. The interior fittings of this tavern are of the most brilliant and attractive description, the walls being painted in that delicate green which is at all times so grateful to the eye, whilst the cornices and pillars are illuminated in gold and colours after the most fanciful and elegant designs. Without question this is, as I heard a gentleman remark the other day, "one of the prettiest bars in the City of London." It is extremely picturesque, without being showy, and the embellishments exemplify exceeding good taste in the application of decorative art. Over the central counters depend three six-light gaseliers, the frames of which are adorned with blue and white picked out with gold; and along the side walls are bracket lights of similar manufacture. These, when lit at night, give to the room an aspect of dazzling brilliancy, combined with luxury and comfort. The lights are reflected in a series of large mirrors all round, glinting on gilded pillars and fretwork of Japanese design, setting forth exquisitely pretty and chaste devices, amongst which bouquets

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of flowers are tastefully dispersed, the whole forming a *coup d'œil* such as the habitués of the Cannon Tavern would hardly have thought possible six months ago. But, bright and glowing as the house is at night, there are halls of more dazzling light in London, and it is by no means for the sake of attractive appearance only that discriminating customers flock in and out of its doors "daily, from twelve to three o'clock." Equally, if not more inviting in daylight than later on, we find that by the alterations effected we have a lofty and well-ventilated saloon, on whose spacious tables can be served up a varied and excellent *menu*, promptitude and economy being the two very necessary and acceptable maxims observed. Everything is "as clean as a new pin," and the attendance, under the personal supervision of Bro. King, is all that could possibly be desired. The cooking apparatus is quite away from the luncheon bar, so that there is no unpleasant sense of the nearness of culinary operations, whilst by the introduction of patent swing seats, in lieu of the old-fashioned chairs and stools—which were constantly being knocked over each other—not only is greater comfort afforded to diners during their gastronomic deliberations, but being easily turned back to the wall they are compactly stowed away beneath the tables beyond the risk of breaking the shins of customers at a time when attendance is more numerous and shifting. You can speak conscientiously of the excellence of the viands and the wines purveyed by Bros. Smith and King, for be it known I purposely dropped in unawares the other day and witnessed for myself an ordinary example of the way in which they cater for their patrons. Taking stock from a designedly obscure corner, I should say that at least from 150 to 200 gentlemen made requisition upon the *cuisine* between the hours quoted on the bill of fare, and all appeared to be highly delighted with the place, the hosts, and the manner in which their requirements had been administered to. Dropping in on one or two occasions since, I have noticed the same faces, men who are evidently on terms of intimacy with the proprietors and their staff—a fact which proves conclusively that they regard the place as "all k'rect." In these days of competition one is not obliged to carry favour, or even put up with small inconveniences; if the customer is not suited he moves to more congenial regions, and seldom returns to old quarters which have not turned out to his entire satisfaction. There is no fear of such a *contretemps* at the Cannon, under its present management. Whilst congratulating Bros. Smith and King upon the vast improvement they have effected at this busy corner within the past six months, we may express a hope that they may go on and prosper in a manner commensurate with their efforts to deserve success. Every appliance is at hand for supplying, on any scale that may be desired, banquets, *déjeuners*, race hampers, and indeed the whole minutiæ of the catering business is here present in the most unique and complete form. In conclusion, let me say that for the three great essentials of a dining bar,—cleanliness, excellence, and economy,—commend me to Bros. Smith and King's, directly opposite the Cannon-street railway station.

Whilst on the subject of "dining out," perhaps you will be able to find a corner in which I may mention another worthy brother of ours, well-known, I should say, to everybody who has visited the Crystal Palace—I refer, of course, to Bro. F. J. Sawyer. Chancing the other day to be on my way for a sea-blow at Southend, I arrived at Fenchurch Street station "just in time to be too late," and as a means of beguiling half an hour or so before the departure of the next train, I looked into what I had hitherto known as the "Station" restaurant, and could not resist expressing my surprise at the marvellous transformation that had taken place since my last visit,—a few weeks previously. I had recollected the place as in perfect unison with the locality in which it is situated—dingy, dull, and smoke-begrimed. The joints and general window display had caught the contagion of the universal smokiness which hangs over this locality, where merchants in every department of shipping, commerce, and agriculture are for ever jostling each other in this throbbing artery of the great City. In a word, the place rose in my memory as a "dowdy" one; and there is no other word I can command sufficiently expressive to convey to my readers its gloomy and forsaken aspect. By whom the restaurant was now kept, or who had been bold enough to expend such skill and taste upon a remodelling of the interior I had no idea. But, happening casually to take up the bill of fare, and prepossessed with the charmingly clean and pretty appearance of the dining-room, methought I'd appease the gentle admonitions of nature by indulging in a frugal meal. Passing through the luncheon-bar, with its mirrors set in arcades of virgin cork, under a massive archway of the same material, I found myself in a spacious dining-room, capable of seating comfortably, I should say, 150 persons. I sought in vain amongst the happy-looking company assembled at the respective tables for a face that I knew, so determined to proceed farther, and by descending a spiral staircase came into the grill-room, a commodious apartment, with handsome bar, and set out with tables, over which pretty young ladies were affably doing the honours to the infinite satisfaction of a numerous party. Following suit, I was promptly supplied with a splendid steak, which—knowing that the *chef* will not see this, and become vain in consequence—was done "to a turn." Nothing requires greater art than to cook a steak; and I was immensely struck with the idea that the *chef* at the "Station" restaurant knows precisely how to do it. After discussing a very excellent meal—at the cost of which I must confess I was most agreeably astounded—I had leisure to survey the *salon*, and wondered, as I dare say many others have wondered too, at the existence of so elegant and spacious a grill-room in a neighbourhood where elbow-room is scarcely to be obtained for love or money. And yet here we are, in the very heart of the City, possessing a *salle de manger* as light, airy, and comfortable as any that could be found at the West-end. There is ample room to dine at least 150 persons; and, although the room is partially underground, yet there is no oppressiveness, no stuffiness, no unpleasant odour, notwithstanding that in the corner roars an enormous fire, and hisses a wide-spreading grill. All around the room are mirrors, with fantastic and pretty borderings of cork, and the aspect of a well-arranged bar, presided over by engaging young ladies, gives to the place a most attractive appearance. Having made these mental notes and finished my lunch, I asked the inevitable question, "How much?" "What have you had, sir?" was the anticipated interrogation, to which I rejoined, "Rump steak, two vegetables, bread and cheese." "One and a penny, please sir," said the twinkling little waitress, and believe me I had to take a second glance at the *menu* before I could be brought to understand that my attendant had not very much understated her dues. However, it was correct, and the fact speaks so plainly for itself that I need scarcely enlarge upon that phenomenon. Strolling upstairs into the cooler upper atmosphere of the dining-room, which is sumptuously seated, I soon found myself behind a fragrant havannah, and through its curling wreaths I beheld the cheery visage of my esteemed friend, Bro. Sawyer. The recognition was mutual, and after learning from him that he had shifted his *venue* from Sydenham to Fenchurch Street, I could do no less than offer him my sincere congratulations upon the alteration and improvement he had effected in this well-known City restaurant. My friend instantly replied, with a smile, that he had "hardly begun yet," adding that he intended to effect still further amendments and extensions in order to meet the increasing trade he thought sure to follow. I had known Bro. Sawyer when his father was at the London, and at Pim's, in the Poultry, and the experience he gained there he carried with him most successfully to the Crystal Palace Buffet, over which he presided with such ability and satisfaction for upwards of seven years. There yet remains a few finishing touches to be put on the interior adornments, which are already of a chaste and elegant description, and when completed we shall have to go far before we find a restaurant which in all its desirable features—central locality, ease, comfort, and luxury, at accessible prices—are so well combined as at Bro. Sawyer's. All I can say, I left my friend with a hearty shake of the hand, with the most enjoyable impression of my first visit to the "Station" restaurant under Bro. Sawyer's presidency, though I suspect that merry twinkle in his eye would have been slightly dimmed had he any suspicion that I was about to put my "experiences" of his place into print. With the utmost confidence I would recommend all who are passing Fenchurch Street Station to look in at the adjoining restaurant, where they will find in Bro. Sawyer's management everything that the heart can desire, in the way of excellence of *menu* at surprisingly moderate tariff.

ST. CUTHBERT'S LODGE OF MARK MASTERS.

THE annual meeting of the members of this Lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Berwick-on-Tweed, on the evening of the 9th instant, when there was a large attendance of the brethren, who was joined by visitors from other Lodges in the district. The Lodge having been opened in form, and some preliminary business disposed of, the ceremony of installing the W.M. for the ensuing year was proceeded with. Bro. the Rev. E. L. Marrett P.P.G.C. P.P.J.G.W. P.M. 135, J.P., vicar of Lesbury, was the installing Officer, and the manner in which he conducted the installation of Bro. C. Hopper elicited the admiration of all the brethren present. The W.M. having received the salutations of the brethren, invested his Officers as follow:—Bros. J. A. Forbes I.P.M., R. Weatherhead S.W., J. J. Oswald J.W., R. Thompson M.O., G. F. Steven S.O., J. Carr J.O., J. Marshall Secretary, G. Moor Treasurer, R. Craik S.D., J. Moor J.D., H. Heron R.M., J. Wallace Organist, A. L. Miller I.G., F. Turnbull Tyler. On the motion of Bro. A. L. Miller, seconded by Bro. Captain Forbes, an enthusiastic vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Marrett for his services as installing Officer. In the evening the brethren dined together at the King's Arms Hotel, where an excellent repast was provided. The W.M. presided, and Bro. R. Weatherhead S.W. was in the vice chair. After dinner, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, and the proceedings were characterised by the utmost harmony and good feeling.

We have perused with interest a concise little pamphlet, giving a short account of the Masonic Charities, compiled for the use of the brethren of Lodges 414 and 1101, of Reading, by Bro. Charles Oades, the W.M. of No. 414. The object of the *brochure* is to give in terse and intelligent manner an answer to the enquiry frequently asked, especially by the younger brethren:—"What are the Masonic Charities? Where are they situated? For whose benefit were they founded?" To these several points the compiler has furnished, in succinct language, all the salient features of our various Charitable Institutions, and the object he has in view, viz., that of endeavouring to make the brethren feel more fully the duty of contributing to those benevolent institution for the relief of the aged and distressed, for the support of the widows, and for the education and rearing of the orphans is one eminently to be commended by the Craft. If only such instances of individual exertion were more common, the vagueness which exists in the minds of many as to the extent and character of our Institutions would be dissipated, and the result would be a substantial addition to the means placed at the disposal of the executive to meet the cases which press so urgently upon their attention.

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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 APRIL.

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.)
1641—Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.
R. A. 308—Affability, Station House Hotel, Bottoms, Stanafield.

MONDAY, 21st APRIL.

1—Grand Master's, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
45—Strong Man, Sportsman, City-road, at 8. (Instruction.)
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—Tranquillity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
186—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.)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.
1260—John Hervey, Albion Hall, London Wall, E.C., at 7.30. (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.)
1636—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)
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. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne.
725—Stoneleigh, King's Arms Hotel, Kenilworth.
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
925—Bedford, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
934—Merit, Derby Hotel, Whitefield.
985—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Holbeach.
1030—Egerton, George Hotel, Wellington Road, Heaton Norris, near Stockport.
1037—Portland, Royal Breakwater Hotel, Portland.
1141—Mid Sussex, Assembly Rooms, Horsham.
1170—St. George, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
1199—Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congresbury.
1208—Corinthian, Royal Hotel, Pier, Dover.
1338—Gooch, Albany Hotel, Twickenham.
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction.)
1502—Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
R. A. 32—Jerusalem, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool.
R. A. 139—Paradise, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
R. A. 210—Faith, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton.
K. T.—Faith, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford.
K. T.—Prince of Peace, Bull Hotel, Preston.

TUESDAY, 22nd 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, Piccadilly, W.
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, Freemason's Hall, W.C.
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. (Instruction.)
1198—Urban, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, E.C.
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1360—Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, Battersea Park, at 8. (Instruction.)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1471—Islington, Three Bucks, 23 Gresham-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1507—Metropolitan, 269 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8. (In.)
1719—Evening Star, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30.
117—Wynnstay, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8. (Instruction.)
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30. (Instruction.)
253—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby.
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1016—Elkington, Masonic Rooms, New-street, Birmingham.
1609—Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1675—Antient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
R. A. 199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover.
R. A. 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
K. T.—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds.

WEDNESDAY, 23rd APRIL.

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.)
212—Euphrates, Masons' Hall, Basinghall-street, E.C.
228—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8.(In.)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
538—La Tolerance, Green Dragon, Maddox-street, W., at 7.45. (Inst.)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E., at 7.30. (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. at 8. (Instruction.)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8. (Instruction.)
1044—Wandsworth, Spread Eagle, Wandsworth. (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. (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-road, Holloway, at 8. (Instruction.)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8. (Instruction.)
1554—Duke of Connaught, Faunce Arms, Kennington Park, at 8. (Instruction.)
1707—Eleanor, Angel Hotel, Edmonton, at 8. (Instruction.)
R. A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8. (Instruction.)
R. A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood
32—St. George, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool.
112—St. George, Masonic Hall, Fore-street-hill, Exeter.
117—Salopian of Charity, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury.
229—Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, Lancashire.
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction.)
1039—St. John, George Hotel, Lichfield.
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction.)
1392—Egerton, Stanley Arms Hotel, Stanley-street, Bury, Lancashire.
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, at 7. (Instruction.)
1633—Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
1723—St. George, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall-square, Bolton
R. A. 1336—De Grey and Ripon, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
M.M.—Northumberland and Berwick, Masonic Hall, Maple-st., Newcastle.

THURSDAY, 24th APRIL.

General Committee, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8. (Instruction.)
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction.)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8. (Instruction.)
99—Shakespeare, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
211—St. Michael, George, Australian Avenue, Barbican, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8. (Instruction.)
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
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.)
1523—St. Mary Magdalen, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.
1563—City of Westminster, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, Regent-street, W.
1614—Covent Garden, Ashley's Hotel, Henrietta-street, Covent Garden, 8. (Inst.)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 9. (In.)
R. A. 217—Stability, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
R. A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.
48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead. (Instruction.)
78—Imperial George, Assheton Arms Hotel, Middleton, Lancashire.
100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor Hotel, Quay, Great Yarmouth.
1111—Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Archer-street, Darlington.
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
214—Hope and Unity, White Hart Hotel, Brentwood, Essex.
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
286—Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Bacup.
348—St. John, Bulls Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton.
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal.
807—Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich.
904—Phœnix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham.
935—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford.
966—St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek, Stafford.
1313—Fermor, Masonic Hall, Southport, Lancashire.
1325—Stanley, 214 Gt. Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
1459—Ashbury, Justice Birch Hotel, Hyde-road, West Gorton, near Manchester
1505—Emulation, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1626—Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle.
R. A. 216—Sacred Delta, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
R. A. 286—Napthali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood.
R. A. 424—De Burghi, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead.
R. A. 431—Ogle, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, North Shields.
R. A. 1086—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.
M. M. 34—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.

FRIDAY, 25th 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.)
569—Fitzroy, Head Quarters, Hon. Artillery Company, City-road, E.C.
766—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. 8. (Inst.)
834—Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-road. (Instruction.)
902—Burgoyne, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction.)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction.)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1288—Finsbury Park M.M., Earl Russell, Isledon-road, N. at 8. (Instruction.)
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.)
London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-street, E.C., at 6.
R. A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8. (Inst.)
R. A. 1471—North London, Crown and Woolpack, St. John-st.-rd., at 8. (Inst.)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton.
1385—Gladsmuir, Red Lion, Barnet.
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1621—Castle, Crown Hotel, Bridgnorth.
1712—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle.
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7.
R. A. 61—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax.
R. A. 242—Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster.
R. A. 680—Sefton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.

SATURDAY, 26th APRIL.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
1612—West Middlesex, Institute, Ealing, at 4. (Emergency)
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.
R. A. 1044—Mid Surrey, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
R. A. 1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1293—Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court.
1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
1464—Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe.

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COL. J. CREATON, TREASURER AND TRUSTEE IN THE CHAIR.

After the General Business was disposed of, the Governors and Subscribers proceeded to the Election, by Ballot, of Eighteen Girls into the Institution, from a list of 46 approved Candidates, when the following were declared duly Elected:—

No. on List		No. on Poll	
22	Laybourne, Rosamond E. A.	1	1559
23	Jones, Florence May	2	1449
18	Palmer, Florence E.M.	3	1378
15	Busher, Helen Mary	4	1310
7	Peele, Katherine Annie	5	1268
27	Hide, Catherine Frances	6	1256
13	Veal, Thursa Ann ...	7	1218
14	Mott, Mary Eliza ...	8	1211
20	Harbord, Elizabeth Alice	9	1210

No. on List		No. on Poll	
2	Garnett, Edith Mary ...	10	1181
31	Wadham, Ellen Amy ...	11	1149
5	Mitton, Blanche Adelaide	12	1112
10	Cook, Ada Mary ...	13	1058
34	Duckett, Florence Lizzie	14	1055
9	Senior, Ellen ...	15	1054
37	Good, Ellen Mary ...	16	949
8	Hebblethwaite, Kate ...	17	946
11	Clark, Beatrice Mary ...	18	899

The votes recorded for unsuccessful candidates will be carried forward to their credit at the next Election, if eligible. Lists showing the votes polled for successful and unsuccessful candidates may be obtained at the Office.

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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 14th day of April 1879, V.W. Bro. Lt.-Col. J. Creaton (G. Treas.) V. Patron and Trustee in the Chair. A Ballot took place for the election of sixteen Boys from an approved list of Sixty-eight Candidates when the following were declared to be duly elected:—

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5	Landless, Jno. G.	1528
6	Walker, James Alexander ...	1504
7	Warner, Richard Jno. ...	1503
8	Keighley, George N. Crozier	1493
9	Waud, Fk. Sydney ...	1489
10	Nicholls, Richard H. ...	1431
11	Sissons, Ernest William ...	1419
12	Allison, Tom	1411
13	Salter, Arthur	1403
14	Southam, George William	1387
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INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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JOHN HERVEY LODGE, No. 1260.

WHEN the history of our Lodges comes to be written, and we are enabled to take a retrospective glance over the track of Time, how few instances will be found in which the course of the promoters has been free from disappointment and vicissitude. It may be safely averred it is not possible to command success, but it may as emphatically be urged that more than half our so-called troubles might have been greatly ameliorated, if not altogether prevented, had we taken about half as much pains to soothe, as we frequently do to foment and increase them. It is not, however, our purpose here to inflict upon our readers a lengthy sermon; yet we may remark that we have been led to these reflections by the remembrance that the career of this Lodge—which is now progressing successfully—has not been entirely free from trouble and vexatious change. The installation meeting was held on Wednesday, the 9th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, when the Lodge was opened at five o'clock by the W.M., Bro. J. H. Southwood, who was supported by Bro. John Hervey, Grand Secretary, the Officers of the Lodge, and the following Visitors:—Bros. E. B. Grabham P.M. 19 P.P.S.G.W. Middlesex, Thomas G. Davy 1471, H. Barrage 1115, W. Vail 1155, H. A. Brown 87, G. R. Britten P.M. 183, G. Fyson 1314, T. J. Woolls 1475, R. Saxby, James Pearce 710, John Green P.M. 27, J. A. Pitman 1796, C. R. Kempe 1615, E. Mackney P.M. 299, R. T. Hill I.P.M. 95, W. W. Morgan Sec. 211, E. A. Wells J.D. 15, E. Stimson 15. The minutes of the last regular meeting, as also those of an emergency held on the 15th ult., were read and confirmed. The report of the Auditors was then presented and adopted. Bro. Edward Jones Goodacre, the S.W., was now presented by Bro. Southwood to the Grand Secretary, Bro. John Hervey, who had kindly undertaken to act as Installing Master. The ceremony proceeded, and in due course Bro. Goodacre invested the following Officers:—Bros. Southwood I.P.M., J. T. Spalding S.W., O. L. M. Latreille J.W., Charles Atkins P.M. 27 Sec., W. Ryan S.D., H. Evans J.D., H. H. Topham I.G., H. J. Dean Org., G. T. Salmon M.C., J. R. Cox and F. Beeton Stewards, C. T. Speight Tyler. The worthy and esteemed Bro. Dr. Jabez Hogg P.M. P.G.D. was prevented by illness from attending, and his re-investment as Treasurer, to which post he was re-elected at last meeting, necessarily had to be deferred. Bro. Hervey, who appeared to be in capital spirits, and in better health than he has latterly enjoyed, gave the addresses most impressively, and resumed his seat amidst the congratulations of all present. Routine business followed. The I.P.M. announced that, in addition to the liberal support the brethren had accorded him in his Stewardship at the Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution, in February, his list for the approaching Festival of the Girls' School showed an amount of fifty guineas; this was extremely gratifying to him, as he should not have taken the responsibility of a second Stewardship in one and the same year, had it not been to fulfil a promise he with others had made Bro. Hedges on his appointment to the Secretaryship of the Institution. Lodge was closed, and the brethren repaired to the Crown Room, where a most sumptuous banquet was served by Bro. Alfred Best, who personally superintended, and was ably assisted by Bro. E. Dawkins. The musical arrangements of the evening had been entrusted to the Organist, Bro. H. J. Dean, who had secured the services of Bro. T. J. Davy and the Misses Ada Lincoln and Muriel Wood. The W.M., Bro. Goodacre, made a capital President; he introduced the several toasts with appropriate remarks. In speaking to that of the Pro Grand Master the Earl of Carnarvon, the Deputy Grand Master Lord Skelmersdale, and the rest of the Grand Officers Past and Present, the W.M. announced that he had received a letter from Bro. Dr. Hogg, in which he expressed his best wishes for a pleasant meeting to them all, and his regret at inability to attend. Bro. John Hervey, in replying to the toast, regretted the absence of Bro. Dr. Hogg, to whose lot, had he been present, it would have fallen to reply to this toast. However, since he had been called upon, he must congratulate the brethren that they would be spared the infliction of a second speech from him. Personally, he felt deeply indebted for the many honours that had been conferred upon him. The first honour done him was in the fact that the Lodge had taken his name; secondly, the I.P.M. had purchased his portrait, and had presented it to the Lodge; thirdly, the brethren had done him further honour by petitioning the Grand Master to permit them to change the name, in order that the Lodge might be still further identified with him. Lastly, he had that day acted as Installing Master. He felt this a still further compliment—his being asked to act in that capacity. Now, to come more closely to the toast. The two noblemen whose names had been mentioned had made their mark in the world's history. He sincerely trusted they might always have men of equal merit and ability at the head of Masonic affairs. Bro. Hervey then paid Bro. Dr. Hogg some well merited compliments for the deep interest he always evinced in this Lodge's progress, and trusted they might soon have a better report as to the state of his health. The Grand Secretary concluded by remarking that perhaps he had already said too much, but he would ask permission to add a word or two more,—and that was to cordially thank them for the many kindnesses they had always extended to him. Bro. Southwood rose to propose the health of the W.M.; Bro. Goodacre was well and favourably known to the members. He had passed through the several offices in the Lodge, and it was with feelings of great pleasure he (Bro. Southwood) now took the place on his immediate left. The acquaintance between himself and Bro. Goodacre had now existed for some years, and had ever been of a pleasant character. He was assured that the W.M.'s conduct would commend him to the good opinion of the members, and he would ask them to do full honour to the toast. After a song by Miss M. Wood, Bro. Goodacre replied. After the flattering remarks of Bro. Southwood, he felt the wind was almost taken out of his sails. He hardly felt he could command words to acknowledge their kindness. He trusted, however, they would overlook his shortcomings, and he assured them he would strive to follow in the footsteps of his predecessor. The health of the Visitors was the next toast given, and this elicited replies from Bros. Grabham, Hill, Stimson, and others. The Past Masters were then honoured. The W.M. regretted they had but one present. Bro. Southwood had conscientiously performed the duties of the chair during the past two years. It was his pleasure to be the medium for presenting, on behalf of the members, the jewel he now held, and he trusted they might see Bro. Southwood wearing it for many, many years. He had also another gift to offer for Bro. Southwood's acceptance. This was an elegantly engrossed testimonial on vellum, which was handsomely framed, and altogether reflected credit on those who had been engaged in its production. It bore the following inscription:—

JOHN HERVEY LODGE, No. 1260.
This Testimonial, together with a Past Master's Jewel,
Was, by the unanimous vote of the brethren, presented to
W. Bro. J. H. SOUTHWOOD,
9th April 1879,
As a token of esteem and regard, and in cordial recognition of
the zeal and ability with which he conducted the
affairs of his Lodge during the two years,
1877 and 1878,
He held the office of Worshipful Master.
May the G.A.O.T.U. preserve him in health and strength long
to adorn this Lodge.
E. J. GOODACRE S.W.
J. T. SPALDING J.W.
CHAS. ATKINS P.M. Secretary.

Bro. Southwood, on rising, said he had striven to the best of his ability during the two years he had presided over the Lodge to advance, not simply its financial prosperity, but to promote unity and good fellowship among the members, and the exercise of truly Masonic charity; and the gratifying testimony of success is attested in our attendance book, which shows an increased attendance of members at Lodge labours equal to 50 per cent. during the last year, while the support given by the members to various stewardships and other works of charity for which he had solicited their assistance during the last three years, amounted to more than £350. He had frequently before expressed how deeply he felt himself indebted to his Officers, especially to Bro. Chas. Atkins, the painstaking and courteous Secretary, for the valuable assistance they had at all times rendered. Now at the end of his term he found himself thus endowed. When he gazed on this elegant testimonial of their regard, and felt it was but five years back that he stood at the door of their Lodge a candidate for joining, he could scarcely realise how successful he had been. The jewel he should ever look upon as a talisman that would be always prized by those who might succeed him. At this stage of the proceedings Bro. Morgan, by request, gave the "Fall of Wolsey." After which the toast list was proceeded with, and Bro. C. Atkins, Secretary, and other of the Officers replied. The Masonic Press, with which was associated the name of Bro. Morgan, was not overlooked, and it was a late hour before the Tyler was summoned. Bro. Dean and the ladies already enumerated bravely exerted themselves to entertain the company, and the Cornet playing of Bro. T. J. Davy was much applauded; his solo—"The Exile's Lament," was exquisitely rendered. We must not omit to mention that Bro. Latreille, the J.W., gave most feelingly Longfellow's description of the "Wreck of the Hesperus."

ISLINGTON LODGE, No. 1471.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge took place at the Cook Tavern, Highbury, on Thursday, 10th instant, when there were present:—Bros. Braine W.M., Bausor S.W., Knell J.W., Cook Treasurer, Holness Secretary, Saunders S.D., Blinkhorn J.D., Bro. Cox I.G., Halestrap W.S., Lake D.C., Mather P.M., Bowyer P.M., Davy P.M.; Bros. Shaw, Hunt, Davies, Baker, and several members of the Lodge. Visitors—Bros. Dosell P.M. 55 P.P.G.D.C. Surrey, Shipley J.W. 30, Ford 1580. The Lodge was opened in the first degree, and the minutes having been read and confirmed, Bro. Colmer answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. The Lodge was then advanced, and Bro. Colmer was passed to the degree of F.C. The Lodge resumed in the first degree, and Mr. Samuel Henry Wallis was regularly initiated into Freemasonry by Bro. Braine, in ancient form. The Lodge again resumed in the second degree, and the dispensation granted by the M.W.G.M. to enable Bro. Bausor, the W.M. elect, to take the chair of this Lodge (he being at present W.M. of the Cranbourne Lodge, No. 1580) was read, and Bro. Bausor, having been presented, was installed into the chair by Bro. Braine. The following appointments were made:—Bros. Braine I.P.M., Knell S.W., Saunders J.W., Blinkhorn S.D., Cox J.D., Lake I.G., Halestrap D.C., Shaw W.S. At the close of the business the members adjourned to a banquet provided by Bro. Baker (who is a member of the Lodge), at which the usual loyal toasts were given. The toast of the P.M.'s, I.P.M., and Installing Master, afforded an opportunity to present the retiring Master with a P.M.'s jewel. The toast of the Initiate was received with great enthusiasm, and responded to briefly by Bro. Wallis. The toast of the Visitors followed, and Bro. P.M. Dosell, in responding, thanked the Lodge for the hospitality extended to the Visitors, and also for the Masonic treat he had enjoyed in witnessing the able working of the Installing Master. He said that during an experience of more than twenty years in Freemasonry, and having heard the ceremony of installation worked by many Grand Officers and Masters of Lodges, he had never before heard it rendered in so perfect a manner as on this occasion. He also alluded to the able working of the ceremony in the first degree, and trusted the present W.M. would be able to instal his successor in like manner. Other toasts followed, and the proceedings were enlivened by some excellent songs, Bro. Braine being well to the fore with his "Five o'clock 'Bus."

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DALHOUSIE LODGE, No. 860.

THE annual meeting of the members of this Lodge was held on Thursday, the 10th inst., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, when, in addition to the installation of the W.M. elect, there was rather a heavy list of items on the agenda paper. It was somewhat a matter for regret that, the date falling on the eve of Good Friday, when most people were engaged in preparation for the Easter holidays, the attendance was not so numerous as had been anticipated. However, the fact must not be overlooked that Masonry must ever be subservient to other pressing engagements; and, seeing that the business of the week had all to be crowded into three or four days, it could hardly have been a matter of surprise that the muster did not come up to the strength which the Officers and promoters of the Lodge might have desired. The Lodge was opened shortly after half-past three o'clock, under the presidency of the retiring W.M., Bro. Thomas B. Dodson, and amongst those present we observed:—P.M.'s Bros. Bates, Underwood, L. F. Littell (Secretary), Senical, Wallington and Dalwood; Visitors, Bros. W. R. Blanks D.C. 188, E. Weissmüller S.W. 195, T. Cubitt P.G.P., F. W. Farmer 25, J. Driscoll P.M. 30, J. W. Holt 1766, T. Franklin W.M. elect 1662, J. H. Dodson P.M. 55, B. Taylor I.G. 1624, H. Prestage J.D. 1278, G. Fein, S. Gribbell 217, J. Hallet 907, R. Vernon I.G. 1441, E. Harding 1524, John Cartmel 41, C. Blain 174, P. Harnett 813, E. Pierdon 948, H. Lloyd P.M. 1278, R. Smith 1278, W. W. Morgan Sec. 211, Mammon 1589. The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and confirmed, and after the transaction of the ordinary business, Lodge was advanced. Bro. Scott having sought after and proved worthy of the privilege, was raised to the sublime degree, the ceremony being performed in masterly manner by the retiring W.M. Subsequently Bro. Vale was passed, under the able direction of P.M. Bro. Dalwood, who acquitted himself to the entire satisfaction of the brethren. The auditors' report, copies of which had been distributed amongst the members, was taken as read, and the Treasurer's balance sheet showed that the Lodge was in a most flourishing and satisfactory financial condition. The ordinary business matters having been duly adjusted, Bro. George F. Weige, the W.M. elect, was presented for installation, for which purpose a Board of Installed Masters was at once formed, and on the re-admission of the brethren the newly-installed Master received the honours and hearty congratulations of the brethren assembled. The whole of the installation ceremony was sustained by the I.P.M., Bro. Dodson, in such a manner as to elicit the unbounded admiration of all present. At the conclusion of the ceremony, the newly-installed W.M. bestowed the collars for the ensuing year as follow:—Bros. T. B. Dodson I.P.M., E. T. Worsley S.W., W. G. Dickins J.W., W. Wallington P.M. Treas., L. F. Littell P.M. Sec., Smith S.D., Boden J.D., Barker I.G., Seymour Smith Org., Jones W.S., and Marsh (acting for Gilchrist) Tyler. Each Officer on his investiture was admonished in suitable and courteous manner as to the fulfilment of his respective duties during the year; and, in addressing the acting Tyler, the W.M. took occasion to point out very properly the necessity of suppressing that levity which too frequently accompanies the introduction of candidates into Lodge. We heartily endorse the sentiments which fell from the lips of the worthy W.M., and feel assured that if his advice is followed out strictly during the ensuing year, many of the initiates will run less danger than in some Lodges of forming erroneous impressions of the solemnity of the initiatory rite. At the close of Lodge business the brethren sat down to a sumptuous banquet, under the genial presidency of W.M. Bro. Weige, who was supported by a strong array of P.M.'s, the Wardens of course doing the honours of the vice-chairs. In the course of the post-prandial proceedings, the Masonic toasts were most enthusiastically received, the W.M. paying a suitable tribute of loyalty and esteem to the Grand Officers, whose names were embodied in the earlier toasts. Bro. Cubitt P.G.P., in responding, recounted the sterling qualities displayed by the Grand Officers, and stated that he had the honour of being acquainted with the D.G.M. in his own Province of Lancashire. Speaking of the Royal brethren the Duke of Connaught and Prince Leopold, he said they, with the rest of the Grand Officers, were always at their posts and ready to devote their best efforts to the furtherance of Masonry when any matters arose claiming their attention. Bro. Seymour Smith having rendered, in his inimitable style, the song of "The Lord Mayor's Show," which evoked the heartiest merriment and applause, I.P.M. Bro. Dodson proposed the health of the W.M. in eulogistic terms. He believed the whole of the brethren shared with him the pleasure he experienced at seeing their Brother Weige in the principal chair of that Lodge, and it was to himself individually a source of especial felicitation, seeing that they had worked together step by step in Freemasonry, and for the success of this Lodge. The toast having been received with a bumper, and the musical honours having subsided, the W.M. responded in a few happily-chosen sentences. He rose with mingled feelings to express his thanks to the brethren for the confidence they had reposed in him and the honour they had conferred upon him by raising him to the exalted position he now occupied. At the hazard of being thought tedious, he would take this opportunity of expressing his heartfelt gratitude to the I.P.M. and other Officers and members who had rendered him such efficient assistance in the past—assistance of which he should gladly avail himself in the discharge of his onerous duties during the ensuing year. In turn he proposed the health of the I.P.M., a task which he approached with unmixed pleasure. Bro. Dodson had set to himself the task of officiating as Installing Master on this occasion, and they would all be prepared to accord to him the highest credit for the excellent way in which he had acquitted himself. He would take this opportunity of presenting the I.P.M., in the name of the brethren, with a P.M.'s jewel, to which he had entitled himself by assiduity and excellent services, and which it was their unanimous hope he might long live to wear, in the course of his further Masonic progress. In acknowledging the compliment paid to him, the I.P.M. gracefully returned thanks for the jewel which had been placed upon his breast, and also for the cordial and kindly expressions with which the toast of his health had been received. With respect to the ceremony they had witnessed to-day, he assured them that, six weeks ago, he had no intention of undertaking so onerous a task. But many of his friends urged him to make an effort to perfect himself in the acquirement of the ritual, telling him it was only a duty he owed to himself as well as to the Craft. He had, therefore, done his utmost to carry out the ceremony efficiently, and if he had succeeded in giving satisfaction it was his best reward. The health of the Past Masters was next given, and the Visitors was responded to by Bro. Charles Blain and Bro. Driscoll, the latter of whom gave some sound and wholesome advice, especially to young Masons. Several other toasts, including the Treasurer and Secretary and the Officers of the Lodge, were duly honoured and responded to, and amidst an abundance of good singing, in which Bros. Seymour Smith, Farmer and others rendered valuable assistance, the brethren contrived to pass a most harmonious evening.

ST. JOHN OF WAPPING, No. 1306.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was held on the 9th inst., at Bro. T. Mortlock's, Gun Hotel, Wapping. There being much important business upon the agenda paper, the brethren were summoned for three o'clock, and at about quarter-past three Bro. Coleman W.M. opened the Lodge in due form. The minutes of the last Lodge meeting having been confirmed, Bro. P.M. Mortlock undertook the W.M.'s duties, to examine and entrust Bro. T. B. Ryton for the ceremony of passing; later in the evening he, in his usual obliging manner, also passed Bro. J. Sommers, who had been unable to attend earlier, all of which work was most ably rendered. Bro. W. Poore I.P.M. then occupied the chair, and raised Bro. H. Parsons to the degree of M.M. This being satisfactorily performed, Bro. Poore proceeded to furnish the *pièce de resistance* of the evening by installing Bro. William Henry Hayward, the W.M. elect, into the chair of K.S., in which ceremony he was most ably assisted by Bros. P.M.'s Dawson and Beck as the S. and J. Wardens respectively, and Bro. P.M. Mortlock as D.C. Upon the return of the brethren to the Lodge, the W.M. received the homage due to his exalted position, and the Installing Master delivered the impressive charges in a finished and masterly style. Bro. W.M. Hayward appointed as his officers—Bros. C. Veal S.W., T. Magrath J.W., T. Wooding S.D., J. Horsley J.D., J. Carrociero I.G., H. Harbert D.C., W. Bates W.S., Bro. W. Hayward was re-elected Treasurer, and H. T. Hardy Secretary. Some formal business was then disposed of, and the Lodge was closed. The brethren repaired to partake of an excellent banquet prepared by the worthy host, Bro. Mortlock, in a style which would compare favourably with many a West End establishment. The brethren having paid proper attention to the good cheer, after grace had been said, the W.M. introduced the usual toasts, "The Queen and Craft," "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M.," and "The Grand Officers past and present." This was done in brief but appropriate terms, and all were loyally and heartily received. Bro. Coleman I.P.M. proposed the health of the W.M., wishing him a prosperous year. The W.M. thanked the brethren for drinking his health, and Bro. Coleman for the kind manner in which he had proposed it. He claimed the hearty co-operation of his officers and goodwill of the members to support him in making it a successful year. He was sure they all desired to serve with credit to themselves and the Lodge. The toast of the P.M.'s was given in appreciative terms—the W.M. recognising the eminent services of Bros. Poore, Beck, and Dawson, on that afternoon and on many previous occasions. He felt proud of their Installing Master, the onerous duties he had performed reflected great credit on the Lodge. Bro. W. Poore in replying for the P.M.'s thanked the brethren for the honour done them by the hearty response to their health. They had at all times endeavoured to do all they could to further the Lodge and would continue to do so. For the part he had taken that day he would express his thanks to Bro. Coleman who had kindly allowed him to instal the W.M., which duty afforded him much gratification and pleasure. The "Visitors," the W.M. stated, was a toast of toasts with the St. John of Wapping Lodge, nothing was more pleasant to a Lodge than to be honoured by the presence of Visitors; he extended a hearty welcome to the brethren who were present. The toast was cordially received, and Bro. G. V. Healy, in response, thanked the W.M. for the excellent reception they had received. He had had the honour of attending the consecration of the Lodge, and could not but notice the loss of many dear friends' faces. He was pleased to be there, and could not remember a more cordial reception on any former visit. Bro. Frost could reiterate the remarks of the previous speaker. He had also been gratified with the kindness shown, and especially struck with the excellent working of Bro. Poore. It was evident from his labours in the Lodge that Bro. Poore had a head to mark and a heart to love and work for the good of Freemasonry. Bros. Rendall and G. H. Stephens having also expressed their thanks, the W.M. toasted the Officers, which, he said, was a most important one. It was most essential to have good officers, for the Master might do his utmost and yet the work be marred by inefficient officers, who must, in addition to their ability, be punctual in their attendance to their duties. Bro. Veal would prove an aspiring and able S.W. Bro. Magrath had ability and time to devote to the attainment of his duties. Their Treasurer, Bro. Hayward, would look well to their funds, and would not complain if the brethren placed a deal of labour on his shoulders as Treasurer. Bro. Hardy was a hard working and excellent officer; his past services alone justify their opinion. Bro. Wooding has always been regular in attendance to the Lodge, and we hope he will have plenty of work as S.D. Bro. Horsley J.D. is an excellent worker. Bro. I.G. will do his duty well, and we all feel he will in time, with the other Officers, ascend to higher posts. In answer to the appeal, the toast was most heartily received. Bro. Veal S.W. said he felt very small indeed in the position

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the W.M. had placed him. He thanked him for the appointment, and promised his utmost support towards making the year a prosperous one. Bro. Magrath J.W. said he felt very big in his position. He would work hard, and hoped he would not be found wanting in his efforts to support the W.M. Bro. Hayward reviewed the rise of the Lodge, and alluded to the opportunity now afforded the young members to work up. He hoped the Lodge would be prosperous. Bro. Wooding S.D. thanked the W.M. for placing him in the position, which he would endeavour properly to fill. The other Officers having replied, the Tyler's toast soon brought the meeting to a close. The Lodge may be congratulated upon having such pleasant quarters, and especially a master of the house who not ably provides in first-rate style for the creature comforts, but is at all times willing to fulfil any duty the Lodge may require. The after dinner speeches were enlivened by some good singing by Bros. Poore, Henly, Stephens, Beck, and a quaint duet by Bros. Henly and Mortlock. Bro. Coleman, as usual, lent his valuable aid in accompanying, and added to the pleasures of the evening. The Visitors were—Bros. G. Kendall 141, G. V. Henley 186, E. Frost 511, H. Harbert 901, C. H. Stephens, and W. Hixon 1744.

THE FRIARS LODGE, No. 1349.

THE Installation Meeting of this Lodge was held on the 16th ult. at the "Cheshire Cheese" Tavern, Crutched Friars, E.C. Bro. T. Foxall W.M. opened the Lodge at 4 p.m., well supported by the brethren. The minutes of the election meeting were read and confirmed, and the Lodge was opened up. Bro. Friedeberg was tested as to his efficiency, and having acquitted himself satisfactorily he was entrusted. The W.M. next raised him to the degree of Master Mason, in a very impressive manner: the ceremony being rendered more effective by the excellent playing of Bro. Burr upon the harmonium. The report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted, showing a fair balance in hand. Bro. W. Musto P.M., proceeded to present Bro. John Shepherd W.M. elect to Bro. Foxall for the benefit of Installation. Having complied with the usual ceremony he was duly obligated, and a Board of Installed Masters was formed, and he was inducted into the Chair of K.S. The brethren having saluted him according to rank, Bro. W.M. Shepherd proceeded to invest his Officers as follows:—Bros. H. R. Hallam S.W., R. Durell J.W., W. Musto P.M. Treasurer, W. Hogg P.G. Secretary, T. Foxall I.P.M., A. Peterken S.D., H. L. Godolphin J.D., E. B. Burr I.G., J. Spencer A.W.S., Steedman Tyler. Bro. T. Foxall then delivered the beautiful charges, which were listened to with the utmost attention, eliciting a hearty response at the conclusion. Bro. W. Musto acted as D.C. in his usually able manner, while Bro. W. H. Myers P.M. and Bro. J. Wright P.M. P.G. respectively filled the S. and J.W.'s chairs. On the motion of Bro. Musto the sum of five guineas was voted from the Lodge funds towards a suitable testimonial to Bro. Foxall in recognition of his able conduct in the chair for the past twelve months. Bro. Musto explained that as Bro. Foxall had already received a P.M.'s jewel from the Lodge, it would be well to present him with a testimonial on vellum instead of the usual jewel. Later in the evening the brethren supplemented handsomely the amount voted in Lodge. There were present—P.M.'s J. Calverley I.P.M., T. Foxall, J. Wright P.G.P., W. H. Myers, W. Musto Treasurer, W. Hogg Secretary; also Bros. J. Allison, A. Wright, E. B. Burr, J. Durell, J. K. Revell, R. S. Sadd, E. Friedeberg, S. J. Shayer, H. Kingston, J. Quincey, D. Durell, J. Spencer, F. Ward, J. Wright, H. S. Wharton, Allcock, Steedman Tyler, &c. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren sat down to banquet, Bro. J. Wright's catering again giving every one present satisfaction. The grace having been said, the W. Master gave the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts, which received a hearty response. In proposing the health of the Queen, he said no words of his would be requisite to obtain a hearty response. Her Majesty had a place in all hearts, particularly in the hearts of Freemasons. Of the M.W.G.M. the W.M. said those who witnessed the manner in which the Prince of Wales performed his duties in Grand Lodge must be struck with the perfect rendering, which it was a pleasure to witness. Of the G.O. present and past, the W.M. could not say much from actual experience; but the excellent discharge of their respective duties had gained for the Grand Officers the warmest respect of the Craft. He called upon Bro. J. Wright P.G.P. to respond, who, in the name of the Grand Officers, thanked them for their mark of appreciation. All, no doubt, were stimulated in their prominent positions by the marks of approval the brethren were pleased to bestow, and would strive to do all they could to promote the welfare of the Craft. The Visitors was next given, in reply to which Bro. Maples P.M. 1364 responded, as did Bro. Stephens, thanking their brethren for the marks of goodwill. Bro. Foxall I.P.M. having assumed the gavel, gave the health of the Worshipful Master. Bro. Shepherd had not that day had any work to do, but we know that when we meet he is fully capable to render e ceremonies in a creditable manner. For some years he has been steadily building up a mass of knowledge, and we may confidently expect very good working at his hands. The toast was most heartily received, and Bro. Shepherd, in thanking the brethren for this mark of esteem, said he fully appreciated the good feeling of the members towards him. The W.M. next gave the P.M.'s He had many times heard the toast proposed, but had not mastered its significance until that evening. Sitting as he did in the chair for the first time, he could testify to the great need of P.M.'s and of the valuable services rendered by them to the Worshipful Master in the chair. Brother T. Foxall Immediate Past Master was pleased to hear the value the Worshipful Master placed on their services. They knew their value, and were always pleased to do all to further the interests of the Lodge that might be in their power. The Treasurer and Secretary were next toasted. The W.M. said the Secretary and Treasurer have a great deal of work to do, and what is more, they have perform it to the satisfaction of the Lodge and with credit to themselves. Bro. W. Musto P.M. in reply for himself and Bro. Secretary said he was exceedingly thankful for the manner the W.M. had proposed, and the brethren had received, the toast. It was always a pleasure to serve the Lodge, and while he felt his labours were appreciated he would continue to seek the suffrages of the members. The W.M. next gave the Officers, of whom he said all would be found able to give a good account of themselves. Bro. H. R. Hallam S.W. suitably responded; he said he was proud of the honour of being one of the leaders of the Lodge. If the other Officers entered into their duties in Freemasonry as he did, he was sure the year would be a prosperous one. The Visitors were Bros. E. T. Worsley S.W. 860, W. J. Smith S.D. 860, A. Colver 933, J. H. Maples P.M. 1364, G. H. Stephens, &c. Between the toasts and speeches, Bro. Burr favoured the brethren with many musical pieces, the Lodge being fortunate in having a really good harmonium in its room. Bros. Durell, Friedeberg, Stephens, and others favoured the company with songs, and the evening was most enjoyable throughout. The Tyler's toast brought the meeting to a close.

Pens, and especially those generally used at Lodge meetings, will splutter. Thus, in our report last week of the installation meeting of the Amherst Lodge the title was inadvertently spelt Amhurst, and the initials of Bro. Banks, the newly-installed W.M., should have been "W. C." instead of "C."

ROYAL ARCH.

The Frederick Chapter of Unity, No. 452.—A Convocation of the above was held at the Greyhound Tavern, Croydon, on Tuesday, 8th April. Present: Comps. Frances P.G.D.C. P.Z., Ohren P.Z. S.E., J. W. Sugg H.P.G.S.B., C. H. Edmonds J., Evans P.Z., Pawley N., and Comps. Dickenson, Mount, Manning. The business of the evening was to exalt Bro. Steele, Kensington Lodge, and to elect Officers. In the absence of Comp. W. Sugg the M.E.Z., the chair was taken by Comp. Frances, and the ceremony of this exalted degree was impressively rendered, he being well supported in the work by Comps. J. W. Sugg and C. H. Edmonds as H. and J. At the conclusion of the ceremony, the election of Officers for the ensuing year took place. The Comps. expressed great regret that owing to illness Comp. Robins, who had held the post of Treasurer for many years, would not offer himself for re-election. On ballots being severally taken, the following were declared elected:—Comps. J. W. Sugg M.E.Z., C. H. Edmonds H., Pawley J., Evans Treasurer, Magnus Ohren S.E., Mount N., Jeffreys O.S. The Comps. then adjourned to banquet, where, after the toasts of the Queen, the G.Z., and Officers had received due honour, the M.E.Z. gave the toast of the Grand Superintendent of the Province, General Brownrigg, with the Provincial Grand Officers, eulogising the fair and impartial manner in which the duties of the Prov. G.M. and G.S. were carried out, especially with regard to the appointment of his Officers. Comp. Sugg, as P.G.S.B., replied on behalf of the P.G. Officers in an excellent speech. In giving the health of the newly-exalted Comp. Steele, the M.E.Z. took occasion to remark on the sad circumstance that since Bro. Steele had been proposed for exaltation, his proposer, Comp. Masterman P.Z. of the Chapter, had died, and he (Comp. Frances) as an old friend, took the opportunity of paying a tribute of respect to the memory of a most worthy Mason, and much respected member of the Chapter. Comp. Ohren, in replying to the toast of the S.E., remarked that the M.E.Z. had praised him for the admirable and business-like manner in which the duties of his office were performed, and he knew the M.E.Z. would not make the remark unless he felt it was a truth. He also quite agreed with the comments that had been made on the G.S., as he knew General Brownrigg took every pains to ascertain, by personal knowledge, or reliable information, that the Provincial honours he bestowed found worthy recipients. Other toasts were duly honoured, and the Janitor's brought to an end a most agreeable evening.

Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement.—The usual Convocation was held on Tuesday evening, 16th April, at the Jamaica Coffee House, St. Michael's-alley, Cornhill. Comp. Frederick Brown presided as M.E.Z., John Wyer H., H. Thompson J., Thomas W. White S.E., Thomas Cull P.S., R. A. Bianchi S.N., and others. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Thomas Charles Edwards candidate. All who have witnessed the working of Comp. Brown need not be told that the ceremony was ably and accurately performed. Comp. Brown was well sustained by his Principals; nor should a word of commendation be withheld from Comp. Cull, who ably carried out the duties of P.S.—a duty he has to perform in his mother Chapter. If Comp. Cull goes on as he has begun, there can be no doubt that when he arrives at the summit of this supreme degree he will acquit himself with great credit, and reflect honour on the Chapter to which he belongs. Comp. Wyer, the acting H. of the evening, also showed his proficiency in working. He occupies a similar position in the Beadon Chapter, to which he is attached, and when the time comes that he will be still further advanced, there is little fear but that the *prestige* of this Chapter will be fully maintained. At the conclusion of the ceremony, Comp. Edwards was elected a member of this Chapter of Improvement, and in a few well chosen words returned thanks for the honour conferred upon him. The election of Officers for the next fortnight was then taken, and resulted as follows:—Comps. Wyer M.E.Z., White H., Lee J., Bianchi S.N, and Catterson P.S. In addition to the above, there were present Comps. G. L. Walter and Thomas Massa. The Chapter was closed in due form, and the Comps. adjourned.

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Sincerity Lodge, No. 174.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday, at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street, City. Bro. G. T. H. Seddon W.M., C. H. Webb S.W., G. Jones J.W., J. Newton P.M. Sec., C. Lacey, G. J. Hilliard, E. J. Moore, and W. C. Barlow P.M.'s, Fred Brown S.D., J.S. Fraser J.D., A. H. Brown I.G., Miller W.S., and numerous brethren. Lodge having been regularly opened, the ballot was brought into requisition, the names of two gentlemen being submitted for initiation, the result proved to be in their favour. Lodge was advanced to the second degree, and Bro. Mumford was passed. On the resumption of the Lodge, Messrs. John William Walker and Samuel Green were introduced, and received from the W.M. the benefit of initiation. There being no other business to transact, the W.M. proceeded to close the Lodge, and the brethren repaired to supper. At its conclusion the usual toasts were introduced. The Lodge of Sincerity was, the W.M. said, at all times delighted to honour the toast of the initiates, and always pleased to welcome gentlemen whom they felt assured would be a credit to the Lodge. One of the initiates of the evening had been known to the W.M. from his boyhood. His father had worked well for the Craft and its Charities, and the W.M. had no doubt the son would follow in his good ways. Bro. Green came among them well recommended, and would doubtless prove an acquisition. Bro. Walker tendered his thanks for having been admitted to the Lodge, as also did Bro. Green. He would do everything that lay in his power to make himself worthy of the confidence reposed in him. Bro. Newton next proposed the health of the W.M. His Masonic qualities were well known. The way in which he that evening performed the two ceremonies which were required of him showed that he was quite capable of conducting the affairs of a Lodge. The candidates could not but have been impressed with what they had witnessed. He concluded by tendering, on behalf of the members, hearty good wishes to Bro. Seddon, and wished him long life and a prosperous career. Bro. Seddon expressed the pleasure it afforded him to be so kindly received as he was in the Sincerity Lodge. He regretted he had not been able to perform the work of the day to his own satisfaction, but he was suffering from so severe a cold that he was unable to make the ceremony as impressive as he wished. He need hardly say it was his desire to do the work of his office as well as it is possible for it to be done. He now gave the health of the visitors. The Lodge of Sincerity prided itself, among other things, on its hospitality. He was sorry that Bro. John Stevens and Bro. John Berry, both of whom had promised to attend, were not among them. Two visitors having acknowledged the toast, that of the Past Masters followed. The brethren of 174 had every reason to be proud of their Past Masters; so long as they were among them they were certain of success. The W.M. referred to the absence, through illness, of the I.P.M., and expressed a wish that Bro. Appleby would be able to join them at the next meeting. He also mentioned the condition of Bro. Gee, one of the oldest P.M.'s of the Lodge, who, he regretted to say, was near his end. The doctors had dismissed him, saying they could do nothing, and it was only a matter of a very few days ere their brother would be no more. Bros. Barlow and Newton replied. The toast of the Charities was next brought to the consideration of the brethren. The W.M. could never forget the reception he, as W.M. of Sincerity Lodge, received at the Festival of the Benevolent Institution; it showed him that the efforts of the brethren had won a name for the Lodge of which they could boast, and of which they must be extremely proud. It had urged him on to further efforts. They had two members of the Lodge at work as Stewards—Bro. Perceval, representing the Girls' School, and Bro. C. Lacey, the Boys'. Both are worthy brethren. When they say they will represent the Lodge the brethren may rest assurred it will not be their fault if they do not do so creditably. Bro. Perceval had had the pleasure of representing the Lodge at the Festivals of our Institutions on two previous occasions, on one of which he had taken up 125 guineas, and on the other 110 guineas. His present list amounted to £60. He hoped the brethren would enable him, before the day of the Festival, to increase this to a three figure total. Bro. Lacey esteemed it a great honour to be entrusted with the representation of the Sincerity Lodge. He had done so at several previous Festivals, and had always been well supported. He asked for a continuance of aid from the brethren, and trusted he should have as liberal a response as was accorded Bro. Perceval. To the toast of the Officers, Bros. Webb, Jones and Miller replied; after which the Tyler's toast was given, and this brought the proceedings to a termination.

St. David's Lodge, No. 1147.—The regular monthly meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester, on Tuesday, the 10th inst. Present—Bros. J. Davies W.M., T. Elliott I.P.M., J. Taylor S.W., Wm. Hadden J.W., J. O. Evans Sec., F. Griffin Treas., T. R. Williams P.M. D.C., R. Barlow S.D., J. B. Seel J.D., E. Stavely I.G., W. Palmer and J. Brown Stewards, Jas. Sly Tyler. P.M.'s Bros. T. Gibson, E. Williams, E. Jones, T. R. Peel, and Bros. R. Chadwick, D. Rough, G. H. Hewardine, E. Tootill, &c. Visitors—C. Downey 460, W. Batty 1387, T. Heighway 1357, S. Davies P.M. 1052, &c. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes of last regular meeting read and ratified. The ballot was taken for Mr. Murray, and resulting in his favour, that gentleman was initiated into the mysteries of ancient Freemasonry. The ceremony was ably performed by the Worshipful Master, considering this was his first candidate, and it being only his second night in the chair. W. Brother Davies is very impressive, and this tends to stamp on the mind of an initiate the beauty and solemnity of our ceremonies. The working tools were explained by the W.M., and the charge delivered by Bro. S. Warden. Lodge was closed in peace and harmony, and the brethren adjourned, by command of the W.M., to supper, where each enjoyed the ample but not extravagant fare provided. On the removal of the cloth, the Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed by the W.M., and heartily honoured by the company. In due course the Worshipful Master rose to propose the health of Bro. Murray. This, as might be expected, gave him an infinite amount of pleasure. He had known Bro. Murray long as a friend, now he greeted him as a brother in Freemasonry. Bro. Murray would find that this term was not an empty one; the outside world knew nothing of its application, because the uninitiated knew next to nothing of our grand institution. Every principle taught tended to raise a man higher from a moral standpoint. All its ritual and precepts bind man to man more closely; all its teachings are worthy of the great men who from age to age have been found in our ranks. Every post held by a brother in his Lodge, he (the W.M.) considered an honour, and every brother by merit might attain to the highest rank. He trusted that the gentleman who had been initiated that night would find Freemasonry a blessed profession, and would seek to attain those positions which were the reward of Masonic worth. He now called upon all to drink most heartily to the toast. This was done with full honours. Bro. Elliott gave the Entered Apprentice song. Brother Murray, in reply, felt in a position different to any he had experience of in his previous life. He felt the words of the song implied he was now numbered among the brethren of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masonry. It was not for him to say what he should do; he would, however, endeavour to follow the rule set down; he was pleased to recognise the beauty of the refined morality conveyed in the ceremony. His mind had from boyhood been trained to adore the Creator. He was agreeably surprised to meet brethren whose friendship he had cultivated previously, and thanked them all for the kindness shown. Bro. T. R. Williams P.M. D.C. proposed the health of the Visitors. He extended, in the name of the Lodge, a hearty welcome to each and all; was glad to see his old friend Bro. Batty, also Bros. Downey, Heighway, and Past Master Davies. No Lodge gave a more fraternal greeting to its visitors; he called on the brethren to honour the toast in the good old style. Bros. Batty, Davies, Heighway, and Downey replied for the honour done the Visitors, expressing themselves well pleased with the administration of the Lodge. Bro. Past Master Davies, as a P.M. of the Callender Lodge, explained the eventful history of the late Bro. R. Callender's portrait, and its safe return to the keeping of the Lodge; but, as we have before alluded to this, we may pass it over on this occasion. Bro. E. Williams P.M. proposed the important toast of the health of the Worshipful Master. The success of a crew, he said, or the rank and file, depend on the commander. So it is with a Lodge. The brethren of St. David's Lodge have every confidence in their W.M., as a man of honour and a Mason of integrity. This he stated for the information of visitors. The work the W.M. had done that night showed he could do his duty. The method and manner in which the ceremony was given must produce a beneficial effect on an initiate. Bro. J. Davies has the right inspiration. He therefore called upon the brethren to drink to the very good health of the W.M., in a bumper. This was cheerfully complied with, the D.C. leading the honours. The W.M. returned his heartfelt thanks for the kind words spoken, and the great sympathy shown by the brethren. He also thanked the Visitors for their kind remarks. He felt the praise was more than his efforts merited, but he hoped when his metal was further put to the test he would deserve their applause. He felt that every Mason ought to discharge his sacred trust efficiently. He regretted that the Craft was misunderstood in this age of enlightenment. People erroneously misconstrue the tendencies of Freemasonry. He alluded to the death of Brother Roose, of Anglesea, in touching terms; exhorted the brethren to live a life of rectitude as that worthy brother did, so that when we leave this sublunary abode, we may die in honours, and ascend to those eternal mansions where the G.A.O.T.U. lives and reigns for ever. Bro. Hewardine had the honour of proposing the health of the Past Masters of the Lodge. He need not urge the brethren to welcome this toast, they were always eager to testify their regard by receiving it with acclamation. It was a great consolation to him and the brethren of the St. David's Lodge to know that their Past Masters in their daily lives carried out those admirable principles they had so ably taught in the Lodge. The worthy brother in a very able manner upheld the dignity of the Craft, and dwelt on the excellence of its teachings, which clearly proved that there is talent of no narrow compass "on the benches" as well as in the East in this happy Lodge. Before submitting the toast Bro. Hewardine said, Happily for this Lodge we have Members and Past Masters in whom we have examples so good as to make us rejoice. The toast was drunk with every cordiality and musical honours. Bro. Gibson P.M. replied briefly for the honour done the last toast, and the handsome manner in which it had been proposed. Bro. Ellis Jones P.M. in his usually facetious manner responded. He observed that Bro. Gibson had placed the load on the willing horse, and he had carried it for many years. He had with pleasure watched the cosmopolitan tendency of this Lodge, originally founded by Welshmen. It had embraced as members Russian, Roumanian, German, Irish, Israelite, Scotch, Greek, English, and Welsh, which clearly demonstrated that a Welshman in the nobleness of his heart under proper impulse was a brother to every nationality. Bro. Jones saw in the St. David's Lodge the all-pervading influence of Freemasonry, which demonstrated on a small scale the universal aspect of the Royal art. The universal Brotherhood constituted the power of Freemasonry. The cosmopolitan nature of British subjects and the diversity of Great Britain's possessions constituted the Empire's greatness. Liberty was the watchword of both, and each carried the light of progress. Bro. E. Williams P.M. proposed the Masonic Press. In doing so he regretted that this would be the last time Bro. Davies would be among them. Knowing something of the commercial Press, he felt that it must be difficult to convey interesting matter where the pen was so restricted as it is in Masonic journalism. He hoped that, in whatever locality he (Bro. Davis) might be placed, and in whatever capacity he might undertake, he would be rewarded for his efforts on behalf of the Craft, and live long and happily. This toast was received very heartily. Bro. Davies expressed his appreciation of the kind sentiments conveyed in Bro. Williams' remarks, and assured the brethren that his task had been a very difficult one to perform. During

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the evening some capital music was rendered by Bros. Davies, Howardine, Downey, Griffin, and the W.M., who kindly gave, in Welsh, "The Land of my Fathers."

Asaph Lodge, No. 1319.—The above Lodge, composed of members of the musical and theatrical professions, met on Monday, the 7th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Gt. Queen-street, at 2 o'clock. The W.M. Bro. Geo. Buckland opened the Lodge, supported by Bros. E. Swanborough S.W., E. Willard J.W., E. Stanton Jones P.M. Sec., H. F. Cox S.D., Meyer Lutz J.D., F. Delevanto D.C., J. Maclean I.G., C. E. Tinney Org. P.M.'s Bros. J. M. Chamberlain, Jas. Weaver, C. S. Jekyll, C. Coote, E. Terry, and Bros. Burgess, Schneider, Baker, Kent, &c. The minutes were read and confirmed. Ballots were taken for the admission of Messrs. Emil and Julian Girard. The result was unanimous in their favour, and they were duly initiated into the Order. Bro. E. H. W. Wright, having shown his proficiency, was passed. Great credit is due to the W.M. for his careful and impressive working. The same remark applies to all Officers. Bro. Wright was elected a joining member. Three albums were tendered, to form a record of the Past Masters and members, the gift of Bro. B. Lemere. A brother was relieved from the Lodge Funds with the sum of £20. Bro. E. Terry I.P.M. stated it was his intention to serve as Steward for the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls; he hoped to have the co-operation and support of the Lodge. All business being ended, Lodge was closed. The Visitors were Bros. E. Wright 179, J. Howton 568, Mat Robson 1609, J. W. Elvin 538, W. Murray 1201, and H. M. Levy P.M. 188.

Lodge of Loyalty, No. 1607.—This is what the brethren are pleased to term a "summer" Lodge, but the most genial aspect about the meeting of Saturday last was the warm and fraternal reception given by the members to those who, despite the counteracting discomfort of wind and snow, ventured to the Alexandra Palace. It is not our province to descant here on the variableness of the English climate, or to detail the wretchedness attending a journey when you have to traverse the streets up to your ankles in a mixture of half-melted snow and mud, but we may remark that it must have been very gratifying to Bro. Webb, the Worshipful Master, to find that on such a day as was experienced he should be supported so well. This Lodge is one of two of the same name consecrated the same week in 1876; the other one being The Lodge of Loyalty, No. 1533, which holds its meetings at Marlborough, and which forms one of the ten Lodges of the Province of Wilts. The first Worshipful Master of No. 1607 was our respected brother John Newton P.M. 174; he was followed by Bro. Frederick Brown, and under the rule of these energetic members of the Craft, the Lodge has steadily progressed, and has made its mark as a staunch supporter of the Charitable Institutions associated with the Order. The brethren assembled at the Alexandra Palace at 3.15, when the following Officers supported Bro. Charles Henry Webb the W.M.:—Bros. Charles J. Perceval S.W., Beedell J.W., E. G. Legge P.M. Treasurer, John Newton P.M. Secretary, Jones J.D., Frederick Carr I.G., Dr. Newham W.S., Verry Tyler. Visitors:—Bros. Walter Rawley 174 Sec. 1805, G. C. Pulsford S.D. 1593, Thomas Slaiter 804, Albert Escott, W. D'Oyley 1457, and W. W. Morgan Sec. 211. The members, in consequence of the decease of Bro. Wyatt the J.W., wore Masonic mourning, and at a later stage of the proceedings a vote of condolence was passed, and a record of the same ordered to be sent to the relatives of our deceased brother. After the formal opening the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The names of three gentlemen as candidates for initiation appeared on the agenda paper, and for the first of these—Mr. Charles John Perceval, a son of the Senior Warden—a dispensation had been granted by the Most Worshipful the Pro Grand Master, the aspirant not having attained his twenty-first year. This gentleman had for his Masonic sponsors his father and the Worshipful Master. The other candidates were Mr. Charles Amies Morgan, proposed by Bro. P.M. Brown and seconded by the W.M., and Mr. Samuel Gittens, who came forward with the recommendation of the W.M. and had for a seconder Bro. Frederick Carr. The ballot was unanimous in each case, and the candidates were severally introduced and received their first glimpse of Masonic light. In the course of routine business Bro. P.M. Brown gave an account of his Stewardship at the recent Festival for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, when, by the liberality of the members, he had been enabled to take up a list of between £144 and £145, which amount gave him the privilege of standing as No. 5 from the highest sum realised on that occasion, and certainly evinces that the members of this Lodge were "loyal" in sustaining the claims of the Charities. The W.M., referring to the election at Freemasons' Hall, for candidates for the Girls' School, stated that he had received from the Officials at Grand Lodge three votes out of those placed at their disposal, and these he had appropriated in support of the application of Mary Ann A. Wyatt, daughter of their late respected J.W. After some other matters had received consideration, Lodge was closed. A most *récherché* banquet was served by Bros. Bertram and Roberts, and the good things were greatly enjoyed. On the removal of the cloth the toast list was fully considered. The loyal toasts were honoured, and then Bro. P.M. Brown proposed the health of the W.M. He referred to the amount of energy Bro. Webb had displayed in advancing the claims of the daughter of their late J.W., and felt assured that at the future election he would receive substantial support from the members. He commented on the zeal and perseverance ever manifested by the W.M. in his conduct of all business pertaining to his Lodge and the Craft at large, and concluded his remarks by trusting that Bro. Webb's year of office would close as it had commenced, with a continuance of happiness and prosperity. The W.M. in reply remarked that Past Master Brown had truly stated he had latterly been very hard at work. Two years ago, when their late Bro. Wyatt, who was one of his oldest and truest friends, had joined their Lodge, everything seemed to be prospering. Bro. Wyatt had a good wife, a comfortable home, and children in whom his best hopes were centred. However, illness came on, and within six months both he and his wife had been called hence, leaving their children at the mercy of the world. Bro. Webb then read a telegram he had just received, which gave the number of votes polled that day for the child he asked their support for; he also stated that knowing he would not be able to carry his case at this election, he had lent a considerable number of the proxies he had received, and made a strong appeal to all present to support the case at the election next October; he concluded by thanking those present for the way they had received the mention of his name. The next toast given was the health of the initiates, to which graceful replies were made. Each of the Visitors acknowledged the compliment the W.M. paid them, and Bros. Brown, Newton and Legge responded in their several capacities of I.P.M., Secretary, and Treasurer. The Officers were next complimented, and after Bro. Verry had given the closing toast, he recounted some incidents attending the travels of those aerial visitants which the next meeting of this summer Lodge may make us better acquainted with.

Lodge of Union, No. 414.—This Lodge held its monthly meeting on Tuesday the 15th of April, at the Masonic Hall, Reading. Present—Bros. Charles Oades W.M., Samuel Bradley S.W., Charles Stephens J.W., M. J. Withers Sec., J. A. Strachan P.M. Treas., F. Blackwell (acting) S.D., F. Ferguson J.D., Rev. N. S. Garry Chaplain, S. Wheeler and D. H. Witherington Stewards, W. Hemmings Tyler. P.M.'s Bros. E. Baker I.P.M., A. M. Yetts, J. Morris, C. Smith, J. Long, J. Weightman, W. W. Moxhay, S. Stingsby Stallwood. Members—Bros. Hart, Moffatt, Higgs, Field, Davis, McDowell, Hawkes, Butler, Biggs P.M. (Hon. Member). Visitors—Bros. T. R. Vowles 1426 and 1101, Hurley P.M. 1101, T. Smith P.M. P.Z. Marylebone 1305, W. P. Ivey P.M. and Sec. 1101. Business—The Lodge was opened in the first degree. The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed, the Lodge was opened in the second degree. Bros. Davis and Field having given proof of their efficiency, were entrusted and retired. The Lodge was opened in the third degree. Bros. Davis and Field were raised to the sublime degree of M.M. The Lodge was resumed in the second and first degrees. Bro. Hayward was admitted and initiated into the secrets and mysteries of Antient Freemasonry. Bro. Weightman P.M. called the attention of the Lodge to the great want of respect shown by the members to departed worth by their non-attendance at the funeral of the late Dr. R. T. Woodhouse P.D.G.M. of the Province. He gave an epitome of the Masonic career of that venerable brother, who joined the Lodge in 1836, was present at the laying of the foundation stone of the church in the Reading Cemetery, was installed as W.M. of the Lodge in 1837—rescued the Lodge from obscurity, by reforms in various ways, by having it removed from a public-house to a comparatively respectable home in the Forbury, and other services too numerous to mention. Bro. Moxhay P.M., &c. perfectly coincided with the remarks made by Bro. Weightman, and passed a splendid eulogy on the venerable brother, which he gave from personal experience. The W.M. said he had consulted some of the P.M.'s of the Lodge on the subject, and said that as the brethren were in mourning for the late Treasurer, and the late venerable brother not being a subscribing member, only honorary, he did not think it necessary to show a manifestation on the subject. A vote of two guineas to the Hungarian Grand Lodge of St. John, and two guineas to a brother of 1101 in distress followed. All business being ended, the Lodge was closed.

Wandsworth Lodge, No. 1044.—A meeting—the closing one for the season—was held at the Spread Eagle Hotel, Wandsworth, on Wednesday evening, Bro. W. A. Morgan, the W.M., presiding. Bros. T. Arnison and W. Bell were raised. Bro. A. M. Newens was chosen as the W.M. elect. It was resolved, after some discussion, to remove the Lodge from its present quarters.

High Cross Lodge of Instruction, No. 754.—A meeting was held on Thursday the 10th inst., at the Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham. Present—Bros. S. Tarquand P.M. W.M., S. J. Byng S.W., C. K. Killick J.W., J. H. Thompson I.P.M., J. Garrod Sec., W. Binnie P.M. I.G.; also Bros. Oxley, Everdell, Taverner, Peach, Rev. P. Kilduff, Powell, Slaiter, Wells, French, Clements, Mattocks, and others. The Lodge was opened in ancient form, and the Fifteen Sections were worked by the following: FIRST LECTURE—Bros. Peach, Everdell, Taverner, Clement, Killick, Killick; SECOND LECTURE—Bros. Oxley, Powell, Garrod, Byng, Slaiter; THIRD LECTURE—Bros. Clement, Everdell, Garrod. A cordial vote of thanks was accorded to the W.M. for the able manner in which he had presided; also to Bro. S. J. Byng, the S.W., and members who worked sections. Bro. French was elected a member, and the Lodge was closed in due form.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—In spite of the holiday season and its counter attractions, the members met on Tuesday evening last at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters Tavern, Pownall Road, Dalston. Bros. J. Lorkin W.M., Christian S.W., Forss J.W., Williams S.D., Clark J.D., Bigg I.G., Dallas Sec., Smyth Treas., P.M. Wallington Preceptor; also Bros. Collins, Webb, Giller, Weige, Smyth, Polak, Wyman, C. Lorkin, and others. Lodge was opened and minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. Bro. Carr answered the questions, the Lodge was opened up, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed—Bro. Carr as candidate. Bro. Webb worked the third section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. The Lodge was closed to the second degree. Bro. Webb worked the first section of that lecture, assisted by the brethren. The Lodge was closed to the first, and Bro. Webb worked the fourth section of the lecture in that degree, assisted by the brethren. Bro. M. Christian was elected W.M. for next Tuesday evening.

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Grey Friars Lodge, No. 1101.—This Lodge held its monthly meeting on Wednesday, the 9th of April, at the Masonic Hall, Reading. Present—Bros. William George Flanagan W.M., Jno. Early Danks S.W., Wm. Ferguson J.W., W. P. Ivey P.M. Sec., J. T. Stranaom Treasurer, E. J. Blackwell S.D., Richard Dowsett, J.D., W. Hickie Organist, Thomas Newman D.C., W. W. Ridley and J. H. Hawkes Stewards, C. R. Honey I.G., W. Hemmings Tyler; Past Masters Bros. Welch I.P.M., Margrett. Members—Bros. Prickett, Tegg, Hunt, Pulley, Bailey, Ravenscroft, Rhind. Visitors—Bros. R. Bradley P.M. 414 Prov. G. Sec. Berks and Bucks, Higgs 414, C. Stephens J.W. 414 Prov. G. Treasurer Berks and Bucks, Butler 414, Hawkes 414, Williams 1399. The Lodge having been opened in the first degree, the minutes of the last regular Lodge were read and confirmed, the Lodge was opened in the second degree. Bro. Ravenscroft having given satisfactory proof of his efficiency, was entrusted and retired. The Lodge was opened in the third degree, Bro. Ravenscroft was raised to the sublime degree of M.M., the interesting ceremony being performed in a most correct and impressive manner, the effect of which was considerably heightened by the introduction of vocal and instrumental music by Bro. Hickie the Organist of the Lodge. The Lodge was resumed in the second degree and closed down to the first degree. The Secretary then read a letter from the Prov. G. Sec. enclosing an address from the M.G. Lodge of Hungary, which had been sent to him by the Grand Sec. of England, setting forth the dire calamity which had happened to many thousand Hungarians, at Szegedin, and to a great number of members of the Craft. An interesting discussion took place, which resulted in a vote of two guineas from the Lodge funds towards the relief of our foreign brethren. The W.M. called the attention of the members to a case of distress, in which a member of the Lodge and P.M. had been reduced to a state of poverty through legal proceedings, and gave notice of motion "that the sum of ten guineas from the funds of the Lodge be applied to the relief of the brother." The Secretary called attention to the paucity of attendance of members of the Craft at the funeral of the late Bro. Dr. Woodhouse P.P.D.G.M. of the Province, which he thought arose from the want of notice by the Lodge of Union, No. 414, of which the late venerable brother was an hon. member. The I.G. announced that the opening of St. Bartholomew's Church would take place on the 30th inst., and hoped he should see many of the brethren there. All business being ended, the Lodge was closed according to ancient form.

Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held at York, on Monday. Present—Bros J. S. Cumberland W.M., T. B. Whytehead I.P.M., C. G. Padel S.W., J. T. Seller J.W., G. Balmford P.M. Treas., J. Kay Sec., T. Humphreys Assist. Sec., M. Millington S.D., T. D. Smith J.D., G. Simpson M.C., H. Jackson as I.G., P. Pearson Tyler, together with several other brethren and visitors. The work of the evening consisted of the ceremonies of passing Bros. Huslam and Atkinson to the second degree, after which the following presentations were made to the Lodge:—Three Masonic works from the Library Committee of the G. Lodge of Pennsylvania; Illuminated vote of thanks from the Mary Commandery of Knight Templars, Philadelphia, for the hospitality and attention shown to their Pilgrims when in York last year; four beautifully framed water-colour drawings of the four ancient Gateways or Bars of the City of York, from Bros W. P. Husband, J. Marshall and A. T. B. Turner; Plate of the Arms of the Grand Lodge of England, from Bro. W. J. Hughan; Hughan's Masonic Register, and photographic groups of the Mary Commandery Pilgrims from Bro. T. B. Whytehead. After the close of the Lodge a very harmonious evening was spent, the Loyal and Masonic toasts being duly honoured, and Health and Bon Voyage drank to Bro. J. Haslam, who is proceeding to South Australia, where he has received a government appointment. The proceedings were enlivened by the part singing of Bros. Cumberland, Lee, Humphries and other members of the Lodge Glee Club, accompanied by Bro. C. G. Padel.

Kingsland Lodge, No. 1693.—Held its regular meeting on Tuesday the 1st instant at Bro. Fysh's, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, under the able presidency of Bro. A. H. Trewinnard, who was efficiently supported by Bros. H. P. Isaac S.W., S. Hawkins J.W., Crosbie Treasurer, C. K. Killick sen. P.M. Secretary, A. W. Fenner S.D., H. Hall J.D., Burtle I.G., Opperman W.S., Western D.C., Thompson A.D.C., Steedman Tyler; and a good attendance of members, including C. K. Killick jun. I.P.M. The following were Visiting Brethren—W. B. Kidder P.M. Fortitude and Old Cumberland No. 12, R. C. Read P.M. Jordan 201, and F. R. Callow Strong Man 45. Lodge being opened in ancient form, the minutes were read, and duly confirmed. Lodge was opened up, and Bros. Stanbrook and Pummell gave proofs of their efficiency, were entrusted, and in due course raised to the sublime degree, in a very impressive manner. The ballot was taken for the admission of Mr. William Williams; it proved unanimous; that gentleman being in waiting, was duly initiated. The following routine business was then transacted. Bro. Secretary read the Bye-laws (according to the Book of Constitutions). The election of W.M. for the ensuing year, which proved unanimous in favour of the S.W. Bro. H. P. Isaac, who received the congratulations of the brethren. Bro. Crosbie was re-elected Treasurer, for which he returned thanks. Bro. Steedman was re-appointed Tyler by show of hands. The Auditors were then appointed. All Masonic business being ended, the brethren adjourned to a plain supper. The Loyal toasts were given, and duly honoured. Bro. I.P.M. proposed the health of the W.M. Nothing gave him greater pleasure, as, from the known ability of the W.M., a great deal of trouble was saved the I.P.M. He trusted every brother who might be elevated to that high position would carefully imitate the present W.M., and he called upon the brethren to do honour to the toast. The W.M. said he hoped he should always be found working for the best interests of the Lodge, and for the welfare of the brethren, in the future as in the past. In proposing the health of the initiate, the W.M. remarked that Bro. Williams was a gentleman who had been well recommended, and he trusted he would soon become an honour to the Craft. After this compliment had been acknowledged, the Visitors' toast was given; in proposing it the W.M. observed they had been generally honoured with Visitors; on this occasion they had very distinguished ones, and as W.M. he felt proud at receiving them in the Kingsland Lodge. He called upon the brethren to do the toast full honour. In responding, Bro. Kidder congratulated the W.M. on his excellent working; he trusted the brethren who should succeed to the honours of the chair would carefully imitate Bro. Trewinnard; he thanked the brethren for the kind and hospitable manner in which he had been received. Bro. P.M. Read followed; he fully endorsed all that Bro. Kidder had said. Bro. Callow returned his thanks for the very kind reception accorded him; he was but a young Mason, yet he was proud to say he had spent many happy evenings amongst members of the Craft. The I.P.M., the W.M. elect, and the Officers' toasts were severally given, and the Tyler brought a very pleasant evening to a close. Bros. P.M. Killick jun., Read, and Opperman contributed to the evening's enjoyment by some excellent singing; Bro. Isaac gave a reading from Othello, and Bro. Hawkins a comic recitation, "Daniel v. Disholout."

Constitutional Lodge of Instruction, No. 55.—On Tuesday, 8th inst., at the Bedford Hotel, Southampton-buildings. Present—Bros. T. B. Dodson W.M., J. Soper S.W., Sandle J.W., Dickins Sec., Low S.D., Gruggen J.D., Hallam I.G.; Bingemann P.M. Preceptor, Jackson, Todd, Cornu, Sanders, J. H. Dodson, Bond, H. Soper. The Lodge was opened to the third degree, and the ceremony of installation rehearsed; Bro. Abell invested the Officers. The ceremony of passing was afterwards rehearsed by Bro. Abell, Bro. Sanders candidate. The first section of the lecture was worked by Bro. Dickins. Bro. J. Soper was elected W.M. for Tuesday, 22nd April. The Lodge having decided to adjourn over the Easter holidays, a vote of thanks was ordered to be recorded on the minutes to Bro. T. B. Dodson for his working of the installation ceremony; and honorary membership was also conferred upon him. The Lodge was then closed in perfect harmony, and adjourned to Tuesday, 22nd April.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—A meeting of the brethren of this Lodge was held at Bro. Fysh's, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, on Saturday last. Present—Bros. P. J. A. Powell W.M., J. Millington S.W., J. Lorkin J.W., Pearcy Preceptor, Fenner Sec., Hallam S.D., Mullord J.D., H. Hall I.G.; also Bros. Mackie, Garrod, Phillips, Ross, Williams, Weigo, Hirst, Stock, R. H. Halford. All formalities having been complied with, Bro. Garrod gave sufficient proofs of his proficiency to warrant his being entrusted, which was done, and the Lodge advanced. The ceremony of passing was then rehearsed, Bro. Garrod being the candidate. Bro. Garrod gave the lecture on the tracing board. Bro. Pearcy worked the first, second and third sections of the lecture, assisted by the Brethren, after which Lodge was resumed. Bro. Millington was elected W.M. for this (Saturday) evening. The Fifteen Sections will be worked at this Lodge of Instruction next Saturday evening, under the able presidency of Bro. Pearcy the Preceptor, W.M. of United Strength Lodge, No. 228.

La Tolerance Lodge of Instruction, No. 538.—A meeting was held on Wednesday, at the Green Dragon, 2 Maddox-street W. Present—Bros. G. Cundy W.M., L. Langdon S.W., E. Child J.W., C. Davis Treas., J. Hurdell Sec., A. Ginger S.D., Russ J.D., F. Green sen. I.G.; P.M.'s Bros. E. Farwig, E. Baber, and several members. The first section was worked. The initiation ceremony was rehearsed, Bro. C. Smith candidate; also the ceremony of passing, Bro. J. Hemming candidate. Lodge resumed, and the second section was worked. The Fifteen Sections will be worked on Wednesday, 30th April, when Bro. John Hurdell I.G. 1348, Hon. Sec. of the Lodge of Instruction, will preside. Lodge will be opened at seven p.m.

Friars Lodge of Instruction, No. 1349.—Held at Bro. Pavitt's, the Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, 15th April 1879. Present—Bros. Worsley W.M., Smith S.W., Johnson J.W., Roberts S.D., Barker J.D., Pavitt, I.G., Musto P.M. Preceptor; Bros. Andrews, Spencer, Sadler, Ellis, and others. The Lodge was opened in due form with prayer. The minutes of the previous Lodge meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the second degree and the candidate having answered the necessary questions and being entrusted, the Lodge was opened in the third, and the ceremony of raising worked by the W.M. The Lodge was then closed down, and the discussion on the Bye-laws was resumed. It was resolved that they be printed and distributed among the members of the Lodge. It was proposed by the W.M., seconded by Bro. J.W., and carried unanimously, that Bro. Smith the S.W. be W.M. for the ensuing week. Nothing further being offered for the good of Freemasonry, the Lodge was closed in due form with prayer, and adjourned to Tuesday next. We perceive by the Bye-laws that on the fourth Tuesday in each month sections only will be worked, by members of the Lodge, and questions put from the Chair, as when the fifteen sections are worked. This must be a boon to members at the East End.

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"ACROSS THE WALNUTS AND THE WINE."

AMONGST the very many popular errors which in years gone by prevailed concerning our Masonic "mysteries"—errors which have happily been improved off the public mind in these later times—was that the brethren of the Craft were a jovial crew of gluttons and wine-bibbers, whose whole "secret," apart from the proverbial poker and gridiron, consisted in making themselves intensely happy and comfortable under all manner of circumstances. The outside world, founding their own opinions of our Order, pretty much as they do now-a-days on what they know nothing at all about, pictured to themselves, in a Lodge of Masons, the very ideal of the feast of reason and the flow of soul. Beyond this they cared not to inquire; but staid old sceptics, and ladies of the Mrs. Caudle ilk, were wont to hold up their hands in pious horror at the very name of Masonry as one redolent of nothing but a surfeit of fat things and the cup which cheers and does inebriate. And if we were to rake amongst the dusty records of the past very likely we could a tale unfold of roystering and carousal such as old Chaucer loved to delineate in quaint verse—of aldermanic hospitality, and that hilarity which would seldom "bear the morning's reflection." But with the growth of civilisation and enlightenment this old fallacy has exploded, and the popular impression is that modern Masons have very materially mended their ways, and that Bacchus is by no means held in the all-absorbing reverence which was once paid to him. Of late years it has been satisfactory to note a vast improvement in this particular; and, although it would be fulsome to say that in the enjoyment of social amenities Freemasons are a pattern of all that is excellent, yet those best qualified to judge will admit with us that the festivities in which the brethren feel they are at liberty to indulge after labour are, as a rule, tempered with a considerable amount of prudence and discretion. There are grumpy malcontents in even the "best regulated" societies who lift the eyebrows and shrug the shoulders whenever the rigour of business relaxes into the mirthful smile of leisureable enjoyment. But in the ordinary avocations of life our experience is that, *entre nous soit dit*, a good dinner does not hinder, but rather lubricates, the machinery of any good movement. Thus, when "friends in jolliest friendship meet," after perhaps hours of arduous toil, when visitors travel from a distance to participate in, and assist with, the labours to be executed, we see no other than a good result likely to follow the call of the J.W. to those regions over which he acts the part of major-domo. It is around the festive board that new acquaintances are formed and old friendships cemented. There the social rusts which are inevitable amongst members of society when on terms of but distant acquaintanceship are rubbed off, and all rough angles and excrescences are smoothed away by the judicious application of the gavel and chisel. The fusion of men of different grades for friendly intercourse and mutual enjoyment is recognised as a most salutary law in the building up of all institutions which have for their object the wellbeing of society. And especially in a Masonic sense, where bodies of men, casting aside their normal differences of creed and politics, meet in good fellowship upon neutral ground, this interchange of fraternal greeting, regarded in its proper light, must be productive of excellent practical results. A poet said that—

> "Sweet recreation barr'd, what doth ensue
> But moody and dull melancholy,
> Kinsman to grim and comfortless despair?"

but such a catastrophe is not likely to ensue whilst brethren clasp the hands of friendship, and hearts beat in unison in the one great bond of universal brotherhood. The Scythians of old were famous for quarrelling over their cups, and fighting with their platters; but we are in no danger of finding instances of such diversion amongst the brethren of the "mystic tie." Expanding into a warmth of benevolence, induced by the flow of generous sentiment, there is generated a true and lasting sense of companionship and unity in furtherance of beneficent designs. All Lodges, just as much as any other centres of human concourse, or haunts of civilised recreation, have their special field days, their eventful evenings, and their grand periods. And he would be a cynic indeed who would put a veto upon such a rational and conventional method of commemorating "red letter" days. One thing to be said of our occasional entertainments is, that they are unselfish and disinterested. Scarcely an occasion passes but some deserving cases are relieved, the load of some depressed heart lightened, or some substantial addition is made to the funds of our noble Charities. However exuberent may be the current of joviality, there is sure to be some "sturdy beggar" hovering round, launching forth in ardent appeal for the necessitous and the sad, and calling upon the brethren to practise that essential virtue of which they were reminded very early in their Masonic experience—Charity. And seldom is the appeal uttered in vain. The shadow of selfish indulgence cannot exist in the all-pervading light of Masonic benevolence; and thus we find that invariably there is some tangible acquisition to our charitable exchequer after the happy meetings which we chronicle in our weekly reports. There are, however, some points in which these gatherings of truest friends might be improved and made a greater source of profit and edification than is apparent in the average of such assemblies even in our time. As a rule Masonic banquets, from a post-prandial aspect, are somewhat dull and vapid. The bare fact of having a stereotyped toast list is calculated to make the after-dinner speeches monotonous. To ring the changes on half-a-dozen toasts requires an amount of tact and adroitness that is not given to all who are called upon to face the ordeal. We do not need to be continually reminded that "the first toast in every assembly of Englishmen is that of the Queen," or that "in her Majesty we possess a monarch who is the embodiment of every social and domestic virtue." We are already aware that in the person of our M.W.G.M. and his Royal brothers the cause of Masonry is brilliantly reflected, and that its stability and progress have received a wondrous impetus through their connection with the Craft. Equally trite are the reiterated observations that our Masonic rulers are indefatigable in their exertions to promote the best interests of our Order, and that "Lord Skelmersdale is much appreciated in his own Province." Yet all these platitudes are served up at every recurring festival, until our reporters might almost venture on their description of the ordinary run of banquets without being present at them in the flesh. In the order of seniority the Past Officers take precedence in the seats of honour, and exercise the prerogative of speaking upon the leading toasts; and instead of improving with age, like good wine, there is often a lack of pith or variety in the observations they have to offer on so many consecutive occasions. Moreover, the complimentary utterances are invariably fulsome—we were almost going to say necessarily so. For instance, after an installation the I.P.M. is adulated as the most gifted and expert workman who ever wielded the sceptre of power in his Lodge—save and except the newly elected W.M., we

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suppose on the same principle that there are as good fish in the sea as ever came out of it. The setting and the rising suns are equally radiescent; and the heroes of the hour are exalted to the "proudest moment of their lives," until next year brings another constellation into the ascendant. And so *ad infinitum*. Of course, a great deal of this is unavoidable; in every such assembly the principles of mutual admiration must crop up to a greater or less degree. But what is to be regretted, amidst all this well-intentioned exchange of compliment, is that greater stress is not laid upon the solid lessons which are inculcated within the Lodge, and that the occasion is so seldom improved by new glimpses of Masonic teaching, from which the whole of the brethren may derive some small grains of abiding profit. As a rule, our after-dinner periods are not so much those of observation and well-timed discourse as they might be; and the reason is, as we have already pointed out, that the same set subjects are relegated to those who either cannot or will not take the pains to enrich their speeches with some new gems of thought. It may be vain to hope for any general improvement in this respect; but when such is the case, we always witness a corresponding increase of interest on the part of those who attend, and discern the superiority of intelligence which presides over the Lodge whence such utterances emanate. A word in season may also be taken not unkindly by those who think, with Moore, that

> "The best of all ways
> To lengthen our days
> Is to steal a few hours from the night."

This tendency to prolong the season of relaxation and enjoyment has happily diminished of late years, and it is well that the W.M.—who is eminently to be pardoned for the satisfaction to be derived from presiding over a goodly company—should ever bear in mind that there is safety in early hours, and that the ladies especially, whose health is always received so gallantly, would much prefer that the compliment should be paid them at a period of the evening which allows their husbands and brothers to reach home at a reasonable time of night. Frequently brethren travel a considerable distance in order to participate in those amenities which are so agreeable an adjunct to the real business of the Craft; and it sometimes occurs that the exigencies of "time, tide, and train" compel them to leave before the official toast list is nearly got through. A judicious W.M. will weigh these considerations, and adapt himself to the circumstances; thus, whilst dispensing his hospitality and assisting in the unrestrained flow of generous fraternity, he will so gauge the fleeting hours as to suit the convenience and comfort of those by whom he is surrounded. Speaking generally, our Masonic assemblies are marked by much moderation and good sense, and the closer this principle is adhered to the more it will redound to the credit of our Order, and the fostering of those true and genuine sentiments of peace and harmony with which every Lodge meeting is intended to conclude its operations.

CONSECRATION OF TRINITY COLLEGE LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS, No. 244.

ONE of the most pleasing ceremonials at which it has been our pleasure and duty to "assist" for some time past was that marking the inauguration of Trinity College Lodge of Mark Masters, which took place under the most gratifying auspices on Tuesday last. It is not a great while since the academical members of this well-known educational establishment in Weymouth-street, Portland Place, W., added to the otherwise great attractions of that institution a Lodge in which the brethren of the Craft could assemble at stated periods for study and Masonic work. And so spiritedly was this Lodge maintained and increased that the natural outcome was a desire to extend the base of operations by the formation of a Mark Lodge. Accordingly a petition was presented to Grand Mark Lodge, bearing the signatures of the following brethren as founders—Bros. Dr. E. Passaver S.W. No. 5, P.P.I.G. Middlesex and Surrey, Rev. Henry Bonavia Hunt Mus. Bac. Oxon, James Philip de Orellance, Humphrey J. Stark Mus. Bac. Oxon, Edward John Hoare, and F. Droege. The petition, having received the cordial assent and support of the R.W. Bro. Colonel Burdett 32° the Prov. G.M. and other Grand Officers, was favourably received, and a warrant promptly granted. Tuesday last, as we have said, was fixed for the consecration, and at half-past four o'clock a goodly number of the brethren, including a sprinkling of Prov. Grand Officers, assembled at the College. The Lodge was opened in accordance with ancient rite, under the presidency of the W. Bro. W. G. Brighten G. Supt. of Wks. Prov. G. Sec. of Middlesex and Surrey, the officers of the new Lodge, *pro tem*, occupying their respective chairs. Amongst the visitors who supported the consecrating officer were—Bros. Frederic Davison Deputy Prov. G.M. of Mid. and Surrey, J. H. Cambridge P.M. 15, J. H. Rogers Harrison P.M. 5, Charles Hunter P.M. P.P.G.S.W. of Cheshire, J. B. Shackleton G.S.B. 199, J. W. Baldwin W.M. 211, J. L. Hunter Little P.M. 214 and Prov. J.G.O. Mon., Walter L. Nichil S.W. 198, J. Mason P.M. 211 Prov. G.M.O., C. H. Doding 7 Prov. G.J.W., A. Torkington Bon Accord, W. R. Porcher 10, D. Dewar Grand Asst. Sec. and others. A ballot then took place for several new members, under a dispensation granted by the R.W.P.G.M, and in each case the unanimous approval of the brethren was expressed. Bros. Professor Saunders, Joseph S. Gabriel, Henry Evill, Major Godfrey, and Plant Martin were then advanced to the honourable degree of Mark Masters, the ceremony being performed in excellent manner by the Prov. G. Sec. Bro. Brighten, who officiated in the unavoidable absence of the R.W. Bro. Colonel F. Burdett the Prov. G.M. At the close of this interesting rite, which was rendered all the more beautiful and impressive by the splendid musical service led by Bro. Professor Saunders at the organ, the founders of the Lodge were arranged in order, and were addressed by the Consecrating Officer on the nature of their meeting. He then called upon the Acting Sec. (Bro. M. A. Cuffe LL.D.) to explain the wishes of the brethren, and the steps that had been taken to bring about this happy occasion. The Acting Sec., in response, observed that the Trinity College educational establishment found amongst its members so many Freemasons that they decided some time ago to establish a Lodge, for which a warrant was kindly granted by the Grand Lodge. Their numbers, however, increased to such an extent that within a comparatively short time they found that they had not only good Masons amongst them, but Mark Masons who were also members of Trinity College, and who desired to attach themselves to some Mark Lodge. A petition was consequently forwarded to the M.W.G.M.M. praying for a warrant to constitute such a Lodge in connection with the College, and the warrant was kindly granted of which the brethren hoped to secure the confirmation to-day. He concluded by expressing the hope that their work might not only be to the advantage of Trinity College, but also of the Mark Degree in general. The G. Assist. Sec., Bro. Dewar, then read the petition and warrant, with the names of the founders; and the brethren having signified their approval of the Officers named in those documents, the Consecrating Officer delivered a brief address, in the course of which he spoke of the rapid progress which was being made in Mark Masonry. Not many years ago, when he took the degree, the number of Mark Lodges numbered 144, whilst now they numbered 244, an increase of a hundred in the space of something like seven or eight years. Thus they would see this degree was making very rapid strides, especially in the Province of Middlesex and Surrey, where they were six times as strong as they were four years ago. He thought the explanation was very easy, for a more pleasing degree could scarcely be brought to the minds of Masons. Then, the principle of marking well which it involved commended itself at once to their natures, reminding them that as they marked well or ill their words and actions would be observed and recorded by the G.O.T.U. As the stone cast upon the placid surface of the lake extended its ripples even to the farthest edge of the margin, so every mark a man made had its bearing upon those by whom he was surrounded. The term mark well was so peculiarly applicable, not only in this degree, but to Masonry in general, and to the conduct of every good man, that he thought they might easily find a solution of the question as to why Mark Masonry had made such rapid strides. At the conclusion of the address, the anthem, "Mark Masons, all appear," was sung and the consecration prayer offered, after which the cornucopia was borne in procession by the Grand Officers, and the emblems of plenty, joy and happiness, peace, and fidelity were strewn around the pedestal, the brethren singing the well-known verses from the consecration service by Bro. Edwin Crowe. The censer was then carried round by the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, during which the brethren sang the hymn, "Supreme Grand Master, God of Power," after which the consecration prayer was said, and the concluding anthem, "Glory to God on High," sung. The Consecrating Officer then dedicated and constituted the Lodge, in accordance with the usages of this degree, delivering the charges in a finished and masterly style, and with an emphasis that elicited the hearty admiration of all present. The same remark applies to his perfect working of the installation ceremony, wherein, as in the former, the magnificent organ accompaniment by Bro. Professor Saunders tended materially to heighten the sublime and impressive character of the proceedings. The selection of Bro. Dr. E. Passawer as the first W.M. of this newly-constituted Lodge is unquestionably a step in the right direction, and a presage of that prosperity which the brethren must naturally hope for. The wisdom of this choice will be endorsed by all who have known Bro. Passawer in connection with the Mallet and Chisel and other Lodges, in which he has ever evinced a deep and earnest interest. The Board of Installed Masters having completed their labours, the newly-installed W.M. was saluted in the usual way, and the honours having been accorded, he proceeded to invest his Officers for the year, as follow:—Bros. Prof. Edwin M. Lott, Mus. Bac., S.W., F. Droege, Ph. D., J.W., Humphrey J. Stark, Mus. Bac. Oxon., M.O., Rev. Henry Bonavia Hunt, Mus. Bac. Oxon, S.O., Ed. J. Hoare J.O., James Philip de Orellance Treas., Moore A. Cuffe, LL.D., Sec., Henry Evill Registrar, Bradbury Turner, Mus. Bac., S.D., Joseph S. Gabriel J.D., Professor Gordon Saunders, Mus. Doc., Organist, Plant Martin I.G. and G. Harrison Tyler. The following brethren were then unanimously elected honorary members of the Lodge:—Colonel F. Burdett 32° P.G.M. of Middlesex and Surrey, Frederic Davison D.P.G.M. Frederick Binckes G.M. Sec., D. W. Dewar Assist G.M. Sec., and W. G. Brighten G. Sup. of Works and Prov. G. Sec. of Middlesex and Surrey. In acknowledging the compliment, Bro. Davison said it was one that would be fully appreciated, and that he and the other brethren who had been elected as honorary members would ever take a warm interest in the welfare and prosperity of this Lodge. The W.M. then expressed his grateful thanks to the Grand Officers who had so kindly come forward to assist in the consecration ceremony, and the Officers named briefly spoke of the great pleasure it

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had afforded them to be present on this auspicious occasion. Several letters of apology for non-attendance were read, all expressive of hearty wishes for the prosperity of the Lodge, and the proceedings were brought to a close in the ordinary manner. In the evening the brethren were entertained at a sumptuous banquet, at the Café Monico, in Tichborne Street, where covers were laid for between thirty and forty guests. The W.M., Bro. Dr. E. Passawer, of course, presided, and gave the Loyal and Masonic toasts, which were received with all due honours. Proposing the toast of the Past and Present Grand Officers, the W.M. said they all knew that the D.G.M. did his work satisfactorily, and exerted himself in every way in furthering the interests of Mark Masonry. But on this occasion they had more to do with those Grand Officers who had been associated with them to-day, and they had, he was glad to say, many of them present whose names were well-known and dear to Mark Masonry—he referred to Bros. Davison, Dewar, Brighten, and Shackleton. They were very good friends to the Trinity College Lodge, and were always ready to lend their services whenever required. He coupled with the toast the name of the Assistant Grand Secretary, who had rendered such good service in the ceremonies they had just witnessed. Bro. Dewar, in response, observed that although the occasion was a tempting one he would not inflict upon the company a lengthy speech. He had an Officer on his left (Bro. Davison) who likewise held a high appointment as D.P.G.M. of Middlesex and Surrey, but he liked to fall back upon that and leave him (the speaker) to respond for this toast. He apologised for the absence of Bro. Binckes, who was also his superior officer, and who regretted very deeply his inability to be present on this occasion, to which he had looked forward with peculiar pleasure. They knew the Grand Officers were most desirous of doing their duty; they had honours shown them by the M.W.G.M. and they appreciated those honours, and wished to show they were in every respect worthy of them. So far as he knew them, they were deserving of the honours that had been lavished upon them. There were very few Grand offices at the disposal of their Grand Master—17 in a year out of 244 Lodges—and they could imagine how many claimants there were, and how many disappointments must result. As this Lodge progressed—and they had every reason to believe, from its very favourable opening to-night, it would do so—they would no doubt see many Grand Officers raised amongst its members. It had been a very great treat to him to be present on this occasion, and he sincerely wished the Lodge every success and prosperity. He knew very well it deserved success under the W.M. they had selected as their first Master. Bro. Passawer was evidently a most zealous Mason, an amiable man and brother, and one who would give great *éclat* to this Lodge. He also had selected officers who must be a credit to the Lodge. In conclusion, he said if they thought the Grand Officers had done anything to promote its success or deserve their thanks, they could send him a Steward for the Benevolent Festival which was approaching. The W.M. then gave the health of the R.W. the Prov. G.M.M., the V.W. the Deputy P.G.M., and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, past and present. In doing so he paid a tribute of esteem to each and all, and said they were most fortunate in possessing in their Prov. G.M.M. a man who was not only a good Mason, but an exemplary Mark Mason. They had the best possible Prov. G. Officers, and he need only mention the name of their Bro. Davison, who was well known in the Province and respected by every one who knew him. Again, they had Bro. Brighton, who did not mind what trouble he took for the good of the Province. He believed it had been alluded to in another place, some time ago, that they were very likely soon to possess not only Bro. Brighten but also Sister Brighten. Still he was certain that if it were necessary their Prov. Grand Sec. would even postpone that happy event for a month rather than neglect his duty to the Province. Happily for him and them, they did not require such a sacrifice; and if he came to them as Bro. Brighten, or accompanied by Sister Brighten, they would always greet him with as much pleasure as they had done to-night. Again, they had Bro. Major Harding, who had been good enough to honour them with his presence, and as a Mason they greeted him with pleasure. He need not waste words in speaking about Bro. Shackleton, for they all knew he was ever ready to do any work that was required of him. And last, though by no means least, was their Bro. Harrison, whom he might designate as the father of the Mallet and Chisel Lodge—from which most of the founders of the Trinity College Lodge sprang. The toast was received with the utmost enthusiasm, and the Deputy Prov. G.M., in responding, said he was delighted they had met here under the banner of the Prov. Grand Lodge. They had selected a most excellent man in their Master, and therefore he augured that this would be a very prosperous Lodge. They knew that under the banner of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Middlesex and Surrey there were more Lodges than in any other Prov. Grand Lodge. He had more than once told them he thought the day was approaching when Surrey and Middlesex must be divided. He hoped the day might be far distant, but if it did arrive, it would only indicate the prosperity of the Mark degree; therefore, they had no reason to regret it. He was very pleased to say the Trinity College Lodge would be under the banner of Middlesex, to which he certainly should give his adhesion if ever it came to a division. He regretted Col. Burdett was not with them, because it gave *éclat* to their proceedings when the Prov. G.M. was present. He (the speaker) always felt it his duty to attend when the Prov. G.M. was unavoidably absent, because there were responsibilities attendant on the position of a Deputy, who should be at his post at all times when the head was away. He had known several of the brethren of this Lodge for many years, and he highly appreciated their good-fellowship. He hoped he might often have the pleasure of visiting their Lodge. He cordially and heartily wished it every prosperity, and predicted that it would become one of the most successful Lodges in the Province. Bro. W. J. Brighten said he had now the pleasure of proposing a toast which in his hands might fall very short, but in the hearts of the brethren it would not, and their kindness and good feeling would supply all his deficiencies. In presenting this toast to their consideration, he might say he looked upon their excellent W.M. as one of the members of the Province who had really been awakened and galvanised into life by the existence of the Province itself. And the Province had happened to find the right man in this, as in some other districts, and one who had done good suit and service in the Mallet and Chisel Lodge. There was Bro. Harrison, for instance, who had resuscitated the old and almost effete Lodge, and made it what it was now—a going, prosperous concern. The new blood infused into that Lodge was now flowing into this, and it really seemed to be like Minerva springing from the brain of Jove, fully armed. He never, in his short experience as Secretary of this Province, saw a Lodge spring so fully into life as this Lodge had done. He felt certain he was speaking the mind of his friend, the Deputy Prov. G.M., when he said the work of advancement done by the then to-be Officers was such as might be copied by nineteen out of twenty of the Officers of this or any other Province. The work was splendidly done. He repeated, this Lodge had sprung into being ready for work. He esteemed it an honour and a pleasure to preside over that work—which they kindly allowed him to do—to consecrate this Lodge, and, lastly, to instal the W.M. into the chair, and he said this from the bottom of his heart. He wished Bro. Passawer a most prosperous year of office, and thought under the present auspices he could have nothing to wish for with the officers he had about him, and with all the ramifications of the Trinity College. If ever one dared prophecy good-fellowship and a happy reign he would venture to prophecy it for Brother Passawer. With the heartiest and most sincere wishes he called upon the brethren to drink to the health of their excellent Worshipful Master. The toast was received with loud cheering, and the W.M., in acknowledging the cordial reception of the toast, said he really could scarcely find words to express his gratitude for the kind way in which they had received the mention of his name. He likened Bro. Brighten to the "Jove" who had inspired him by his zeal for the Mark degree in this Province. If he had done anything he possibly could for the Mallet and Chisel Lodge, he had done only his duty, and he should endeavour to do the same to the utmost of his ability for the Trinity College Lodge. He had not the slightest doubt that, with the support of his Officers, in whom he had the greatest confidence, and of the other brethren who had been kind enough to be present to-day, the Trinity College Lodge would enjoy a successful year, and would fill that place in the Province which it was intended to occupy when it started. He thanked Bro. Brighten for his exertions in helping them to obtain this Warrant. There was not the slightest delay, and they had also to thank him for the valuable assistance he had rendered in the ceremonies to-day. In proposing the health of the Consecrating Officers he associated with the toast the names of Bros. Brighten, Dewar, Shackleton, and Harrison. The Prov. G. Sec. in response, said he had very much enjoyed the ceremonies they had participated in, and he assured the W.M. that the Officers had vied with each other as to who should occupy the prominent positions in the work. The other Officers named also briefly acknowledged the toast. In proposing the Newly Advanced Brethren, the W.M. spoke of the importance of infusing new blood into Mark Masonry, and he congratulated himself upon having obtained five new members at starting. He felt certain they would prove a great benefit to this degree, as they had already done credit to the Craft. He only hoped that when Bro. Brighten was resting on his laurels he (the speaker) might have the pleasure of installing some of the newly-advanced brethren as Masters of this Mark Lodge. Bros. Gabriel and Martin responded in a few happily-chosen sentences; after which the health of the Visitors was given, and acknowledged in felicitous terms by Bros. Cambridge P.M. Kent 15, and Porcher, of Cheltenham 10. Several other toasts followed, and at intervals there was some excellent singing by Bros. Martin, Turner, Gabriel, and others, amongst the choicest *morceaux* being "The Gauntlet," sung by Bro. Gabriel, and composed by Bro. Humphrey J. Stark, Mus. Bac. Oxon, the newly appointed M.O., who, during the banquet, presided with admirable skill and taste at the pianoforte.

Macdonald Lodge of Mark Masters No. 104.—The regular meeting of this Lodge for the election of W.M. and Treasurer was held at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, on Friday, the 18th inst. The W.M. Bro. North Ritherdon, being detained on important business in the country, was unable to attend, and the chair of A. was therefore occupied by the W. Bro. Alfred Williams P.G.S.D. and I.P.M. For similar reasons both Wardens were absent, and their places were supplied by the V.W. Bro. James Stevens P.G.J.O. P.M. as S.W., and Bro. R. P. Spice as J.W. The Treasurer, the V.W. Bro. Thomas Meggy P.G.M.O. and P.M., wrote from his sick chamber to excuse his absence, and several other brethren found it necessary, as a result of the late inclement weather, to offer their apologies for inability to attend. The gathering was therefore far from being so numerous as is customary in this Lodge. Amongst those present, in addition to the foregoing were the W. Bro. William Worrell P.G. Organist P.M. and Sec., Bros. W. P. Collins M.O., G. Ward Verry S.D., W. C. Hale J.D., W. Johnstone, Louis Hirsch, J. Humphrey, and Visitor Bro. Kidder of the Bon Accord Lodge. The minutes of the preceding meeting having been read, Bro. Edward Moody, the energetic and respected Secretary of "The Great City" Craft Lodge, was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. Meggy was in like manner re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Grant Tyler. In reference to the re-election of Bro. Grant, Bro. Verry informed the Lodge of the serious nature of his long-continued illness, and the great improbability of his ever being again able to give personal attention to the duty, at the same time calling attention to the fact that through the kindness of his friend, Bro. Rawles, the Lodge had never yet suffered from inefficient discharge of the office. The Audit Committee was constituted, Bros. Johnstone and Humphreys being added thereto. The brethren dined together after the closing of the Lodge, and spent an hour or two in social converse, the enjoyment of which was lessened only by the absence of several familiar faces, in hopes of seeing whom, however, at the ensuing Installation, the brethren separated.

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FREEMASONRY AND ITS CHARITIES.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I hardly know which of two classes of errors is easier of refutation—the offspring of ingenuity, or the result of simplicity!

Because £27,000 divided by 410 gives an approximate average of £65, is it fair to assume that amount as the cost of each child in the two Educational Institutions? The accounts as published, after strict audit, each year show plainly how the total amount received is expended. There is the "ordinary expenditure," *i.e.*, the absolute cost of the education, clothing, and maintenance. "Special"—"Building"—and other expenditure—and balances carried forward, or amounts invested. All this is set forth so explicitly that "he who runs may read," and I am sure needs but the most ordinary attention to dispose satisfactorily of the statements and assertions of your correspondent "H."

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

FREDERICK BINCKES.

6 Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
21st April 1879.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—While agreeing with most of the observations of your correspondent "H." in your issue of last week, I may say that is a mistake to believe that the parents of many of the candidates for the Schools have answered freely to the call—Give, give. It is a well known fact that the Masonic services of the father, or late father, have been *nil* in nearly every case.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

ANOTHER H.

LONDON MASONIC CHARITY ASSOCIATION.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—As to the outside world who are not Masons, and those brethren who are not members of the Association, the action of the London Masonic Charity Association during the late elections may appear to have been *nil*, I will explain as far as necessary what has been done. Imprimis, the Association at the October election incurred heavy responsibilities in achieving its success. And all these claims have been met, and we have so considerably advanced the number of votes polled for our girl candidate as to make sure of her return at the forthcoming election in October. With regard to the two boys we took in hand, one of them (Giles), we could get none of his friends to help us, and on the last day the Lodge to which his father belonged, and in which he was held in high esteem, came to the lad's assistance with *four* votes; the second case (Frost) has two phases to present—1st, that with his mother's full approbation nd consent, seeing that with the votes at our command it would be impossible to return him, we handed those votes over to another last London case (Salter), and undoubtedly secured his return, at the same time promising to aid and assist Mrs. Frost with her second son; the second phase is, that the boy put forward is of so delicate a constitution that it was exceedingly doubtful if the doctor to the Institution would have passed him. Taking that condition for granted, either of these two phases, had we polled the very considerable number of boys' votes we had at our disposal, they would have been entirely lost and thrown away, instead of securing the return of one with equal claims, and no further chance if unsuccessful.

Yours fraternally,

CHARLES PERCEVAL.

8 Thurloe Place, S.W., 21st April 1879.

THE QUESTION OF PRECEDENCE.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I shall esteem it a great favour if you will kindly inform me, through the medium of your valuable paper, what position a brother takes with respect to seniority, who having been initiated in a Lodge ceases for some time to continue a member, and afterwards seeks readmission as a joining member. Should he on rejoining take precedence of those who may have been initiated during his absence?

I enclose my card, and am,

Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours truly and fraternally,

11th April 1879. LEX.

[There is no such thing as precedence in a Masonic Lodge, where all the brethren are on a footing of equality. Although in many Lodges it is the custom to base the claims for office on seniority, yet there is no defined rule for such a practice, and the W.M. has perfect liberty to bestow the collars irrespective of the "age" of the brethren selected. Of course, if such a rule prevails in any Lodge it is set forth in the bye-laws, and the brethren would be bound by that code. Even in such a case our opinion is, that the brother's position should date from the period of his coming into the Lodge. Most decidedly, if he leaves his Lodge and returns to it as a new member he must not expect to take his old position. For instance, a brother might be initiated in a Lodge, and retire at the end of his first year: when it comes to his turn to be S.W. he might offer himself for re-election, and thus attempt to find a "royal road" to the chair. Such an act would not be tolerated in any Lodge, and is quite at variance with Masonic equity.—ED. F.C.]

THE SUPREME COUNCIL OF FRANCE.

RITE ECOSSAIS ANCIEN ET ACCEPTE.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.—My attention has been recently drawn to the "Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar and Diary" for the present year, and as the advertisement on the title page sets forth its being "A Comprehensive Masonic book of reference, with full particulars of every Grand Masonic body throughout the globe," I am greatly surprised to find so grave an error as that which page 211 contains, where, under the heading of "Grand Orient of France, Supreme Council Thirty-Third Degree," the honoured name of Adolphe Crémieux is given as Sovereign Grand Commander of that body.

The Supreme Council of France and its dependencies, Rite Ecossais Ancien et Accepté, acknowledges as its T.P.S. Grand Master, the V. Ill. Bro. Adolphe Crémieux, Senator, and not the Grand Orient. As the "Cosmopolitan Calendar" circulates extensively throughout these and other countries, it is only fair that this glaring error should be corrected, as it cannot fail to be prejudicial to the interests of the Supreme Council to attribute its Sov. Grand Commander, Gr. Master, to the Grand Orient, which latter body has recently completely suppressed the Grand Mastership. I have been desired by the Grand Treasurer General, the V.Ill. Bro. Maurice Schwalb, 33°, to request a correction, in the name of the Supreme Council, which I accordingly did, my communication to the editor of the *Freemason* (and proprietor of the "Calendar"), receiving due consideration in the last issue of that journal. I have deemed the subject of such importance as to warrant me in requesting a further ventilation of it in your columns, and since the Council is too important a body to be thus completely ignored, I append a list of its officers and members. I am well aware that the position of the Supreme Council and Central Grand Lodge of France, with reference to the Grand Orient is not generally understood by the majority of the English brethren, and that too frequently the Lodges under its obedience have been confounded with those of the Grand Orient. Unlike the Lodges owning allegiance to the Grand Orient those recognising the authority of the Supreme Council and Central Grand Lodge of France, require from members and candidates for admission the assurance of a recognition of the Great Architect of the Universe, and the ordinary Lodge summonses bear a heading which translates thus, "To the glory of the Great Architect of the Universe." In the words of the Sov. Gr. Commander M. Cremieux, "Masonry lives in the minds of intelligent men, and when we recognise the Glory of the Great Architect of the Universe, we acknowledge alike the source of this intelligence which directs the world in which we live." These are words of deep import, coming as they do from such an authority; but were any other assurance necessary, the visit of H.R.H. Prince Leopold last year to Lodge 154, "La Philanthropie Ligurienne:" Or. of Nice (under the Obed of the Sup. Cons.) is in itself a fact of sufficient importance. "The Prince," says the report, "remained until the close of the meeting, and thanked the W.M. for the fraternal reception accorded to him. He recognised that our Masonic labours were exactly the same as in England, where Masonry is honoured by all. Perhaps one of the most important occurrences in the history of Freemasonry during this century took place on the 24th October last. I allude to the Grand Masonic *Fete* held under the auspices of the Supreme Council of France, in honour of the foreign brethren prior to the close of the International Exhibition. I cannot soon forget the magnificent picture which the interior of the Palace of the Trocadero presented upon that important occasion, nor the brilliant addresses delivered by the Very Illustrious Grand Commander Crémieux, and the Grand Orator the Very Illustrious Bro. Emmanuel Arago. In the words of the Grand Chancellor the Very Illustrious Bro. George Guiffrey, 33°, reviewing this important circumstance: "On the occasion of the International Exhibition, we celebrated a Masonic *fete*, at which Masons from all quarters of the globe were gathered together; the most distant Supreme Councils and Grand Lodges responded to our call, and we have seen hastening to this rendezvous, held in honour of peace and labour, the followers of Hiram spread over the entire face of the globe. Even in the outer world, France herself exercises an influence upon the entire destinies of humanity, and in this circumstance we have proved that Freemasonry of the "Rite Ecossais" has been called upon in France to perform an important *rôle* in concert with the Freemasons of the entire world. We fully recognise the proofs of sympathy and regard which have been evidenced to us upon this occasion in assuring to foreign Supreme Councils our spirit of concord and devotion. In unison with them we will onward march in the progressive path of civilisation, since it is Universal Masonry which should assure to us the definite triumph of the great principles of fraternity and justice."

The importance of this great Masonic gathering cannot be overestimated, since it had alike for its object, in the words of the report of the Supreme Council,—"To terminate in a fitting manner the series of Masonic *re-unions* organised by the various Masonic bodies during the Exhibition. The Supreme Council decided, in consequence,

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to offer to all regular Masons hailing from foreign jurisdictions a Masonic *fête* destined to firmly cement the bonds of fraternity and concord which unite Freemasons as one grand human family." A passage from the address of the V. Ill. Bro. Emmanuel Arago, Senator, Gr. Orator of the Supreme Council is significant—"We have the honour to possess here the representatives of Supreme Councils and Grand Lodges from twenty different countries. We salute with joy the grand commanders of England and Switzerland, a delegation of the Council of Brussels, the Masons of Ireland and Scotland, Spain and Italy, Portugal and Holland, of Denmark, Sweden and Norway, of brethren just arrived from free America, from Peru, Brazil from Montevideo and the furthest part of Uruguay."

Needless to say, this memorable *fête* was presided over by the V. Ill. Bro. Adolphe Crémieux, and that amongst the visitors and representatives from foreign grand bodies were the M.P. Sovereign Grand Commander, the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, the Grand Chancellor, J. M. Pulteny Montagu D.L. (whose able reply on behalf of the foreign brethren was admirably given in the French language. The following passage from Bro. Montagu's speech deserves the highest commendation. I carefully translate it—"We are here to say before all the world that the basis of Freemasonry is the love of God, of our country, and of our neighbour); the Grand Secretary-General, Lieut.-Col. Shadwell Henry Clerke, and others. Yet, in the words of the Orator of the Central Grand Lodge of France, the V. Ill. Bro. Fabien, 33°, "Who will guarantee but that within a century it will not be said that the grand Masonic *fete* of the Trocadero was presided over by Ad. Crémieux as Grand Master of the Grand Orient?" I shall conclude this communication with a passage translated from a letter of the V. Ill. Bro. Fabien, 33°, addressed to the V. Ill. Bro. Delongray (Grand Captain of Guards and member of the Administrative and Executive Commission of the Supreme Council)—"Strangers contest the regularity of our Lodges; we should make ourselves recognized, but to do this we must show ourselves, act, speak, proclaim our principles, since our very existence even is ignored in London."

I am, Sir and Bro., very faithfully and fraternally yours,

J. H. LLOYD, Ph. D., LL.D., M.R.I.A., 32°, France.

7 Lower Gardiner Street, Dublin.

SUPREME COUNCIL FOR FRANCE AND ITS DEPENDENCIES.

Rite Ecossais Ancien et Accepte!

M.P. Sovereign Grand Commander, Grand Master—
V. Ill. Bro. Adolphe Crémieux, Senator, Ex-Minister,
Honorary Grand Commander.

V. Ill. Bro. Allegri, Banker.

M. Ill. Sov. Lieutenant Grand Commander—V. Ill. Bro. Baron Taylor, Ex-Senator, Member of the Institute.

Ill. Gr. Secretary-General, Grand Chancellor and Keeper of the Seal—V. Ill. Bro. George Guiffrey.

Ill. Grand Treasurer General—V. Ill. Bro. Maurice Schwalb.

Ill. Grand Orator—V. Ill. Bro. Emmanuel Arago, Senator, Ex-Minister.

Ill. Grand Master of Ceremonies—V. Ill. Bro. Sapin.

Ill. Grand Captain of Guards—V. Ill. Bro. Delongray.

Ill. Grand Standard-Bearer—V. Ill. Bro. Proal.

Ill. Grand Sword-bearer—V. Ill. Bro. Meige.

V. Ill. Bro. Jules Simon, Senator, Ex-Minister.

V. Ill. Bro. Count Edward Roger, Senator.

V. Ill. Bro. Zegelaar.

V. Ill. Bro. Le Batteux.

V. Ill. Bro. Granvigne.

President of the First Section—V. Ill. Bro. Granvigne.

President of the Second Section—V. Ill. Bro. Sapin.

President of the Third Section—V. Ill. Bro. Meige.

Members of the Administrative and Executive Commission of the Supreme Council—The V. Ill. Bros. Proal, Meige, and Sapin.

President of the Financial Commission—V. Ill. Bro. Granvigne.

Offices of the Supreme Council, 46 Rue de la Victoire, Paris.

S. W.—We do not think the publication of your letter would produce any good result. Of course all Masons must deprecate touting and canvassing for office, and no right-minded brother would think of adopting such a course, even though "the competition for the chair was severe." However, these practices always bring their own reward, and it is well for us to point the finger of reproof at any one in particular who adopts them.

The Annual Festival of the Wellington Lodge of Instruction, No. 548, will be held at the Lodge House, the White Swan Hotel, High Street, Deptford, on Monday next, at seven p.m. Bro. Bumstead P.M. and Sec. of the Mother Lodge will preside, and he will be supported by several well-known brethren of the South London district.

In connection with the Marquess of Ripon Lodge of Instruction, 1489, held at the Pembury Tavern, Amhurst Road, Hackney, the Fifteen Sections will be worked by Bro. P.M. Lee, assisted by the members of the Lodge, on Monday evening next, commencing at seven precisely. Brethren are fraternally invited to attend on this the first time of working the sections at this Lodge of Instruction.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked by the Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45 (*by invite*), on Wednesday evening next, at the Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction, No. 1288. Bro. Tolmie, W.M. of the Finsbury 861, will preside. The Lodge of Instruction meets at the Earl Russell, Isledon Road, Holloway Road, at 7 p.m.

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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LORD WARDEN LODGE, No. 1096, DEAL.

THE annual installation meeting of this Lodge takes us once more into a corner of the "Garden of England" which is able to boast, though in a quiet and unostentatious manner, of brethren who are inspired by a keen and robust appreciation of the principles of Masonry, and who systematically carry into practice those precepts of charity and brotherly love which are inculcated in all the teachings of the Craft. It is refreshing to a degree to witness so patriotic an adherence to the grand principles as is evidenced by the brethren of the Lodge which bears the title of the Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports. Theirs is no spasmodic "round robin" ever and anon on behalf of the Masonic Charities, but a steady systematic contribution to the great objects of our fraternal solicitude; so that when the voice of our brethren is heard in this corner of Kent the powers that be at headquarters are assured that it is no uncertain sound. Glancing back over our files for the past two or three years, we find that in 1876 Bro. J. Ayling, acting as Steward for the Benevolent Institution, took up no less than £32, in addition to the £10 he had at the previous Festival handed to the Treasurer of that charity. In the same year Bro. Ayling, then W.M. of the Lodge, appeared again with a contribution of ten guineas towards the Boys' Institution, on that occasion being supported by his S.W. Bro. A. H. Des Barres, who also took up a list of ten guineas. In 1877 the Lodge supported the Girls' School, at the Festival of which Institution Bro. Des Barres again appeared as the representative, in this instance with a total of £66 19s. Next year the list, under charge of the then S.W. Bro. J. Laggett, whose installation we have now the pleasure of recording, was augmented to £70 in behalf of the "Old People;" while the result at the last Festival in aid of the same institution is fresh in the memory of our readers, the total on that occasion being £95 7s 6d. Thus within the last four years we find this Lodge has been instrumental in supporting our Charities to the extent of close on £300. Judging from the systematic way in which the affairs of this Lodge are conducted and which has resulted in a steady increase in the past, we may look for a continuance of this substantial aid in the future. With a Lodge worked on such perfect lines in these and all other respects, was it to be expected that the brethren would be wise and judicious in the choice of their Master, and we must congratulate them most heartily upon their selection of one who, by his previous efforts, had clearly demonstrated his claim to that post of honour. We have often pointed out that in selecting a W.M. the brethren are not merely fixing upon one who is to preside over the deliberations of the coming year, but they must recollect that in him the whole welfare of the Lodge is vested, and that as he acquits himself in the chair so will the weal or woe of the entire body of the members be affected. Thus, in a Lodge that has been accustomed to support the Charities, how necessary that they should look for a brother who will exert himself in the endeavour to uphold and aid them in that important matter. It is most desirable, when the whole of the attendant circumstances admit, to select the brethren by rotation to fill the respective offices; but there are exceptional disadvantages even to this good rule, and it has often been found that unsuitable Officers have by this "sliding scale" system been elected to the principal chair, and have failed altogether in their ability to administer the arduous duties required of them. In such a case the *prestige* of a Lodge is permanently affected, and sometimes loses a position which it may take years to recover. In all these respects we congratulate the Lord Warden Lodge upon its compactness and unity in carrying forward the great objects in view in relation alike to the Charities and the selection of their Officers. We know that, if taxed with a generous support of our Masonic Institutions, the brethren who have done "good by stealth, and blush to find it fame," will merely reply that they have but done their duty. But if we could only find Masons in every other Province exerting themselves in the same spirit as is manifested by the men of Kent, we should soon see a very considerable amount added to the means at the disposal of promoters of our various Charities. In Bro. Laggett, whose installation was solemnised with such *éclat* on Friday, the 11th inst., we see a brother who is keenly alive to the whole duties that are required of him in the honourable position to which he has been elevated, and we are certain the encomiums that were so freely lavished upon him on this occasion are not only deserved, but will be fully justified by the manner in which the proceedings of the Lodge are conducted during the ensuing year. Lodge was opened at four o'clock in accordance with ancient custom, the chair being occupied by the retiring W.M., Bro. Kirby, who was supported by Bros. A. H. Des Barres I.P.M. Rev. J. B. Harrison P.M. Chap., T. J. Usher P.M. P.G.R., T. Ayling P.M. P.G.D.C., Jno. Laggett S.W. W.M.-elect, H. R. Botting J.W., Jno. Carpenter S.D., W. Cartorfield J.D., H. Abrahams Org., F. R. England I.G., J. Horne D.C.; G. Chandler, S. J. E. Lawrence, E. Rea, W. T. Pritchard, G. Rivers, W. Ryder, H. Webb, J. Miller, A. C. Green, F. Haslip, G. G. Thomson, G. Wood, J. Trollope. Visting brethren—A. F. S. Bird 784 P.M. P.P.S.G.W., F. G. Hulke P.M. P.P.S.G.W., J. M. Browning P.M., T. Bent S.W., J. Corps I.G. 784 Wellington, R. J. Emmerson P.M. P.P.G.J.W., W. Mate P.M. P.P.G.R., W. W. Woodruff P.M., F. Baker P.M., A. Plater S.W., H. Hatheway, R. Harrison W.M. 1206 Cinque Ports, Jas. Holmes P.M., H. M. Baker P.M., R. W. Philpott J.W. 1208 Corinthian, J. W. Court 311 J. Terry P.M. P.G.J.W. Herts, W. W. Morgan jun., of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, &c.

The usual formalities having been observed, a Board of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. Laggett was duly inducted into the chair, and afterwards received the hearty salutations of the brethren. The charges were then delivered in most effective manner by the I.P.M. Bro. Kirby, who performed the installation in such a manner

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as to elicit unbounded expressions of admiration amongst the brethren. The W.M. invested his Officers for the ensuing year as follow:—Bros. H. R. Botting S.W., J. Carpenter J.W., Rev. J. B. Harrison Chap., E. Kirby I.P.M. Treas., T. J. Usher P.M. Sec., W. Carterfield S.D., F. R. England J.D., Henry Abrams Org., F. Haslip I.G., G. Chandler D.C., G. G. Thomson and G. Rivers Stewards, S. Holgate Tyler. At the conclusion of the ceremony it was proposed by the W.M. and seconded by Bro. Ayling P.M., that Bro. Des Barres act as the representative of the Lodge on the Charity Committee of the Province for the ensuing year. This was unanimously agreed to, and Bro. Des Barres thanked the brethren for the confidence they had again reposed in him. Bro. Ayling then proposed a vote of thanks to the Installing Master, for the able manner in which he had performed the ceremony, and this having been warmly accorded, the W.M. said he had now great pleasure in presenting, on behalf of the members of the Lodge, a P.M.'s jewel to his predecessor. In doing so he wished to thank Bro. Kirby for his many valuable services to the Lodge, not only during the term of his Mastership, but ever since he had become a member of the Lodge. Bro. Kirby, in acknowledging the compliment paid to him, testified his pleasure in again receiving the thanks of the members. He would endeavour at all times to do his duty, and if he could in any way help in the management of the Lodge he should only be too happy to do so. A vote of thanks was then passed to the P.M.'s, W.M.'s, and other Visitors who had attended to assist in the business of the day, which compliment was acknowledged by Bros. Bird and Woodruff. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Royal Hotel, where an excellent banquet was provided. The W.M. of course presided, the Wardens ably discharging the duties of the Vice-chairs. The repast having been done ample justice to, the Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, the W.M. spoke of the great interest ever evinced in Masonry by the M.W.G.M. the Prince of Wales, which tended so vastly to strengthen and extend the influence of the Craft. The toast of the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon was given by the Chaplain, and received with the utmost enthusiasm. Bro. Bird P.P.G.S.W. in giving the other Masonic Rulers, said they were all aware that the Grand Officers had a great deal of work which required their earnest attention and constant care. When the Craft found that the whole system went on without a hitch, they should recognise in them the workers of Freemasonry. Bro. Ayling, then in felicitous terms, gave the health of the R.W. the Prov. G.M. Lord Holmesdale, M.P., and in doing so he said he was sure every brother who had met his Lordship must know that he manifested a deep interest in Freemasonry. Those who were present at the Prov. Grand Lodge meeting, a few years since, at Deal, must have seen and appreciated the way in which he conducted the affairs of the Lodge. Bro. F. Baker, in proposing the health of the D.P.G.M. Bro. Eastes, and the Prov. G. Officers Past and Present, observed that in respect of their Deputy Prov. G. Master a vast amount of discrimination was needed in transacting the various matters of business which came before him in the Province. He expressed a hope that the state of Bro. Eastes's health might permit of his long continuing in the distinguished office he had so long and worthily filled. The toast was received with the utmost cordiality, and Bro. Harrison suitably responded on behalf of the Prov. Grand Officers. The I.P.M. next proposed the health of the W.M. of Lodge 1096, in doing which he was confident it was a toast that would be accepted with the utmost pleasure by the brethren present. It had been his good fortune, and it had afforded him great gratification, to instal Bro. Laggett into the chair to-day. He had known their excellent W.M. for many years, as the Secretary of their Lodge of Instruction. At the conclusion of his first year of office, they were so satisfied with his services that he received the hearty and deserved thanks of the brethren, by whom he was unanimously re-elected. Moreover, in the Lodge he had always done everything he could for the welfare of individual members. He felt sure that nothing would be wanting on his part to make this a successful year. So far as the W.M. was personally concerned, he would be most heartily supported by the Officers and brethren by whom he was surrounded. The toast was received with every demonstration of welcome. Bro. Laggett, in reply, returned his sincere thanks for the reception which had been given to him on this, to him, auspicious occasion. He trusted they would have no cause to regret having elected him as the W.M. of this important Lodge. It was his earnest hope that they might have a prosperous year, and that the harmony and brotherly love for which the Lodge had at all times been characterised might continue. Bros. Des Barres then proposed the Masonic Charities, which toast he regarded as one of the most important on the list. Among the great and good gifts vouchsafed to man, the greatest of them all was Charity. This had been impressed upon them ever since they entered the Craft, and they had had the claims of the Institutions urged upon them continually. Let them not only appreciate those noble Charities, but assist in making the closing days of their old brethren comfortable, and the future of their children prosperous. Bro. J. Terry, Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, in reply, said this toast was a very comprehensive one, involving as it did the consideration of the happiness of those who were, from a variety of causes, cast upon the charity of others. Any one who was in the habit of attending the Prov. Grand Lodge meetings must know what was there done for the Masonic Institutions. He was bound to say that no Province worked more consistently in behalf of those charities than did the Province of Kent—simply because its members supplied the means to form a Benevolent Fund, from which the Prov. Grand Lodge was enabled to dispense about £300 a year. It must be a source of pride to belong to a Province which could boast of doing what no other Province does. He saw around him several brethren who had worked for the Charities, notably Bros. Ayling, Des Barres, Baker, Emmerson, Laggett, &c., all of whom had done noble service in the cause. For the old people the sum of £130 odd was received from Kent in February last—£335 collected by the three brethren (Des Barres, Emmerson, and Baker) who were present. Among the members and visitors of 1096 were many brethren who really knew what charity meant. They not only maintained their dignity as men but as Masons. He had to thank them for the many gifts received from their Province, and to congratulate them upon the fact that one of their boys was successful at the recent election, at which they must be all gratified. Two men and two women from this Province were on the list for the May election. He thought from what he could ascertain that all would be successful. The greatest compliment ever paid to a brother in connection with the Masonic Charities was that accorded by Kent to Bro. Brazier, whose daughter was elected to the Girls' School with the largest number of votes ever polled at one of their elections. It must afford them great pleasure to know that merit was thus appreciated. In the town of Deal they had two annuitants—one an old man who received £40 a year, and the other a widow who received £32 a year. How pleasing it must be to them to know that so long as they lived they were provided for to that extent. He concluded by expressing a hope that the brethren of this Province might do all they could for the Masonic Charities in the future, as they had done in the past. The box was here passed round, and the W.M. announced that the sum of 42s had been collected in behalf of the Benevolent Fund. The W.M. in proposing the health of the Installing Master, said it was with feelings of great pleasure that he rose to discharge that duty. They owed to him in a very great measure the prosperity and efficiency of this Lodge. Glancing over their attendance book he found that Bro. Kirby had only been absent on one occasion since his joining the Lodge. His efforts had been ever zealously devoted to the advancement and pleasure of the brethren, and they hoped he might be spared for many years to come amongst them, and to give them the benefit of his experience and counsel. He asked the brethren to join with him in drinking to Bro. Kirby's health, wishing him a long career of future prosperity. The toast was received with Masonic honours, and Bro. Kirby, in reply, returned his heartfelt thanks for the manner in which he had been greeted on this happy occasion. He assured them that the kind way in which Bro. Terry and the W.M. had spoken of him would urge him to do all he possibly could for the good of the Lodge. During his term of office he had had the assistance, not only of his Officers and brethren, but also of the neighbouring Lodges. As Installing Master he had endeavoured to do his best, and he was amply rewarded if he had discharged the duties to their satisfaction. Bro. Botting S.W. then gave the health of the Past Masters of the Lodge. They were very fortunate in having so many good P.M.'s to assist them on every occasion their aid was needed. They never appealed but they found the P.M.'s ready to assist in every possible way. In acknowledging the compliment, Bro. Usher said it afforded him great pleasure to return thanks for the P.M.'s. It was a source of satisfaction to them to see so many present to do honour to the Lodge. But it seemed to him that they were almost a nonentity, for the Officers were so well up in their duties; if, however, they were at any time appealed to, they would do all they could for the welfare of the Lodge. Bro. Harrison, in proposing the health of the Visitors, said it was a toast which he was sure they would join in drinking with the greatest enthusiasm. They had been honoured by many members of the neighbouring Lodges, to whom, on behalf of the Lord Warden Lodge, he begged to tender their hearty thanks. The toast was suitably acknowledged by Bro. Emmerson, who expressed his warmest thanks for the reception they had accorded the visitors, and the pleasure they had in assisting at the installation of their new W.M. The toast of the Masonic Press was proposed by Bro. Ayling, and acknowledged by Bro. W. W. Morgan jun. The W.M., in proposing the health of the Officers of the Lodge, said he had great cause to congratulate himself upon having so many efficient brethren to choose from. He felt confident that he should have the hearty co-operation of all during the ensuing year. The S.W., in responding, thanked the W.M. for the kindly terms in which the toast had been couched, and said the officers intended to show by their work that the high opinion the W.M. had expressed of them should be justified. The official list closed with the Tyler's toast, and the brethren soon afterwards separated. During the evening some excellent vocal selections were given by a choir of boys under the direction of the S.W., whilst some capital songs were sung at intervals by the brethren, the following programme being most effectively rendered:—"The Mariner," "The Sleighing Song," "The Three Fishers," "O, who will o'er the Downs?" "The Blue Alsatian Mountains," "Children's Voices," "The Goodwin Sands," "The Village Choristers," "The Four Jolly Smiths," "The Scout." In addition to these Mr. Forster, of the Royal Hotel, sang in excellent style "The Red Cross Banner," which being encored he sang "Sweethearts," with equal success.

In consequence of the Grand Festival falling on the night arranged for the Fifteen Sections at La Tolérance Lodge of Instruction, the brethren have decided to postpone their working till the 7th of May.

Bro. James Terry, Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, has succeeded in obtaining the Earl of Zetland, Prov. G.M. for North and East Yorkshire, as Chairman of the Festival of the Institution for 1880.

The Installation of Ex-Companions Mark Samuel Larham as Z., Thomas Poore as H., and R. Noakes Field as J. of the Panmure R.A. Chapter No. 270, will take place at the Horns Tavern, Kennington, S.E., on Monday, the 12th of May, at 5 p.m. Ex-Companion James Stevens P.Z. and Scribe E. of the Chapter will officiate as Installing Principal.

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Egyptian Lodge of Instruction, No. 27.—At Bro. Maidwell's, the Hercules Tavern, 119 Leadenhall-street, E.C., on Thursday, 24th April. Bros. Webb W.M., Woodward S.W., Bedell J.W., Forss S.D., Cuthbertson J.D., Lake I.G., Grammer Hon. Sec., Webb Preceptor, and other brethren. The ceremony of installation was rehearsed by Bro. Webb, Bro. Chapman, S.W. of the Egyptian Lodge, acting as candidate. The second and third sections of the first lecture were worked by Bro. Webb, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Norden dictated the answers. After other business the Lodge was closed. The annual dinner of this Lodge of Instruction will take place on the second Thursday in May, at seven p.m. Early application for tickets is necessary, as the number is limited to twenty.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—At the Star and Garter, 18th April. Bros. Tucker W.M., Gomm S.W., Costelow J.W., Kyezor S.D., Franckel J.D., Talbot I.G., Gunner Hon. Sec., Hogg P.M. 1339, Owen 671, Bloomfield 1612, Roe P.M. Preceptor, Blasby, Skinner, &c. After Bro. Owen had offered himself as candidate, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. Bro. P.M. Hogg worked the first section of the third lecture. Lodge was resumed, when Bros. Hogg and Roe worked the first and second sections of the first lecture. Bros. Hogg and Tucker announced their willingness to obtain the aid of visiting brethren to work the Fifteen Sections on one evening. The brethren of this Lodge of Instruction trust that they may soon have an evening periodically set apart for that purpose. Bro. Gomm was elected W.M. for next meeting. Bro. Hogg P.M. was unanimously elected an honorary member of this Lodge of Instruction, in recognition of his willingness at all times to impart his large store of Masonic lore to the brethren. Bro. Hogg acknowledged the compliment in a few trite sentences, and Lodge was then closed and adjourned till 25th April at half-past seven p.m.

Friars Lodge of Instruction, No. 1439.—The weekly meeting of this Lodge was held on Tuesday evening last, at the Liverpool Arms, Canning-town. Bro. W. J. Smith presided as W.M., and was supported by Bros. Johnson S.W., Roberts J.W., Pavitt S.D., Worsley J.D., Spencer I.G., Butterfield Candidate. P.M.'s Musto Preceptor and B. Cundick; Bros. Windas, Dunsmore, Rawe, Watkins, White and W. W. Morgan FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE. Great admiration was expressed with the pretty appearance of the useful and commodious room which the brethren have secured for Lodge purposes, the miniature furniture being in keeping with the ordinary appointments of a Masonic Lodge, and giving to the apartment a very pleasing and unique aspect. That the brethren could have secured so excellent a meeting place in the midst of a busy hive of toilers, could hardly have been expected by the casual visitor; yet, by the indefatigable exertions of the promoters, they have obtained for themselves such a "local habitation" as is well worthy a visit. The *locale* is nearly adjoining the railway station, and is, therefore, easy of access; and though at the first blush the name of Canning-town might give rise to slight apprehension, yet it is evident that this Lodge has taken firm root and bids fair to attract to itself a large amount of attention from the brethren of the Craft. The motto which is carried into practical effect seems to be "early to bed and early to rise;" and, following the spirit of the old proverb, business is made to close at the very seasonable hour of half-past nine. There was a goodly muster on Tuesday evening, and the instruction was of the most useful and edifying description. The Lodge was opened in accordance with ancient formalities, and the minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Butterfield, the candidate for passing, was examined and entrusted. Lodge was then advanced, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed by the W.M. in excellent style. Bro. Barker, assisted by the brethren, worked the first four sections of the lecture, after which the Lodge was lowered, and it was then proposed by Bro. Musto, and seconded by Bro. S.W. that Bro. W. W. Morgan be elected an hon. member of this Lodge of Instruction. The resolution was carried amidst acclamation. It was then unanimously decided, on the motion of Bro. Musto, seconded by Bro. S.W. that Bros. P.M. Cundick 1421, Windas 860, Butterfield 1085, Rawe 781, and Robson 158, become members of the Lodge of Instruction. Bro. Roberts having been appointed W.M. for the ensuing meeting, and nothing further being offered, the Lodge was adjourned until Tuesday next. We were much pleased with the excellent working of the answers by Bros. Worsley, Smith, Andrews, and Pavitt, members of the Lodge; Bro. Cundick expressed himself as most delighted with the work performed; it reflected the highest credit on the worthy Preceptor. Bro. Cundick, whose working is scarcely to be excelled, kindly consented to rehearse the installation ceremony on Tuesday evening next.

North London Chapter of Improvement, 1471.—The weekly meeting was held on Friday last week, at the Crown and Woolpack, St. John-street-road. Comp. J. L. Mather M.E.Z., Sparrow H., Halford J., C. K. Killick S.E., Lake P.S., and others. The ceremony of Exaltation was rehearsed. Comp. John Gibbs candidate. The work was very ably done throughout, the address of H. being given by Comp. Griggs (the office he holds in the United Strength Chapter) in a very eloquent manner.

Eleanor Cross Lodge.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Northampton, on Tuesday, the 15th inst., when, in consequence of the unavoidable absence of the W.M., the Lodge was opened under the presidency of Bro. Hamilton Parker W.M. 360. The Officers present were—Bros. H. J. Atkins J.W., S.W. Wigg Chaplain, Parker Treas., H. Brown Sec., C. H. Frank Assist. Sec., Hill S.D. Organist, H. Spoor J.D., G. Ellard D.C., E. Morris I. G., Kirby and Dean Tylers. Also Bros. Rev. T. C. Beasley, R. Croft, W. H. Linnell, J. Manning, T. V. de Denne, R. Taylor, W. R. Marsh W.M. 1805, P.M. 9, 933, and 1672, Green P.M. 360, Williams 360. The first business was to ballot for the admission of Mr. James Currall and Mr. Samuel Newman, which was declared to be unanimous in each case. Mr. J. C. Franklin, Mr. George Butcher, and Mr. Alfred Jones were then initiated, the ceremony being performed by Bro. Parker in a very impressive manner, P.M. Green of Pomfret Lodge very kindly assisted the acting W.M. An additional sum of £2 19s was voted to the R.M.B.I., and in response to the D.P.G.M.'s letter, Bro. Wigg was elected for presentation at the forthcoming Provincial Grand Lodge as Assistant Chaplain, and Bro. H. Brown was requested to act as Prov. Grand Steward. The Brethren then adjourned to the Lower Hall, and sat down to a very substantial banquet. After the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts had been given from the chair, Bro. the Rev. T. C. Beasley gave the toast of the evening, namely, the newly-initiated brethren, in doing which he trusted they would bring honour and dignity to the ancient Order. He reminded them that if they would do this, they must cultivate, among other virtues, those of reverence and humility, remembering that, although they had already learnt something, they had yet a very great deal more to acquire. In concluding, he expressed his confidence that they would be true to the great principles involved in the words on which their eyes rested, "Brotherly love, relief, and truth." He pointed out how those who had been that evening initiated might be regarded as representatives of these three most excellent principles. The real welfare of the Lodge depended to a very great extent upon those who from time to time were welcomed amongst them as brethren. This would of course be true of a society of any kind, but it was especially so of such a one as that into which the initiates had just been admitted, because every true-hearted Mason in the Lodge would desire to hail them as brothers. A little boy, having on one occasion been asked whether he would like to have a little sister, replied, with admirable caution, "I should like to *see her first*." This was a feeling which could not be but shared by every member of a Masonic Lodge, in which true union always prevailed. They would like to see their brethren before they acknowledged them as such, so that the open hand and cordial grasp with which they welcomed them might be the expression of a sincere regard. This, of course, was not possible in every case, and so they did the next best thing, if indeed it were not a better one, by reposing a generous confidence in those brethren who from time to time accepted the responsibility of introducing new members. They might rely on a hearty welcome. The Initiates each replied, thanking the brethren for the honour they had conferred upon them by receiving them into the Lodge. Bro. Marsh responded on behalf of the Visitors, and expressed his pleasure at being able to witness the initiation of his old friend and now Brother Jones, complimenting the Officers on the very admirable manner in which the ceremonies had been performed, and the Lodge on the possession of such a perfect and well-appointed lodge room. After several other eloquent speeches, and some capital harmony, aided by Bro. Croft as accompanyist, the Tyler's toast brought to a close one of the happiest gatherings this flourishing young Lodge has experienced.

Charterhouse Club of Instruction.—A meeting of the members of this Club was convened for 15th inst. (Easter Tuesday), at Bro. Thos. Batt's, New Market Hotel, King-street, West Smithfield, but, no doubt in consequence of the number of brethren who have been out of town during the holiday season, the attendance was very scanty. Lodge was opened at 8.30 under the presidency of Bro. G. M. Taylor P.M. 917, who was supported by a visitor in the S.W.'s chair, and Bro. T. B. Humphroy 1509 Sec. as J.W. The initiation ceremony was first rehearsed, the whole of the working being gone through in praiseworthy manner by Bro. Taylor. The Lodge was then advanced, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed; and after the usual congratulations had been passed, the proceedings were closed in peace and harmony. Great regret was expressed at the unavoidable absence, through indisposition, of Bro. James Stevens, who we understand had an important proposal to lay before the Club, and the hope was expressed that he might be enabled to attend on the following Tuesday evening and be met by a much larger attendance of the members. This hope was verified, for on the 22nd there was a considerable muster, Bro. Stevens presiding as W.M. Bros. Good as J.W. and W. C. Hale as J.W. After the ceremonies of initiation and raising had been rehearsed, the proposal above referred to was submitted to the brethren present, who unanimously agreed to carry out the same. If the promised support is afforded, there can be no doubt that we shall be enabled presently to lay before our readers the details of a scheme which will be of considerable importance to many brethren resident in the city and within easy reach thereof. For the present it appears to be thought desirable not to give too much publicity to the proposal, although at each successive Tuesday evening for the next month or two the details will be worked out by those who associate themselves with the present working of the Club.

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DISTRICT GRAND LODGE.

THE usual half-yearly meeting of this District Grand Lodge was held on Thursday, the 10th April, at the Masonic Hall, Valletta. The Grand Lodge was opened in ample form at 8.30 p.m., R.W. Bro. William Kingston D.G.M. on the throne. Present—W. Bro. the Chevalier Edward Rosenbusch D.D.G.M., W. Bros. A. M. Broadley D.G.S.W., W. Watson D.G.J.W., G. Segond D.G. Treasurer, Capt. F. W. Beechey P.D.G.J.W., C. Riechelmann P.D.G.J.W. and W. Rotherham P.D.G. Registrar, Bro. Starkey as D.G. Secretary, and many other Grand Officers, together with the Masters, Past Masters, and Wardens of the various Lodges in the District, and many visiting brethren. The minutes of the last half-yearly meeting of the 24th September 1878, as well as those of the Committee of the Board of General Purposes, held on the 3rd April 1879, were read and confirmed. The R.W. D.G.M. then proceeded to nominate and invest his Officers for the ensuing year. He stated that after mature consideration he had determined to appoint the present D.G.S.W. Bro. Broadley W.M. of Lodge Ancient Carthage No. 1787, at Tunis, to the office of D.D.G.M., and that such appointment was made with the full concurrence of the present D.D.G.M., Bro. Rosenbusch, who had so ably and zealously discharged the duties of his office. W. Bro. Broadley was then duly obligated and invested as D.D G.M. by the D.G.M., who availed himself of the presence of the W.M.'s of the different Lodges in the District to read the patent by which W. Bro. Broadley was nominated. The following Deputy Grand Officers were then appointed, and duly invested, with appropriate remarks by the D.G.M., viz.:—

W. Bro. W. Rotherham P.M. 407	D.G.S.W.
W. Bro. C. E. Coffey W.M. 349	D.G.J.W.
W. Bro. W. Dahn W.M. 407	D.G. Registrar
Bro. Rev. G. N. Godwin J.D. 349	D.G. Chaplain
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Bro. Professor H. Stilon J.W. 515	D.G. Dir. of Cer.
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Bro. A. B. Tagliaferro 349	D.G. Standard Bearer.
Bro. J. A. Matthews 407	D.G. Organist
Bro. G. Westrup 515	D.G. Pursuivant

W. Bro. Segond (W.M. 515) was unanimously re-elected D.G. Treasurer, and Bro. Beck D.G. Tyler. These Officers were duly invested. The D.G.M. then referred to several letters of apology for non-attendance received from various members, and read *in extenso* those of Bro. J. H. Stevens, acting British Consul General at Tunis, S.W. 1717, and Bro. the Chevalier Tulin de la Tunisie, Imperial German Consul at Tunis, also of 1717. The D.D.G.M., at the request of the D.G.M., translated a letter in Italian containing fraternal greetings and good wishes from the W.M. of the Italian Lodge Risorgimento, at Tunis. The D.G.M. then requested the W.M.'s present to nominate D.G. Stewards for the ensuing year. W. Bro. Coffey nominated Bro. R. F. King for No. 349, W. Bro. Dahn named Bros. Birch and Stanley No. 407, W. Bros. Broadley and Segond reserving their appointments. The D.G.M. referred to the prosperous condition of Masonry in his district, alluding in turn to each Lodge in particular. He especially mentioned the praiseworthy exertions of Bros. Watson and Coffey in the old Lodge of St. John and St. Paul; the exceptionally flourishing state of the Union Lodge, which was on the point of investing a portion of its available funds in Consols; the satisfactory condition of affairs in the Zetland, and the extraordinary and rapid progress made by the Lodge of Ancient Carthage, which numbered more than one hundred members. He had visited that Lodge in the month of June 1878, and found their books, &c., in most exemplary order. He also was greatly pleased with the harmony and good feeling that pervaded the Lodge. Tunis having become so important a part of his district, he had appointed

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W. Bro. Broadley his D.D.G.M., and he trusted that that Brother would do his best to discharge the duties of his office, and follow the example of his predecessor, Bro. Rosenbusch. W. Bro. Broadley briefly returned thanks for the honour, assuring the D.G.M. that every member of 1717 considered it a high privilege to belong to the District over which he so well and successfully presided. The D.G.M. then referred to the state of the funds of District Grand Lodge, and mentioned that £150 had been invested in Consols. There being no further business before the meeting the D.G.L. was closed in ample form at 10 p.m. The Officers and members, as well as many of the visitors, then adjourned to a banquet under the presidency of the D.G.M. R.W. Bro. Kingston proposed in succession the toasts of "The Queen and the Craft," and "The M.W.G.M. the Prince of Wales," which were received with enthusiasm. W. Bro. Broadley proposed in felicitous terms, the health of R.W. Bro. Kingston. He said the D.G.M. had been pleased to refer in D.G.L. to the flourishing state of the various Lodges in the District, and the zeal and activity of those who ruled over them; but he assured the brethren that the satisfactory condition of those Masonic bodies must be chiefly attributed to the individual exertions, Masonic knowledge and popularity of their chief ruler. He stated that the present meeting was particularly interesting, as R.W. Bro. Kingston now completed the first decade of his rule as D.G.M. The D.D.G.M.'s remarks were received with much applause, and the toast was responded to with the greatest heartiness. The D.G.M. thanked the Brethren for the marks of good will with which his name had been received, and proposed the health of the P.D.D.G.M. Bro. Rosenbusch. He thanked that Bro. warmly for the valuable aid he had rendered him in the discharge of his duties during his two years of office, and testified to his never failing zeal for the prosperity of Masonry in the District. W. Bro. Rosenbusch returned thanks in appropriate terms. The D.G.M. proposed the health of his newly appointed Deputy, paying W. Bro. Broadley a very high compliment for his indefatigable exertions during the two years he had held the hiram of "Ancient Carthage," and the manner in which he had advanced the progress of English Masonry in the Regency of Tunis. The toast was received with the accustomed honours, and the D.D.G.M. returned thanks. He alluded to the fraternal conduct of his friend, Bro. Rosenbusch, who had done all he could to further his appointment; and he referred at some length to the exertions of the R.W.D.G.M. who had braved the heat of a tropical summer and done such good work in Tunis during his visit to that city last June. He also gave a short history of Masonry in Tunis, and especially of its revival by the foundation of the "Ancient Carthage" Lodge, amongst the hundred members of which were to be found brethren of seven different nationalities and five different creeds, but who worked together with the greatest harmony and were all united by their willing allegiance to the G.L. of England. Bro. Broadley alluded to the R.A. Chapter, No. 1717, and the assistance it had received from the M.E.Z. Comp. Rotherham, who had rendered such valuable aid in its foundation. He congratulated D.G.L. on the appointment of so worthy a Mason as Bro. Rotherham to the chair of D.G.S.W., and concluded by proposing his health, coupled with that of the D.G. Officers. The toast having been enthusiastically honoured, W. Bro. Rotherham returned thanks. During the banquet a telegram of congratulation from the Italian Lodge "Risorgimento," at Tunis, was received, and this delicate attention on the part of its W.M. Dr. Funaro and his officers was highly appreciated. Several other toasts were given and responded to, and the brethren separated after a very enjoyable evening.

We understand the Tunis Brethren have presented the D.G.M. with a very beautiful album, suitably inscribed, containing views of that city, and this as a souvenir of his visit to Tunis, to consecrate the R.A. Chapter No. 1717, alluded to in our columns last July.

MELITA PRECEPTORY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

THE annual Installation Meeting was held on the 15th April. Present—E. Sir Kts. A. M. Broadley E.C., P.E.C. Kingston (D.G.M.) as Marshall, P.E.C. Rosenbusch Registrar, Sir Kts. Captain Beechey as Constable, G. Segond Prelate, Schaefer and Grebbell Captains of the Line, Lieutenant Coffey R.A. Expert, Riechelmann Organist, Watson Herald, Beck Equerry, and others. The Preceptory being duly opened, the following candidates for Knighthood were unanimously elected, viz.:—Companions Surgeon-Major H. W. A. Mackinnon, Captain Charles John Blake, R.A., and W. J. Jones. These Companions being in attendance were introduced, and were duly made Knights Templar. The E.C. then proceeded to instal his successor, Sir Kt. Segond (Prelate), on whom the choice of the Preceptory had fallen, a board of installed E.C.'s being opened for that purpose. The newly-elected E.C. made the following appointments:—Sir Kts. Rev. G. N. Godwin Prelate, Riecheln ann Marshall, Lieut. Coffey Constable, Jones Registrar, Watson Exper . Grebbell and Schaefer Captains of the Line, Captain Blake, R.A., Herald, and Dr. Mackinnon Standard-bearer. Sir Kts. Schaefer re Beck were elected to the posts of Treasurer and Equerry. Sir K: W. Kingston announced his appointment as Provincial Prior of the Mediterranean, on the resignation of Colonel Boldero. On the pro sition of P.E.C. Broadley, seconded by P.E.C. Rosenbusch, a vote of hearty congratulation was offered to the Provincial Prior elect, and was duly entered on the minutes. The Preceptory was then closed, and the Knights adjourned to a banquet, where the usual toasts belongin to the Order were honoured. The appointment of Sir Kt. Kingst n as Provincial Prior has given the utmost satisfaction throughout the District, and the brightest hopes are entertained for the continued prosperity of the Province under his popular and experienced rule.

Union of Malta Lodge No. 407.—A regular meeting of this Lodge was held at the Ma onic Hall, Malta, on the 16th April, Present—W. Bros. Dahn P.M. and William Read I.P.M., Bros. Glenday S.W., Yeoman J.W., Grebbell Hon. Sec., Segond Treasurer. Abrams S.D., England J.D., Turner I.G., Beck Tyler; W.P.M. Rotherham D.G.S.W., and over thirty members and several visitors. After the minutes had been read and confirmed, the D.D.G.M. W. Bro. Broadley was announced, and was received with the customary honours. After several ballots had been taken, Mr. Penketh, an accepted candidate, was introduced and initiated by the W.M. into the mysteries of the Order. Bros. Baker, Stower, Howard, Dodd, Plumbly, and Bennett were then examined and entrusted. The Lodge was raised to the second degree, and these brethren duly passed. The D.D.G.M. then assumed the gavel, at the request of the W.M., and proceeded to examine Bros. Bunyan, Leonard, and Evans. Their answers proving satisfactory, they were passed out for preparation, and the Lodge was raised to the third degree. The three brethren were then introduced, and duly raised by the D.D.G.M. to the sublime degree of M.M. The work of the Lodge being resumed in the first degree, the D.D.G.M. addressed the brethren at some length, and expressed his satisfaction at the prosperous state of the Lodge and the admirable working of the W.M. (Bro. Dahn), whose past experience in the chair so well fitted him to rule over them. A cordial vote of thanks was passed to the D.D.G.M. for working the third degree, in such a manner as deeply impressed the assembled brethren. This vote was ordered to be recorded on the minutes. The Lodge was closed after nearly five hours' constant work, and the W.M., brethren, and visitors adjourned to a frugal repast.

Ancient Carthage Lodge, No. 1717.—A meeting was held on the 1st inst. at the Masonic Hall, Tunis, North Africa. Present—Bros. A. M. Broadley, Barrister-at-Law, D.G.S.W. Malta W.M., J. H. Stevens (Acting British Consul General) S.W, Dr. A. Perini J.W., Maurice Lumbroso Sec., D. Silvera as Treas., G. Pentecost S.D., P. M. Paleologo J.D., V. C. Clement D.C., E. Gardelle and V. Finzi Stewards, M. LeGallais I.G., J. Eymon Tyler. Past Masters Bros. P. Sulema and Dr. Q. Mugnaini 32°, and about forty members. Visitors—P.M. General Sir Arthur Cunynghame, G.C.B., late Commander-in-Chief of the British Forces at the Cape of Good Hope; and several Italian brethren. The Lodge was opened by the W.M. in the first and second degrees, and Bro. Alexander Bya, after due examination, was passed to the latter. Work being resumed in the first degree, the W.M. expressed the pleasure felt both by himself and all the officers and members of the Lodge at the presence amongst them of W.P.M. General Cunynghame, and invited the brethren to render him the salute due to his Masonic rank. This request having been very cordially complied with, Bro. Sir A. Cunynghame returned thanks at some length, and expressed his gratification at the work he had seen in the Lodge, and the fraternal reception it had accorded him. He said he was much impressed with the interesting details as to the constitution, growth, and progress of the Lodge given him by the W.M., as well as the historical associations connected with it. He informed the brethren present that he was initiated at Gibraltar in 1836, and became W.M. of a Military Lodge in 1847. He concluded by paying a very high compliment to the W.M., and informed him he should not fail to tell his many Masonic friends in England of all he had witnessed within the walls of Ancient Carthage. He said he considered it to be a legitimate subject of pride to any one to call himself the member of a society the antiquity of which was so great, the organization so extensive, and the principles so good, and he hoped on his return to England to resume his active connection with the Brotherhood. These remarks were greeted with much applause. The charitable collection having been made, the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony in ancient form. On the 5th instant, at the Masonic Hall, Tunis, North Africa. Present:—Bros. A. M. Broadley D.G.S.W. Malta W.M., Dr. Perini S.W., G. Pentecost J.W., Dr. Cassanello as Treasurer, M. Lumbroso Secretary P.M., Paleologo S.D., A. Bokobsa J.D., V. C. Clement D.C., V. Finzi Steward, Captain R. Johnstone (acting) Organist, M. Le Gallais I.G., J. Eymon Tyler; P.M. Bro. Dr. Q. Mugnaini 32°, and a large attendance of members. Mr. V. Cassuto was approved as a candidate for initiation. Bros. General Elias Musali (Director of the Tunisian Foreign Office) and Amadeus Traverso of the dormant Italian Lodge "Carthage and Utica," at Tunis, were elected as joining members. After due examination the Lodge was raised to the second degree, and Bros. Romian, Lavessiere, and Barrachini passed. Work being resumed in the first degree, it was decided to present an illuminated address to Bro. H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught 33° R.W.P.S.W. of England, who was expected to arrive at Tunis about the 21st inst. The W.M. informed the brethren he was about to leave Tunis on the 8th inst., to represent the Lodge at the D.G.L. of Malta, to be held on the 10th. An enthusiastic vote of thanks to the W.M. was carried by acclamation for his energetic administration in the chair of K.S. for two years. The charitable collection having been made, the Lodge was closed in ancient form.

A WORD TO THE CRAFT.

"AMONG the candidates for one of the annuities in the gift of the Freemasons, under his own obscurer name of Richard Henry Marsh, is Mr. Henry Marston, so well-known to all London playgoers of a few years ago, as one of the leading actors in the company of Samuel Phelps, during the palmy days of Sadler's Wells Theatre. In age and poverty, disabled by rheumatism from following his profession, and with a wife and daughter dependent on him, he now seeks the aid of that Masonic charity which never fails the deserving. *Punch* has been asked, as one of the perpetual Grand Masters of the Order, to urge the case on the attention of the brethren, and does so with hearty good-will, in the name of good work well done, for many a year, in the cause of good Stage-Art, in one of its worthiest and bravest enterprises."

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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. Bro. Joshua Nunn occupied the President's position, while the chairs of Senior and Junior Vice Presidents were held respectively by Bros. James Brett and W. T. Howe. Among the brethren present were Bros. H. Garrod, S. Rawson, T. Cubitt, C. Atkins, Griffiths Smith, W. Mann, J. M. Klenck, C. F. Hogard, W. H. Perryman, Skeggs, Adamson, Hubbuck, Britten, Baker, John Constable, Farnfield, W. R. Marsh, Alfred Withers, W. Stephens, and B. H. Swallow. There were thirty-eight petitions before the Lodge. Of these one was dismissed and one withdrawn. Two were postponed. The remaining thirty-four were relieved, with £639.

COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

THE general committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls held their monthly meeting on Thursday, at the Freemasons' Hall, when there were present—Bros. E. Letchworth (in the chair), A. H. Tattershall, H. M. Levy, Herbert Dicketts, Francis H. Webb, H. Venn, S. Rosenthal, Edward Cox, H. S. Kingston, R. B. Webster, H. Massey, W. F. C. Moutrie, James E. Peters, Wm. Paas, Thomas Cubitt, H. Muggeridge, Peter De L. Long, Thos. W. White, W. Hope, Joshua Nunn, Jno. Faulkner, W. Bailey, and F. R. W. Hedges (Secretary). Two children were placed on the list for the October election, after which the following brethren were nominated for the Committees:—House Committee—E. Cox, H. A. Dubois, E. Letchworth, Joshua Nunn, W. Hope, Col. Peters, Mather, J. A. Rucker, A. H. Tattershall, Thos. W. White, Griffiths Smith, Frank Richardson, Chas. Hammerton, R. Warner Wheeler, John Mason, and Peter De L. Long. Audit Committee—W. Bailey, J. G. Chancellor, Herbert Dicketts, Thos. Kingston, H. C. Levander, W. Roebuck, R. B. Webster, H. Venn, James Cubbush, H. M. Levy, and Robert Berridge. This concluded the business of the meeting.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

THE annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Chapter took place at the picturesque village of Uppermill, Saddleworth, under the auspices of the Confidence Chapter 337, the Principals of which opened a preliminary Chapter, when about ninety Companions from various parts of the Province assembled. M.E. Comp. Lieut.-Colonel Sir Henry Edwards, Bart., Provincial Grand Superintendent of West Yorkshire, and the Officers of Provincial Grand Chapter having entered, the usual salutation was heartily accorded him, and in reply, Sir Henry Edwards said that he had felt necessitated to call them together sooner than had been customary, in consequence of his having to leave Yorkshire for London, and as this was his first occupancy of the chair in opening Provincial Grand Chapter since his installation as Provincial Grand Superintendent, at Sheffield, on Wednesday, 30th October 1878, he had been desirous not to delegate the duties to another. Sir Henry then added:—"I may here observe that I have laid it down as an absolute rule never to recommend an application for a new charter until the draft bye-laws have been submitted for approval, the form of which, without undue interference, I should desire to indicate. For instance, the first page to contain the founders' names, dates of charter and consecration, index, tables of fees, and certificates in due order. The chief object is to bring all Chapter bye-laws into harmony and almost uniformity, and I am happy to learn from our Registrar that one-half of the Chapters have already revised their bye-laws in accordance with this excellent system. In the appointment of Officers in Provincial Grand Chapter in this Province it has been the custom, as you may be aware, to select but Past First Principals; and at my installation it was my endeavour, as it shall be, to distribute the Offices as widely as possible. Our Registrar, who has so much to do in the revision of Bye-Laws, was induced to accept the office once more, and I hope it will be your pleasure to forward his endeavours in the matter of the complete revision of Bye-Laws. On referring to the annual returns, I find we have on our rolls 884 Royal Arch Masons; and of that number there are upwards of 249 Principals and Past Principals. It is with every feeling of thankfulness I am thus able to speak of the prosperity of Royal Arch Masonry in this great Province of West Yorkshire; and whilst we should be grateful for the position we have already attained, let us each and all endeavour faithfully to discharge our duty; and may peace and happiness, health and prosperity, love and unity, ever attend us. Excellent Comps., I thank you for your kind attention, and, in conclusion, ask you to join with me in passing a cordial vote of thanks to our Companions in this part of the Province for entertaining us, and in wishing this Chapter every possible measure of prosperity." The Officers for the ensuing year were appointed as follow:—Comps. C. L. Mason 204 Leeds P.G.H., J. D. Kay 289 Leeds P.G.J., H. Smith 302 Wakefield P.G.S.E., Roddiwig 139 Sheffield P.G.S.N., J. F. Moss 139 Sheffield P.G. Prin. Soj., E. Woodhouse 521 Huddersfield P.G. 1st Assist. Soj., J. Beauland 600 Bradford P.G. 2nd Assist. Soj., J. Fisher 61 Halifax P.G. Treas. (re-elected), W. B. Alderson 154 Wakefield P.G. Reg., Powolny 304 Leeds P.G. Sw. B., Kendall 1283 Soworby Bridge P.G. St. B., J. R. Dore 275 Huddersfield P.G.D.C., W. Glover 289 Leeds P.G. Or., Schofield 290 Huddersfield, Slack 495, Austin Roberts 61 Halifax, and France 208 Dewsbury, P.G. Stewards, J. Lee P.G. Janitor. After other routine business, an invitation for the next meeting to be held in Leeds was accepted, after which the Companions partook of an excellent repast.

DEDICATION OF A NEW HALL AT IPSWICH.

ON Friday the 10th inst., the ceremony of consecrating the new Hall erected in Sloane-street, Ipswich, took place, in the presence of a very large gathering of the Craft. The new building is a plain red brick erection, 52 feet long, including an alcove of four feet, with a height of 43 ft. It is entered by a portico of box ground Bath stone, opening into a capacious vestibule with the door of the banqueting hall directly opposite. This room is of large dimensions, lofty, and with excellent lighting, warming, and ventilating arrangements. The Lodge room over the dining hall is reached by a fine staircase of pitch pine, springing from the left-hand side of the vestibule. This room is of corresponding size to the banqueting room, except being 4½ feet loftier. The walls are boarded to a height of about seven ft. Adjoining are a comfortable ante-room on the one side, and a cloak room on the other. On the ground floor are spacious kitchens, butler's pantry, and the usual offices. The stoves in the larger rooms are faced with white enamelled tiles, on which are beautifully painted—we understand by a local lady artist—Masonic emblems. The total cost of the building-land, and furnishing will be about £1,300. The proceedings commenced at two o'clock by the Deputy Prov. Grand Master Rev. C. J. Martyn being conducted into the Lodge room by the past and present Prov. Grand Officers. The Lodge having been opened, prayer was offered by the P.G. Chaplain Bro. the Rev. W. W. Bird and the D.P.G.M. expressed his pleasure in meeting the brethren in their new hall, congratulating them upon erecting such a building. The plans of the hall were then handed in by the architect, Bro. H. Luff, who was congratulated upon the result obtained, and the Chairman of the Committee of Management, Bro. N. Tracy, detailed the various steps taken by the Craft to obtain a building as their home. The facts connected with the erection of the present hall were then referred to at length. The anthem, "Behold, how good and joyful," was then rendered by Bros. Abbott, Grayston, and Steele, Bro. C. Cooke presiding at the organ. After the dedication prayer and invocation, a procession was formed, and the ceremony of dedication performed by the D.P.G.M., and the proclamation made by the Director of Ceremonies. The Prov. Grand Chaplain then delivered an oration, and after the singing of the hymn, "Lift the strain of high thanksgiving," the Lodge was closed in the usual form. A Grand banquet followed, over which the D.P.G.M., Bro. Martyn, presided, to which about 70 brethren sat down. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given. The Chairman, in proposing the health of the R.W. P.G.M., Lord Waveney remarked that he took the greatest interest in everything connected with Freemasonry, and greatly regretted his inability to attend. Bro. P. de L. Long, P.G.D., and Vice President of the Board of General Purposes, proposed the health of the Deputy Prov. G.M. Bro. Martyn. A better man and a better Mason it was impossible to meet, and no man stood higher in the Craft in the Grand Lodge. Bro. Martyn, in responding, trusted that the hall would be a great success. Freemasonry in this province was going on successfuly and well, and a petition had just gone up for the signature of the M.W.G.M. the Prince of Wales for the consecration of a new Lodge at Clare, which would make 20 in all. He concluded by giving the "Provincial Grand Officers, past and present." Bro. W. H. Lucia G.S.W. and Prov. G. Sec., Bro. W. P. Mills P.P.G.S.W., and Bro. J. B. Fraser P.P.G.S.W., responded to the toast. Bro. R. N. Sanderson P.P.G.C. proposed "The Visitors," to which Bro. Browne S.W. "Good Fellowship Lodge," Chelmsford, responded, stating that he should take home with him such a report of what he had seen and heard as would, he hoped, inspire the brethren at Chelmsford to rear up a similar hall, though not on so noble a scale. Bro. Brice, "Star of the East," Harwich, also responded. Bro. the Rev. J. J. Burton P.P.G.S.W. Cambs., gave "The Masters of Lodges in the Province," to which the Chairman responded; and proposed "Success to the Freemasons' Hall, and prosperity to the four Ipswich Lodges—its founders." It was a very great source of pride to all Suffolk Masons to feel that in the town of Ipswich there was a hall in which they could not only carry out the ceremonials of the Craft, but where they could offer visitors that hospitality which was so dear to every Freemason's heart. He hoped and trusted that from the dedication to-day, and from the commencement of the Masonic life of this house, there might grow a great structure which should not only be perfect in all its parts but honourable to the builders. Bro. Casley W.M. 114 replied, stating that there was never so much life in Ipswich Freemasonry as now. The building in which they met had been erected in a period of something like six months. It was already in a position of financial safety, and he hoped it would soon be in a still better position—free from debt. Bro. Clarke, W.M. 959; Bro. Wentworth, 225; and Bro. S. R. Anness, S.W. 376, in absence of Bro. W. B. Jeffries W.M., also responded to the toast. The other toasts were, "The Preliminary Committees," coupled with the name of Bro. Tracy. Chairman; "The Architect and the Builder," coupled with the names of Bro. H. Luff P.M. 376, and Bro. O. T. Gibbons; and "The Masonic Charities."

It is not our custom, prior to the election, to urge the claim of individual candidates who appear upon the lists for the Masonic Charities; but at the request of many of our subscribers we briefly call attention to the case of Mrs. King, No. 26 on the list, which is an especially deserving one. Mrs. King, who is 63 years of age, lost her husband nearly six years ago, and for some time obtained employment as housekeeper at an hotel in Brighton, but is now incapacitated by old age and infirmity, and is without any means of support. The London brethren who are exerting themselves in Mrs. King's behalf will be glad of any assistance that can be afforded them by those who have votes they can conveniently spare.

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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 APRIL.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
1612—West Middlesex, Institute, Ealing, at 4. (Emergency)
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.
R. A. 1044—Mid Surrey, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
R. A. 1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.

1293—Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court.
1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
1464—Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe.

MONDAY, 28th APRIL.

4—Royal Somerset House and Inverness, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
45—Strong Man, Sportsman, City-road, at 8. (Instruction.)
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 6.30. (Instruct.)
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction.)
704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
1260—John Hervey, Albion Hall, London Wall, E.C., at 7.30. (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.)
1615—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square.
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8. (Inst.)
1625—Trodegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)

48—Industry, 31 Denmark-street, Gateshead.
62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester.
148—Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington.
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
999—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
1177—Tenby, Royal Assembly Rooms, Tenby, Pembroke.
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction.)
R. A. 241—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.

TUESDAY, 29th 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.)
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8. (Instruction.)
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1360—Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, Battersea Park, at 8. (Instruction.)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1471—Islington, Three Bucks, 2 Gresham-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1507—Metropolitan, 269 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)
1802—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8. (In.)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30.

117—Wynnstay, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8. (Instruction.)
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30. (Instruction.)
299—Emulation, Bull Hotel, Dartford.
319—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle.
357—Apollo University, Masonic Hall, Oxford.
573—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen.
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1353—Torbay, Town Hall, Paignton.
R. A. 721—Grosvenor, Masonic Chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester.

WEDNESDAY, 30th MAY.

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.)
228—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8. (In.)
538—La Tolerance, Green Dragon, 2 Maddox-street, W., at 7.45. (Inst.)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E., at 7.30. (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. at 8. (Instruction.)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8. (Instruction.)
1044—Wandsworth, Spread Eagle, Wandsworth. (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. (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-road, Holloway, at 8. (Instruction.)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8. (Instruction.)
1554—Duke of Connaught, Fauntes Arms, Kennington Park, at 8. (Instruction.)
1707—Eleanor, Angel Hotel, Edmonton, at 8. (Instruction.)
R. A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8. (Instruction.)

86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescot, Lancashire.
183—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
254—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike.
277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham.
304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds.
383—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds.
439—Scientific, Masonic Room, Bingley.
442—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Peterborough. (Instruction.)
580—Harmony, Wheatsheaf, Ormskirk.
755—St. Tudno, Freemasons' Hall, Llandudno.
758—Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn.
910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract.
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction.)
996—Sondes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk.
1083—Townley Parker, Mosley Hotel, Beswick, near Manchester.
1095—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Queen-street, Derby. (Instruction.)
1119—St. Bede, Mechanics' Institute, Jarrow.
1218—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Moseley, near Manchester.
1219—Strangeways, Empire Hotel, Strangeways, Manchester.
1281—Ryburn, Central-buildings, Town Hall-street, Sowerby Bridge.
1479—Halsey, Town Hall, St. Albans.
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Tornsea, at 7. (Instruction.)
1606—Ellington, Bell Hotel, Maidenhead
1682—Hervey, George Hotel, Harwich.
M. M. 24—Roberts, Masonic Rooms, Ann-street, Rochdale.
R. C.—Stanhope, Queen Hotel, Chester.
K. T.—Alpass, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.

THURSDAY, 1st MAY.

3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8. (Instruction.)
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsham-st, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction.)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8. (Instruction.)
211—St. Michael, George, Austin-an Avenue, Barbican, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
754—High Cross, Couch and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8. (Instruction.)
1327—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
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, Mitford Tavern, Sandringham-road, Dalston.
1539—Surrey Masonic Hall, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E
1614—Covent Garden, Ashley's Hotel, Henrietta-street, Covent Garden, 8. (Inst.)
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.)

24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle.
31—United Industrious, Guildhall Concert Room, High-street, Canterbury.
38—Union, Council Chamber, Chichester.
41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath
50—Knights of Malta, George Hotel, Hinckley, Leicestershire
116—Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel, Colne.
123—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire.
208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury.
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
254—Trinity, Craven Arms Hotel, Coventry.
266—Naphtali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood.
269—Fidelity, White Bull Hotel, Blackburn.
275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South-parade, Huddersfield
283—Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Haslingden.
289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds.
294—Constitutional, Assembly Rooms, Beverley, Yorks.
295—Combermere Union, Macclesfield Arms, Macclesfield.
300—Minerva, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton-under-Lyne.
309—Harmony, Red Lion, Fareham.
317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
337—Candour, Commercial Inn, Uppermill, Saddleworth.
344—Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe, Lancashire.
360—Pomfret, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton.
419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton.
425—Cestrian, Grosvenor Hotel, Chester.
442—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Boroughbury, Peterborough.
446—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire.
509—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.
636—D'Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth.
637—Portland, Masonic Rooms, Town Hall, Stoke-upon-Trent.
659—Blagdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blyth.
792—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bullring-lane, Grimsby
816—Rovd, Spring Gardens Inn, Wardle, near Rochdale.
913—Pattison, Lord Raglan Tavern, Plumstead.
974—Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
1012—Prince of Wales, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire.
1074—Underley, Masonic Room, Market-place, Kirkby Lonsdale
1125—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Tiverton, Devon.
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1231—Savile Royal Hotel, Elland.
1282—Ancholme, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire.
1284—Brent, Globe Hotel, Topsham, Devonshire.
1304—Olive Union, Masonic Hall, Horncastle, Lincolnshire.
1360—Royal Arthur, Village Club Lecture Hall, Wimbledon
1384—Equity, Alforde Chambers, Widnes.
1473—Bootle, Town Hall, Bootle, Lancashire.
1500—Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich.
1504—Red Rose of Lancaster, Starkies Arms Hotel, Padiham, near Burnley.
1515—Friendly, King's Head Hotel, Barnsley.
1578—Dee, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire.
1594—Cedewain, Public Rooms, Newtown, Montgomeryshire.
1612—West Middlesex, Feathers Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1630—Watling-street, Cock Hotel, Stoney Stratford, Bucks.
R. A. 758—Bridgewater, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire.
M.M. 53—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.

FRIDAY, 2nd MAY.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
766—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. 8. (Inst.)
834—Rancliffe, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-road. (Instruction.)
902—Burgoyne, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction.)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction.)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1288—Finsbury Park M.M., Earl Russell, Isledon-road, N. at 8. (Instruction.)
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.)
London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-street, E.C., at 6.
R. A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8. (Inst.)
R. A. 1471—North London, Crown and Woolpack, St. John-st.-rd., at 8. (Inst.)
Metropolitan Masonic Benevolent Association, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 8.30.

44—Friendship, Freemason's Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate.
219—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Todmorden.
242—St. George, Guildhall, Doncaster.
306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds.
521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield
539—St. Matthew, Dragon Hotel, Walsall.
574—Loyal Berkshire of Hope, White Hart Hotel, Newbury
709—Invicta, Bank-street Hall, Ashford.
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
837—De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon.
839—Royal Gloucestershire, Bell Hotel, Gloucester.
1096—Lord Warden, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal.
1333—Athelstan, Town Hall, Atherstone, Warwick.
1387—Chorlton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton Cum Hardy.
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
1528—Fort, Red Lion Hotel, Newquay, Cornwall.
1557—Albert Edward, Bush Hotel, Hexham.
1561—Morecambe, Masonic Hall, Edward-street, Morecambe, Lancashire
1648—Prince of Wales, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
1664—Gosforth, Freemasons' Hall, High-street, Gosforth.
1725—Douglas, College Gateway, Maidstone.
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7.
R. A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, at 5.30.
K. T.—Loyal Volunteers, Queens Arms Hotel, George-st., Ashton-under-Lyne,

SATURDAY, 3rd MAY.

Prov. Grand Chapter Surrey, Crown Inn, Chertsey, at 4.
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.

119—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham.
308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood.
1223—Amherst, King's Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent.
1453—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester.

Mr. Alex. Maclagan, the Scotch poet who contributed largely to Masonic and Temperance literature, died at Edinburgh on Sunday, at the age of 67. He has left a widow aged 70 totally unprovided for, and it is suggested that a memorial should be presented to the Government in favour of his pension of £30 a year, which he received from the Treasury, being continued to her.

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NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Strong Man Lodge of Instruction No. 45.—A meeting of the members of this Lodge was held at Bro. Spurgin's, The Sportsman, City-road, on Monday last, under the Mastership of Bro. Sillis, assisted by Bros. Willison S.W., Hallam sen. J.W., Tolmie Preceptor, A. W. Fenner Sec., W. Rowley S.D., Halle J.D., Weeden I.G. There were present—Bros. Trewinnard, Pearcy, Wing, Halford, Alford, Edmunds, Pelikan, Willett, Recknell, Spurgin, Ives, Greene, Byng, Gibbs, Hirst, Isaac, Beattie, Killick sen., Killick, jun., Gyer. All formalities were duly complied with, and the Lodge was advanced; Bro. Edmunds proving his efficiency, was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the third, and the beautiful ceremony was rehearsed in a very effective manner by the W.M., Bro. Edmunds acting as candidate. Bro. Pearcy worked the first, second, and third sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was worked down, and Bros. Recknell and Millett of the Euphrates Lodge No. 212, and Bro. Beattie of the Metropolitan Lodge No. 1507, were elected members. Bro. Willison was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week, Bro. Halford, the Treasurer, was elected an hon. member. A vote of thanks was awarded the W.M. for the very efficient manner in which he had discharged the duties of the chair.

Constitutional Lodge of Instruction, No. 55.—On Tuesday April 22nd, at the Bedford Hotel, Southampton Buildings, Holborn. Present:—Bros. J. Soper W.M., Low S.W., Gruggen J.W., Dwarber Treas., Dickins Sec., Hallam S.D., Dwarber J.D., Brambam I.G., P.M. Bro. Bingemann Preceptor; Bros. Bond, Cornu, T. B. Dodson, Tate, Brown, Pownceby, Sanders, Abell, and White. After preliminaries, Lodge was opened and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Linscott candidate. The first section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. Tate, the second by Bro. Brown. The Lodge was resumed, and Bros. Dowsbury and Collinson elected joining members. Bro. Low was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation.

Vitruvian Lodge of Instruction, No. 87.—A meeting was held at the White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, on the 17th instant, when there were present Bros. Timothy W.M., Watterton S.W., Nott J.W., Isaac Treas., Bond Sec., Janeway S.D., Brown J.D., Chalkeley I.G., and Bros. Stewart, Balls, Bale, Field, Whiting, &c. The Lodge was opened in due form, and after the minutes of the last meeting had been read and confirmed, the third ceremony was rehearsed, Bro. Bale being the candidate. The working was most satisfactory, and at its conclusion Lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

Lodge of Prudent Brethren, No. 145.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Tuesday last at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, under the presidency of Bro. J. H. Leggott W.M., R. Lister S.W., Dr Wilkinson J.W., T. Bull P.M. Treas., G. S. States P.G.S. Sec., C. A. Woods S.D., J. Chinnery J.D., Kerrell I.G., J. Reid Steward; P.M.'s Bros. Haslett, E. H. Thiellay; and Bros. Toomer, Randall, Smith, Penet, Masters, Delaz, Hart, Manby, Lennard, Lambe. The Visitors were—Bros. J. Iriuth 1507, J.C. Elliott 1764, J. Docker 1687, Hossombe 902, R. Ewens 862, W. Hixon 1744, H. E. Frances P.P.G.D. Surrey, E. Hopwood P.P.G.S.B. Middlesex, Grossitephan 348, H. M. Levy P.M. 188. The Lodge was opened, and Bro. Toomer was raised to the third degree in a very impressive manner. A committee meeting was held at the Union Tavern, Air Street, for the purpose of perpetuating the name of the late respected Bro. John Boyd, P.M. of the Lodge, P.G.P., G.S. It was proposed by Bro. T. Bull P.M., seconded by Bro. E. H. Thiellay, supported in feeling terms by the W.M., that a sum of three guineas be voted from the funds of the Lodge annually, to be competed for in the Girls' School, such prize to be approved by the Lodge, to be called the "John Boyd Prize," subject to the governing body or matron of the school. It was also proposed by the W.M., and seconded by Bro. E. H. Thiellay P.M., that a subscription be entered into for procuring a life-size portrait of the late respected Bro. J. Boyd, to be hung in the hall of the Girls' School, or some other place selected by the committee and approved of by the Lodge. It was also resolved that Bro. Verrall act as Hon. Sec., and Bro. T. Bull P.M. be Hon. Treasurer. Bro. G. S. States stated that Bro. Free P.M. had presented to the Lodge some old minute books, from the date of 1765 to 1821; this was a very interesting event to the Brethren; and a cordial vote of thanks from the Lodge was given. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren sat down to a very excellent banquet provided by Bro. A. Best, and superintended by Bro. E. Dawkins. The W.M., in terse and eloquent terms, proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts, which were duly honoured. Bro. Haslett I.P.M. said he had to propose a toast that would, he was sure, be acceptable to them all, and that was the health of the W.M. They had heard is excellent working, and knew how thoroughly he discharged every office. The W.M. in reply said he had to thank Bro. Haslett for the encomiums passed on him. He felt there was a warmth and sincerity in their reception of the toast, and he would, in every respect, do all he could for the Lodge, as he felt a peculiar interest in it from being placed in this important position. He advised all brethren to attend Lodges of Instruction. He felt a pride in saying that was a centenary Lodge, it being 105 years old; and when they looked at the book that had been given them, dating back over seventy years, they would derive great interest from its perusal. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Visitors, Bros. Francis, Hopwood, Iriuth, and H. M. Levy responding to the toast. The W.M. said he regretted not having the pleasure of proposing the toast of the I.P.M. on the last occasion; but they must have seen the excellent manner in which he performed the ceremony of installation. He was ever ready and worthy to render them assistance, and possessed all the capabilities to do so. Bro. Haslett in reply said he thanked the W.M. for his kind expressions; whatever the W.M. said of him in regard to carrying out the duties of the Lodge, that would be his careful study to do. The W.M. then proposed the health of the Treasurer and Secretary; he was pleased to see so worthy a successor to their late respected Bro. Boyd. The choice of the brethren had wisely fallen on Bro. Bull, and no worthier brother could have been found. He regretted the absence of Bro. G. S. States, whose capabilities they all knew. In every detail, not only on this occasion, but for many years that brother had worked hard to ensure the success of the Lodge, and in that effort he had been most successful. Bro. T. Bull P.M. and Treasurer said he was quite overcome by the kindly expressions of the W.M., but he could only say it would be his aim to follow in the footsteps of so worthy a predecessor, and he heartily thanked them. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the P.M.'s, in doing which he regretted there were only three present, and they, he hoped, would for many years be among them. Bro. E. H. Thiellay responded to the toast, and said he, as well as the other P.M.'s, felt it a distinguished honour to rank among them in so old and influential a Lodge. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Masonic Charities, remarking that he was a Steward at the next Festival. This Lodge had been in existence 105 years, and he was sure the brethren would rally round him at the Festival. The toasts of the Wardens and Officers were given, and severally responded to. The Tyler's toast followed. Several brethren contributed to the harmony.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—A meeting of this Lodge was held at the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, on Saturday last. Present—Bros. J. Lorkin W.M., Hallam sen. S.W., H. Hall J.W., Pearcy Preceptor, A. W. Fenner Sec., Garrod S.D., Willison J.D., Hunt I.G.; also Bros. C. Lorkin, Brasted, Wallington, J. Millington, Williams, Powell, Byng, Elliston. The usual preliminaries were observed; Lodge then advanced a degree, when Bro. Powell having proved himself very efficient, was entrusted, after which Lodge was opened in the third degree, and the ceremony of raising very well rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Powell acting as candidate; the traditional history being given. Bro. Preceptor worked the first and third sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was resumed, and Bro. Hallam was duly elected W.M. for the next meeting, after which Lodge was closed and adjourned. The Fifteen Sections will be worked in the Lodge of Instruction this evening (Saturday), under the presidency of Bro. R. Pearcy, and it is hoped a strong muster of the brethren will be there to do honour to the occasion.

Zetland Lodge, No. 515 E.C.—A regular meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, 27 Strada Stretta, Valetta, on the 14th April. Present—W. Bro. Giovanni Segond D. G. Treasurer W.M., R. Westrop I.P.M., G. Crabtree S.W., Professor Hamilton Stillon J.W., R. Miller Sec., H. Westrup S.D., A. Tagliaferro J.D., G. Owen I.G., J. Matthews Organist, and R. Beck Tyler; P.M. Bro. Riechelmann, and a large attendance of members. Visitors—W. Bro. A. M. Broadley D.D.G.M., Capt. F. W. Beechey P.M. 349, C. E. Coffey W.M. 319, Bros. Souiller 1717, Perron Lodge "Concordia," Florence, Capt. Blake 349, Horn 349, J. Starkey D.G. Sec., F. C. B. Richards 349, and others. The Lodge being duly opened, the minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed. W. Bro. Westrup assumed the gavel, and a ballot was taken for Capt. James Boor, of the SS. "Headquarters," which proving favourable, he was introduced and very impressively initiated into Freemasonry. The D.D.G.M., at the request of the W.M., took charge of the Lodge and raised it to the second degree. Bro. W. J. Harding, Engineer of H.M.S. "Shannon," having given satisfactory proof of his proficiency in the F.C., was passed out for preparation. The Lodge being advanced to the third degree, Bro. Harding was raised by the D.D.G.M. to the degree of a M.M., the ceremony included the explanations and lecture on the tracing board. The Lodge was closed at 10.30 p.m. in due and ancient form. At the banquet the usual loyal toasts were honoured, and the charitable collection made at the table produced £1 9s 11d. The brethren separated before midnight, after passing a very enjoyable evening.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—The members of this Lodge held their weekly meeting on Tuesday evening, at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston. Present—Bros. Christian W.M., Forss S.W., Williams J.W., Wardell S.D., Clark J.D., Brasted I.G., Dallas Sec., Smyth Treas.; P.M. Wallington Preceptor; Bros. C. Lorkin, Polak, Smyth, Miller, Morgan, and others. The Lodge was opened, and Bro. J. Lorkin having answered the necessary questions, the ceremony of p[rais]ing was rehearsed, Bro. J. Lorkin being the candidate. The Lod[ge] was called from labour to refreshment, and afterwards resumed Masonic duties. Bro. J. Lorkin answered the necessary ques[tions], the Lodge was then opened in the third degree, and th[e] ceremony of raising was rehearsed. The Preceptor gave the T[rad]itional History. Bro. C. Lorkin worked the third section of t[he] lecture, assisted by the brethren, after which Lodge was re[gu]larly closed. Bro. Dallas was elected W.M. for next Tuesday eve[nin]g.

Callender Lodge, No. 1052.—The Festival of St. John was held at Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-stre[et] Manchester, on Tuesday, the 15th inst. The chair was taken by the Worshipful Master, Bro. William Slade, who was supported by his staff of Officers, and the following brethren:—Samuel Davies P.M., R. E. Johnson P.M., D. Edwards P.M., D. Langridge P.M. Besides members of the Lodge, there were many distinguished visitors, amongst whom were Worshipful Bros. Ishmael Davies W.M. 1147, W. Parker W.M. 993,

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J. Aspland W.M. 633, C. W. Provis P.M. 104, J. Bell P.M. 306, C. F. Binks P.M. 308, W. T. Norton P.M. 1161, H. Warburton P.M. 163, J. Warren P.M. 992, F. R. Hollins P.M. 581, P. McLachlan S.W. 1375, W. D. Waddell 163, J. Beresford P.M. 104 P.P.G.D.C. Cheshire, C. McBride P.M. 294 P.P.G.A.D.C. Rutland, John Salmon P.M. 163 P.G.D.C., S. M. Davies 22, 231 G.R.C., and others, too numerous to mention. The Lodge was opened about 4 p.m., with due observance of solemn rite, and after the customary preliminaries had been despatched, the Lodge was advanced to that degree wherein the Worshipful Master Elect, Bro. Arthur Hines, was introduced to Worshipful Bro. S. P. Bidder P.M. 993, who on this occasion acted as the Installing Master. The Installing Master having delivered the usual address, and every requisite having been complied with, he proceeded to obligate, and eventually invested and installed into the chair of K.S. Bro. Arthur Hines as W.M. for the ensuing twelve-months, and as such Bro. Hines was proclaimed, and he received the salutations of the brethren. Bro. Bidder performed the ceremony with evident ability, and delivered the charges with impressiveness. The Worshipful Master, assisted by Bro. Bidder, invested the following as his Officers:—Bros. William Slade I.P.M., Samuel Warburton S.W., C. M. Booth J.W., R. E. Johnson P.M. Treas., T. Fallows Sec., S. Davies P.M. Director of Ceremonies, W. Duncan S.D., G. Pescott J.D., S. Wrigley Organist, R. White I.G., A. B. Outram and R. Walker Stewards, J. Sly Tyler. The business of the evening being ended, the Worshipful Master received the hearty good wishes of the Visitors, and by his command the Lodge was closed; the brethren then adjourned to banquet. During the evening the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed by Bro. Hines, and duly honoured by the company. Bro. R. E. Johnson P.M. proposed the fifth toast on the list,—"To the memory of the late W. Romaine Callender D.P.G.M. East Lancashire;" in doing so he paid a just tribute of praise to the virtues of that illustrious brother. He referred with pleasure to the return of Bro. Callender's portrait to the safe custody of the Lodge. The toast was received with deep emotion, and drank in silence. Bro. Langridge P.M. had the honour of proposing the health of the W.M., whom he had known for a long time. In Bro. Hine's hands the affairs of the Lodge would continue to prosper. This toast was drunk with enthusiasm and three times three. The W.M., in a felicitous speech, returned thanks. In proposing the health of the Past Masters of the Lodge—brethren who had studied its best interests—the Worshipful Master had a pleasing duty to perform. This was to present each of the five present with an elegant Past Master's jewel. This token of regard was an agreeable surprise to Past Masters Bros. Johnson, Edwards, Davies, Langridge, and Slade. Each worthy recipient suitably acknowledged the gift. The musical programme of the evening was admirably carried out, and the recitations of the talented brethren considerably enhanced those pleasures for which Masonic gatherings are so renowned.

Great Northern Lodge, 1287.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Thursday, the 17th inst., at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, under the presidency of the W.M. Bro. G. W. West. There were also present—Bros. Christie I.P.M., Read P.M. as S.W., J. Arkell J.W., Staton P.M. Sec., Tribbel S.D., Clegborn I.G., Beckett P.M. Tyler, Edgar, Hempton, Bonner, Dodd, Soden, Youens, Edwards, Johns, Gosling, Cates, Read, Richardson, Heming, &c. Amongst the Visitors were—Bros. R. Johnson 1348, Adair 19, St. John's, New Brunswick, H. M. Levy P.M. 188, and others. The Lodge having been opened and the usual formalities observed, Bro. Case, in accordance with the notice which he had given previously, moved the following resolution:—"That the W.M. at the annual meeting in November invite seven brethren of the G.N. Lodge (who are eligible and willing to take office during the ensuing year) to work the three degrees in the G.N. Lodge of Instruction on the first Thursday in December." This was seconded by Bro. Read P.M., and the following amendment was then proposed and seconded: "That the W.M. at the regular meeting of the Great Northern Lodge, held in November annually, invite the Officers of the Great Northern Lodge to work the three ceremonies in the Great Northern Lodge of Instruction on the first Thursday in December. The S.W. to occupy the chair, and the Officers to be in rotation, and any Officer being absent a P.M. shall be appointed to fill his place." This was, after discussion, carried, and the Lodge was closed in form. Subsequently the brethren met at supper, under the genial presidency of the W.M., and the customary Loyal and Masonic toasts were submitted. Bro. Christie I.P.M., in proposing the health of the W.M., spoke of him as one qualified to fulfil the duties of the chair in every respect, and who had the interests of the Lodge at heart. They had but a very quiet evening on this occasion; still he felt assured the toast would be most cordially received. The W.M. in reply thanked Bro. Christie for the kindly terms in which he had proposed the toast, and the brethren for the heartiness with which they had received it. He had no great idea of hospitality; but contended that the funds of Lodges should not be too lavishly expended on banquets, when they might be devoted to more useful and beneficial objects. He trusted that in October next he might see around him the same happy faces. In the meantime, he wished them all health and prosperity, and expressed his confidence that all the brethren would support him to their utmost in promoting the best interests of the Lodge. Bro. Christie responded to the toast of P.M.'s; and the health of the Wardens and Officers having been cordially received, the Tyler very appropriately wound up a most enjoyable evening. Some excellent songs and recitations were given, which tended much to enhance the agreeable character of the after proceedings.

Pembroke Lodge, No. 1299.—A meeting was held on 17th April 1879, at West Derby, near Liverpool. Present—Bros. F. B. Bramham W.M., W. S. Bennett S.W., T. G. Fisher J.W., W. Hiles Sec., P. Macmuldrow P.M. P.P.S.G.D. Treasurer, H. P. Bloomer S.D., Luke Bramwell J.D., W. Jones P.M. M.C., C. Ainsworth as I.G., Robinson Tyler; P.M.'s Bros. W. S. Vines P.P.G.D.C., Richard Bennett, Joseph Clegg, R. Langley; Visitors—Bros. Sammons P.M. of the Hamer Lodge, Oliphant, and several others. Lodge opened, and minutes were read and confirmed. Bros. Swales and Wade, candidates for raising, were examined, entrusted, and retired. Bro. Macmuldrow P.P.G.J.D. then took the W.M.'s chair, and performed the ceremony in behalf of the candidates. This beautiful ceremony was rendered in the usual effective style for which Bro. Macmuldrow was noted when he occupied the chair five years ago, and we congratulate the subordinate Officers upon the satisfactory way in which they performed their various duties, for the first time after the annual Installation. This Lodge has always been celebrated in the Province for its working, and it is evident that the present Officers will keep up its repntation. After the business was over, the members sat down to a substantial tea, presided over by the W.M., Bro. F. B. Bramham, who gave the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. Bros. Hiles, Barker, and Ainsworth contributed to the pleasure of the evening by singing some good songs, and the brethren dispersed about nine o'clock.

West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1612.—The usual meeting of this Lodge was held on Thursday, the 17th inst., at The Feathers, Ealing. Present—Bros. Hayes W.M., Fisher S.W., Green J.W., Seward S.D., Coope J.D., Wright I.G., Tucker Treas. and Preceptor, Wells acting Secretary, and Bros. Jones, Porter, Stephens, Bloomfield and others. After preliminaries, Bro. Jones was instructed in the questions leading to the second degree, and the Lodge having been opened up, the W.M. delivered the lecture on the tracing board of the degree, and, after resuming, on the tracing board of the first degree. The Lodge was opened in the third degree, when the W.M. worked the first section of the third lecture, and having closed down, a cordial vote of thanks was unanimously carried to the W.M. for his conduct in the chair. The meeting on the 24th inst., being the one preceding the emergency meeting of the mother Lodge, will be an Officers' night, and it is hoped that the brethren will attend both this and the emergency meeting, at which, we understand, it is intended to present to the I.P.M. a very handsome testimonial, which has been subscribed for by a considerable number of the brethren. Bro. Fisher will be in the chair at the meeting on the 1st proximo.

Mispah Lodge, No. 1671.—An emergency meeting of this Lodge was held on Saturday last, at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, the installation meeting having taken place in the preceding week. There was a very numerous attendance of the brethren, who were honoured by the presence of a distinguished array of visitors, amongst whom we observed:—Bros. Cox P.M. 70, Saunders W.M. elect 889, Gates Treas. 1599, Clarke S.W., Hamer S.D., and Hartley 1426, Whitaker P.M. and Sec., Thexter and Pearce W.S. 1572, Bush W.M., and Harris S.D. 1728, Hale S.D. 1216, Brown P.M. 1056, Green P.M., and Maidwell P.M. 27, Massey P.M. 619, Hardley S.W. 172, Jones W.M. 657, Norman P.M. Grand Stewards' Lodge, H. M. Levy P.M. 188, W. Joyce 1158, and Frantzen 181. Supporting the W.M. Bro. W. D. Medcalf were the following Officers:—Bros. Bergman S.W., Smith J.W., H. G. Buss Treas., Avery P.M. Sec., Morgan S.D., Wells J.D., Warder I.G., Rev. R. J. Simpson P.G. Chaplain, Nelson Reed P.M., Bromage D.C., Lewis W.S., Hill Org., and the Tyler. The usual preliminaries having been observed, Bros. J. W. Cartwright and A. R. Cartwright were passed to the second degree, after which the W.M. in very eloquent terms invested Bro. the Rev. R. J. Simpson P.G.C. with the collar and jewel of his office as Chaplain of this Lodge. Several other brethren who were not present at the installation meeting were also invested. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren subsequently sat down to a sumptuous banquet, provided by Bro. W. G. Jennings, whose arrangements gave entire satisfaction. The usual prefatory toasts were then disposed of, the solo of the National Anthem being sung by Bro. Avery, and "God Bless the Prince of Wales" by Bro. Morgan. The health of the Grand Officers was given by the W.M., who associated with the toast the names of Bros. the Rev. R. J. Simpson P.G.C., and Buss A.G.S., after which Bro. Heilbut sang a very excellent song, accompanied by Bro. Bergman. The Rev. R. J. Simpson, after responding on behalf of the Grand Officers, thanked the W.M. for reappointing him as Chaplain of the Lodge, and promised to do his utmost in the performance of the duties appertaining to that position. Bro. Buss also returned thanks, and expressed his conviction that the Lodge must continue to prosper so long as it was presided over by officers who so zealously looked after its interests. Many of them were a credit and an ornament to the Order, and they were all looked up to with the utmost confidence by the brethren. Bro. Pearce then gave an admirable recitation, after which Bro. Nelson Reed P.M. said he had a pleasing duty to discharge, and that was to propose the health of their excellent W.M. They had seen the manner in which he had performed the ceremonies of the second and third degrees, and had witnessed the ability with which he had presided over them. He therefore felt assured that they would all join with him cordially in drinking to the health of Bro. Medcalf. Bro. Reed then sang the "Four Jolly Smiths," the chorus of which was lustily sustained by the brethren. The W.M. briefly but suitably returned thanks for the honour done him by the hearty reception of the toast. He had felt some diffidence in accepting the position to which, by the kindness of the brethren, he had been elected, but he had received every assistance from the P.M.'s, one of whom (Bro. Still), he regretted, was absent on this occasion. He would discharge the duties of that important trust to the utmost of his ability, and they might rest assured he had always the best interests of the Lodge at heart. He was pleased to welcome so many P.M.'s as visitors on this occasion, and if he had been guilty of any shortcomings he hoped they would overlook them, remembering that this was his first attempt since he had occupied the chair. After a brilliant pianoforte solo by Bro. Bergman, which

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was highly appreciated, the W.M. proposed the health of the distinguished Officer who kindly performed the installation ceremony last Saturday, and regretted that Bro. Hervey was not present amongst them on this occasion. Bro. Walter Joyce then recited the "Charge of the Light Brigade," which was followed by the singing of "Nil Desperandum," by Bro. Bromwich, and "Never Mind the Rest," by Bro. Avery. In proposing the health of the Visitors, the W.M. expressed the pleasure it afforded to see so many distinguished brethren amongst them on this occasion, and spoke of the great good that was effected by the interchange of visits between members of various Lodges. He associated with the toast the names of Bros. Saunders W.M. 889, Bush W.M. 1728 and Jones W.M. 657, the latter of whom very kindly signed the Warrant of the Mizpah Lodge. The toast was received with the utmost enthusiasm, and (after a humorous recitation by Bro. Donald Clark) was responded to by Bro. Jones P.G.J.D. Mid., who expressed regret at having been unable to be present at the ceremonies, but from what he knew of their excellent W.M. he did not anticipate any difficulties or shortcomings during his year of office. Bro. Bush followed, and spoke of the excellent working he had witnessed in the Lodge, the perfection of style the W.M. had gained in the Lodge of Instruction where so many of the brethren had admired him. He felt sure that at the expiration of his year of office Bro. Medcalf would fully justify the confidence they had reposed in him, and merit their warmest approbation. Bro. Whittaker then sang "Hearts of Oak," after which the W.M. proposed the health of the P.M.'s, of whom there were yet only two belonging to the Lodge. Bro. Still had sent a telegram from Manchester, regretting his inability to be present; they all missed him from their midst. They had, however, in the person of Bro. Nelson Reed the Father of the Lodge; he had to thank that worthy Brother for his kind assistance on that as on many previous occasions. The brethren ever evinced a kindly disposition to assist in the execution of duties, and he (the W.M.) hoped to acquit himself in such a manner as to be a credit to them when the time came for him to join their ranks. Bro. Reed, in response, hoped that he had discharged his duties satisfactorily during the past year, and promised to afford all the assistance and support he could to the Lodge in time to come. Bro. Frantzen, a visitor, then delighted the company by playing a brilliant pianoforte solo, which was loudly applauded and encored. The health of the Treas. and Sec. was duly honoured, and the Lodge was congratulated upon its immunity from liabilities or arrears, an event most satisfactory in the first year of its existence. Bro. H. Massey responded in appropriate terms for the Masonic Press, and the health of the Officers having been proposed and duly acknowledged, the Tyler's toast brought these very harmonious and agreeable proceedings to a close. Several selections of vocal and instrumental music were rendered by the brethren, and all were evidently much appreciated and enjoyed.

Albert Victor Lodge, No. 1773.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Friday, last week, at the Town Hall, Pendleton. Bro. S. Statham P.P.G.T. W.M., E. Williams P.M. as S.W., J. Lees J.W., D. Asquith Sec., W. Slater Treas., E. Winterbottom S.D., W. Almond J.D., W. Hardcastle I.G.; P.M.'s J. Harrop, J. Brooks, A. Allen; Bros. Oldham, G. Crossfield, A. Gilbert, J. Kay, Grundy, J. Statham, Moffatt, H. Hewitt. Visitors—Bros. J. Hewitt jun., Dr. Young, Dr. Riely, McKellrick, and Wray. The Lodge was opened about seven o'clock, and after the minutes of the previous meeting had been confirmed, Bro. Allen P.M. delivered the charge in an effective manner to Bro. Moffatt, who was initiated at a former meeting. The Lodge was then advanced, when the customary questions were put to Bro. Thos. Hewitt, who had expressed his desire to make further progress in Masonry, and who, having exhibited his proficiency, was entrusted. The Lodge was afterwards advanced, and Bro. Hewitt was raised, the ceremony being performed by the W.M. in a most impressive and effective manner. The Lodge was then duly reduced, and the W.M. in feeling terms, and with true Masonic sympathy, alluded to the sad bereavement which Bro. J. L. Hine P.P.S.G.W., a member of this Lodge, had sustained in the loss of his wife, and proposed that a letter of condolence should be drawn up and forwarded to Bro. Hine on behalf of the Lodge, expressing their deep sympathy with himself and his dear family in the great affliction they had sustained. Various brethren expressed their deep sympathy, and the resolution was passed unanimously. After other Masonic business, including a resolution to co-operate with the Salford Lodges for the meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge next month, the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony, and the brethren adjourned to the social board. The W.M. genially presided, and proposed the Loyal and Masonic toasts. Bro. E. Williams, in proposing the health of the newly raised Bro., said that the brethren of the Albert Victor Lodge were particularly pleased when Bro. Hewitt was proposed for initiation, because as the fidelity of Masons is proved by the care exercised in the acceptance of candidates for the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry, in Bro. Hewitt's case the name he bears was a sufficient passport to secure their confidence. The brethren also were much impressed with Bro. Hewitt's intelligent progress through the necessary stages, and this augured well for his future usefulness as a Mason, and the services he will be enabled to perform for his mother Lodge. Bro. Williams further remarked that although Masons do not regard themselves as a body superior to other classes, yet their ceremonies and beautiful ritual are calculated to elevate them, and must naturally tend to make honourable those who are obedient to the precepts of Masonry. Bro. Hewitt possesses a cultivated mind, and could readily appreciate the harmony of our whole system, and therefore the members of the Albert Victor Lodge would witness his advancement in Masonry with pride and satisfaction. Bro. Thos. Hewitt, in returning thanks, said he should always look back to the day when he was made a Mason as a "red-letter" day. The ceremonies of each degree were calculated to make a man more thoughtful as to the way in which he should live this life, and ponder on his exit from it. He thought the principles of Masonry, being founded as they were on the Bible, could not but make a man a better and more upright and charitable citizen. The W.M. proposed the Visitors, remarking that in every Masonic Lodge this toast was received with the greatest satisfaction and pleasure, and the Albert Victor Lodge was no exception to this rule. He was sure the brethren were much gratified in being favoured with the company of so many excellent and worthy Masons, and would accord to them that cordial, hearty welcome and fraternal greeting which none better than brethren of the "mystic tie" knew how to give, and how to appreciate and estimate. Two of their visitors, although natives of this district, hailed from foreign lands, but whether visitors came from the N., S., E., or W. they all came expressing the same brotherly feeling, the same fraternal attachment to Masonic principles, and anxious to share with them the same earnest desire to strengthen the bonds of true Masonic brotherhood amongst them. And did not this show the great beauty and value of Freemasonry in the universality of the science? Spread over the surface of the habitable globe, it folded in its embrace men of all climes and all tongues, and rejoiced in the possession within itself of a tie nowhere to be found outside the pale of Masonry. In times of difficulty, danger, or distress, whether at home or in far distant lands, Masonry extended its chord of sympathy, and found a responsive echo in the heart of every brother. It truly "weeps with those who weep, it rejoices with those who rejoice." In prosperity it reflected the radiant smile, and in adversity it held out the helping hand. In the name of the Lodge he offered to one and all a truly hearty and Masonic welcome, and trusted their first experience of the Albert Victor would induce them to favour the Lodge with their company on other occasions. The toast was received with great enthusiasm. Bro. John Hewett sen., in responding as one of the Visitors, said it was with great pleasure he had heard of his brother becoming a Mason, and he was pleased to be present at his raising, and thanked the Lodge for the kind way in which they had entertained him. Personally, he had derived great benefit from Masonry in time of need. When a stranger in Natal he had attended Lodge there, and had been received with unexpected cordiality, and had partaken of sound advantages whilst in that place, which nothing but Masonry could have obtained for him. When overtaken by fever in Africa he was nursed by a strange brother, and had it not been for the kind care which he had received, he would not have then stood in that Lodge. He was thankful to say it had been his good fortune to return some of the favours which to him had been so valuable. Bros. Dr. Young, Dr. Riely, and McKellrick also replied in suitable terms. Bro. George Crossfield then proposed the Past Masters, referring to the excellence of each and all in their working; interest they took in the welfare and prosperity of the Lodge. Bro. J. Harrop I.P.M. responded, and said that it was really "a labour of love" to assist to the best of his ability in carrying out the grand object which had animated the hearts of the promoters of the Lodge, viz., the cultivation of kind and brotherly feelings, and the dissemination of a truly Masonic spirit, not only within the Lodge, but in the outer world. Judging from what had already been done, he anticipated a prosperous and useful future; and he had no doubt that all the members would be largely benefited, and rendered more useful members of society by the excellent precepts inculcated, and the study of the beautiful lessons learned by them in this Lodge. Other toasts followed, and although the interesting proceedings were protracted to a later hour than usual, the brethren seemed to regret the necessity of the S.W., calling their attention to the setting sun.

John Hervey Lodge of Instruction, No. 1260.—At the Albion Hall, London Wall, on Monday last, the chair was taken by Bro. Paddle W.M., supported by Bros. Evans S.W., Beeton J.W., Ryan J.D., Reason I.G., J. H. Southwood acting as Sec., Saul Preceptor, and several other brethren. Bro. Butterfield, of the Harlington Lodge, was introduced as a Visitor by Bro. W. W. Morgan. Lodge was formally opened and preliminaries were duly observed. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of the second degree, Bro. Butterfield kindly acting as candidate. Several sections of the Lecture pertaining to the degree were worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. On the motion of Bro. Saul, seconded by Bro. Southwood, Bro. Butterfield was elected an honorary member of this Lodge of Instruction. Both proposer and seconder assured Bro. Butterfield that the members of the John Harvey Lodge would experience great pleasure if, on his periodical visits to London, Bro. Butterfield would attend the meetings of their Lodge of Instruction. Bro. Butterfield, in acknowledging the compliment that had been paid him, stated that he had called upon Bro. Morgan that morning, and had expressed a wish to visit one of the Lodges of Instruction; that brother had kindly arranged to meet him there. He had been greatly pleased with his visit, and assured the brethren that should any of them visit his Province, that of Derby, he could promise them an equally cordial reception. He was much gratified with his visit, and with the compliment that had been paid him. He should make a point of attending their Lodge of Instruction whenever his time would permit. Bro. Beeton was elected W.M. for next meeting, and the Lodge was closed.

At the last meeting of the Eboracum Lodge No. 1611, at York, the charity box was passed round the supper table for the benefit of the Zulu War Fund, and resulted in a collection of £2.

The ceremony of installation will be worked at the Royal Arthur Lodge of Instruction, Princes Head, York Road, Battersea, on Tuesday evening next, at eight o'clock. Bro. Joseph Wright P.M. will instal the S.W. of the Royal Commemoration Lodge. Brethren are kindly invited to attend.

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MASONIC CHARITY ORGANISATIONS.

IT will be observed with satisfaction, from a report in another column, that the brethren of North and East Yorkshire are at last bestirring themselves in the matter of affording organised support to our Masonic Charities, and are thus casting in their lot with the other Provinces which long outstripped them in the steady and substantial aid they have given to those deserving objects. These organisations have of late years so largely increased in number and influence that it really has come to be almost an anomaly to find a Province unprovided with some such machinery for charitable purposes. In North and East Yorkshire, however, as we have frequently had reason to point out, comparatively little has been done for the Charities, in spite of the fact that it comprises some important centres of wealth, including the ancient city of York, with all its proud traditions and associations in the history of Freemasonry. However, we are very pleased to welcome the signs of improvement in this respect which are apparent from the account forwarded to us of a meeting convened under the presidency of our venerable Bro. Dr. J. Pearson Bell, Deputy Prov. Grand Master, than whom we know few more ardent or intelligent supporters of the Craft. He was assisted on the occasion by many officers who are equally well known in the North and East Ridings, and we sincerely trust that the suggestions and resolutions brought forward will be made to assume practical shape, and that we may see this Province taking its proper place alongside the other divisions of the premier county in their practical upholding of the beneficent objects of our Order. We had long been aware that Bro. Bell had been maturing some kind of scheme by which to carry out the desire he has so often brought before the brethren in Hull and East Yorkshire; and, although we have not yet heard the details of his project, we are perfectly certain that anything emanating from a mind so evenly balanced must, if well backed up, be productive of the desired effect. We have at various times heard this laxity of spirit and energy made the subject of lamentation amongst the more prominent brethren in that part of the country, whose earnest appeals, however, have up to this time apparently failed in kindling the fire of charitable enthusiasm amongst the general body of the members. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master, by his persistent and earnest solicitations in behalf of our Masonic Institutions, has often endeavoured to wipe from the Province the stigma that had so long rested upon it. Who, amongst the brethren in that Province has not seen him wax eloquent upon the need for increased individual and systematic exertion in this important matter, as opposed to the occasional spasmodic efforts that were put forth? We recollect that at various times he has thrown out the suggestion of small and regular payments to be made either weekly or monthly, in preference to making large attempts at certain stated periods. But though this idea has been taken up by other Provinces, and has long been in active and useful operation, still we had up to a very recent date to deplore the lethargy displayed by North and East Yorkshire, and the trifling addition which that Province has made to our charitable exchequer. It cannot be said that the shrewd and robust Yorkshireman is, as a rule, ungenerous or close-fisted. The hardy northern race, though tinged at first with much that is clannish, relaxes into boundless hospitality and large-heartedness when occasion requires; nor are there lacking amongst them men like Bros. Sissons, Thompson, [and others who fight manfully for the coveted appellation of "sturdy beggars" on behalf of the Masonic Charities. The reason, therefore, of the insignificant help really afforded by them in the aggregate during past years seems almost inexplicable, save and except perhaps, that it might be accounted for by a want of system and organisation, such as the means are now being taken to institute. We sincerely trust the committee appointed will do their utmost to improve the position of the Province, and devise some means by which to rid their otherwise good name of the stain of indifference and want of active interest in charitable objects which has so long rested upon it. We cordially hold out the right hand of fellowship to our northern brethren in this new effort on their part, and express our unfeigned hope that this may be a turning point in their history, so that in future, instead of having to call their attention to unpleasant facts and failings, we may be able to offer our hearty felicitations on such an awakening to Masonic responsibility as we and others have long desired to see.

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 7th day of May, at Seven o'clock in the evening punctually.

Business:—The Regulations for the Government of the Supreme Grand Chapter during the time of public business, to be read.

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

Installation of Principals, and Appointment and Investiture of Officers for the ensuing year.

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

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

	£	s	d		£	s	d
Balance Grand Chapter	757	18	9	Disbursements during the Quarter	231	6	3
„ Unappropriated Account	177	15	5	Balance	929	1	8
Subsequent Receipts	399	9	3	„ in Unappropriated Account	174	15	7
	£1335	3	5		£1335	3	5

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

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

1st. From Companions James Meacham Batham as Z., Henry Charles Adolphus Wandram as H., Frederick Irving de Lisle as J., and twelve others for a Chapter to be attached to the Victoria Lodge No. 1577, Napier, to be called "The Victoria Chapter," and to meet at Napier, Wellington, North Island, New Zealand.

2nd. From Companions Charles Thomas Pearce as Z., John Peter as H., John Kempthorne as J., and seven others for a Chapter to be attached to the Loyal Victoria Lodge No. 557 Callington, to be called "the Valletort Chapter," and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Callington, in the County of Cornwall.

3rd. From Companions Edward John Bradshaw Bumstead as Z., John Franks Chittenden as H., William Youldon as J., and seven others for a Chapter to be attached to the Wellington Lodge No. 548, Deptford, to be called "The Wellington Chapter," and to meet at the White Swan Hotel, Deptford, in the County of Kent.

4th. From Companions Henry Thomas Wood as Z., Charles Chester Cheston as H., Peter Lund Simmonds as J., and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the Marquis of Dalhousie Lodge No. 1159, London, to be called "The Marquis of Dalhousie Chapter," and to meet at No. 33 Golden-square, London.

5th. From Companions William Henry Lee as Z., George William Frederick Neville Green as H., Thomas Charles Chapman as J., and

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six others for a Chapter to be attached to the Duke of Connaught Lodge No. 1524, Dalston, to be called "The Duke of Connaught Chapter," and to meet at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, in the City of London.

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

They have also received a Petition from Companions William Alexander Barrett as Z., Charles Goolden as H., Wilhelm Ganz as J., and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the Orpheus Lodge No. 1706, to be called "The Orpheus Chapter," and to meet at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, London.

This Petition is regular in form, but as the Lodge has not yet been in existence for two years, the Committee bearing their resolution in mind that three years should elapse before a Charter to be attached to a Lodge be granted, except in very exceptionable cases, cannot recommend that the prayer of the Petition be yet complied with.

A letter dated 14th March Last, from Companion the Honourable Henry Thoby Prinsep, Grand Superintendent of Bengal, was read, pointing out the very great inconveniences which arise from Superintendents not being able to issue provisional Charters pending the applications to Grand Chapter.

The Committee feeling fully satisfied that the complaint is well grounded, beg to recommend that the Supreme Grand Chapter authorise the Most Excellent First Grand Principal to grant powers to such Superintendents as he may think fit, to issue dispensations for the meeting of Chapters in cases of necessity, pending the applications for Charters to the Supreme Grand Chapter.

The Committee beg further to state that on 1st November 1876, a Charter was granted to be attached to the Fitzalan Lodge No. 1482, Oswestry, which has not been taken up, and from information they have received they have reason to conclude that it never will be taken up. Under these circumstances, the Committee recommend that the Charter be cancelled.

(Signed) JOHN CREATON, President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.
16th April 1879.

Election of the Committee of General Purposes for the ensuing twelve months.

UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND.

THE Annual Festival of Grand Lodge was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall, London. In the absence of the M.W.G.M., the Pro. G.M. occupied the throne. After the usual formal business had been transacted, the following brethren were appointed as Grand Officers for the year:—

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G. ...	M.W.G.M.
The Rt. Hon. Earl of Carnarvon ...	Pro G.M.
The Rt. Hon. Earl of Skelmersdale ...	Deputy G.M.
The Rt. Hon. Lord Kensington, M.P.	Senior Grand Warden.
Major Gen' Hon. S. J. G. Calthorpe	Junior Grand Warden.
Rev. William Alfred Hill, M.A. ... / Rev. C. W. Spencer Stanhope, M.A.	Grand Chaplains.
Lieut.-Col. John Creaton	Grand Treasurer.
Æneas J. McIntyre, Q.C.	Grand Registrar.
John Hervey	Grand Secretary.
Ernst Emil Wendt	G.Sec. German Correspondence.
Reginald Bird ... ... / George Mellor	Senior Grand Deacons.
Heratio Lloyd ... ... / Matthew Clark	Junior Grand Deacons.
John Gibson	Grand Superintendent of Works.
Sir Albert A. Woods, Garter P.G.W.	Grand Director of Ceremonies.
Geo. Burt	Assistant Grand Dir. of Cer.
Samuel Mullens	Grand Sword Bearer.
Christopher Edwin Willing ...	Grand Organist.
Henry Gustavus Buss	Assistant Grand Secretary.
William Wilson	Grand Pursuivant.
James Kench	Assistant do.
Charles Bryant Payne	Grand Tyler.

Alderman John Whittaker Ellis 1, John Batley 2, Horace James Browne 4, Henry James 5, Captain William Robert G. Farmer 6, Edward John Beale 8, John Nidd Smith 14, Robert Paulson Spice 21, Edward Charles Davies 23, William Coppard Beaumont 26, Hilton C. Barker 29, Thomas Birch Dyer, M.D., 46, Thomas Reynolds 58, John Thornton Chancellor 60, Robert Winter Sprague 91, Arthur Steains 99, Edward Cutler 197, George Plucknett jun. 259, Grand Stewards.

Permission was accorded to Bro. W. T. Howe, the retiring Grand Pursuivant, to take the rank and wear the clothing of P.G.P.

The Rt. Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon announced that Bro. W. J. Hughan, of Cornwall, had presented to Grand Lodge a copy of the work he had just compiled on English Masonic Numismatics. The thanks of Grand Lodge was given to Bro. Hughan for his present, and then Grand Lodge was closed.

After the banquet, which took place in the Hall of Freemasons' Tavern, under the presidency of the Pro Grand Master, the health of the Queen was proposed. The noble chairman observed that this was a toast which would never be wanting from any assembly of Englishmen; the name of her Majesty was ever loyally and affectionately received, and by none more so than Freemasons. The toast was received with enthusiasm, and was followed by the National Anthem. In proposing the toast of H.R.H. the Princess of Wales, and the other members of the Royal Family, the Earl of Carnarvon remarked that in the old days—and he supposed he might say in the present—it was almost treason to introduce the name of a woman into Freemasonry. But as the wife of their Most Worshipful Grand Master they all reverenced the name of the Princess Alexandra. It was now some years since she came to this country, during the time she had been amongst us we have learned to love and respect her. The next toast was that of H.R.H. the Most Worshipful Grand Master, and in proposing it the noble Earl said doubtless many he saw around him were present at the Festival last year, and would remember that H.R.H. presided on that occasion. The term during which the Prince of Wales had ruled over the Craft had been one of continual and increasing prosperity. Lodges had been added, and the roll of membership largely extended. The accession of the Heir Apparent to the supreme head of English Freemasonry had given a marvellous impetus to the Craft, which must ever continue to become increasingly popular and prosperous. Lieut.-Col. Sir Henry Edwards, Bart., Prov. G.M. of West Yorkshire, said it was with extreme diffidence that he rose to propose the health of the M.W. the Pro Grand Master. The Earl of Carnarvon was well known in all parts of the country, and every one would admit that the more they saw of him the better they liked him. He was equally well known in private life, whilst as a statesman he had earned the respect of every man in the kingdom. The toast was received most enthusiastically, and in responding, the Earl of Carnarvon said he hardly knew how to thank them sufficiently for the manner in which they had received the mention of his name. He had grown so familiar with their kindness on so many previous occasions, that he could only reiterate the thanks he had tendered them so often in times gone by. Still, the words he used were no mere idle expressions, and he begged to assure them he was deeply sensible of the honour they had paid him. The last time he had the pleasure of listening to the words of his esteemed friend who had proposed this toast was in his (Sir Henry Edwards's) own Province, where he was universally esteemed and beloved. He took this opportunity of saying that the more frequently London and Country brethren were brought together, the more they would understand each other, and appreciate that unity which was one of the primary objects of Freemasonry. It had been his lot to pass through various phases of Masonry during his connection with the Craft, a period which extended over a larger number of years than he cared to look back upon. They had been presented that evening with a book in which were recorded the doings of some of the ancient Lodges; but how many had been added to the lists since the time to which that book referred, and how many were the changes they had gone through? There was another toast which he could not permit any one to take from him to propose. He asked them to join heartily with him in drinking the health of the R.W. the Deputy Grand Master. All regretted the absence of Lord Skelmersdale from this annual gathering, and would sincerely wish for him a speedy and complete restoration to health. Bro. John Whitwell, M.P., P.G.W., Dep. Prov. G.M. of Cumberland and Westmoreland, now proposed the toast of the Grand Lodges of Scotland and Ireland. Although in respect to the government of Freemasonry in the United Kingdom, there was a divisibility, the three Grand Lodges worked in unity one with another. Whatever part of the world they might visit, they always found Scotch and Irish Masons ready to grasp the hand of friendship. Bro. Æneas J. McIntyre Grand Registrar said the next toast, which he was called upon to propose, was always received with the greatest satisfaction, knowing that the tribute was fully deserved. The toast was that of the Prov. Grand Masters of England. They had amongst them one who held the position in one of the most important in the country, namely, the West Riding of Yorkshire; and when he asked them to drink to the health of Sir Henry Edwards he would say that brother was a fair specimen of what the Prov. Grand Masters were—a body of men to whom Freemasonry was deeply indebted. Sir Henry Edwards, in responding, said it was with peculiar pleasure that he did so. Whatever the country might think of the Prov. Grand Masters, Masons in the respective counties were under great obligations to those men who took the trouble to attend to the duties of Freemasonry in their Province. The Pro Grand Master, in giving the next toast, said when they met at such Festivals as the present it was not only to take stock, as it were, of the past, but also to appoint Grand Officers for the ensuing year. They wished the Officers appointed to-day all success in the performance of their duties, in which he was sure they would receive the hearty and cordial support of Grand Lodge. He proposed the health of the newly-appointed Grand Wardens and other Grand Officers, both Present and Past. Lord Kensington responded, in doing which he said he laboured under some disadvantage, as this was the first time he had had the pleasure of attending Grand Lodge. When he looked round, and saw so many Officers, Past and Present, he felt that the Pro Grand Master could have found some one better qualified to return thanks for this toast. He might say that the Province to which he had the honour to belong—the Western Division of South Wales—claimed some credit to itself on his being placed on the list as Senior Grand Warden. Brother the Rev. C. J. Martyn ventured to think that the toast he had to propose was really the toast of the evening. They talked a great deal of what Masonry did, but really the Charities were the brightest gem in their crown. He asked them one and all to put their hands in their pockets, and help to support the Masonic Charities. Bro. Hedges, in responding, said he could not but be deeply sensible of the great honour which had been conferred upon the Charities by this kindly recognition of Grand Lodge. He reminded them that the Festival of the Girls' School took place on the 14th of this month, and he had the satisfaction to announce that their highly-esteemed Grand Treasurer, Colonel Creaton, had consented to preside on that occasion. It would then be proved, as it had been on so many occasions previously, how great an interest was taken by the Craft in its noble Charities. Bro. F. Binckes was then loudly called for, and also briefly responded on behalf of the Boys' School. The toast of the Grand Stewards terminated the proceedings in the Hall, after which the company adjourned to the Temple, where a selection of music was given.

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ERA LODGE, No. 1423.

THE seventh Installation Meeting of this Lodge took place on the 12th ult., at Tagg's Island Hotel, Hampton Court. Notwithstanding the unpropitious condition of the weather, which was more like mid-winter than mid-spring, there was a goodly number of members and visitors assembled. There were present—Bros. T. J. Sabine P.P.G.S.B. Midx. W.M., G. W. Devereux S.W. and W.M. elect, and nearly all the Officers; also J. T. Moss P.P.G.R. P.P.G.D. Midx. P.M. (the father of the Lodge), E. H. Thiellay P.P.G.D. Midx. P.M., J. Faulkner Hon. Dental Surgeon to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, E. T. Henman, T. G. Tagg, B. Wright, J. H. Pearson, J. B. Ryley, G. S. Elliott, G. L. Wingate, and some others. The Visitors were—Bros. Col. F. Burdett R.W. P.G.M. Midx. J.P., Dr. Barringer P.P.G.W. Herts., W. A. Simmonds P.M. 1559, W. Devereux late 1423, C. Graham 874, Cash, and others whose names we were unable to ascertain. Bro. T. J. Sabine opened the Lodge punctually at the time appointed in the summons. The minutes of the meeting held on Saturday October 5th 1878 were read, unanimously confirmed, and signed by the W.M. The report of the Audit Committee, which shewed the Lodge funds to be in a prosperous condition, was received and adopted. In feeling terms the W.M. referred to the great loss which the Lodge had sustained by the death of the S.D. Bro. John Johnson. Bro. B. Wright, the Secretary, was instructed to send a letter of condolence and sympathy to the widow and family. The only work before the Lodge was the installation of the S.W. and W.M. elect, Bro. E. W. Devereux. He having been presented by Bro. J. W. Baldwin P.M. for that honour, was duly installed in the presence of a large board of installed Masters. On the readmission of the brethren, the Acting Director of the Ceremonies proclaimed the W.M., and the brethen then saluted the newly-installed Master according to ancient custom. The appointment and investiture of officers were as follow—Bro. A. F. Lace S.W., J. Faulkner J.W., J. W. Baldwin P.P.G.P. Midx. P.M. Treas., Ben. Wright, Sec., J. H. Pearson S.D., J. B. Ryley J.D., G. S. Elliott (W.M. 1623) I.G., E. T. Heuman D.C., G. C. Wingate Steward, John Gilbert P.G. Tyler Midx. Tyler. The Installing Master then gave in a very perfect and impressive manner the three addresses, which when finished received the hearty applause of all present. It was unanimously resolved that a special vote of thanks be given to Brother Sabine (and the same be entered on the Lodge minute-book) for the very efficient manner in which he had carried out his duties as Installing Master. Bro. H. A. Dubois, late Treasurer, resigned his membership of the Lodge, which was accepted with great regret. Bro. Frederick Walters, late Secretary, resigned his membership of the Lodge in consequence of his continued ill-health. His resignation was accepted with regret, and it was proposed to elect him an honorary member, the necessary notice having been given. A large number of names were given in of candidates who were anxious to be initiated into Freemasonry at the next Lodge meeting. Business ended, the Lodge was closed and adjourned, to meet on Saturday, 14th June. The brethren and visitors adjourned to the banqueting-room, where Bro. T. G. Tagg served up an excellent repast, and ample justice having been done to the very well-served dinner, the W.M. proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, which were duly received and responded to with enthusiasm. In proposing the R.W. Prov. G.M. Midx. Bro. Col. F. Burdett, the W.M. said he was exceedingly happy to welcome their venerated chief in the names of the members of the Lodge on that occasion. They must congratulate themselves on having his honoured name amongst their list of members. The P.G.M. had by a straightforward discharge of his duty won the respect and esteem of all the Lodges in the province, which under his guiding care had very materially increased since it was established a few years ago. Bro. Col. Burdett, in reply, thanked the brethren for the hearty welcome which he had received, and assured them that it was his earnest wish and desire to promote the interest of true Freemasonry, to keep all the Lodges in his province in a state of harmony and good working. He was glad to find that several of his Past Grand Officers were present, and that one had just left the chair of the Lodge, after installing his successor. The next toast was the Deputy Grand Master, Bro. Sir Charles Bright, and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers Present and Past, coupled with the name of Bro. J. T. Moss. Bro. Moss, in reply, addressed the brethren in his usual humourous style, and attributed the success of Freemasonry in Middlesex to the great interest which Bro. Col. F. Burdett took in the proper working of the Lodges. Bro. T. J. Sabine, in proposing the health of the W.M., said—I cannot but congratulate the Lodge on the advance this day to the Master's chair of one of the first of the brethren who were initiated in the Era Lodge. It is an evidence of a new departure, and I trust one which will bring with it a continuance of the prosperity which has hitherto attended the Lodge. It was originally arranged that the founders should pass through the chair, and as that arrangement commenced with Bro. J. T. Moss (with a few exceptions—some caused by resignations, and one by ill health), so to-day it has ended with me. Hence, I take it, there is a new departure. The veterans of the Lodge have laid the foundation; those initiated in the Lodge from day to continue the work. I have every confidence in the newly installed W.M., who since the day of his initiation has passed through the various offices he has held with great credit to himself and unquestionable advantage to the Lodge. He has set an example, not only of constant attendance, but of perfect working; and I feel certain that during his year of office he will bear out the expressions of confidence I have used. I ask you to drink his good health, long life, and prosperity, and a successful year of office. The W.M., in reply, thanked Bro. Sabine for the very flattering manner in which he had been pleased to speak of him and his work. He also thanked the members and Visitors for their hearty response. For himself, he had made up his mind to do his duty, and at the end of his year of office should not fear to be judged by results. He much regretted that the Easter holidays and the Christmas weather had prevented many from attending. He thanked those Visitors who had favoured the Lodge with their presence, and he trusted during his year of office to see them again when the lovely scenery of the district could be enjoyed under more congenial circumstances. He again thanked them for the honour conferred upon him that day, and for the hearty expressions of success during the ensuing year. The W.M. next proposed the health of the Past Masters of the Lodge, and paid them collectively a high compliment for the work done by them. Addressing his Immediate Past Master (Bro. T. J. Sabine) he said:—"It is my pleasing duty to present you, in the name of the members of the Lodge, with this handsome Past Master's jewel, which I hope you may live many years to wear, and also with this elegant three-bottle liqueur stand, which, when used by you in your circle of friends, will serve at all times to remind you of the Era Lodge, which as a founder you helped to start, and which, as W.M., you have helped to support, and which as P.M. you will be expected still to feel some interest in." The jewel and liqueur stand were engraved as follows:—"Presented April 12th 1879, by the members of the Era Lodge No. 1423, to W. Bro. T. J. Sabine P.M. 73, P.M. 1540, P.P.G.S.B. Midx., Founder and Past Treasurer of the Lodge, in appreciation of his valuable services as Worshipful Master, 1878-9." Bro. Sabine, in reply, said:—The Past Masters of the Lodge have at all times felt it a pleasurable duty not only to attend with becoming regularity, but to assist in promoting the interests of the Lodge. For myself, I can only say that from the day of consecration until this moment it has been to me a pleasure to attend and work with my fellow members. It is my hope if the G.A.O.T.U. gives me good health to be as frequently among you as ever. I cannot sit down without thanking my brother members for the handsome gifts of the Lodge, which I shall treasure as *souvenirs* of my pleasant connection with the Lodge during my life. I think W.M. I may add, on the part of my brother Past Masters and myself, that you may rely on us to give you the assistance you may need, and at all times to support you in your laudable undertakings on behalf of the Lodge. The W.M. then proposed the Visitors in suitable terms, referring to the working those present had done in Freemasonry, and offering them a hearty welcome. Bro. Dr. Barringer replied, he thanked the brethren for the hearty way the toast had been received, and congratulated the new W.M. on his accession to the highest office the brethren can offer in his mother Lodge. He was also pleased with the excellent working of the installation ceremony by Bro. Sabine. He might have heard it given in a more showy and more brilliant manner, but never with more effective heartiness; there was no attempt at display. It was given with earnest impressiveness, with almost faultless correctness, and delivered as if every word was heartily felt. He trusted to visit them again on some other occasion, for he was sure he should enjoy himself very much, not only in the Lodge, where he should find careful workers, but outside the Lodge, for the pleasant prospect up and down the river was, in fine weather, most enchanting. Bros. C. Graham, Cook, and W. A. Simmons also replied. The Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close. During the evening the company were entertained with some excellent singing by Bro. Dr. Barringer and others.

CREATON LODGE, No. 1791.

ON Thursday, the 10th ult., the second regular meeting of this Lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall. The Lodge was opened by the Secretary, Bro. P.M. Cantle, who passed Bros. Rogers and Wolter to the second degree, in the able and impressive manner to be expected from one so well known for his excellent working as Bro. Cantle. The W.M. then resumed the Lodge in the first degree. A letter and telegram from two of the candidates for initiation, asking to be excused for non-attendance, on account of illness in one case, and business in the other, was read. The W.M. then initiated Mr. Ed. Austin as a Member of the Order in his usually pleasing and effective style. Subsequently the W.M. invested Bro. P.M. Thurkel as Treasurer, who returned thanks in a few appropriate sentences for the honour done him. There were three joining members ballotted for and admitted. The Lodge was then closed in form and the brethren adjourned to the drawing-room and sat down to a banquet, which was admirably served, and reflected the greatest credit on Bro. Best, and gave general satisfaction. After the table was cleared, the W.M. proposed the usual Masonic toasts, which were heartily responded to by the brethren. Bro. P.M. Cantle, on rising to propose the health of the W.M., expressed, in very feeling terms, the gratification of the Members in being presided over by one who, by his liberality and untiring zeal in the cause of the Masonic Institutions, had been rewarded by Grand Lodge electing him to the proud position of Grand Treasurer. He then informed the W.M. that the Officers of the Lodge had desired him to present in their name his jewel of office, and to wish him health and happiness long to wear it, and to enjoy the great honour to which he had been so unanimously elected. Bro. Cantle then fastened the jewel to the W.M.'s collar, amidst the applause of the brethren. The presentation was a very handsomely chased solid gold key. The W.M., Lt.-Col. Creaton, thanked the brethren for the handsome present they had made him, and assured them he highly appreciated their kindness. There was some excellent singing during the evening by Bros. Reynolds, Martin, Knight, Smith, and Cantle. Bro. Kift, the Organist of the Lodge, presided at the pianoforte. It is proposed to hold an emergency meeting in May.

Accounts are given of the presentation of a P.M.'s jewel, at Honolulu, to his Majesty the King of the Sandwich Islands, by the brethren of Le Progrès de l'Oceanie Lodge. The jewel is a very handsome one—in gold, and garnished with a turquoise, a sapphire, and pearls.

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REVIEWS.

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A Numerical and Numismatical Register of Lodges which formed the United Grand Lodge of England. Being No. 5 of the Series of "Masonic Sketches and Reprints," and containing the Numbers of each Lodge during 1813, and as altered in 1814, 1832, and 1863; years of Constitution under the "Moderns" and "Ancients;" Roll of Distinguished Lodges, Special and Centenary Medals, Historical and Numismatical Sketches, &c., &c., &c. Compiled by WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN, Past Senior Grand Deacon of England, &c. With Illustrations. London: George Kenning, Fleet Street, and Little Britain. Truro: Lake and Lake, Princes Street. Philadelphia (U.S.A.): Charles Eugene Meyer, Arch Street.

IT is well-nigh impossible to be too hearty in our congratulations to Bro. Hughan on the further evidence he now offers of his determination to continue illustrating as completely and accurately as possible the history of Freemasonry. He pursues manfully the even tenour of his way, undeterred by the comparative indifference which is almost exhibited among Craftsmen to Masonic Literature. It is indeed surprising under the circumstances that any brethren should be found courageous enough to write on Masonic subjects. Men are willing enough to seek offices for which they are unfitted. There is no limit to the delight they take in arraying themselves in gorgeous Masonic raiment and wearing a profusion of Masonic jewellery. They have a keen relish for the Masonic banquet, and a few among them will even condescend at times to visit the Lodge of Instruction for the purpose of acquiring a parrot-like familiarity with our ritual and lectures. But—what a pity it is the reviewer is invariably obliged in the interest of truth to employ this unfortunate disjunctive—but, we repeat, when it comes to be a question of making acquaintance with the history, past and present, of our Confraternity, then a feeling nearly akin to horror seizes the minds of all to whom it may be submitted. The outlay of a guinea in the purchase of a dinner-ticket is a mere fleabite in the eyes of numbers of craftsmen, but the expenditure of a few shillings in that of a useful modicum of Masonic literary food is not to be entertained even for a moment. Yet there are among us several writers of eminence who, without hope of pecuniary reward, have liberally bestowed time, energy, and ability on the arduous task of unravelling the complicated story of Freemasonry in this and foreign countries. The names of Woodford, Hughan, Kenneth Mackenzie, and Gould, are among the most conspicuous of those who have not only interested themselves in, but contributed largely to, the cause of Masonic literature, and these names will be remembered and respected in the ages to come when those of the foremost bejewelled and betitled brethren have long since been buried in oblivion. The name of Preston, author of the "Illustrations of Masonry," is still cherished among us, though sixty years have passed since that distinguished writer threw off this mortal coil and his place knew him no more; but the betinselled brethren of his day, what records respecting them and their convivial gatherings still remain to us? And similarly, we may anticipate, with a confidence amounting to well-nigh absolute certainty, that the authors of our Masonic Cyclopædias and Reprints and Lodge Histories will be associated with Freemasonry long after their more showy brethren have been forgotten. This is probably the reason why there are any among our learned brethren who think it worth their while to brave the discouragement so generally meted out to Masonic literature. But, whatever the reason, the Craftsmen we have named, and a few others, are deserving of every praise for the good work they are doing, and for our part we offer them our entire sympathy; nor are we entirely without hope that the determined resolution with which they pursue their labours will in time be more worthily appreciated, and, as a consequence, that the results of those labours will be more widely known.

Having expressed ourselves thus strongly, but by no means more strongly than is justifiable, as to the indifferent reception accorded to Masonic publications, let us now turn to this latest evidence of Bro. Hughan's interest in Masonic History. This "Numerical and Numismatical Register of Lodges" is the fifth in the series of his "Masonic Sketches and Reprints," and is unquestionably one of the most valuable contributions we have ever had from his pen. Many Craftsmen will ask, perhaps, What is a Register but a List? and what the compilation of a List but the copying out of the names contained in former lists which have fortunately been preserved in the archives of our Grand Lodge? To which we reply, that there are Lists which are manuscripts, and Lists which, from the extreme care bestowed on their compilation and the valuable annotations which accompany them, become historical pictures as complete in all their details as the materials at the compiler's disposal will allow. This is the case with Bro. Hughan's latest Register, which, by the way, is in reality two Registers. The first is a List of Lodges, now in existence, which were borne on the respective Rolls of the rival "Modern" and "Ancient" Grand Lodges before the Union in 1813. The Lodges are arranged in due numerical order as they were at that epoch, and as they were re-numbered the year following when the Union was accomplished, and at the subsequent alterations made in the years 1832 and 1863 respectively. The dates of Constitution are appended as well in the case of Lodges holding under the "Ancients," as in that of Lodges on the roll of the "Moderns." The dates in the case of the former have never been published previously except in the *Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar* for the current year; but as Bro. Hughan it was who furnished them to the editor of that publication, if we cannot say this is literally the first work in which such important information has been made public, we shall be fully justified in ascribing the honour of having made it public to the compiler of this work. This, however, is, it must be remembered, subject to one important qualification to wit, that the transcripts of warrants, in the case of some four-fifths of the Lodges yet in existence which held under the Grand Lodge of the "Ancients" had previously been published in the columns of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, the labour of having collected and prepared them for publication having been borne entirely by Bro. John Constable. But Bro. Hughan, we are well assured, will be the first to acknowledge the extent of his indebtedness to that worthy Craftsman. They have worked harmoniously together in other fields of Masonic labour, and we draw attention to this important matter, not with any view to self-glorification, but because we are anxious the honour belonging to the publication of these dates should be duly apportioned among those who have had a part in it. We may state that notes are appended where necessary, and that the Lodges holding under the rival Grand Lodges are easily distinguishable, those under the "Moderns" being printed in Roman type, while those under the "Ancients" are in italics.

The second of the two Lists gives in order the Lodges in existence at the Union which have since been erased from the Roll of Grand Lodge. This is styled a List of "Extinct" Lodges, but we must point out that Bro. Hughan would have been literally accurate had he described them as "Erased," instead of "Extinct" Lodges. His first note appended to this List is to the effect that "many Lodges, as No. 17, have since 1813 been removed from the Roll, but are still in existence under Foreign Grand Lodges." Obviously the word "Erased" will include both those which have been struck off the Roll for the sufficient reason that they there are no longer in existence, and those which have been struck off because they no longer pay allegiance to the Grand Lodge which gave them birth. Not so, however, the word "Extinct," which cannot be made applicable to Lodges erased from our Roll but still flourishing under other Grand Lodges. This may seem to be a trifling matter, but considering the apathy and indifference of the general mass of Craftsmen to Masonic literature we consider it desirable the brethren who do uphold its interests should not run away with the impression that all the Lodges enumerated in the second List have *ceased to be*. Again, as regards Lodge No. 31 of 1814, Freemason's Hall Lodge of Liverpool—formerly No. 20 of the "Ancients"—this properly figures in the List of "erased" Lodges. To the List of presently existing Lodges a foot note is appended to the effect that "No. 31" was "not allotted in 1832." We can only suggest a reason for this non-allotment. At the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge held in June 1822, this Lodge No. 31 was erased, and its warrant forfeited for a series of the gravest acts of contumacy, first towards the Grand Lodge of the Province and then towards Grand Lodge itself. The members were suspended from all their Masonic functions and privileges, and were summoned to show cause at the next Quarterly Communication why they should not be expelled from the Fraternity. However, it was not till the 5th March 1823 that sentence of expulsion was passed upon the refractory brethren. All these matters will be found described at length in Preston's *Illustrations of Masonry*, Seventeenth Edition, pp 329-39, and the suggestion we are disposed to offer is to the effect, that even as late as 1832 Grand Lodge would have been prepared to restore the warrant on due submission made to its authority, and for that purpose left No. 31 unallotted. However, submission was not made, and at the next alteration in 1863, No. 34 of 1832 became No. 31. We think these incidents of sufficient importance to have merited notice at the hands of Bro. Hughan, and likewise the fate which, for refractory conduct of a similar character, and indeed, connected directly with this business of No. 31, befel the "Sea Captains' Lodge," No. 140, Liverpool, which was erased from the Roll of Lodges in 1823 and had its warrant forfeited for contumacy equally grave—see Preston's Illustrations, Seventeenth Edition, pp 340-1. This also appears not to have been allotted in 1832, and possibly for the reason we have suggested in the case of its insubordinate sister No. 31. Again, on the authority of Preston, p 349 of same edition, we learn that at the Quarterly Communication of 5th March 1828, no less than fifty-nine Lodges were struck off the roll and their warrants declared forfeited for "having neglected for a considerable space of time to make any returns or communications to the Grand Lodge, although repeatedly called on for that purpose." It would not be difficult to indicate these Lodges and any others which have been similarly struck off. We are well aware that these matters are in a measure outside the scope which Bro. Hughan appears to have marked out for his present compilation, and we bring them under his notice, not as evidencing any shortcoming on his part, but as a hint for the future, if it should ever occur to him to re-issue his present reprint with additional information, collated from minutes of Grand Lodge and other authoritative documents.

But it is time we directed our attention to the other portions of this "Reprint, &c.," No. 5. The illustrations, which are admirably done, include the Arms of the United Grand Lodge (frontispiece) and the following:—Plate 1, the Royal Medal of the Lodge of Antiquity, both Obverse and Reverse; Plate 2, Medals of the Grand Masters' Lodge, No. 1, Royal York Lodge of Perseverance, No. 7, and Royal Somerset House Lodge, No. 4, both Obverse and Reverse; Plate 3, Royal Medal of the Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 259; Plate 4, Medal of Centenary Lodges (ordinary); of Westminster and Keystone Lodge, No. 10; of Royal Alpha, No. 16, and Star in the East, No. 67; and Plate 5, Commemorative Medals of the Inauguration Festival, 1869, and Royal Installation, 1875; the Freemasons' Hall Medal, A.D. 1780; and the Charity-jewel for Past Stewards of the R. M. Institutions for Girls, Boys, and Aged Freemasons and Widows. These are in the highest creditable both to the artist who designed, and the lithographer who has re-produced, them. Then follows a kind of preface, in which Bro. Hughan indicates clearly the character of his work, and then the work itself, which, commencing with the Articles of Union, with explanatory notes, and concluding with an heraldic description of the Arms of Grand Lodge, furnished by Sir Albert Woods. This of course prepares the way for the Numismatic portion of the Register, in which are given, not only some information relating to the older and more important of our Lodges, but likewise full lists of Lodges the members of

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which are entitled to wear special or ordinary Centenary and other jewels. Considering how little has been written on Masonic Numismatology—at least in this country—there can be little question that this portion of the work will attract a considerable amount of attention from Masonic students, and perhaps even from those who are partial to the tinsel of Freemasonry. The latter will be able to admire the pictures, if they cannot fully appreciate the circumstances under which they are permitted to be worn. First in order comes the Freemasons' Hall Medal of 1779-90, with a list of Lodges permitted to wear it. Then we have the "Charity Jewel," with particulars of the regulations which must be complied with, ere permission to wear it can be obtained. The Inauguration Festival and Royal Installation Medals of 1869 and 1875 respectively having been described, Bro. Hughan next gives us a list of Royal, Special, and Centenary, and Jubilee Medals, &c., together with brief sketches of our oldest and most important Lodges, including the Grand Stewards', with a list of the Red Apron Lodges the Grand Masters', the Time Immemorial Lodges, the Albion, Westminster and Keystone, the Royal Alpha, the Prince of Wales, &c., &c. Our readers must understand that these are not histories, but succinct sketches, just long enough to whet the appetite of the literary Mason for fuller information, but they fully satisfy the plan of Bro. Hughan's work. Nothing, indeed, can be better than the general design of the book, unless it be the manner in which it has been carried out. Like all Bro. Hughan's contributions to our literature, this must be regarded as authentic material for the History of Freemasonry which has yet to be written.

We have now sufficiently described this excellent Register. We have taken upon ourselves to offer one or two suggestions, which, in our opinion, will prove serviceable to the author in any future edition, and it only remains for us to speak of the manner in which the printer and publisher has done his part. If we say the plates are as near perfection as they can be, and are likely to pass unchallenged even by the critical eye of Sir Albert Woods—to whom the work is fraternally dedicated—while the printing and general appearance leave nothing to be desired, we shall have done a simple act of justice. If we said more than this, it might be thought we were indulging in flattery.

MASONIC CHARITIES ORGANISATION FOR NORTH AND EAST YORKSHIRE.

On Monday 21st ult., the members of the committee for the organisation of the Charity Voting for the Province of North and East Yorkshire met in the Masonic Hall, York. Those present were Bros. Dr. J. P. Bell W. Dep. Prov. G.M., and M. C. Peck Prov. G. Sec.; Bros. J. W. Woodall, Wm. Lawton, W. Petchell, J. Thompson, and T. Clough, the Stewards appointed by the Province, and the following representatives of Lodges—Bros. W. Tessyman P.M. Humber 57, G. H. Walshaw P.M. Old Globe 200, Sir James Meek P.M. York 236, W. H. Cowper W.M. North York 602, James Hogg W.M. Marwood 1244, C. Waistell P.M. Anchor 1337, R. Boggett P.M. De la Pole 1605, J. S. Cumberland W.M. Eboracum 1611, R. H. Peacock P.M. Leopold 1760. Several suggestions were made by the brethren present as to the rules to be adopted, and eventually a sub-committee, consisting of Bros. Bell, Woodall, Peck, Lawton, Tessyman, Thompson, Petchell, Cumberland, and Peck (Sec.), was appointed to draw up a code of bye-laws and present them at the next meeting of the committee, to be held in July. It was arranged that the regular meetings of the committee should be held in York, as the best available centre, in the months of January and July in each year. We are requested to state that the Prov. Grand Sec. will be glad to receive suggestions regarding the proposed rules from any brother of experience in such matters. On the arrival of the D. Prov. G. Master at York from Hull, he was met by a party of brethren, and escorted to the Eboracum Lodge (No. 1611) rooms at the Queen's Hotel, where luncheon was laid out, and where he and several of the representatives from Hull, Scarborough, Malton, &c., were warmly entertained. After the charity meeting the regular meeting of the York Lodge, No. 236, was held at the Masonic Hall, at which the Deputy P.G.M. was present with several others of the Visitors, and other P.M.'s and brethren, including Bros. W. D. Husband P.M., J. Todd P.M., S. Maltby P.M., J. S. Cumberland W.M. 1611, and T. B. Whytehead P.M. The business consisted of a raising, which was conducted by the W.M. Bro. A. Buckle, and the D.P.G.M. congratulated Bro. Buckle upon his working of the ceremonies, and said he had been much gratified by what he had heard and seen. He also presented to the Lodge several old summonses and other Masonic relics of value to the historian, which he hoped would be valuable additions to the many curious documents in the custody of the York Lodge. After the closing of the Lodge, a social evening was spent, and the usual toasts were duly honoured.

There is likely to be a goodly muster of the Essex brethren at Walton-on-the-Naze on Wednesday, 7th May, on which date the R.W. Bro. the Lord Skelmersdale, D.G.M. of England, will consecrate a new Lodge under the title of The Arnold, No. 1799. The Lodge takes its name from that of its first W.M. designate, Bro. B. Alfred Arnold, who will be installed by the Deputy Prov. G.M. of Suffolk, the V.W. Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn P.G.C. of the Grand Lodge of England. The Great Eastern Railway Co. have made special arrangements for the convenience of the brethren who wish to be present at the consecration, and a large attendance is expected at the installation banquet, which takes place at the Marine Hotel at 4.30 p.m.

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FREEMASONRY AND ITS CHARITIES.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—From the letter addressed to you by Bro. Binckes, dated the 21st instant, it would appear that full accounts have been published, giving details as to expenditure of the monies subscribed for the Schools, and showing the balances carried forward or amounts invested. The writer does not say that he has enclosed a copy for your perusal—of course he has done so; nor does he add any information as to the place of publication, or the price at which it may be obtained. It will, indeed, be as satisfactory to many of the subscribers as to myself to be assured that £27,600 has not been expended during the past year upon 410 children, but that a large part of this sum has either been already invested, or is in the banker's hands awaiting the opportunity for investment. Will Bro. Binckes kindly inform us how and where to obtain the publication?

I am much obliged to "ANOTHER H." for correcting the remark in my previous letter that "the parents of many of the candidates for the Schools have answered freely to the call of—Give, give." I should have written *some*, instead of *many*. At the time of writing I had in my mind the case of a candidate at the last election for Boys, whose father had been twice Steward for the Benevolent, once Steward for the Boys', and was a Life Subscriber to the Girls', although only six years a Mason. This, I admit, is an exception to the rule, and, from one point of view, we should not regret that it is so; as it tends to prove that comparatively few of those who practise charity to others are themselves the victims of adverse circumstances, necessitating an application for the benefits of the Institutions to which they have been contributors.

Yours fraternally,

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29th April 1879.

"A WORD TO THE CRAFT."

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Under the above heading, in your last issue, was reproduced a few well chosen words, calling attention to the present sad position of Bro. "Henry Marston," who for so many years graced the London stage. We are told that under his "real, but obscurer" name of "Richard Henry Marsh," our brother is a candidate for election on the Benevolent Fund. Doubtless a large number of London brethren knew "Henry Marston" in his prime, as an actor of rare ability and intellectual power—a man of worth, not only possessed of originality, but who graced each part he played. Will such come forward and make this appeal successful at its first application?

If my mite of twenty-five votes, and what influence I can bring to bear, will form a nucleus to bring about this end, they are at the service of any brother or Lodge having the case in hand. Or, in event of its not having been already taken in hand by Lodge or brother, I would gladly undertake the same, asking brethren to add their mite by sending votes to me. We could then bring the case to a successful issue on the first time of asking.

Yours fraternally,

28th April 1879. ALPHA.

[We gladly insert the above communication, and shall be pleased to receive proxies from any other of our readers.]

THE LATE ELECTIONS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

Mrs. Nicholls, of Grays, desires to return her heartfelt thanks for the great kindness of the W.M. and brethren of Lodge 1347, and many others, who so kindly interested themselves in obtaining votes, whereby her son, Richard Howell Nicholls, was elected to the benefits of the Masonic Institution for Boys. The kindness of the brethren will be ever remembered as a blessing to the fatherless.

In some parts of America there is a Masonic custom of visiting the grave of a deceased brother, some time after burial, and reading over it the service. This practice is very rightly condemned by several Masonic papers.

King Oscar, of Sweden, is about to circulate a reply to Pope Pius IX's numerous attacks on Freemasonry. The publication will be further enlarged by a collection of King Oscar's principal addresses to Masons in various Lodges in Sweden and Norway. The work will appear simultaneously in Swedish and German.

The *Voz de Hiram* of Havana says the Masons of Spain are having internal dissensions, owing to difficulties having arisen between the Craft and Scottish Rite Lodges.

The *Masonic Review* observes that between 1823 and 1830, 124 anti-Masonic papers were published, and adds, "they have all gone where the woodbine twineth."

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FREEMASONRY IN CHINA.

WE glean from the *North China Herald* particulars of an interesting meeting of the brethren of the Doric Lodge No. 1433, E.C., which took place at Chinkiang on the 14th January last. In the absence of W.M. Bro. Gearing, P.M. Bro. Menzies assumed the chair, and Lodge was opened in accordance with ancient formalities. R.W.D.G. Master Bro. Cornelius Thorne being duly announced, entered the Lodge, and was received with grand honours. P.M. Bro. Menzies, in welcoming the D.G.M., asked that he would be pleased to take the chair of the Lodge, to which, after the customary business of the Lodge had been transacted, he assented. The R.W.D.G. Master said he was certain from the very kind manner in which the brethren had expressed themselves towards W. Bro. Menzies that he had gained their esteem, and he felt sure it would afford them satisfaction to see the W.M. elect installed into the chair by one who had done so much to raise the position of the "Doric Lodge." He therefore had great pleasure in returning the gavel to W. Bro. Menzies and requesting him to proceed with the Installation, and he (the R.W.D.G. Master) would be happy to take a part in the ceremony by addressing the W.M., Wardens and brethren after the officers had been duly invested. W. Bro. Menzies having resumed the chair, the W.M. elect, Bro. Emery, was duly presented by P.M. Bro. Fergusson, P. of the B. of G. Purposes. The W.M. elect was then installed in accordance with the prescribed rites of the Craft. The W.M. having received the customary salutations from the brethren, proceeded to invest his Officers as follow:—Bro. Colby S.W., Bro. David J.W., Bro. Menzies Treasurer, Bro. Solomon Secretary, Bro. Nunn S.D., Bro. Solomon J.D., Bro. Hickey Tyler. The R.W.D.G. Master in excellent style delivered the addresses to the W.M., Wardens and brethren. The W. Master proposed, and Bro. S.W. seconded, that a most hearty vote of thanks be accorded to the R.W.D.G. Master and P.M. W. Bro. Fergusson for their kindness in responding to the invitation to come to Chinkiang to officiate at the Installation. R.W.D.G. Master replied in a few well-chosen words, and further added that he would at all times be most happy to do all that lay in his power to forward the interest of "Wee Doric," and thanked the W. Master and brethren for the reception accorded to him and the President of the District Board of General Purposes Bro. Fergusson. Bro. Fergusson, rising, said that the R.W.D.G.M. had fully expressed what he himself would have said, he therefore thanked the W. Master and brethren for their kindness. The Lodge was then closed in peace and harmony.

The installation of Bro. Johnsford as W.M. of the Royal Sussex Lodge, No. 501 (English Constitution), took place at Shanghai on the 28th January last, in the presence of a large assembly of the brethren. The Lodge was opened at 9.15 p.m. by W. Bro. Evans, and shortly afterwards the R.W. D.G.M. of Northern China with his Officers was announced, and received with Masonic honours. In acknowledging the flattering reception paid to him the D.G.M. said he had always taken a great interest in everything pertaining to the Craft, feeling assured that when its principles were faithfully disseminated much good must result therefrom, and this Lodge had materially assisted in promulgating those principles. The Royal Sussex Lodge, although not the first established in Shanghai, was the oldest in China. It was removed to that port under the auspices of the R.W. Bro. Samuel Rawson, Past Prov. G.M. for China, one of its former Masters, who was ever foremost in promoting the welfare of his brethren when with them, and who continues in the good work now that he resides in his native country. They rarely took up an English Masonic publication without finding his name mentioned therein, associated with work calculated to prove beneficial to the Craft. After referring in felicitous terms to several brethren who had previously filled the chair as Masters of this Lodge, he expressed the pleasure it afforded him to be present on this occasion and to officiate as installing Master. The ceremony was then proceeded with and carried out most efficiently; at its close the newly installed W.M. invested his Officers as follow:—Bros. S. E. P. Lalcaca S.W., S. Ballard J.W. and Treasurer, U. W. Harris Secretary, T. Ford S.D., J. Howell J.D., C. T. P. Hudson I.G., J. B. Browne Organist, T. W. Harrocks Steward, T. Roberts Steward, T. Hore Tyler. Bro. Evans P.M. then, on behalf of the Lodge, returned his sincere thanks to the Grand Officers for their presence, and for the great assistance they had rendered throughout the ceremony of installation. More especially to the Deputy Grand Master thanks were due for the very eloquent and impressive manner in which he had conducted this ceremony. It afforded him intense gratification, and he was sure it did the members of the Lodge to see so large a gathering of the brethren assembled, and as they had on this, their first meeting in the New-year, so many present, it augured well for the future, and he sincerely hoped that a period of revival in Freemasonry was about to set in. The R.W. D.G.M., in reply, said: In performing the ceremony of installation, in this, as well as in other Lodges, it had been his earnest endeavour to impress upon the W.M., his Officers, and the brethren generally, the necessity of acting up to the professions they made from time to time, and he was sure if they would so act the blessing of the G.A.O.T.U. would rest upon them and the good wishes which had been so forcibly expressed, that Masonry might flourish, and that a bright future would be in store for the Craft in Shanghai, would be fully realized. On behalf of himself and Officers he returned many thanks for their kind expressions towards them and hoped that the year on which they had entered might prove one of prosperity to the Royal Sussex Lodge and its members. The various ceremonies having concluded, the newly-installed Master invited the brethren to join him and his Officers at a banquet provided in the adjoining room, and the Lodge was thereupon closed in due and ancient form. Full justice having been done to the good things provided, the W.M. gave the Loyal and Masonic toasts, which were received with musical honours. In proposing the health of the Officers of the D.G.L. of Northern China, he said the brethren of the Royal Sussex Lodge were all proud of their presence, and he begged to thank the R.W. D.G.M., for the able and impressive manner in which he had conducted the installation ceremony. All Masons working under the English Constitution, as well as those working under the American, German and Scottish Constitutions, knew the value of the work the District Grand Lodge was doing, and they were proud of the untiring zeal and ability of their right Worshipful D.G. Master, who, aided by his Officers, was always ready to render assistance for the good of the Craft. The D.G.M., in responding, said it would be their endeavour to emulate their worthy predecessors who were so intimately connected with this Lodge, and whose portraits they saw hung upon the walls of their banquetting room. They had observed how well their newly installed W.M. had wielded the gavel that evening, and he hoped they might augur from this that a year of prosperity was in store for the Lodge over which he had been elected to preside. They knew he would have not only the sympathy and assistance of the brethren working under the English Constitution, but also that of the brethren working under other Constitutions, as they had many proofs that the right hand of fellowship was warmly given by those rejoicing in the tie of Brotherhood no matter from what country they might hail. He then proposed prosperity to the Sister Grand Lodges, the toast being most cordially received. P.M. Bro. Birt 30°, thanked the members of the Royal Sussex Lodge for the very kind and cordial reception they had given to the toast; he felt a double pleasure in being present at their installation this evening, first as a representative of the Scottish Craft working in China, and, secondly, as he was paying dutiful homage to his Mother Lodge, inasmuch as it was within the Royal Sussex Lodge, some sixteen years ago, that the first rays of Masonic light beamed upon his vision. He congratulated the Lodge upon the large attendance, and particularly upon the number of P.M.'s and other exalted members of the Craft who were present, testifying plainly their unabated interest in China in an old Masonic Lodge, and their esteem for the newly installed Master, Wardens, and Officers, whose health he now proposed. Bro. Johnsford's Masonic career was known to all of them. For many years past he had been a most industrious worker having held all the various offices leading up to the principal chair. The toast was received with enthusiasm, and briefly acknowledged by the W.M. Bro. Hart then gave the health of the "Past Masters of the Royal Sussex Lodge." They seemed to have been particularly fortunate in obtaining good men to occupy the chair of the Lodge, and two of them had occupied most distinguished positions in Masonry in China. He was happy to say that they were still useful in promoting the welfare of the Craft at home. The brethren were well acquainted with the very distinguished manner in which the P.M.'s had conducted the affairs of the Lodge while under their control, and therefore he would ask them to drink to their health and prosperity, coupling with the toast the name of W. Bro. Evans. The toast was suitably acknowledged by P.M.'s Evans and Browne, Bro. Weiller D.G. Sup. of Works of the District Grand Lodge of Japan, in a very humorous speech, responded to the toast of the Visitors, and shortly after the Tyler's toast had been honoured the company separated.

ROYAL ARCH MASONRY IN MALTA.

THE annual installation meeting of the "Melita" Chapter, No. 349, E.C., was held at the Masonic Hall, Valetta, on the 17th April. The Chapter was opened by the three outgoing Principals, Ex. Comps. Rotherham Z., Read H., and Riechelmann J., in the presence of Ex. Comps. Kingston (D.G.M.) P.Z. "Melita" 349, Capt. F. W. Beechey P.Z. 1174, and P.P.G.S.B. Devon, and A. M. Broadley Z. 1717. On the Companions being admitted the following Officers took their respective chairs, viz., Comps. Price S.E., King S.N., W. Jones P.S., C. Yeoman S.S., C. Abrams J.S., and Beck Janitor. The minutes of the last Chapter meeting were read and confirmed, and a ballot was taken for four candidates, resulting unanimously in favour of Bros. Sherlock, Pretty, Lakey, and Bunt. Ex. Comp. Beechey was elected a joining member, as was also Comp. Owen of the Chapter Felix S.C. at Aden. A board of installing Principals being formed, with Ex. Comp. Kingston in the chair of Z., the newly elected Principals were duly installed and inducted into the three chairs, viz., W. Read Z., C. Riechelmann H., and W. Watson J. The Companions being readmitted, the following Officers were appointed and invested, viz., Comps. Grebbel S.E., Crabtree S.N., Jones P.S., Blake S.S., and Richards J.S. Comps. Segond and Beck were elected and invested as Treasurer and Janitor. The above mentioned candidates were introduced and exalted to the sublime degree of the Holy Royal Arch. The lecture of the first chair was most accurately given by Ex. Comp. Rotherham P.Z. The ceremony being ended, Ex. Comp. Broadley Z. 1717 gave the Companions an account (at the request of the 1st Principal) of the progress of the "Ancient Carthage" Chapter, in which the members of the "Melita" took so much interest. He again thanked the "Melita" Chapter for the present of sceptres, which would always be a precious memento of the fraternal feeling of the members of one Chapter towards those of another. He explained also the exceptional circumstances under which the Charter for 1717 had been granted, and trusted their present satisfactory state justified the confidence reposed in the Companions who had sought to obtain it. Ex. Comp. Broadley concluded by alluding to the invaluable aid rendered by their P.Z., E. C. Rotherham, in forming the "Ancient Carthage" Chapter, and the presence of the Ex. Comp. Riechelmann at its consecration by their indefatigable D.G.M. Ex. Comp. Kingston, Ex. Comp. Riechelmann proposed, and Comp. Watson seconded, the election of Ex. Comp. Broadley as an honorary member of the "Melita" Chapter, and the proposition was carried unanimously. Ex. Comp. Broadley returned thanks, and said he would now exercise for the first time his rights as a member of the Chapter, by proposing that a cordial vote of thanks be offered to Ex. Comp. Rotherham P.Z. for his zealous and efficient

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services as First Principal during the past year. He was sure that any one who listened to the lecture delivered by him during the ceremony, would be convinced how well he deserved that mark of their approbation. This motion was seconded and carried by acclamation. The Chapter was then closed in ancient form, and the Comps. adjourned to a banquet under the Presidency of Ex. Comp. Rotherham, at which all those toasts peculiar to R.A. Masonry were duly honoured.

Rose of Sharon Rose Croix Chapter. — The regular meeting of this flourishing Chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, Valetta, on Saturday the 12th inst., and was very numerously attended. Present—M.W.S. the Chevalier Edward Rosenbusch, P.M.W.S. Kingston (D.G.M.) as 1st General, Rotherham 2nd General; Broadley H.P.M., W. S. Segond Treas., Louis Schaefer Recorder, Coffey G.M., Jones Capt. of the G., Richards as Raphael, Riechelmann Organist, and many other Princes. The first business of the evening was the election and installation of a M.W.S. for the ensuing year. The choice of the Princes fell unanimously on the H.P. Prince Broadley [D.D.G.M. of Malta, W.M. and Z. 1717 E.C. W.M.M. 222, E.C. and E.P. "Melita" Grand Preceptory and Priory]. The M.W.S. elect was then duly installed by P.M.W.S. Rosenbusch, assisted by P.M.W.S. Kingston and Segond. The M.W.S. returned thanks to the Princes for the honour they had done him, and informed them he should do his best to be present at all the meetings of the Chapter, although on each occasion a sea-voyage of five hundred miles was entailed upon him. He then appointed the following Officers—Rev. G. N. Godwin, R.N., H.P., Riechelmann 1st General, Watson 2nd General, Schaefer G.M., Lieut. Coffey, R.A., Raphael, Jones C. of G., Grebell Recorder, Richards Herald, and Professor Stilon D. of C. P.M.W.S. Segond was unanimously re-elected Treasurer, and Prince Beck Equerry. Ill. Bro. Captain Beechy 30° was elected a joining member, and thanked the Princes present for the honour done him. The following candidates for perfection were then unanimously elected, viz., Bros. Professor S. Souiller (1717 E.C.), Starkey (D.G. Sec.), Zamit, Bennett, and Mortimer. The candidates being present were then perfected by the M.W.S. The labours of the evening being ended, the Princes adjourned to a banquet.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

A P.M., Nelson, New Zealand.—There is no general law on the subject. The Constitutions lay it down that "every Lodge shall annually elect its Master and Treasurer by ballot." It is thus left open for each to determine for itself whether a mere majority of the voters shall carry the election, or whether the Master elect must possess an absolute majority among the members of the Lodge. We shall make our meaning more apparent by employing the following illustration. Given a Lodge of forty members, all present. There are, say, three candidates for the chair, namely, Bros. A, B, and C. The ballot is taken with the following result:—A polls 15 votes, B 14 votes, C 11 votes. If there is nothing to the contrary in the Bye-laws, Bro. A, if the minute of the election is confirmed at the next meeting, will be installed W.M., though the absolute choice of only fifteen out of the forty members composing the Lodge. If the Bye-laws require an absolute majority, then the lowest number a candidate must poll would be 21 votes, that being one in excess of the half of the Lodge. That being so, C, we presume, being the lowest would retire, and the choice would then lie between A and B, one or other of whom must poll 21 votes at least out of the 40, and it might easily happen that B succeeded, being able to command seven of the eleven votes recorded in the first ballot for C, while the other four were cast for A. Our correspondent is aware that different systems of election prevail in different countries, and, indeed, in the same country in elections for different offices. In one case a mere majority is all that is needed. Thus, at the Parliamentary election for the borough of ———, there are, say, three candidates, A (Conservative), B (Liberal), and C (Liberal). The constituency numbers 4,000, of whom considerably more than one-half are known to be Liberals. Yet the latter party is beaten, because both Liberals are determined to go to the poll, and on the day of election A (Conservative) polls 1500, B (Liberal) 1400, and C (Liberal) 1100. Clearly A is not the choice of the majority of the electors, yet he is returned to Parliament because he polled the highest number of votes. In similar elections elsewhere the law prescribes that a member shall be the elect of an absolute majority, that is, of 2001 of the electors in the case we have prefigured. Elsewhere again a two-thirds majority may be requisite. Sometimes, as in the case of a vacant secretaryship, to compete for which a general invitation is issued to all persons possessing certain qualifications, it is laid down that the ballot shall be repeated till one has obtained a certain majority. There are say fifty candidates, of whom we will imagine six are picked out for the electors to choose from, and A obtains 400 votes, B 350, C 200, and so on to F, who polls some 50 only. Then a second ballot is taken, in which A obtains 750 votes and B 720; but the law in this case requires that the successful man must be the choice of two-thirds or three-fourths, and consequently the ballot is taken again and again until at length A or B gets the requisite number, and is declared. At the election last year for the Secretaryship of the Masonic Girls' School, nine candidates went to the poll, and Bro. Hedges, for whom 373 votes were cast, was declared successful; No. 2 polling only 268 votes, or less than Bro. Hedges by 105; No. 3 153, and so on. In all 997 votes were recorded, and, therefore, Bro. Hedges cannot be described as the choice of a majority of the electors, there being as many as 624 votes distributed among his rivals, while only 373 were given to him; yet the Bye-Laws were complied with, and Bro. Hedges was declared and is Secretary. Similarly, if a Lodge lays it down that a mere majority is sufficient, the man who secures the first place in the ballot will, in due course, be installed master. Of course, it would be open to any brother to challenge the wisdom of the choice made by moving the non-confirmation of the minutes, and if he carried his point, there would have to be a fresh election. We have referred to Dr. Oliver, whose authority is admitted in all matters of this kind, and he says there are different methods followed by different Lodges. Some, he points out, adopt the principle of seniority, which may be determined by the "respective dates of initiation, raising, or the appointment into the chair of a Warden." This, however, does not find favour with the learned writer who expresses his objection to it, and considers it should be respected only "when other qualifications are on a par." Other Lodges, he goes on to point out, name one candidate, and ballot for him, but he is opposed to this, as he says no one would care to incur the odium of voting against the candidate so proposed. In other cases he mentions that the Master proposes one, and the Senior Warden another, and the brethren choose between them. But he considers there is a probability of securing the best candidate for the year if all who are eligible to fill the chair are nominated, and the individual who gets the most votes is elected. However, we have been at some pains to consider the most usual among the different methods which obtain in different directions; and therefore we must refer a "P.M." to his Lodge bye-laws, and if they are silent, then unquestionably the brother who at the ballot gets the most votes is elected, though his majority may not be a majority of the Lodge. Nor is any great harm done if it is so, for the numbers in the imaginary case we have described are a fair criterion to go by of the feeling of the Lodge. A and B with 15 and 14 votes respectively are decidedly better thought of than C with only eleven supporters, while as between the former there is a mere nominal, or perhaps accidental, superiority of A over B, and through this slight difference in their claim, A having the advantage, should certainly get the benefit of it.

The first part of Shakspeare's "King Henry IV.," compressed into four acts, will be performed at the Olympic Theatre this (Saturday) afternoon. Sir John Falstaff is to be personated by Bro. Henry Murray P.D.G.M. of China, whilst Mr. George Leicester takes the part of the King, and Mr. Rosier that of Hotspur. The cast includes the names of other equally well-known *artistes*, and we anticipate they will be met by a full audience.

Those who live in glass houses should not throw stones. The editor of the *Keystone*, after criticising a trivial expression in a late issue of our paper, speaks in his next paragraph of the loss sustained by a Dover Lodge "by a late battle in *India*." Quartermaster Bloomfield fell at Isandula, which we have yet to learn is anywhere in India. Our brother's geography is evidently at fault.

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THE annual Prov. Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of the United Provinces of Cheshire and Wales was held on Friday, the 18th ult., at Llandudno, under the warrant of St. David's Lodge, 38. The Prov. Grand Lodge was opened in form by the R.W. Prov. G.M., and when the roll was called it was found that every Lodge in the Province was represented. The Secretary read the minutes of the last Prov. Grand Lodge held at Birkenhead, which were duly confirmed. A grant was made of fourteen guineas each to the Cheshire and North Wales and Shropshire Masonic Educational Institutions. The R.W. P.G.M.M. nominated and invested the following brethren as Prov. Grand Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. the Rev. C. W. Spencer-Stanhope V.W. D.P.G.M.M., W. L. Banks P.G.S.W., Edward Friend P.G.J.W., Thomas C. Thorburn P.G.M.O., Edward Smith P.G.S.O., Thomas H. Kirk P.G.J.O., Rev. J. W. Newell Tanner P.G.C., Rev. B. Mayon P.G.C., Frederick K. Stevenson P.G.T., Richard Newhouse P.G. Sec., Major Tudor P.G.R., A. J. Brereton P.G.S.D., Hugh Williams P.G.J.D., Wm. Agar Renshaw P.G.S.W., Dr. Roland Rogers P.G.D.C., John Dutton P.G.A.D.C., Henry Jones P.G.Sd.B., Robert Owen P.G.Std., Herbert Ellis P.G.O., Charles S. Dean P.G.I.G., John Worthington P.G. Tyler, and A. McMillan, J. R. L. Hazledine, and J. T. Purvis P.G. Stewards. After the other business had been transacted, the R.W. Prov. Grand Master thanked the brethren for attending in such large numbers, and congratulated them on the increasing prosperity of Mark Masonry. He was glad to learn that it was likely North Wales would soon form itself into a Province, as a Province which extended from the neighbourhood of Manchester to Holyhead was too large to be well looked after. After the Lodge closed, the brethren sat down to banquet at the Imperial Hotel, the R.W. P.G.M.M. presiding. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts having been given from the chair, and cordially received, Bro. Dr. T. C. Roden Past Grand Deacon proposed the health of Bro. the Hon. Wilbraham Egerton, M.P., their excellent and energetic Prov. G.M.M., to whose earnest and unflagging zeal the Province owed so much of its prosperity. The generous and fraternal spirit in which he had spoken in Prov. Grand Lodge that day as to the proposal that the Province should be divided by separating North Wales from Cheshire proved how entirely he was guided by his care and anxiety for the good of Mark Masonry, even to the yielding up of a portion of the Province over which he ruled so well, and so entirely to the satisfaction of the brethren, if, by so doing, the welfare of both was likely to be promoted. It was not from any desire on their part to exchange the ruler they now had for another, however eminent he might be

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but from a belief that if North Wales were constituted a separate Province, it would give an impetus to Mark Masonry in this part of the country. For his own part, he thought it was reasonable to expect that benefit would thereby result to both Cheshire and North Wales, by leading to increased activity, and perhaps a little wholesome emulation, and ultimately to an extension of the practice of the Mark degree in the neighbouring Provinces. He concluded by asking the brethren to join him in drinking to the health of the Hon. Bro. Wilbraham Egerton, M.P. The toast was received with the utmost enthusiasm, and on rising to reply, the R.W. P.G.M.M. was warmly greeted. After thanking the brethren for the cordiality with which they had responded to the toast, he proceeded to assure them that it would afford him great pleasure to see the degree extended, and strengthened by the formation of new Lodges, which he had no doubt would be the effect of a division of the Province. He had never contemplated the union of North Wales with Cheshire as a permanent arrangement. On the contrary, he had always looked forward to North Wales becoming a distinct Province. It was obvious that such an immense district could not be properly superintended by any one man, and it would be a satisfaction to him if another Mark Lodge or two were established in North Wales to form a new Province, which he was sure the M.W. G.M.M.M. Lord Skelmersdale would willingly sanction. When the separation took place, he trusted the same fraternal feeling which now existed between them would continue, and that they would all unite in promoting the interests of Mark Masonry, and in carrying out its principles and its benevolent purposes. The toast of the Worshipful Masters of the Lodges in the Province followed, and was acknowledged by Bro. W. L. Banks, W.M. of the St. David's Lodge, No. 38. The Tyler's toast was given, after which the brethren separated, well pleased with their enjoyable meeting.

ALBERT EDWARD LODGE, 1560, LEICESTER.

TUESDAY, the 8th ultimo, was the birthday of his Worship the Mayor of Leicester (Ald. Clement Stretton), and it being the ordinary meeting of the Albert Edward Lodge of Freemasons, of which his worship is a member, the occasion was availed of to give him a special fraternal greeting. There was consequently a large and influential gathering both of the members of the Albert Edward and the Sister Lodges, especially, perhaps, of St. John's, of which the the Mayor was for two successive years W.M., as he is now for a second year occupying the civic chair of the borough. The ordinary business of the Lodge having been transacted, the brethren at a later period of the evening sat down to an excellent banquet, under the presidency of the esteemed W.M., (Captain J. G. F. Richardson). The usual loyal and patriotic toasts having been duly honoured, the W.M. proposed the health of Bro. Clement Stretton, the Mayor of Leicester, prefacing the toast with a few complimentary observations upon the honourable position which the family of the Strettons had so long occupied amongst them, until he might truly say the name had become a household word. (hear, hear.) They were both proud and pleased to have the honour of the Mayor's presence with them that evening as one of their brethren, and as a fellow-citizen who had distinguished himself in the high office which he held as chief magistrate of the borough. (hear, hear.) In the discharge of the duties of that important position his worship had ably acquitted himself, and he had, at the same time, in the most hospitable manner, proved himself a worthy successor of his ancestors. (hear, hear.) In his Masonic career, too, he had not only won his way to very high office, but he had also distinguished himself by great generosity, being always ready to cater to the wants of others; and not only was his purse always open for the relief of such wants but it was always so without the slightest ostentation. He (the W.M.,) had therefore the greatest possible pleasure in proposing the health of Bro. Stretton, coupled with a wish that he might live long to enjoy the honourable position to which he had attained, and the duties of which he had so worthily fulfilled. Bro. Stretton in acknowledgment said the manner in the toast had been proposed by the W.M., and the cordial way in which it had been received by the brethren, was very gratifying to him, and he was very grateful to them for such a numerous attendance in honour of his birthday. It was only two weeks ago that he spent his Masonic birthday, for on the first of the month just 16 years ago Bro. Haxby, assisted by Bro. Kelly, introduced him into Masonry. He had been through most of the offices in Masonry, until he had arrived at the height of a Mason's ambition, namely that of being P.S.G.W. (hear, hear). During his connection with Masonry he had made many kind friends, and only this last year Masonry had been of very great assistance to him. When by an unfortunate occurence it again fell to his lot to be invited to take office as Mayor he had recourse to his Masonic friends for their advice. Some of them present would no doubt remember that he solicited their advice as to whether he should accept office a second time; and the counsel he received from his Masonic friends, of both political parties, determined him to accept the office which had been again so kindly offered to him (applause). He could not do more than thank them most heartily and sincerely for the very kind manner in which they had received him. Bro. S. S. Partridge had pleasure in proposing to them the health of their much esteemed Worshipful Master of the Albert Edward Lodge (applause), who so very admirably filled the office (hear, hear). It was not given to every one to occupy the chair in the manner in which Bro. Richardson now filled it, for he did not aim to go through the duties in a mere parrot-like schoolboy style; but both in the Lodge and in their banquets afterwards the admirable way in which he presided over them commanded their greatest admiration (hear, hear). His Office Bearers must all be well pleased to serve under him, and he (Bro. Partridge) was sure all the brethren present would unite in wishing him very good health and prosperity during his year of office. The W.M. said he thanked them very much for the great honour they had done him by the cordial manner in which they had received the toast so kindly proposed by Bro. Partridge. He said he never anticipated the honour of passing the chair in any Lodge, and certainly never expected he should have the honour of presiding over such a Lodge as the Albert Edward. He could only say that it would be his earnest endeavour to conduct it impartially, and with the best feelings towards all the brethren. The health of the Officers was next proposed by the W.M., and suitably acknowledged; The Visiting Brethren, responded to by Bro. S. Cleaver, W.M., of St. John's 279, Bro. Richard Taylor, W.M., 523, and Bro. T. A. Wykes, I.P.M., 523, and Bro. S. S. Partridge, Commercial Lodge 1391, Bro. J. Vaughan, 275, P.M., Loyalty 86, proposed by the Chairman, and responded to by Bro. Vaughan; and this was followed by other complimentary toasts. During the evening the proceedings were greatly varied and enlivened by the musical performances, both vocal and instrumental, of several of the brethren, including Bro. W. T. Rowlett P.P.G.O., Bro. Scott Organist of 279, Bro. A. Wykes, Bro. R. Taylor, and others, the meeting being altogether a most enjoyable one. In Lodge the chief work was the raising to the third degree Bro. James Neale F.S.A., the author of the beautifully illustrated and able work descriptive of the fine old abbey church of St. Alban's. The ceremony was performed by the P. Prov. G.M., Bro. Kelly F.S.A. Bro. Neale is a native of Leicester.

Obituary.

BRO. JOHN TUNNAH, PROV. GRAND SECRETARY, EAST LANCASHIRE.

THE Masons of East Lancashire, and many other brethren, will learn with regret that the veteran Prov. G. Secretary, Bro. John Tunnah, departed this life on Sunday, 27th April, in his 72nd year. The deceased brother was seized with an attack of paralysis about eight weeks ago, and for the past six weeks it had assumed such severity as to completely prostrate him. He was attended by Dr. F. B. Mallett, but that gentleman's skill proved unavailing, and death ensued at a quarter to four on Sunday afternoon, at his residence No. 111 Manchester Road, Bolton. Initiated on 5th July 1849, in the Anchor and Hope Lodge, then No. 44 (now No. 37), Bolton, deceased was immediately appointed Secretary of his Lodge, in which office he exerted himself assiduously for about seven years, and on his retirement from that office he was presented with a gold Past Master's jewel. In the year 1868 he served as Master of his Mother Lodge. Soon after his initiation he joined the St. John's Lodge, then No. 268 (now No. 221), Bolton, serving the office of J.W. in 1850, and W.M. in 1851. In 1854 he was appointed Prov. Grand Secretary, by Lord Francis Egerton (afterwards Earl of Ellesmere), R.W. Prov. Grand Master, which office he continued to hold up to the time of his death, a period of 25 years; during which time he had, without exception, attended the whole of the meetings of the Prov. Grand Lodge. On his re-appointment in 1874, for the twenty-first time, as Prov. Grand Secretary, he was presented by Colonel Starkie, R.W. Prov. Grand Master, with a splendid jewel, as a mark of his appreciation of Bro. Tunnah's long and eminent services. At the installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as M.W. Grand Master, on 28th April 1875, Bro. Tunnah attended as one of the special Stewards from East Lancashire. Bro. Tunnah was exalted into Royal Arch Masonry in the Chapter of Concord, No. 37, Bolton, on the 2nd October 1850; and after passing through the various offices, served as First Principal in 1855, and for many years he has held the office of Prov. Grand Scribe E. Deceased was also a P.E.C. of the St. James of Jerusalem Encampment of Knights Templar, a Past Prov. Grand Mark Overseer of Lancashire, and a member of the 18° and numerous other Masonic Orders; but his great affection in Masonry was for the Craft degrees. By profession he was a public accountant and auditor, having been in practice in Bolton (his native town) upwards of forty years, the last ten years of which he was in partnership with Bro. James Newton, who had for many years previously been his confidential clerk. By the expressed wish of the deceased the funeral, which took place on the 1st May, was strictly private.

Hammersmith Lodge of Mark Master Masons, No. 211.—This Lodge held its regular meeting on Saturday, 18th April, at Bro. E. Gilbert's, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, West Hammersmith, at 5 p.m. Bro. J. W. Baldwin opened the Lodge. The minutes of the meeting held on Saturday, 18th January, were read, confirmed, and signed. The report of the auditors was received and adopted. The candidates for advancement were unable to be present. It was decided to hold an emergency meeting on Saturday, 21st June, at five p.m. Business ended, the Lodge was closed. Refreshment followed labour, and a very happy evening was spent.

JAMAICA.

A District Grand Mark Lodge was held on 26th of March at 4.30 p.m., at the Masonic Hall of the Friendly Lodge, Hanover-street, Kingston. R.W. Bro. the Hon. R. Hamilton M.W. D.G.M. presiding when among others the following Officers were invested:—J. W. Whitbourne D.G.M.M., J. J. G. Lewis S.W., R. Langley J.W., O. De Cordova S.O., Altamont De Cordova M.O., O. Delgardo, O. Delgardo jun. as Registrars, J. Leon Secretary, Barnet Stiles elected as Treasurer, George Magnus Tyler; Thomas Allen, M.D., Captain Portlock Dawson, and Holler G. Stewards. A vote of thanks was accorded to the officers and members of the Sussex Mark Lodge for their kindness, and also to the officers and members of the Friendly Craft Lodge for the use of their Lodge Room.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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SATURDAY, 3rd MAY.

Prov. Grand Chapter Surrey, Crown Inn, Chertsey, at 4.
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.

149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham.
308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood.
1233—Amherst, King's Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent.
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester.

MONDAY, 5th MAY.

45—Strong Man, Sportsman, City-road, at 8. (Instruction.)
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 6.30. (Instruct.)
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction.)
704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
1260—John Hervey, Albion Hall, London Wall, E.C., at 7.30. (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.)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8. (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)
M. M. 139—Panmure, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.

37—Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moors.
51—Angel, Three Cups Hotel, Colchester
53—Royal Sussex, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath.
61—Probity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax.
119—Sun, Square and Compasses, Freemasons' Hall, Whitehaven.
133—Harmony, Ship Hotel, Faversham.
154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.
156—Harmony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth.
199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover.
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.
338—Vitruvian, Royal Hotel, Ross, Herefordshire.
381—Harmony and Industry, Smalley's Hotel, Market-street, Over Darwen.
395—Guy, Crown Hotel, Leamington Priors.
403—Three Graces, Private Room, Haworth.
431—St. George, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields.
441—Three Grand Principles, Red Lion Hotel, Petty Curry, Cambridge.
467—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham.
478—Churchhill, Masonic Hall, Oxford.
482—St. James, New Inn, Handsworth, Staffordshire.
507—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead.
613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport.
622—St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne.
651—Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon.
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
850—St. Oswald, Assembly Rooms, Ashbourne, Derbyshire.
1009—Shakespere, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire.
1050—Gundulph, King's Head Hotel, Rochester.
1051—Rowley, Athenæum, Lancaster.
1077—Wilton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire.
1108—Royal Wharfedale, Private Room, Boroughgate, Otley, Yorks.
1180—Forward, Masonic Rooms, New Hall-street, Birmingham.
1211—Goderich, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds.
1239—Wentworth, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1302—De Warren, Masonic Hall, White Swan Hotel, Halifax.
1380—Skelmersdale, Queen's Hotel, Waterloo, Liverpool.
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction.)
1519—Albert Edward, Albion Hotel, Clayton-le-Moors, near Accrington.
1542—Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford.
1573—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Caer-street, Swansea.
1575—Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton.
1578—Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales.
1674—Caradoc, Town Hall, Rhyl.
1676—St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle.
R. A. 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds.
R. A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury

TUESDAY, 6th MAY.

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, 3 Westminster-chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney. (Instruction.)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)
765—St. James, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark.
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8. (Instruction.)
1257—Grosvenor, Freemasons' Hall, Gt. Queen-street, W.C.
1261—Golden Rule, Café Royal, Regent-street, W.
1298—Royal Standard, Wellington Club, Upper-street, Islington.
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1360—Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, Battersea Park, at 8. (Instruction.)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1471—Islington, Three Bucks, 23 Gresham-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
1507—Metropolitan, 269 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8. (In.)
1668—Samson, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30. (Inst.)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30.
R. A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction.)

70—St. John, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth.
103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.
124—Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham.
126—Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley.
158—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness.
178—Antiquity, Royal Hotel, Wigan.
226—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough.
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30. (Instruction.)
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon.
265—Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley.
393—St. David, Freemasons' Hall, The Parade, Berwick-on-Tweed.
403—Hertford, Town Hall, Hertford.
448—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax.
493—Royal Lebanon, Spread Eagle, Gloucester.
510—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard.
558—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.
624—Abbey, Masonic Hall, Union-street, Burton-on-Trent.
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington.
794—Warden, Royal Hotel, Sutton, Coldfield.
804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant.
920—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
947—Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.
997—Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helens, Liverpool
998—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Petersfield, Hampshire.
998—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard.
960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
986—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston.
1002—Skiddaw, Lodge Room, Market-place, Cockermouth.
1134—Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Salford.
1214—Scarbro, Scarbro Hall, Caledonia-road, Batley.
1244—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar.
1322—Waverley, Caledonia Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne.
1336—Square and Compass, Corn Exchange, Wrexham.
1343—St. John, King's Arms, Grays.
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 6. (Instruction.)
1549—Abercorn, Abercorn Arms Hotel, Great Stanmore, Middlesex.
1587—St. Giles, Royal Oak Hotel, Cheadle.
R. A. 203—St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
R. A. 296—Loyalty, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.
R. A. 784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal

WEDNESDAY, 7th 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.)
228—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8. (In.)
538—La Tolerance, Green Dragon, 2 Maddox-street, W., at 7.45. (Inst.)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E., at 7.30. (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. at 8. (Instruction.)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8. (Instruction.)
1044—Wandsworth, Spread Eagle, Wandsworth. (Instruction.)
1196—Urban, The Three Bucks, Gresham-street, at 6.30. (Instruction.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8. (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-road, Holloway, at 8. (Instruction.)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8. (Instruction.)
1558—Duke of Connaught, Class Room, Sutherland Chapel, Walworth, at 8. (In.)
1707—Eleanor, Angel Hotel, Edmonton, at 8. (Instruction.)
R. A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8. (Instruction.)

74—Athol, Masonic, Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham.
81—Doric, Private Room, Woodbridge, Suffolk.
125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe, Kent.
128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury, Lancashire.
210—Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton.
274—Tranquility, Boar's Head Inn, Newchurch, near Manchester.
290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield.
298—Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Ann-street, Rochdale
326—Moira, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol.
327—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton.
363—Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth.
387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley.
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne.
417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester.
471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Mon.
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction.)
606—Segontium, The Castle, Carnarvon.
611—Marches, Old Rectory, Ludlow.
625—Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop.
645—Humphrey Chetham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
678—Earl Ellesmere, Church Hotel, Kersley, Farnworth, near Bolton.
750—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton.
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction.)
992—St. Thomas, Griffin Hotel, Lower Broughton.
1010—Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship-street, Hull.
1013—Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1037—Portland, Royal Breakwater Hotel, Portland. (Instruction)
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby.
1091—Erme, Erme House, Ivybridge, Devon.
1107—Cornwallis, Masonic Hall, Erith.
1167—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick.
1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich.
1274—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Chester-le-Street
1323—Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea.
1335—Lindsay, 20 King-street, Wigan.
1354—Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh, Lancashire
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1383—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester.
1403—West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk.
1431—St. Alphege, George Hotel, Solihull.
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, at 7. (Instruction.)
1549—Abercorn, Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore
1620—Marlborough, Derby Hall, Tue Brook, Liverpool.
1645—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slaithwaite.
R. A. 126—Nativity, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley.
R. A. 221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton.
R. A. 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds.
M. M. 38—Furness, Hartington Hotel, Duke-street, Barrow-in-Furness.
M. M. 65—West Lancashire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.

THURSDAY, 8th MAY.

3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8. (Instruction.)
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
19—Royal Athelstan, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction.)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8. (Instruction.)
206—Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
211—St. Michael, George, Australian Avenue, Barbican, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)
263—Bank of England, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
754—High Cross, Couch and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8. (Instruction.)
1076—Capper, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1321—Emblematic, Tulse-hill Hotel, Tulse-hill.
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.
1558—Duke of Connaught, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1614—Covent Garden, Ashley's Hotel, Henrietta-street, Covent Garden, 8. (Inst.)
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.)

35—Medina, 85 High-street, Cowes.
97—Palatine, Masonic Hall, Toward-road, Sunderland.
139—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
215—Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden.
216—Harmonic, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool.
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
333—Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston.
338—Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Cumberland.
345—United Brethren, Royal Oak Inn, Clayton-le-Dale, near Blackburn.
350—Charity, Grapes Inn, Stonecliough, near Manchester.
389—Limestone Rock, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Clitheroe.
432—Abbey, Newdegate Arms, Nuneaton.
439—Cecil, Sun Hotel, Hitchin.
456—Foresters, White Hart Hotel, Ottoxeter.
482—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington.
489—Hundred of Elloe, Masonic Rooms, London Road, Spalding.
477—Mersey, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.

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548—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Caroline-street, Longton, Stafford.
732—Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton.
739—Temperance, Masonic Room, New-street, Birmingham.
784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal.
786—Croxteth United Service, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
945—Abbey, Abbey Council Chamber, Abingdon, Berks.
971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial-street, Batley.
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 Hotel, Tredegar, Mon.
1125—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Tiverton, Devon.
1144—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne.
1145—Equality, Red Lion Hotel, Accrington.
1147—St. David, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1204—Royd, Imperial Hotel, Malvern, Worcestershire.
1273—St. Michael, Free Church School-rooms, Sittingbourne.
1369—Bala, Plasgoch Hotel, Bala.
1416—Falcon, Masonic Hall, Castle Yard, Thirsk.
1429—Albert Edward Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Newport, Mon.
1457—Bagshaw, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill.
1514—Thornhill, Dearn House, Lindley, Huddersfield.
1583—Corbet, Corbet Arms, Towyn.
1607—Hospitality, Royal Hotel, Waterfoot, near Manchester.
1782—Machen, Swan Hotel, Coleshill.
R. A. 51—Patriotic, Three Cups Hotel, Colchester.
R. A. 206—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.
R. A. 613—Tyrridson, Masonic Hall, Southport.
K. A. 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
K. T.—Salamanca, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax.

FRIDAY, 9th MAY.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
766—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. 8. (Inst.)
834—Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-road. (Instruction.)
902—Burgoyne, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction.)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction.)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1288—Finsbury Park M.M., Earl Russell, Isledon-road, N. at 8. (Instruction.)
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.)
London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-street, E.C., at 6.
R. A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8. (Inst.)
R. A. 1471—North London, Crown and Woolpack, St. John-st.-rd., at 8. (Inst.)

36—Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary-street, Cardiff.
401—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Slaidburn.
468—Aire and Calder, Private Rooms, Ouse-street, Goole.
490—Sutherland of Unity, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyne.
526—Honour, Star and Garter, Hotel, Wolverhampton.
652—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth.
662—Dartmouth, Dartmouth Hotel, West Bromwich.
697—United, George Hotel, Colchester.
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
815—Blair, Town Hall, Stretford-road, Hulme.
1001—Harrogate and Claro, Masonic Rooms, Parliament-street, Harrogate.
1034—Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill.
1087—Beaudesert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard.
1102—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Eastthorpe, Mirfield.
1289—Rock, Bedford House, Bedford-road, Rockferry, Cheshire.
1536—United Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead.
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7.
R. A. 903—Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Levenshulme.
K. T.—Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.

SATURDAY, 10th MAY.

198—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.)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.
R. A. 1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green.

615—St. John and St. Paul, Pier Hotel, Erith, Kent
1391—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester.
1556—Addiscombe, Surrey Club, West Croydon.
1584—Loyalty and Charity, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Egyptian Lodge, No. 27.—A meeting of the members of this Lodge took place on Thursday evening at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. Richards. He was supported by Bros. Chapman S.W., Coulson J.W., H. G. Buss Assist. Grand Secretary P.M. Treasurer, Poole P.M. Secretary, Cuthbertson J.D., Grammer I.G., J. Murch D.C., Jacobs P.M. W.S., King Assist. W.S., and Potter Tyler. Amongst the Visitors present were:—Bros. Harper W.M. 813, Lucas 192, V. E. Etienne 1612, Medcalf W.M. 1671, C. S. Crowden 79, C. W. Christian 289, E. Costo P.M. 9, T. A. Elsden 816, W. W. Morgan Secretary 211, &c. Lodge was opened in form; but there was no ceremonial business to be transacted, a circumstance almost unprecedented in the history of this old and substantial Lodge. After the usual formalities had been gone through, the brethren partook of refreshment, and a number of toasts were submitted, those of the Masonic rulers being received with especial honour. In responding on behalf of the Grand Officers, Bro. Buss, the Assistant Grand Secretary, observed that those who attended the Grand Festival on the preceding night must have been struck by the enthusiastic manner in which the names of those brethren were received upon whom grand offices had been conferred. He remarked upon the impartial manner in which those favours had been distributed, and thought the brethren had every reason to be satisfied with the selection that had been made. The health of the Visitors was then given by the W.M., who expressed the pleasure it afforded him to be honoured with the presence of so many members of other Lodges. The toast was cordially received, and suitably acknowledged by Bros. Harper, Medcalf, &c. Bro. Maidwell P.M. next proposed in felicitous terms the health of the W.M., who in response thanked the brethren for the cordiality with which they had received the mention of his name. He sincerely regretted that circumstances had prevented the display of Masonic knowledge which he knew so many of his officers possessed, and which no doubt they all hoped to have been called upon to exercise. Still they had the satisfaction of knowing that the master-roll of the Lodge contained the names of those who were desirous of doing their utmost to promote the welfare of the Lodge, and to maintain the high position it had so long enjoyed in the Craft. The health of the P.M.'s was then given, and received with every expression of welcome. In acknowledging the compliment paid them, Bro. Maidwell assured the brethren that he and his fellow P.M.'s would be glad at all times to render whatever assistance they could in promoting the best interests of the Lodge, whose welfare they all had so closely at heart. Bro. Buss, the senior P.M. of the Lodge, also responded, and said that as Treasurer of the Egyptian Lodge he had held office longer than any other Treasurer in the Craft. In a long and interesting disquisition on the duties of Freemasonry, he urged the brethren to support their principals, who were, of course, the mainstay of the Lodge. He hoped they would all go on unitedly together, and the Lodge continue in the prosperous career it had so long enjoyed. He impressed upon the members the necessity of acting together, and ever to remember the responsibilities which were incumbent upon them, and to strive to do all they could to advance in proficiency and to maintain the prestige which the Lodge had gained and held now through a long series of years. Several other toasts were honoured, the intervals being enlivened with some capital singing, in which assistance was lent by Bros. Maidwell, Jacobs, Medcalf, the W.M., and others.

Wellington Lodge of Instruction.—The annual banquet of this Lodge of Instruction was held at the White Swan Hotel, High-street, Deptford, on Monday, the 28th ult. The Lodge was opened at 7 p.m., Bro. Bumstead P.M. and Sec. 548, P.Z. 79, &c., occupying the chair, and the other offices being filled as follows:—Bro. Batchelor J.D. 548, P.S. 79 as S.W., Bro. Hutchings J.W. 147, S.D. 1531 as J.W., Bro. Catterson S.D. 548 as S.D., Bro. Hunt I.G. 1662 as J.D., and Bro. Price 471 as I.G. After the confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed by the W.M. The working of the first and third sections of the lecture by the Junior Warden followed. The time had then arrived for an adjournment from labour to refreshment. The Lodge was accordingly closed, and the brethren—to the number of forty—sat down to banquet, which was served by the host, Bro. Morgan, in a style that called forth commendations from all present. The same Officers presided as at the working of the Lodge. The Stewards were Bros. Batchelor J.D. 548, P.S. 79, Carman 548, Gloster W.M. 1531, I.G. 1326, Griffin P.M. 933, J.W. 1531, P.Z. 79, &c., Preceptor and Treasurer, Gibson 1531 Hon. Sec., Hutchings J.W. 147, S.D. 1531, Hunt I.G. 1662, Vohmann S.W. 871. The usual Masonic toasts having been duly honoured, the W.M. invited the brethren to drink the toast of the evening,—"Prosperity to the Wellington Lodge of Instruction," with which he coupled the name of Bro. Griffin, the Preceptor and Treasurer. In proposing this toast, the W.M. desired to impress upon the mind of every brother present the necessity of frequently attending a Lodge of Instruction. To those young in Masonry it was necessary as a preparation for the time when they might be summoned to take office; while for those more experienced occasional, if not regular, visits to a Lodge of Instruction would serve to "rub off the rust" and conduce to the securing of correctness in the delivery of the ritual. While on the subject of ritual he desired to express his deep regret at a practice which, of late years, had become common amongst Preceptors of Lodges of Instruction, of introducing phraseology of their own in the working of the ceremonies, instead of employing the ancient and recognised ritual. He felt very strongly on this point. The innovations thus made on the ancient landmarks of the Order were rapidly increasing. One heard from time to time of a certain form being Bro. "So and So's" working, and it had become difficult to find two Lodges of Instruction where the ritual was identical. In fact the working in many Lodges resembled an ancient picture which had passed through the hands of a modern "restorer;" or if he might descend to a more humorous parallel he would allude to the celebrated dog, whose owner declared had been originally a greyhound, but, his ears and tail being cropped, became converted into a mastiff. He concluded by inviting the brethren present to drink the toast, which was done with enthusiasm. Bro. Griffin replied, thanking the brethren for the cordial manner in which they had responded. For his own part the remarks of the W.M. concerning the innovations in the working of the ceremonies did not apply, as he could confidently declare that he had neither introduced nor suppressed, but taught the ritual in the precise form he had received it. In conclusion he expressed a hope of meeting the brethren round the festive board upon many future occasions. The next toast was that of the Visitors, of whom there were some twenty present, including Bros. Abbott W.M. 765, Jewiss J.D. 765, Quittmann 538, Finch 217, Leaver 548, and Payne 548. The W.M. having proposed the toast, Bro. Abbott briefly returned thanks. Bro. Griffin then proposed the health of the W.M., Bro. Bumstead, whom he said had to some extent retired from Craft Masonry and identified himself with the Royal Arch Degree, but nevertheless had shown by his working on that evening that he was no stranger to Craft ritual. Bro. Bumstead, in acknowledging the compliment, said he hoped at some future time on a similar occasion again to attend this Lodge of Instruction, where he had received his first instruction in Masonry. He then proposed the Hon. Secretary, Bro. Gibson, who in returning thanks, quoted statistics to show that the attendance at the Lodge of Instruction, during the financial year just concluded had shown a satisfactory increase upon the previous years. The toast of the Officers of the Lodge followed, and was acknowledged briefly by Bros. Batchelor, Hutchings, Catterson, Hunt and Price. The Tyler's toast was subsequently given, and terminated one of the most successful banquets given by this Lodge for many years past. The enjoyment of the evening was enhanced by the vocal efforts of several of the brethren present, both members and visitors.

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Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.—On Monday, the 28th ult., at Bro. Spurgin's, the Sportsman, City-road, Bro. Willison being the W.M., assisted by Bro. Hallam S.W., Isaac J.W., Tolmie Preceptor, Fenner Sec., Alford S.D., Lane J.D., Hirst I.G.; also Bros. Pearcy, G. E. Cook, Ross, Recknell, Spurgin, J. W. Smith, Stock, Gibbs, Droscher. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. Bro. Pearcy worked the first, Bro. Fenner the second, third and fourth sections, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Hallam was elected W.M. for ensuing week.

Vitruvian Lodge of Instruction, No. 87.—On 24th April, at the White Hart, College-street, Lambeth. Present—Bros. W. Stuart W.M., S. Jolly S.W., H. C. Ball J.W., G. Isaac Treas., J. G. Bond Sec., Brown S.D., Chalkley J.D., R. Janeway I.G.; Watterton, Holland, Moss, Buck, Watson, De Solla, Caton, Whiting, Field, Noke, Vizzard, Chambers, Valentine, Skirving. The Lodge was opened in due form and the minutes were read and confirmed. The Fifteen Sections were worked by Bros. Janeway, Moss, Brown, Ball, Whiting, Noke, Stuart; Watterton, Moss, De Solla, Noke, Whiting; Caton, Ball, Whiting. The Lodge was resumed, and closed in perfect harmony.

Manchester Lodge, No. 179.—The last, though not the least enjoyable, meeting of this Lodge, previous to the summer recess, took place on Thursday, the 17th April, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street. Bros. Bryant and Wallwin were raised to the third degree by the W.M., Bro. D. M. Bellfrage, in a manner that gave satisfaction to the brethren present; this completed the business of the evening. At the banquet table the W.M. proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts, which were heartily received; amongst others that of the Visitors, those present being:—Bros. Hayward Edwards P.G.S.B. Herts, No. 1385, Carr Constitutional No. 55, William Bellamy Regularity No. 91, Sutherland Lion and Lamb 192, Meredith Kilburn No. 1608, John Dudino East Surrey Lodge of Concord No. 463, and also Bro. Benoit from a Lodge in Normandy. Bros. Edwards and Benoit suitably acknowledged the cordial reception which had been accorded to the Visitors, and expressed their satisfaction at the enjoyable evening they had spent. The intervals between the various speeches were enlivened by songs, Bros. Bellamy, Rosser, Millward, and Dickenson kindly contributing. Bro. Parson in no small way deserved the thanks of the brethren for his clever extempore verses, rendered doubly comical from his manner in delivering them. The summer banquet, it was arranged, should take place on the 19th June, at the Crown Hotel, Broxbourne. The Tyler's toast, at eleven o'clock, brought the proceedings to a close.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—At Bro. Fysch's, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, on Saturday, 26th ult., the Fifteen Sections, were worked by Bro. R. Pearcy the Preceptor, assisted by Bros. Wallington S.W., C. Lorkin J.W., Fenner Sec., Slaiter I.G.; Bros. Stock, Trewinnard, W. H. Lee P.M., Brasted, Powell, Byng, Peach, Burtle, Chant, Gibbs, Ross, Garrod, J. Lorkin, Mackie, Richardson, Hallam, Fidler, Giller, Spencer, H. P. Isaac, Fysh, Carr, Brand, H. Hall, R. H. Halford, and Cull. Preliminaries having been duly observed, the following brethren worked the sections:—First Lecture—Bros. W. Burtle, J. Gibbs, F. H. Peach, A. W. Fenner, J. Stock, W. H. Lee, J. A. Powell. Second Lecture—J. Lorkin, J. A. Powell, H. R. Hallam, H. P. Isaac, F. G. Chant. Third Lecture.—F. Brasted, A. Trewinnard, J. Garrod. A vote of thanks was awarded the W.M. for the very able manner he had worked the Sections, for the first time; for which he returned thanks. A vote of thanks was also given the brethren who had assisted him. After which Lodge was closed and adjourned. Bro. Hallam will preside at the meeting next Saturday.

High Cross Lodge, No. 754.—A regular meeting was held on Wednesday, 23rd April, at Seven Sisters Hotel, Tottenham. Present:—Bros. H. Stephens W.M., J. H. Thompson S.W., J. Farren J.W., and the other Officers; Past Masters Bros. T. Jones, J. Linzell, and W. Dance; Visitor—J. Driscoll P.M. 30 P.G.P. Herts. The Lodge was opened in ancient form, the minutes of last Lodge meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. A. G. Fidler was entrusted and passed, the ceremony being ably conducted by the W.M. The lecture on the tracing board was given by Bro. J. Garrod D.C., after which the Lodge was resumed, and closed in peace and harmony. The brethren then adjourned for refreshment. On the removal of the cloth, the Loyal and Masonic toasts were given. Bro. P.M. Jones proposed the health of the W.M., who briefly responded. Bro. Linzell responded to the health of the P.M.'s, and Bro. Driscoll for the Visitors. Although there was but a small attendance of the brethren, a very pleasant and agreeable evening was spent.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—Held at Bro. Smyth's, the Sisters' Tavern, Pownall Road, Dalston. A very wholesome rule obtains in this Lodge of Instruction that, on the fifth meeting night in the month, the Secretary shall have the privilege of presiding. The 29th ult. being the fifth Tuesday, the brethren assembled in strong force to support Bro. Dallas, who so untiringly devotes his energies to further the welfare of this Lodge of Instruction. Bro. H. Williams was the S.W., Wardell J.W., Clark S.D., Brasted J.D., Polak I.G., M. Christian acting as Secretary, Smyth Treasurer, P.M. Wallington Preceptor; J. Lorkin, Smyth, R. Williams, Collins, C. Lorkin, W. W. Morgan, Webb, &c. After preliminaries had been fully complied with, the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. R. Williams candidate. The Lodge was called from labour to refreshment, and afterwards resumed. The Lodge was opened in the third, and regularly closed to the first. Bro. Webb worked the first, second, and fourth sections of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. It was proposed and seconded that the Fifteen Sections should be worked the fourth Tuesday in May, Bro. Webb to preside. Bro. H. Williams was elected W.M. for the next meeting.

Royal Oak Lodge, No. 871.—On Thursday, 24th April, at the White Swan Hotel, 217 High-street, Deptford, Bro. R. Harman W.M. initiated Mr. Taylor and raised Bro. Clark. Bro. Frederick Walters P.P.G.D. Middlesex P.M. resigned the Secretaryship, through ill-health. The resignation was accepted with great regret. A notice of motion was given to place him on the list of honorary members. Bro. J. J. Pakes P.M. was appointed and invested Secretary. A vote of thanks was given and placed on the minutes for services rendered by Bro. H. J. Fisher, late Organist. A committee was appointed to investigate the question of the eligibility of members to be placed on Seafaring and Country Members' list. Business ended, the Lodge was closed. Banquet followed. Toasts, songs, recitations and good music passed away some pleasant hours. Amongst the visitors were Bros. Robinson and Holland.

Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction, No. 1298.—A meeting was held on Friday, 25th April, at the Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury. Present—Bros. Geo. Read P.M. 511 W.M., T. Cull S.W., Sparrow J.W., Eldridge Treas., Dickinson Sec., Maillard S.D., Yeomans J.D., Hunter I.G., and about thirty-five other brethren. Lodge opened in the three degrees, and minutes of last Lodge meeting were read and confirmed. The members of the Hyde Park Lodge of Instruction having been invited to work the Fifteen Sections, the Lectures were worked by the following brethren—First Lecture: Bros. Nevitt, Coop, Chalfont, West, Sparrow, Maillard, Reynolds; Second Lecture: Bros. Thompson, Dickinson, Wright, Cull, Dutton; Third Lecture: Bros. Rogers, Sparrow, Cull. A vote of thanks, to be recorded on the minutes, was unanimously accorded to Bro. Read for the very able manner in which he had discharged the duties of Master; in appreciation of which he was unanimously elected an honorary member of the Lodge. A vote of thanks was also unanimously ordered to be recorded on the minutes to the members of the Hyde Park Lodge of Instruction, who had kindly come forward, and in so able a manner worked the Fifteen Sections. All Masonic business being ended, Lodge was closed in ancient form.

Friars Lodge of Instruction, No. 1349.—At Bro. Pavitt's, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, 29th April. Bro. Johnson W.M., Pavitt S.W., Worsley J.W., Spencer S.D., Smith J.D., Barker I.G. and acting Secretary, P.M. Cundick acting Preceptor; Bros. Shepherd W.M. 1349, Dunsmore, Watkins, Roberts, White, Sadler, Lloyd, Ellis, McDonald, Waterer, Pinder, &c. P.M. Cundick opened the Lodge in due form, and the minutes were read and confirmed. Bro. Johnson was presented as W.M. elect, and the installation ceremony was worked by P.M. Cundick. On Lodge being resumed, Bro. Barker, assisted by the brethren, worked the first four sections of the first lecture. Bros. Waterer 1549, Lloyd 1472, and Ellis 860 were elected members. It was proposed by Bro. Worsley J.W., seconded by Bro. S.W., that the best thanks of this meeting be given to Bro. Cundick for the able manner in which he had worked the installation ceremony, and that he be made an hon. member. Carried unanimously. Bro. Pavitt will preside at next meeting. Many of the brethren expressed regret that Bro. Musto was absent, business in the country preventing his attendance; however, by the kind assistance of Bro. Cundick, the brethren had a very instructive evening. It is gratifying to see such good attendances at this new Lodge of Instruction, which opens at 7.30 each evening.

Duke of Connaught Lodge of Instruction, No. 1558.—On Wednesday evening, 30th April, at 8 p.m., in the Class Room of the Sutherland Chapel, 346 Walworth-road, S.E. Present—Bros. T. E. Walker W.M., Power S.W., Williams J.W., Stokes S.D., Taylor J.D., Lawrence I.G., Corpe Treasurer, Walker Sec., Daun Preceptor, and other brethren. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Corpe as candidate. The questions for raising were answered, and the ceremony was duly rehearsed, Bro. Brooke acting as candidate. The Lodge closed to the first. The S.W. was elected W.M. for ensuing week. A vote of thanks was unanimously given the W.M. for his efficient working in the chair. The meetings in the new quarters are most satisfactory; there is a much larger attendance than formerly, while the members continue to express gratification at the labour being disassociated with refreshment.

West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1612.—The weekly meeting of this Lodge was held at the Feathers Hotel, Ealing, on the 24th ult. Present—Bros. Kingston W.M., Jones S.W., Burr J.W., Green S.D., Seward J.D., Porter I.G., Tucker Treasurer; Bros. Wells, Fernee, Clark, Stephens, Owen, Bloomfield, &c. After preliminaries, the Lodge was advanced, and Bro. Wells was raised. Lodge having been resumed, the Treasurer intimated that Bro. Terry would in all probability rehearse the ceremony of consecration on a day to be named in May, and the suspension of Bye-Law No. 1 was accordingly agreed to. Some other business was transacted, and the Lodge adjourned.

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West Middlesex Lodge, No. 1612.—A meeting of the members of this popular and excellent Lodge was held at the Ealing Institute, on the 12th ult., when there was a respectable muster of the brethren, under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. T. Kingston. Amongst the items of business transacted, Bro. Kasner S.W. gave notice of a motion for the alteration of Bye-Law No. 9; and an Audit Committee was appointed. Bro. Kasner was unanimously chosen as W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. Tucker was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Harrison Tyler. The sum of five guineas was voted by the Lodge for the purchase of a P.M.'s jewel to be presented to the retiring W.M. It was also proposed to procure, as a record in the Lodge, an album for the portraits of its members, and the brethren were requested to further this object by sending their *cartes de visite* to the Secretary. An emergency meeting was convened for Saturday last, when there was again a goodly attendance of the brethren and visitors. Bro. Thomas Kingston W.M. was supported by Bros. A. Beasley I.P.M., H. Kasner S.W., A. J. Burr J.W., H. Tucker Treasurer, J. Green S.D., S. Dyer J.D., W. Siward D.C., Delevante Organist, Fisher Steward, &c. Amongst the Visitors were:—Bros. W. Heath 1681, Fred Botley 780, J. Owen 671, J. Headon S.W. 1425, C. H. Bolt 1681, W. A. Hart 771, W. W. Morgan Secretary 211, &c. Lodge was opened shortly after four o'clock in the usual way, when Bro. Youens, having proved himself efficient, was raised by the W.M., who performed the ceremony in a perfect manner. The ballot was then prepared for Mr. Charles Peter Bellerby, whose sponsors were Bros. Clarke and Jones, and the unanimous approval of the brethren in that gentleman's behalf was recorded. The candidate, however, not being present, the Lodge was closed, and after the transaction of ordinary business, refreshment was partaken of, at six o'clock, at the Feathers Hotel. At the conclusion of the repast, the Loyal and Masonic toasts were given from the chair, and received every manifestation of welcome. In proposing them the W.M. observed that as Englishmen everywhere were proud of the Queen as the head of the State, so they, as Masons, were proud of the Prince of Wales as the supreme ruler of the Craft. He then gave the toast of the Grand Officers, remarking that we were most fortunate in having such talented men to fill these high and important positions in the Craft. Those who were privileged to attend Grand Lodge could more fully appreciate the ability there displayed, and he advised those who were not so privileged to push forward until they attained so desirable a qualification. Bro. Beasley said he rose for the last time in his capacity as I.P.M of this Lodge to propose the health of their excellent W.M.; he said it in all sincerity that the manner in which Bro. Kingston had discharged the duties of his office during the past year had redounded much to his credit and to that of the Lodge. He had proved himself a very worthy pattern, which successors to his chair would do well to imitate, and in asking them to drink to his further success and happiness in the study of Masonry he felt certain the brethren would one and all unite most heartily. The toast was warmly received, and in brief but suitable terms the W.M. acknowledged the compliment which had been paid him. He hoped to be associated with this Lodge for many years, to take part in the administration of its affairs, and to lend whatever assistance he could to those who had especial care of its interests. In turn he cheerfully proposed the health of the Past Master of the Lodge. At present there was but one, yet he was an officer in whose footsteps he (the speaker) hoped to follow, and whose example he should do his utmost to emulate. The gratifying success which had attended this Lodge was in a great measure due to the active interest manifested in its affairs by its Founder and first W.M., to whose health he now asked them to drink. Addressing Bro. Beasley the W.M. said:—A very pleasant task has now fallen to me, and although I feel that it is out of my power to do it justice, yet I must ask you to take the will for the deed. You are not ignorant of the fact that the brethren of the West Middlesex Lodge are anxious to offer you some mark of esteem and respect, as a slight recognition of your arduous duties during the two years and upwards you occupied the chair of this Lodge, as well as for the vast amount of time and labour it cost you in founding the same. I have now been a Mason upwards of twelve years, and I must say, without the slightest exaggeration, that I have never heard the ceremonies worked better than, and seldom so well as, they were by you. I now, in the name of the brethren of the West Middlesex Lodge—and I think there are one or two brethren who are not members, but who have subscribed—ask you to accept this clock and candelabra. We all sincerely hope that it may please the G.A.O.T.U. to grant you and Mrs. Beasley health and strength for many many years to note the benefit of this gift, and when in course of time you are taken from this sublunary abode, may it be handed down to your children and to posterity as a proof of the esteem in which you were held by the members of the West Middlesex Lodge. Amidst loud and repeated cheers, the testimonial was formally presented to Bro. Beasley. It consisted of a magnificent timepiece and a pair of candelabra, under glass shades. Attached to the clock was a plate bearing the following inscription:—

Presented to Brother A. Beasley,
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In acknowledging the handsome presentation which had been so kindly made him, Bro. Beasley observed that the gift of eloquence had not been vouchsafed him; he could not find words adequate to express his indebtedness to them for this substantial mark of esteem and regard. During the two years he had presided over the Lodge he had endeavoured to discharge his duties well; if he had worked hard, as some of the brethren had kindly given him credit for, he felt he had been amply rewarded by the great kindness which was ever evinced towards him by the brethren with whom he had been associated. He paid a high compliment to the W.M. for the way in which he had conducted the Lodge business. On behalf of his wife and himself he again thanked them most kindly for the handsome gift which he had just received at their hands. The health of the Visitors was then given in cordial terms by the W.M., who associated with the toast the names of Bros. Headon 1681, and W. W. Morgan of the Freemason's Chronicle. Brother Headon responded in suitable language, and was followed by Bro. Morgan, who said he had so frequently been called on to respond to this toast in their Lodge that he had very little that was fresh to say on this occasion. He expressed himself gratified with the working he at all times witnessed from the Officers of the Lodge, and, reverting to the charitable proclivities of the members, he drew their attention to the claims of Bro. R. H. Marsh, formerly a tragedian, and known as Henry Marston. Their W.M. had asked him to give them a reading, and he took this opportunity of saying that if he possessed the requisite qualifications to comply with that request, he felt his indebtedness to Bro. Henry Marston for any elocutionary knowledge he might have acquired. He paid that brother a high compliment, as being a kind-hearted man and a painstaking member of his profession; and expressed his regret that one so gifted, and in earlier days so sought after and esteemed, should now find himself constrained to appeal to the sympathies of the Craft. He had already mentioned this case to one or two brethren, and found that several members of this Lodge had given Bro. Marston their support, notably Bro. Beasley, who had handed over all the votes at his command. He trusted those who had the care of Bro. Marston's application might be successful, and reminded them that however deserving might be the claims of individual brethren, those who had the voting strength at their disposal frequently pledged their support, and therefore it required very great effort to carry a case. This was one that deserved immediate and earnest attention, and for that reason every exertion would be required to carry it through at the next election. Bro. Morgan then gave some selections from "Othello," which seemed to be very much appreciated. The health of the W.M. elect was next proposed, and heartily received, and Bro. Kasner, in responding, said he took it as a very high compliment that there was not one dissentient voice at his election. He assured them he should do his utmost to carry out the duties of his office in such a manner as would tend to promote the best interests of the Lodge, and he hoped at the expiration of his year to retire from the position, as his predecessors had done, with all his blushing honours thick upon him. The health of the Officers of the Lodge was the next toast on the list, and Bro. Burr J.W. said he esteemed it no small honour to be called upon to respond to that important toast. When brethren of such experience as Bros. Headon and Morgan were enabled to speak in eulogistic terms of the way in which the working of the Lodge had been conducted, it was a compliment that reflected more or less upon all the Officers, and for this he was very grateful. The Masters had always impressed upon the brethren the desirableness of doing well all that they undertook, and the consequence of the wise counsel they had received in the Lodge, and at the instruction meetings, was that there was scarcely a member incapable of taking any post assigned to him for the time being. They were all united in the endeavour to support the Lodge, and it was to this *esprit de corps* that much of their success was due. He regretted the absence of Bro. Roe, who was certainly one of the most energetic Secretaries, and to whom every member of the Lodge was deeply indebted for the zeal and ability with which he discharged the duties of his important post. Bro. Tucker, as Treasurer, also responded; in doing so he explained the absence of Bro. Roe, to whom they were much indebted for the assistance he had rendered to the Testimonial Committee, as well as in the ordinary duties of his office. He (the speaker) was deeply sensible of the compliment which had been paid him by his re-election to the Treasurership. When he entered Freemasonry—he was the second initiate of this Lodge—he was a stranger to most of the brethren he saw around him; now he felt they all entertained towards him feelings of esteem and brotherly regard. He referred to his connection with the Lodge of Instruction as Preceptor, and spoke of what should be done in supporting the Charities. To show the harmony that prevailed in the Lodge of Instruction, he mentioned that they were never unmindful of their distressed brethren, for all cases brought forward, and found deserving, were relieved. One or two other toasts followed, and the proceedings were enlivened by some excellent songs and recitations, amongst the latter "The Charge of the Light Brigade" was effectively rendered by Bro. Jones. Bro. Delevante, the talented Organist, as usual lent valuable assistance as accompanyist.

Jamaica Lodge, 1771.—A meeting was held on the 25th of March 1879, at the Masonic Hall, 23 Hanover-street, Kingston. Present—Bros. Thomas Allen, M.D., W.M., John McClean S.W., Capt. Portlock Dadson J.W., S. E. Pieterse Sec., J. W. Whitbourne S.D., Henry Garcia J.D., George R. Taylor I.G., George Magnus Tyler. Members—The R.W. Hon. R. Hamilton, M.D., D.G.M., and the W. Bro. the Hon. John C. Macklashan D.G.J.W. Visitors—Bros. J. J. G. Lewis D.G.S.W., G. Lewis D.G. Sec., W. Lee Madon W.M. Sussex Lodge, M. Delgado W.M. Friendly Lodge, John Harris S.W. Sussex Lodge, Dillett, Commander A. W. Warry, R.N., of H.M.S. "Urgent." Business—Bros. A. H. Alexander and J. W. Anderson, M.D., were passed to the degree of Fellow Craft, the lecture being most impressively given by the R.W. Dr. Hamilton, 33° D.G.M. Commander Warry, R.N., was proposed as a candidate for joining.

Stokes on Memory.—Some very interesting and novel illustrations of the acquired power of memory are being given at the Royal Polytechnic Institution, by a number of the pupils of Mr. Stokes, in his Lecture on Mnemonics. Various applications of his system for teaching music, and for playing from memory, are especially worthy of notice.

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St. Michael's Lodge of Instruction, No. 211.—The usual meeting was held on Thursday, at the George Tavern, Australian Avenue, Barbican. Bro. Hentsch opened the Lodge, assisted by Bros. A. Withers S.W., Chamberlain J.W., King P.M. Preceptor, W. E. Young S.D., Radcliffe Treas., W. W. Morgan jun. as Sec. Lodge was advanced, and Bro. Withers took the chair. Bro. Morgan was entrusted, and afterwards raised. The Lodge being closed to the first degree, Bro. J. S. Cumberland W.M. 1611 was proposed, and unanimously admitted a member of the Lodge of Instruction, which was then closed. Next Thursday the conduct of the work will devolve on the Officers of the mother Lodge, who are anxious that this Lodge of Instruction shall become a popular one, and will make an effort to induce a strong attendance on that occasion. The brethren cordially invite any of our readers who may be disengaged to pay them a visit.

Constitutional Lodge of Instruction, No. 55.—A meeting was held on Tuesday, 29th April, at the Bedford Hotel, Southampton Buildings. Present:—Bros. Low W.M., Gruggen S.W., Hallam J.W., Dickins Secretary, Linscott S.D., Pownceby J.D., Snodin I.G.; Bros. T. B. Dodson, Cornu, Sanders, White, Abell, Sadler, Watts, and several others. The Lodge was opened in due form. Bro. Whaley offered himself as candidate, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. The first, second, and third sections of the Lecture were worked by Bro. Hallam. Bro. Gruggen was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and a vote of thanks ordered to be recorded on the minutes to Bro. Low for his able working on this the first occasion in this Lodge of Instruction. The Lodge was then closed in perfect harmony.

Eleanor Lodge of Instruction.—The members have decided hold their future meetings at The Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street. On Tuesday next the following Sections will be worked there, under the presidency of Bro. S. J. Turquand P.M. 1556. First Lecture: 4th section Bro. Christian, 5th Bro. Taylor, 6th Bro. Slaiter, 7th Bro. Webb. Second Lecture: 2nd section Bro. Everdell, 3rd Bro. Andrews, 4th Bro. Byng, 5th Bro. Pringle. Third Lecture: 2nd section Bro. Gimingham, 3rd Bro. Garrod. Bro. Webb will act as S.W., Bro. Christian as J.W., and Bro. Tanner as I.P.M. Lodge will be opened at six o'clock.

Marquess of Ripon Lodge of Instruction, No. 1489.—At the Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-road, Hackney, on Monday 28th April. Present—Bros. P.M. Lee W.M., Fieldwick I.P.M., P.M. Turquand S.W., A. R. Olley J.W., McDowall S.D., L. Coubro J.D., Grist I.G., Slaiter Hon. Sec. Also Bros. Blunt, Cull, Martin, Peach, C. Lorkin, J. Lorkin, Garrod, Butler, Webb, G. Farrer, Gillings, Carr, and others. Lodge was opened in the three degrees, and resumed to the first. The Fifteen Sections were worked by the W.M., assisted by the following brethren:—First Lecture: Bros. Peach, McDowall, A. R. Olley, Cull, Fieldwick, Slaiter, P.M. Turquand. Second Lecture: Bros. L. Coubro, Fieldwick, Cull, Webb, Slaiter. Third Lecture: Bros. Webb, J. Lorkin, Garrod. Lodge was again resumed to the first degree, and Bro. P.M. Turquand proposed that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to Bro. P.M. Lee for the careful and able manner in which he had worked the sections. This was seconded by Bro. C. Lorkin, and unanimously carried. Bro. Fieldwick proposed, Bro. J. Lorkin seconded, and it was carried unanimously, that the thanks of the meeting be recorded to the officers of the evening. Bro. P.M. Turquand answered on their behalf, and expressed his willingness to at all times contribute to the prosperity of the Lodge. Bro. Grist proposed, and Bro. Butler seconded the proposition, that the thanks of the meeting be recorded to the brethren who had assisted the W.M. in working the sections, which was also carried unanimously. Bros. Webb W.M. of Loyalty Lodge No. 1607, F. Carr I.G. 1607, and S. Gillings 1607, were duly elected members. The Lodge was then closed in due form with prayer, and adjourned to Monday 5th May, at 8 o'clock.

A Norwich paper is responsible for the following:—Consternation prevailed among the brethren of Perseverance on Tuesday 15th inst. at the loss of their warrant—it is not the first time this document has gone astray—and it was not till the wires had been pulled and many messages despatched that the missing warrant was found in safe keeping across the British Channel; but no Lodge could be opened, and the brethren had—poor fellows!—to discuss Host Coleman's banquet without working, and make merry afterwards over the social board.

Miss Florence Smart's benefit concert, given on Wednesday week at "The Athenæum," Camden-road, was a great success. This well-known and rising pianiste was assisted by several artistes of acknowledged repute, and Miss Smart's playing on the pianoforte, especially in Rubenstein's *a*. "Nocturne" (Henselt) *b*. "Valse Caprice," elicited the most unmistakable expressions of approbation from even the severest musical critics. Altogether, the evening was a rich classical treat, and will go far to strengthen the reputation which Miss Smart has already established in her profession.

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THE GIRLS' FESTIVAL.

NEXT week there will be a flutter of pleasurable excitement amongst the "bonnie little lassies" down at Battersea Rise; and equally stirred with agreeable emotion will be those brethren who have lately been occupied in working up their lists, and speculating as to the amounts which they shall be able to take up to the Ninety-first Annual Festival of the Institution. In response to the invitation of the House Committee, Monday next will see the Stewards flocking away on a visit of inspection to the School on St. John's Hill, to mingle with the rosy-faced little girls who have been the objects of their generous solicitude, and to witness the distribution of prizes amongst successful competitors in the various educational classes. It is on an occasion like this that the great value of such a charity is made most apparent, for then is seen the numerous family of children who have been made happy by the untiring energies and assistance of the brethren, but for whose aid they might possibly have suffered sore discomfort and privation. It would be a recapitulation of an oft-told tale to enlarge upon the vast amount of benefit which has been conferred by our Masonic Institutions upon the children of those Freemasons whose circumstances have been reduced through misfortune. And yet, when the annual Festival comes round, and Stewards, both in London and the Provinces, are straining every effort to swell the annual income to as large an amount as possible, it is refreshing to take another glance at what has been, and what might yet be, done in aid of this educational establishment. Some few of our readers may not be aware that since its foundation nearly twelve hundred girls have been educated, clothed, and maintained within its walls, receiving such a training in the habits of industry and the cultivation of domestic, moral, and religious duties as to fit them to take their rightful positions in society in after years. Those who had parents living have been restored to the home circle, after having received a thoroughly sound practical education—a source of pride and comfort to the parents, and a living testimony to the practice of that Charity which is the distinguishing characteristic of a Freemason's heart. In the case of those who are orphans suitable situations are found for them; and we know how eagerly girls from this Institution are sought after to fill positions for which they have been specially fitted by the education imparted to them. Need we tell of the vast amount of benefit thus conferred upon society by this Institution alone—in the first place by relieving the perplexities and ameliorating the distress of many a parent who has seen "better days," and then by providing for, and giving a fair start in life to, so large a number of young women, and preserving them from the dangers and misfortunes to which females are peculiarly exposed? It is not our province here to narrate the history and progress of an Institution which has been the planting of hope, if not the very raising of life, in so many a distressed home. Freemasons are pretty generally acquainted with the circumstances under which the first Schoolhouse was erected in St. George's Fields, how that establishment outgrew the capabilities of its first habitation, and had to be transplanted to the beautiful and salubrious atmosphere of Battersea Rise. From time to time it has been necessary to extend the accommodation afforded by the enlarged School, and all will cherish agreeable recollections of the effort which was put forth three years ago to complete the scheme of affording the largely additional accommodation that was needed. That work was accomplished amidst the heartiest and most laudable congratulations of the Craft; but the inevitable cost had to be considered, and we think we are correct in setting this down at very little short of fifteen thousand pounds. This amount had to be paid, and although the committee have not really sold out their invested money for this purpose, yet it has drained all their floating capital; and, therefore, there is just as much ground on which to appeal to the continued activity of the Craft as in those days when the benefit was in prospective, and the building was in course of erection. It is an absolute necessity, of course, for an Institution of such a character to have a good invested capital; the more its work is increased the greater becomes the necessity for that fund to be kept up and augmented. During the building operations to which we refer the committee could not, as a matter of course, add to that reserve, and even had to draw upon their bankers, to whom it would appear there is a sum of something like a thousand pounds still due; but we have such faith in the 242 Stewards who have announced their intention of attending next Wednesday's Festival as to believe that the promoters of the School may fairly hope to have their hands strengthened in an unprecedented degree. Last year the aggregate amount subscribed fell a little short of £8,400; but, as we have taken occasion previously to observe, considering the increasing strength of Freemasonry we should not rest content until the annual total is represented by five figures. This ought to be so, if we calculate the large addition that has been made to the ranks of Masonry during the last few years. It is most devoutly to be hoped that on Wednesday evening Lieut.-Col. Creaton will be met by a large-hearted body of Stewards, and that the Festival may be altogether a brilliant success. In spite of some little delay in announcing a President for the occasion—caused by the delicate health of Bro. the Prince Leopold, who it had been hoped would have lent his Royal presence to this as he does readily to many good works—we are perfectly sure that under Lieut.-Col. Creaton's genial direction the Festival will pass off happily and well. The selection of a chairman has, for reasons that must be obvious, to be treated as a matter of business policy, and it may not always be one of simple compliment. If the committee can secure the presence of a Royal brother on the occasion the circumstance must have great weight in inducing a large attendance, which means increased support. Failing this, the next advantage to be sought is that of obtaining the help of the Master of an important Province, in which case the brethren of that Province naturally rally round their chief, and do their utmost to sustain their individual and collective *prestige* by raising as large an amount as possible. Of course, we have no one who holds a position such as Provincial Grand Master for London; but we look upon it in such a case as the present that when the compliment is passed to a man who devotes so much of his time and energies to the practical advancement of our Charities it is not only an honour which he eminently deserves, but is reflected from him upon all the metropolitan brethren. Therefore, although Lieut.-Col. Creaton works under certain disadvantages in not having a Province at his back, still we must regard him as a universal man, just as it would be had one of our Royal brethren found it convenient to have presided on the occasion. We hope that the Provinces will assist him liberally, and that London will take upon itself the same duty as would an immense Province had its Grand Master accepted the position of responsibility. It *can* be done, and we sincerely trust it *will*. There is some reason to regret that the

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question was not settled a little earlier, as we should then have had a better opportunity of working the matter up, and bringing it under the notice of the brethren. However, it is perfectly certain that the acceptance of the chairmanship by Lieut.-Col. Creaton has given a large amount of satisfaction in all quarters. As the Treasurer and second Trustee of the Institution, he gallantly stepped into the breach and relieved the Committee of a little difficulty which had been unavoidably caused; and this is only another proof of his strong interest in the cause he has so close at heart, and of his readiness to perform any duty to enhance its prosperity. At the risk of being continually harping on one string, we urge upon our brethren everywhere to unite in doing what they can to make the approaching Festival a splendid success. By so doing it will prove to the outer world that our Masonic benevolence is no empty boast; and, moreover, it will increase the means, which the executive so ardently crave for, of spreading the advantages of an Institution which is one of the brightest gems in the Masonic coronet, and one of the noblest landmarks of Charity in the British nation.

OUR BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION AND THE APPROACHING ELECTION.

THE time has once more reached us when it becomes necessary to draw attention to those Institutions which form so important an element in our Masonic system, and are the objects of so much solicitation at the hands of those who have the true interests of the Order close at heart. Now, as we glance down the lists, noting the deserving claims upon our sympathy and care, we are compelled to revert to the oft-repeated regret that so much genuine distress has, perforce, to be met by means most inadequate to the requirements of the situation. It is the old, old story, told again. As the floor upon which the Mason treads is chequered, so do we find the lives of those amongst whom we mingle in the course of our every-day experience. If it were of any avail to draw a harrowing picture of misery from the long array before us of those who, descending from comparative affluence and comfort, are compelled to seek our aid, such a tale could be unfolded as should move men to nobler deeds than have ever yet been recorded in our annals—such a display of practical self-denial and generosity as would make the world reverberate in praise of our vaunted virtues. Charity is represented to us as an attribute that has no bounds save that of prudence; yet what a commentary might be made of the two sections of sheets on which the annual lists of our candidates are printed! One, emblazoned with the names of the great and noble of our land, from the Sovereign downwards, with all the intermediate indications of rank, wealth, luxury, and ease. The other, revealing a tale of woe that might well make Samaritans of us all, and yet the oil and the twopence will not half go round amongst the needy circle who are loudly calling for our aid. It is a sad and sorrowful picture that is annually presented, and yet who shall say that it is unrelieved by a bright halo of sunshine lighting up the glorious principles of brotherly love, relief, and truth which are the pillars of our Masonic faith? This year, in the list of aged brethren who are stretching forth the beseeching hand, there are thirty-three, for whom only seventeen places are vacant, and some of these candidates have been looking askance for a considerable time, meanwhile enduring privations of the severest kind, and experiencing the meaning of that hope deferred which maketh the heart sick. One of these, we observe—the first on the list—had paid to the funds of his Lodge for upwards of thirty years during the time that he was enjoying a good position as boat-builder; but now, verging on the age usually considered to be the allotted span of human life, he finds himself and his aged wife totally without the means of support. Amongst the other third applications we find one who some years ago filled the civic chair of the borough of Peterfield, but who, through failure of business and ill-health, is fain to seek the assistance of his brethren in his declining days. There are no fewer than seven who come to the ballot a second time, and each with a certain number of votes to his credit. Several of these have filled high office, and have subscribed many years to the funds of their respective Lodges, but having been overtaken by age and physical infirmities, are compelled to seek that haven of rest which in their more palmy days they regarded as their peculiar care, and which they assiduously helped to support. Out of the twenty-two first applications there are some remarkable and deserving cases; and although it is not for us to take an invidious view of the candidates who are appealing for our consideration, yet one or two may be pointed out as especially eligible for whatever compassion we have at our command. We have already alluded to our Bro. Richard Henry Marsh, the once eminent tragedian who, under the name of Henry Marston, was one of the leading actors in the company of the late Samuel Phelps, in the palmy days of the Sadlers Wells Theatre. When in the vigour of health our esteemed brother did his utmost for the Institution whose aid, we regret to see, he has been compelled now to seek, the ills that flesh is heir to having prevented him from following his profession, and thereby depriving his wife and daughter, who are dependent on him, of that source of maintenance which was once not lightly to be estimated. His only means of support is a small annuity from the Court of Chancery, which, if this application on his part be successful, will do some little to keep his wife and daughter from actual want. In another instance—No. 21 on the list—is a brother who at various times has been connected with several Lodges, and his contributions were so well kept up that in the aggregate they were made to represent no less than 75 years' subscriptions. He has been a Steward, and is Life Governor of the three Masonic Institutions. Another, against whose name is the remark "By proof 79 years of age," had paid nearly 42 years, but through want of means he was compelled to relinquish business, and has now to support an aged wife on a pittance of £15 a year. A third, 72 years of age, who when in good circumstances had subscribed to his Lodge over 40 years, has become reduced to great poverty and is enfeebled by rheumatism; whilst still another, aged 77, and for 40 years a subscribing member of his Lodge whilst in good business as an engraver, has been prevented by failing sight from obtaining a livelihood, and is now dependent on the small earnings his wife obtains by washing. Aged brethren, once well-to-do, but compelled from "unforeseen circumstances of calamity and misfortune" to appeal to the only altar of mercy open to them, figure on the list before us—some dependent on friends, others on children who can ill-afford the burden, or on wives more aged and incapacitated than themselves. We can imagine some of those who in the prime of life went up as Stewards, perhaps with lists of subscriptions of which they are justly proud, exerting themselves in such a way as to obtain Life Governorships, looking back over their past career and deriving happiness from the thought that before misfortune came with crushing effect they were instrumental in perhaps alleviating the sorrows of others, without even dreaming of the day of calamity that was reserved for themselves, though wisely hidden from their ken at the time. How should it stimulate those who are now in the vigour of life, and surrounded by temporal advantages of every kind, to strain the utmost nerve to see that instead of half our unfortunate petitioners being sent empty away who apply at the recurring elections, every yearning heart should be satisfied, and every sorrow assuaged! Riches may take to themselves wings and fly away, but good service rendered in a beneficent cause should build up a heritage of the deserving, to be remembered when times like these arrive, and there are claims in handicap for the rewards of labour done. Looking at the widows' list, we see that for the fourteen prizes there are nearly thirty blanks, and here, too, are claims which, if manipulated, would make the mind thoughtful and the heart sad. In one case—that of Mrs. King, who is sixty-three years of age—we find that her late husband subscribed 47½ years, and that after his death, six years ago, she took a situation as housekeeper, but has been compelled to retire in consequence of age and ill-health. One old lady, aged seventy-two, makes application for the third time, and bases her claim upon her deceased husband's continuous payment to his Lodge funds, extending over 34½ years. There are no less than sixteen who failed at the last election, and who come up this year with renewed hope after disappointment. They cannot all succeed, and therefore renewed regrets must be recorded. And yet, amongst the first applications there are some which must commend themselves to our most thoughtful consideration. In the case of No. 37 upon the list, we find the widow of a pensioned master founder of Woolwich

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Arsenal, who subscribed no fewer than seventy-two and a-half years to his own and other Lodges, and on his death left his widow entirely without means and dependent on her friends. There is another whose husband was a subscriber of over forty years' standing; still another who, though her husband paid thirty-three years, is now obliged to go out as a daily governess, at £12 a year, and has at the same time a son incurably lame dependent on her. Some are the widows of Stewards and Life Governors, who have struggled on and on, till now, battling against the inevitable, and hoping to the end. The goal now is that last resource provided by the prudence and forethought of men whose example we want to see more generally and more earnestly imitated in this our day, so that when years roll on and there are increasing demands made on the Institution to which we, as Masons, point in answer to every question as to what our Order does, we may not blush to hear the rejoinder, "Is that all?" Much is undoubtedly done in the way of affording imperative relief; but if Masonry would continue to shine as one of the brightest ornaments amongst our human sources of blessing, there must be no fainting or lagging behind. We must not, whilst doing what little we are able to meet the present calls upon our charity, forget that in the not far distance there will be further and perhaps greater demands, and when we, who are the strongest and most active now, may figure on lists similar to those which we are criticising, and when, however strong may be the desire of the promoters to fling open wide the doors of Charity, their efforts may be stultified by want of adequate means wherewith to carry their large ideas of philanthropy into practice. It is an ever present wish that the hands of the promoters of our Institutions may be constantly strengthened, and that in promoting the work of Charity we may experience the truth of the motto so dear to all Masons—"It is more blessed to give than to receive."

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

THE Quarterly Convocation of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England was held on Wednesday evening 7th of May, at Freemasons' Hall, and was very numerously attended. Comp. Rawson presided as M.E.Z., and amongst those present were:—Comps. Erasmus Wilson, Nunn, Cubitt, Clarke, Col. Creaton, John Hervey, Bird, Lord Kensington, Hyde Pullen, Hogard, H. Thompson, Buss, Dodd, Levander, Massey, &c.

The regulations for the government of the Supreme Grand Chapter during the time of public business were read by Comp. John Hervey, Grand Scribe E., who afterwards read the minutes of the last Quarterly Convocation, which were confirmed.

The next business was the installation of the Principals, but Comp. Hervey said that as His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, the Earl of Carnarvon, Lord Skelmersdale, and Lord de Tabley were already installed Principals, that ceremony was unnecessary. The appointment of Officers then took place, the part of G.P.S. being filled by Comp. Lord Kensington, who was loudly cheered on his appointment; and a similar honour was conferred upon Col. Creaton on his being appointed as Grand Treasurer. As some of those named for subordinate office were not in attendance, their installation was deferred until the next Convocation.

The M.E.Z. said he was sure the whole of the Companions would join with him in deep feelings of regret on hearing of the sudden death of their esteemed Grand Janitor, Comp. Payne, who for years had held that office, and was esteemed and respected by all. He believed that he should have the feelings of the Grand Chapter with him when he proposed that a resolution should be entered on the minutes expressive of their deep regret at his sudden demise, and which he then moved should be recorded. The motion was put and unanimously agreed to. The report of the Committee of General Purposes, as appeared in our columns last week, was then presented, and the five petitions for new Chapters were granted. The report stated further that the Committee have received a Petition from Companions William Alexander Barrett as Z., Charles Goolden as H., Wilhelm Ganz as J., and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the Orpheus Lodge No. 1706, to be called "The Orpheus Chapter," and to meet at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, London. This Petition is regular in form, but as the Lodge has not yet been in existence for two years, the Committee bearing their resolution in mind that three years should elapse before a Charter to be attached to a Lodge be granted, except in very exceptionable cases, cannot recommend that the prayer of the Petition be yet complied with. To this latter recommendation an amendment was moved, but after a discussion it was negatived, and the original recommendation was put and agreed to. The Committee further stated that on 1st November 1876, a Charter was granted to be attached to the Fitzalan Lodge No. 1432, Oswestry, which has not been taken up, and from information they have received they have reason to conclude that it never will be taken up. Under these circumstances, the Committee recommend that the Charter be cancelled. This was put in the form of a resolution, and agreed to. The Grand Chapter was then closed in ample form, and adjourned.

ROYAL ARCH MASONRY IN CUMBERLAND.

SOME six or eight months since it was our good fortune to have a fortnight's leisure, and we elected to spend the time in the Lake District. It happened fortunately for us that there were two important meetings of the Royal Arch Chapter at Whitehaven and Wigton, which it was convenient for us to attend. We gave a report in the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE at the time, and we suggested that the formation of a Chapter at Maryport would be a great boon to West Cumberland Masons. We went even further, and suggested the name by which such new Chapter should be designated. We dared not hope that our wishes would meet with such speedy realisation, but so it has turned out, for Maryport Masons are not half-hearted. When they are satisfied that a step in a new direction should be taken, they enter into the matter with a will. Now, some of our Southern readers will ask, "Where is this wonderful Maryport, that is making such strides in the Masonic world?" Well, it is about thirty miles S.W. of Carlisle, on the shores of the Solway. It is situated on the banks of the little river Ellen, and for a long time bore the name of Ellen-foot. However, when Mary Queen of Scots landed there, on her flight from Scotland, the inhabitants changed its name to Maryport. It is now a considerable and very busy town, and the Masonic Art has for many years past been well preserved and cared for. But to return to our original purpose. No sooner had our suggestion been made as to the formation of the "Nicholson" Chapter than it was taken up warmly, the way being led by E. Comps. James Gardiner M.E.Z. of the Wigton Chapter, but resident in Maryport. We may here mention that we suggested "Nicholson" in honour of Companion Joseph Nicholson, a resident, and the oldest Mason in the Province, who for more than half a century has been an active Craftsman in West Cumberland. All the preliminaries having been observed, the Warrant was granted, signed by the head of our Order, the Prince of Wales, Lords Skelmersdale and De Tabley, and E. Comps. John Hervey and Erasmus Wilson, and Tuesday, 22nd April, was the day fixed for the Consecration. It was greatly regretted that neither Earl Bective Prov. G. Superintendent, nor Col. Whitwell, M.P., M.E.H., could be present, but they delegated the solemn ceremonies to a Companion who was able to interpret them, E. Comp. John Bowes P.Z. P.P.G.S.N. The Companions met in goodly numbers at the Masonic Hall, at half-past Two o'clock, and a Chapter having been opened by the Consecrating Principal, assisted by E. Comps. Bowes P.Z. 327, and James Gardiner M.E.Z. 327, the rest of the Companions were admitted. Amongst those present we noticed, besides the above, Comps. Joseph Nicholson, Peter De Egglesfield Collin, and Thomas Mandle, the Principals Designate; Comps. J. R. Banks, E. G. Mitchell, James Quay, Capt. Sewell, R. Dodgson, Andrew Walter, F. Hayward, W. F. Lamonby H. 119, Prov. G. St. B., Joseph Abbott, Robert Brown, J. H. Banks, &c., &c. The first part of the ceremony being completed, the Consecrating Principal addressed the Companions, reminding them, in the course of his remarks, that from time immemorial it had been customary among Royal Arch Masons, on occasions like the present, to deliver an address, usually called "an oration," on some subject connected with our Royal Art. A former Grand Chaplain of this Province, some fourteen years ago, at a great Masonic gathering at Cockermouth, eloquently remarked that every traveller in foreign lands had been struck with the memorials of ancient greatness in the ruined buildings that, standing in majestic solitude, are now the only remains of those great empires of antiquity which played such a distinguished part in the world's history. Egypt, once the centre of the learning and power of the world, had left behind her little to boast of save those magnificent temples—triumphs of Masonic Art—that amaze the Nile traveller at Karnac, at Luxor, or at Thebes. Thoughts of sadness must be excited in the breasts of those who, standing in the luxuriant plain of Cœle-Syria, beheld those three enormous and highly decorated columns of the Temple of the Sun at Baalbec. They would doubt which most to admire, the chasteness of the carving or the stupendous grandeur of the architecture; but in either case they would involuntarily raise their hands and exclaim, "Oh! wonderful Masons!" What traveller but had painfully pleasurable emotions stirred within him when, according to Mahommedan rule, he took his shoes from off his feet, and trod in thoughtful silence over the Temple area of Mount Moriah, where our Grand Master Solomon, guided by the G.A.O.T.U., built that Temple to the Most High, in which were the emblematical pillars! Wander now over the marshy plain through which the Meander flows, and what was now left of the once proud capital of Pro-Consular Asia—Ephesus? Where now was that Temple, with its hundred and twenty-seven kingly pillars, the shrine of the great goddess Diana, of whom Demetrius, the Craftsman (not indeed of our Craft), boasted, perhaps with a little pardonable vanity, "all Asia and the world worshippeth!" Why its site could not now be identified—its pillars, each of them the gift of a king, served only to adorn the mosque of St. Sophia in Stamboul! Yes, Greece had bequeathed to us her ever-living tongue, and Rome the germs of polity and law; but the bright collection of endowments which goes to form civilisation, having no root in itself, could not weather the storms of time and change. But, there was a community which had weathered all these storms. Taking its rise in the earliest ages, founded on the purest principles of piety and virtue, it had pursued an onward course from age to age, a three thousand years' tale not yet fully told; but there was light all along its course pointing the pathway to a happier land. Freemasonry could boast, not only a most remote origin, but a most glorious career. Like a golden thread in some texture of beauty, it had run through the varying fabric of human thought, and like the mighty Nile, it had wound its devious way through many a land, overflowing and fertilising the nations in its course. Meeting with various forms of religious belief and civil government, it had allied itself to all in proportion as each system was disciplined by order, practised in virtue, and founded on truth. Ours was indeed a glorious fabric! Founded in strength, ordered by wisdom, and

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adorned with beauty! Purity of thought, integrity of life, benignity of manner, and above all charity, were the garments with which every true R.A. Mason was invested. It would be easy to dilate on the teachings of the three Craft degrees; but when he approached what seemed to be the fourth degree in Freemasonry—the Holy Royal Arch—that ease disappeared. Like the ladder in Jacob's dream, the base rests on a solid foundation, the intermediate steps are clear and well defined, but the summit is buried in the clouds! They naturally paused in the presence of that awful name around which centred all the solemn mysteries of this supreme degree; how could they expatiate on that great, awful, tremendous and incomprehensible name of the Most High, signifying, "I am that I am, the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last!" Showing Him to be the actual, future, eternal, unchangeable and all-sufficient God, who alone has His being in and of Himself, and gives to all others their being, so that He is what He was—He was what He is and shall remain both what He was and what He is, from everlasting to everlasting! Surely in the hearing of such language as this a voice whispered to one and all, "Draw not nigh hither; take thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground." The penitential sign in this degree taught that we should not approach the throne of grace save with bended knees and uplifted hands, betokening at once humility and dependence. Let them rather follow the safe and reverential guidance of God's ancient people, the Jews, who never repeated or wrote the name of Jehovah, and which the High Priest alone was permitted to pronounce but once a year, when he entered the *sanctum sanctorum* to make atonement for the sins of the people. The Essénes, a sect of the Jews, and from whom some thought the Royal Arch Degree was derived, were especially careful on this point. They formed themselves into a strict association, bound together by the most solemn obligations, spending their substance on their poorer brethren, and avoiding all topics of religious discussion. They advanced their candidates by successive degrees, at intervals of a year and after repeated examinations. On admission, the initiate was adjured to lead a pure and holy life, to guard carefully and transmit faithfully the secrets of the Order, which consisted of the various names of the Deity. Like ourselves they were clothed in white robes and aprons, were presented with the shovel. Let them, then, without following to the full extent the example thus set them, imitate the reverence by which the Essénes were actuated. Might it lead them to a proper reverence for the incomprehensible Jehovah, the Ruler of the Universe, the elemental life, the premordial source of all its principles, the very spring and fountain of all its virtues. If they had used the working tools of a Royal Arch Mason aright; if with the pickaxe they had cleared away the ruins of the temple of a fallen nature—if with the trowel they had built up a fairer temple for the reception of truth, and virtue—if with the sword by their side they had fought for the weak against the strong, the true against the false the good against the evil—if with the spade they had buried the rubbish of the body of the old Adam, then as to their ancient brethren in the vaulted chamber, the sun at its meridian should dispel in them the mists of doubt, ignorance, and error, and make that light to them in death which was dark in life. Then, prostrating themselves on the mercy of the true and the loving God most High, they should be exalted to the Grand Chapter above and, in the presence of the Great I Am—then should they see Jehovah, not as through a glass darkly, but face to face. The second and concluding portions of the ceremony were then proceeded with, the corn, wine, oil and incense being duly carried round the Chapter by past principals. After the unveiling of the altar, E. Comp. Bowes, having dedicated and constituted the Chapter, and pronounced the Patriarchal Benediction, proceeded to instal the Principals Designate. This completed, they were greeted, proclaimed, and saluted according to ancient custom, and the Consecrating Principal concluded his labour of love with a sublime Benediction. The Officers were now invested, and several propositions received, after which a flattering vote of thanks was accorded to E. Comp. Bowes for the manner in which he had performed the long and important ceremonies. He was also elected an honorary member of the Chapter. No further business being before the Chapter, it was closed with the usual solemnities, and the Companions adjourned to the banquetting room, where a most enjoyable evening was spent, greatly enlivened by some excellent songs, well sung. Next day an Emergency Convocation of the Chapter was held, which was largely attended by Companions of the town and neighbourhood, and the beautiful ceremony of exaltation was seen worked to perfection by E. Comp. Bowes, assisted by E. Comp. John Barr P.Z. 119 as P. Soj. From the impression made on the candidates we entertain no doubt that the Nicholson Chapter will soon increase in numbers, and become thoroughly efficient. So mote it be.

Elias Ashmore Chapter, No. 148, Warrington.—An emergency Convocation of this Chapter was held at the Masonic rooms, Sankey-street, on Monday evening, at half-past six. Present—E. Comps. John Bowes M.E.Z., Robert Brierley P.Z. as H., James Jackson J.; D. W. Finney P.Z., &c.; P. J. Edelsten P.Z. P.S., Comps. J. H. Potter, W. H. Robinson, Joseph Pickthall, Asst. S., Dr. Evans, W. Richardson, John Armstrong, J. H. Gallaway S.E., and Dr. Joseph. Visitors—Comps. Percival Pearce Social Chapter No. 62, W. Taylor Chapter of Harmony No. 220. The Chapter was opened by the Principals, when the rest of the Comps. were admitted. The M.E.Z. said the business of the Convocation was to ballot for and, if elected, exalt, Bros. Charles Skinner, Arthur Peake, James Charlton, and Richard Starkey. The ballot box was then sent round for each of the four brethren respectively, and proved unanimous in each case; they all being present, were exalted in ample form, according to ancient custom, by the M.E.Z., who also delivered the mystic Lecture. The symbolic and historic Lectures were given by E. Comps. Finney and J. Jackson. A great deal of interest was manifested in the ceremony throughout. There being no other business, the Chapter was closed with the usual solemnities.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF NORTHUMBERLAND.

A CONVOCATION of this P.G. Chapter was held on 29th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne, under the banner of the Tyne Chapter No. 991. The Chapter was opened by the Provincial Grand Superintendent Companion L. M. Cockcroft, supported by a good attendance of Present and Past Provincial Grand Officers, and a large attendance of Companions from all parts of the Province. The roll of Chapter being called over, and other routine business gone through, the Treasurer's report was adopted, this showed a good balance in his hands, and it was agreed that a further sum should be invested, the Provincial Grand Superintendent then appointed and invested the following Companions as Officers for the ensuing year: — S. T. Willson P.G.H., Anderson Potter P.G.J., John Ridsdale P.G.E., Ward P.G.N., T. Blenckensop P.G.P.S., Mean P.G.A.S., Guthery P.G.J.A.S., G. Thompson P.G. Treas., G. I. Dean P.G. Regis., G. T. Underwood P.G.S.B., Montgomery P.G.S.B., E. D. Davis P.P.G.H. D.C., T. Smith P.G. Org., and Curry Janitor. The P.G. Superintendent announced that the next P.G. Chapter would be held under the banner of De Swinburn Chapter No. 24, and Companions Bell and Reed were appointed P.G. Stewards. The Chapter was then closed in solemn form, and the Companions adjourned to slight refreshment, presided over by the M.E.P.G. Superintendent, who submitted the usual loyal and R.A. toasts, which were heartily received. Several complimentary ones followed, and a pleasant evening was spent.

ZETLAND CHAPTER, No. 236.

THIS influential Royal Arch Chapter met at the Masonic Hall, York, on Wednesday. Amongst those present being Comps. Sir James Meek P.Z. M.E.Z., J. Todd P.Z. as H., G. Balmford J., T. G. Turner S.E., T. B. Whytehead as S.N., A. Buckle P.S., J. Hollins and M. Rooke Assist. Sojs., T. S. Camidge Organist, J. Ward as Janitor, and many other members and visitors. Several successful ballots having been taken, Bro. J. Blenkin, of the Eboracum Lodge No. 1611, was exalted to the supreme degree, the ceremonies being worked and the mystical lecture being delivered by E. Comp. Sir Jas. Meek. Several matters of detail were discussed, a bye-laws committee was appointed, and the Chapter closed. At the supper which followed E. Comp. Sir J. Meek presided, and a long toast list was honoured, including the healths of the P.G. Superintendent (Dr. Bell), the M.E.Z. of the Chapter, the Treasurer, E. Comp. J. Todd, &c.

SOCIETAS ROSICR: *In Angliâ.*

Yorkshire College.—The quarterly meeting of this College was held on Saturday, 3rd inst., at the Surrey-street Masonic Hall, Sheffield. Present:—Fratres S. B. Ellis VIII. R.W.C.A., A. Scargill VII. Suff., W. R. Thomas, M.D., V. Prov. Treas. Gen., T. Blair V. Prov. Sec. Gen., T. B. Whytehead V. Celeb, J. S. Cumberland III. Secundus, J. Clark II. Tertius, J. E. Reaney II. C. of N., J. T. Thompson G. of T., Rev. W. C. Lukis, M.A., Walter Rowley, C.E., T. Leighton Acolyte. The following aspirants were admitted into M— C—: Bros. T. M. Richey, Lieut. R.A., York, L. Murphy, Captain 4th Dragoon Guards, York, E. Pearson Peterson, F.S.A., Leeds, W. P. Husband, York, W. Watson, Leeds, J. N. Pickering, Sheffield. A congratulatory telegram was received from the Lancashire College then in session at Wigan, and suitably responded to by wire. It had been anticipated that Fra. John Yarker would have been present and read a paper on "The Origin, Aim, and Object of the Society of Rosy Cross," but he was prevented by illness, and his paper was read to the College by Fra. A. Scargill, and ordered to be printed for the members. It was resolved that the next meeting of the College should be held at Scarborough on the 9th July. The Fratres subsequently met for refreshment, and passed a social evening.

COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

THE General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys held their monthly meeting last Saturday, at Freemasons' Hall. There were present Bros. Raynham W. Stewart (in the chair), Geo. J. Row, S. Rosenthal, L. Ruf, Don. M. Dewar, Edward B. Grabham, Richard Morris (Head Master), A. H. Lilley, Joyce Murray, S. B. Webster, H. Massey, F. Adlard, Peter de L. Long, J. M. Dosell, W. Hyde Pullen, W. Roebuck, W. F. C. Montrie, T. Meggy, Richard Tyrrell, George P. Gillard, John Young, L. B. Garrett and F. Binckes (Secretary). The House Committee having recommended that a lad named Wilkinson, who was the highest of the unsuccessful candidates at the last election, and for whose votes a scrutiny was then demanded, should be admitted to the Institution without a scrutiny, the Committee refused to adopt the recommendation. One boy was admitted by purchase; four candidates, all from the provinces, were placed on the list for the October election; an outfit was granted to one ex-pupil; a sum of £10 was voted in aid of apprenticing another ex-pupil, his friends finding the remainder of the premium; the House and Audit Committees of last year were re-elected; and a letter from Bro. Browse, thanking the Committee, on behalf of his mother, sisters, and brother, for the letter of condolence of the Committee on the death of the late Bro. Henry Browse P.G.D. was read, and ordered to be entered on the minutes.

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CELEBRATION OF A SILVER WEDDING.

IT is not often we are called upon to assist at such interesting festivities as those which drew together so numerous and delighted a company of ladies and brethren connected with the Earl of Carnarvon and Marquess of Ripon Lodges on Tuesday evening last. Shortly after five o'clock there was a most agreeable mustering of friends at the Metropolitan Asylum Hall, Balls Pond, Kingsland, to offer their cordial felicitations to Bro. William Stephens P.M., P.Z., &c. on the occasion of his silvern wedding; and the *réunion* proved to be an exceedingly auspicious and happy one. Amongst the guests invited by the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge to meet Bro. and Mrs. Stephens were—Dr. and Mrs. Symons, Mr. and Mrs. Marlis, Mr. and Miss Grist, Mr. and Mrs. Tovell, Mr. and Mrs. Glover, Mr. Smith, Mr., Mrs. and Miss Smout, Mr. H. and Mrs. Patient, Mr. W. W. Morgan, Mr. and Mrs. Bartle, Miss Bartle, Miss Rose Bartle, Mr. Passmore, Mr. and Mrs. Penn, Miss Penn, Miss Annie Penn, Mr. Bishop, Mr. and Mrs. Parkhouse, Mr. and Mrs. Pushman, Mr. and Mrs. Green, Mr. and Mrs. Rowlands, Mr. and Mrs. Woodward, Mr. and Miss Cubitt, Mr. and Mrs. Terry, Mr. Hobbs, Mr. and Mrs. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Stanton, Mr. and Mrs. Walford, Mr. and Mrs. High, Mr. Glaskin, Mr. Badkin, Mr. McMillan, &c.; in addition to several members of the family, including Miss Stephens, Misses Lottie, Annie and Nelly, and Master Willie Stephens, Miss Nash, and Miss Sevrour. The happy gathering was quietly and unostentatiously arranged, and sprang from a warm desire on the part of the leading brethren of Lodges 1489 and 1642 to mark, at this opportune moment, their high sense of the esteem and regard which is entertained towards Bro. Stephens, not only in his own Lodge, but also by a much more extended circle of the Craft, and to offer their cordial congratulations to him and to Mrs. Stephens upon their having reached the twenty-fifth anniversary of their marriage. A more graceful compliment could not have been paid by the brethren than was witnessed during the ceremony which followed, and the pleasurable surprise which lighted up the countenances of husband and wife, who had passed a quarter of a century so happily together, was a sufficient indication of the manner in which they appreciated the honour which was thus conferred upon them.

After partaking of a repast admirably supplied by Bro. Grist, the Silver Wedding cake was cut and handed round. Doubtless many of the fair damsels present took the customary piece home to put under their pillows to dream over after the pleasures of this happy gathering had been brought to an end. Bro. S. H. Parkhouse, W.M. of the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, then assumed the presidency over the cosy little party, the central figures in which were evidently less enlightened than the majority as to the nature of the charming programme which had been so subtlely arranged. The customary loyal toasts having been received with due enthusiasm, the W.M. proposed, in eloquent terms, the toast of the evening, the health of Bro. and Mrs. Stephens, which it is hardly necessary to say was received with unbounded gratification. After expressing, on behalf of the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, and of the friends now assembled, his hearty congratulations on the happy event which had brought them together, he explained the object of their *réunion*; and, alluding to the spontaneous expressions of friendship on the part of the members of both Lodges towards the "happy couple" who had this day attained an important and interesting epoch in their married life, he asked Bro. Stephens to accept the loving gift which had been subscribed for by the brethren. The testimonial consisted of a massive and elegant silver salver and coffee service. At the request of the W.M., Bro. Penn, as Treasurer of the Lodge, read the accompanying congratulatory address, which had been engrossed on vellum, and illuminated in the most finished style of art by Bro. Badkin. The following was the text:—

EARL OF CARNARVON LODGE, No. 1642.

To Bro. WILLIAM STEPHENS P.M. P.Z., &c., &c.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—We, the undersigned, on behalf of the brethren of the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, having been associated with you in the mysteries of the Craft for a number of years, avail ourselves with pleasure of this opportunity of paying to you personally a slight tribute of our sincere respect and esteem. There are among us many who have been associated with you during the whole period of your Masonic career, and others who have only known you since the period of their introduction to the Craft; but we are unanimous in feelings of appreciation and admiration of the generous bestowal of your Masonic gifts in the interests of the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, and of your substantial support of the various Masonic Benevolent Institutions, which are the means of affording such great assistance and relief to the poor and necessitous of the Order. We therefore beg your acceptance of the accompanying silver tray and coffee service on the occasion of your Silver Wedding, as a slight token of our regard, and we fervently hope that the Great Architect of the Universe may grant you many years of health, prosperity and domestic felicity. London, 6th May 1879."

[Here follow the signatures of Samuel H. Parkhouse W.M., Edward M. Lander S.W., Samuel Smout J.W., George Penn Treas., W. J. Marlis Sec.]

Bro. Penn supplemented the reading of the Testimonial by a few happily-chosen sentences, in which he said he felt sure he expressed the sentiments of all the brethren when he said that Bro. Stephens, by his energies and the influence he brought to bear upon the Craft, had won for himself the esteem and admiration of all by whom he was surrounded. He was a most worthy recipient of a gift that was well-deserved.

The Chairman then called upon Bro. W. J. Marlis, who on behalf of the brethren of Marquess of Ripon Lodge 1489, begged Bro. and Mrs. Stephens' acceptance of a slight tribute of the esteem and regard in which they were held by them. He regretted very much the unavoidable absence of Bro. Walford, upon whom this duty would otherwise have devolved; but, he said, Bro. Stephens and his wife were very old and dear friends, and they had long been on terms of intimate and agreeable acquaintanceship. He hoped they might be spared to receive the congratulations of their numerous circle of friends on their Golden Wedding Day. Having spoken in eulogistic terms of the services which Bro. Stephens had rendered to the Craft, and the general desire of the brethren of the Marquess of Ripon Lodge to subscribe to the testimonial, he presented to the guests of the evening a magnificent clock, in the plinth of which was inserted a richly-chased gold plate, bearing the following inscription:—

Presented to Bro. WILLIAM and Mrs. STEPHENS,
by the Officers of the
MARQUESS OF RIPON LODGE, No. 1489,
As a mark of esteem, on the occasion of their Silver Wedding.
6th May 1879.

Yet another presentation had to be made, and Bro. J. Terry rose for the purpose of offering, on behalf of Bro. Cubitt and himself, a small token of their congratulation and well-wishes. Bro. Cubitt, in the modesty of his soul, had expressed regret that his name had not been incorporated with those of the givers of the other presents on this happy event; but, holding the services which Bro. Stephens had rendered in such high estimation, they both felt that this happy day should be marked in some such way as would show their appreciation of a worthy brother who had done so much for Freemasonry. Bro. Terry expressed the pleasure they all felt at seeing five out of the seven members of the family present, and also trusted that a happy Golden Wedding day might be in store for the guests whom they were delighted to honour this evening. The testimonial he presented, as the joint gift of Bro. Cubitt and himself, consisted of a set of silver dessert knives and forks, enclosed in a handsome case, the latter bearing a plate with the following inscription:—

To Bro. WILLIAM STEPHENS,
with the fraternal wishes of Bros. Cubitt and Terry.
6th May 1879.

Bro. Stephens, in accepting the numerous and handsome gifts, scarcely knew how to find words adequately to return thanks for the honour which had been so kindly paid to his dear wife and himself. He felt grateful for the very flattering reference that had been made to any services he had been able to render to the Craft, whose interests he had so near at heart. Around him he was pleased to see many kind friends, with whom he loved to be associated, but hardly knew how to thank them for the unexpected and magnificent compliment they had paid him. But if he failed to express in words the feelings which welled up within him on this happy occasion, it would not be that he did not appreciate their kindness. He had been associated with Freemasonry for many years, but really did not know he possessed so many true and kind friends as had clustered round him that evening. It was plainly evident that Bro. Stephens felt most deeply the manner in which the congratulations of the company had been extended to him. Several other complimentary toasts followed, including the Chairman, and the Ladies—the latter proposed in gallant terms by Bro. Terry, and acknowledged by Bro. Woodward, who, by the way, seemed rather to overlook the fact that he was, for the nonce, the representative of feminine youth and beauty. Interspersing the toasts was some excellent vocal and instrumental music, the pianoforte selections by the Misses Stephens, the Misses Bartle, and Miss Smout being intensely relished by the company, as was an admirable rendering of "Tom Bowling" by Bro. Pushman. The instrument was a very fine-toned one, kindly lent for the occasion by Bro. Stanton, of the firm of Peachey and Co., of Bishopsgate Street, whose establishment has a very wide reputation for the variety and excellence of their pianos. We cannot close this report without adding our own congratulations upon the exceedingly happy manner in which the auspicious day was celebrated. The hearty spontaneity of felicitation and kindly feeling must have been peculiarly acceptable to Bro. and Mrs. Stephens and their family, to whom we cannot offer a better wish than that embodied in one of the speeches of the evening, viz., that all might be spared to commemorate with equal joy the Golden Wedding Day. The hall in which the festivities took place being the regular meeting place of the Marquess of Ripon Lodge, and the Institution itself an object of charitable regard to many brethren of our Craft, we make no apology for making a brief reference to the purposes for which the Metropolitan Benefit Societies' Asylum was established. It is the only Institution in the kingdom for the reception of aged and infirm members of Friendly Societies, and is entirely supported by voluntary contributions. The only qualification for admission to the Asylum is that the candidate must have been a member of a legal friendly or benefit society for seven years, and have subscribed to the Asylum for four years; or have made a donation of £2 two years previous to becoming a candidate. Although in no way connected with Freemasonry, we have reason to know that it is an Institution eminently deserving of support, especially by the working and middle classes, for whose benefit it is chiefly designed.

The installation convocation of the Panmure Chapter, No. 720, takes place on Monday next, at the Horns Tavern, Kennington, where the Chapter will be opened at 5 p.m. The ceremonies of installation will be performed by Bro. James Stevens P.Z. and Scribe E.; the Companions elected for the chairs being Comps. Mark S. Larlham as M.E.Z., Thomas Poore H., and Richard N. Field J. Prior to the meeting the Audit Committee will assemble, in order to prepare the annual report, and at the conclusion of the proceedings a banquet will be given.

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DEATH OF THE GRAND TYLER.

WE have this week the regretful duty of announcing the death of a brother whose face and form have been for many years familiar to those whom business or pleasure may have called into the vicinity of Great Queen Street, and more especially those representative men of the Craft who have been wont to congregate at Freemasons' Hall. To the sorrow of a very wide circle of fraternal acquaintance, Bro. Charles Bryant Payne, Tyler to the Grand Lodge of England, has been gathered to his rest. It is common enough, and can scarcely fail to be true, to say of any man taken from amongst us, "he will be missed," for what man is there so utterly isolated in life that he leaves no gap to be, as it were, felt as well as seen at his death? It is, however, rare to meet with one who, in himself, wrought out for himself so many social links, so many close friendships, as did the late Bro. Payne. Verging very nearly on the allotted three score years and ten, he had passed through various grades of usefulness, and by his sterling qualities of mind and rectitude of conduct he had gained high position in the Fraternity which he loved, and amongst which he spent the greater part of his useful career. In earlier life Bro. Payne was well known as the courteous and civil head attendant at Freemasons' Tavern, and was universally respected by all visitors to that favourite establishment in contiguity to the head-quarters of the Craft. His unassuming and gentlemanly bearing in that capacity attracted the attention of all who visited the hotel, and raised him head and shoulders above others of his class whom one is accustomed to meet. Bro. Payne was initiated in the Lodge of Industry No. 186, London, on the 26th November 1833, and could thus boast of an association with the Craft extending over nearly forty-six years. He appears to have lapsed in membership for some time, but rejoined his mother Lodge on the 22nd April 1845, and continued a subscribing member for several years. On the 2nd of April 1857 he joined the Egyptian Lodge No. 27, and having succeeded to the Worshipful Master's chair in 1862, he remained a member of the Lodge up to the time of his decease. He was exalted in Moriah Chapter No. 9, on the 3rd of January 1839; joined the Domatic Chapter No. 177, on the 25th June 1857, in which he became M.E.Z. in 1868. Twenty-two years ago he was elected to the office of Grand Tyler, which post he has filled ever since, to the entire satisfaction of all who assisted in the transaction of business at Grand Lodge. Those who knew him best and enjoyed his close personal acquaintanceship, describe him as one of the most amiable and disinterested men that ever lived; whilst in his official capacity he was courteous, kind, and affable towards all with whom he was brought into contact. He was just one of those men who have a happy knack of performing sometimes difficult and unpleasant duties without making an enemy, whilst the circle of his friendships grew gradually wider every year. Bro. Payne had been a widower for some years, and has left two sons, one of whom is also a member of the Egyptian Lodge. He had been in failing health for some time, but his ailment was regarded as only that which might naturally be expected to accompany old age. Still he had been medically attended, and up to five o'clock on Monday evening he had been seen in the office of the Grand Secretary, and did not appear other than in his ordinary health and spirits. After retiring to rest on Monday night, however, he complained of tightness of breath, and the doctor being sent for, decided that it arose from congestion of the lungs, for which he was accordingly treated. He lingered, however, until shortly after five o'clock on Wednesday evening, when "Death came with friendly care," and translated our brother, we hope, to the Grand Lodge above. The genial face and friendly grip of the hand of Charles Bryant Payne will be missed by a very large number of brethren, both in London and the Provinces, who will unite with us in the only tribute of respect for his memory which it is now in our power to bestow. The funeral will take place on Monday next, when, no doubt, many of our brethren will be glad to attend the obsequies, and thus testify their esteem for a serving brother, who in life, by his own upright conduct, and consistent discharge of duties, earned for himself so prominent a position in the Craft. The melancholy *cortege* will reach Abney Park at three o'clock.

Metropolitan Chapter, No. 1507.—A Convocation of this Chapter was held at the Metropolitan Club, Pentonville-road, King's Cross, on Thursday, the 1st instant, when, being election night, a large muster of the brethren took place. Comp. J. Willing M.E.Z. presided, assisted by Comps. J. R. Stacey H., H. J. Ferguson J., W. M. Stiles Scribe N., H. Stiles as P.S. (Comp. John Douglass being absent owing to the production of a new piece entitled "Two Reigns" at the Park Theatre, written by the M.E.Z. and Comp. Leonard Rae). The other Comps. present included Gilbert, Daniels, Humphreys, Deller, Holt, Cook, Edmonds, Beattie, &c. Visitors — Comps. E. Swanborough (Strand Theatre), Eldridge, &c. After the minutes were read and confirmed, Bros. F. Johnson, Van der Pump, and F. W. Dimsdale were balloted for and exalted to the R.A. degree. The election of Officers was proceeded with, when the following Comps. were unanimously elected for the ensuing year:—Ex. Comps. Stacey M.E.Z., Ferguson H., Stiles J., Willing P.Z. Treas., Hudson S.E., Douglass S.N., H. Stiles P.S., Barnes Janitor A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Comp. J. Willing for his services as first principal and founder of the Chapter, accompanied with a jewel of the value of £10 10s, the latter, by the unanimous wish of the M.E.Z., being reduced to the value of £5 5s. The progress of this Chapter has been very rapid, and must give great satisfaction to the Companions. They muster over forty in number, and bid fair to become one of the strongest and most important Chapters in London. The Companions adjourned to banquet about half-past seven, and spent a pleasant evening, breaking up at ten o'clock.

Lodge of Joppa, No. 188.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday the 5th inst., at the Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C. Bros. M. Spiegel W.M., M. Hymans S.W., Campion J.W.; the Treasurer, L. M. Auerhaan, was unavoidably absent, through illness; E. P. Albert P.G.P. Sec., R. Baker S.D., L. H. Myers J.D., J. Benjamin I.G., L. Lazarus P.M. D.C., J. Davis, and N. Baum Stewards, P.M.'s L. Alexander, J. Miller, A. Dobson, Hickman, O. Roberts, H. M. Levy. The Lodge was opened and the minutes confirmed. The names of two gentlemen were on the agenda paper for initiation. One was balloted for. The W.M. in a very able manner gave the Lecture on the tracing board in the first degree. Two distressed brethren were relieved from the funds of the Lodge. A telegram was read from Bro. Sheriff Burt A.G.D.C., regretting his not being able to be present on this occasion, having to preside at another meeting. The statement of the funds was read, showing the Lodge to be in a flourishing condition. The Lodge was closed until October. After the banquet, the W.M. proposed the usual toasts, that of the Queen being followed by the National Anthem. In introducing that of the Grand Master, he referred to the re-installation of His Royal Highness on the previous Wednesday, and to the satisfaction that had been expressed at the appointments made by him of brethren to fill the Grand Offices for the year. The toast having met a hearty reception, the W.M. next proposed that of the Pro G.M., the D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers. He could but refer to the Pro G.M. as a most able brother, and only wished that every member of the Lodge had the same opportunity as was accorded the Master and Wardens of seeing the way in which he presided at the meetings of Grand Lodge. He coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Albert P.G.P. That brother, in reply, thanked the brethren most readily for their reception of the toast. He had so often had occasion to respond to this toast that he really could not say anything new of the past Grand Officers, he hoped on a future occasion to be able to speak from experience of the present ones. Having thus disposed of the Loyal toasts, the W.M. now wished to direct the attention of the brethren homeward, and there the first thing that required their consideration was "Success to the Joppa Benevolent Fund." He was sorry to say they had lately had some heavy calls on the fund, but in all cases they had met them most heartily. So long as the Joppa Lodge had among its members such brethren as it had at present, he felt sure they would be in a position to relieve every case brought under their notice. Bro. Alexander P.M. had great pleasure in responding. The W.M. had already told them they had met, with melancholy pleasure, within the last few years, some heavy calls. Within a month they were able to award a sum which he believed would reinstate a brother in his business, and give him a position for the future. That brother had acknowledged the kindness, and stated that it would enable him to make a fresh start. They were able to give him £75, although he was not a very old member of their Lodge. Bro. Lensberg made a donation of £2 2s to the fund, thereby qualifying himself as Vice-President. To the toast of the Visitors, proposed from the chair, Bros. Younghusband, Morgan and Henochsberg responded. Bro. Alexander, Past Master, now proposed the health of the Worshipful Master. He considered the Lodge was very fortunate in having such a brother to preside over its affairs. The members ought to be really thankful to him for the way in which he had been able to entertain them in the Lodge, by giving the lecture on the tracing board, in such splendid style. Bro. Spiegel was pleased to hear that his efforts to perform the duties of the Lodge met with the approval of the Past Masters, and trusted he might always be able to carry on the work of the Lodge creditably. He now had great pleasure in proposing the health of the Past Masters. They had among them that evening several brethren entitled to that rank. He would call upon Bro. Roberts to respond; he was especially pleased to see him restored to health. Bro. Roberts felt particularly gratified to find his name associated with this toast, and regretted that an accident had prevented him from attending on previous occasions. Still, though he had been unavoidably absent in consequence, he assured them he had been with them in heart. The W.M. next proposed the health of his Wardens, with eulogistic reference to the way in which their duties were discharged. The toast having been duly acknowledged, the W.M. gave the health of the Treasurer, expressing his regret that, owing to ill-health, they were deprived of the presence of their excellent Treasurer (Bro. L. M. Auerhaan). He hoped, however, the Secretary would take the opportunity of informing him of the hearty good wishes of the brethren, who one and all wished him a speedy restoration to health. Bro. Albert was a Secretary who admirably conducted the affairs of the Lodge; whilst they were indebted to Bro. Bean for the assistance he so kindly lent as acting Treasurer. Bros. Albert and Bean suitably acknowledged the compliment which had been paid them. The toast of the Junior Officers followed, the W.M. expressing his indebtedness to Bros. Blanks, R. Baker, Myers, and others, for the ability and zeal with which they assisted him in carrying out the duties of the Lodge. Bro. Baker responded on behalf of himself and the other juniors, and one or two other toasts followed. Amongst the visitors were—Bros. E. Marlet 1743, Lonis Emanuel 823, J. H. Dodson P.M., Brown 174, Phillips P.M., Alfred Woodliffe 87, and W. W. Morgan jun. 1385. The musical arrangements, which were of an unusually attractive description, were under the able direction of Bro. P. Van Noorden Organist, who was assisted by Miss Millie Vere, Bro. Arthur Thomas and Miss Spiegel, daughter of the W.M., who gave an excellent pianoforte solo, which elicited rapturous applause; in response the young lady played another fantasia, in the manipulation of which she was equally successful. The proceedings throughout were of a more than ordinarily interesting description.

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193.—At a recent meeting of this well conducted Lodge, which is held at the Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street, Brothers Bush and J. K. Pitt were unanimously re-elected to the respective offices of Treasurer and Secretary. The brethren tendered their hearty thanks to these

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Officers for their assiduity and regularity of attendance, and Bro. Pitt suitably acknowledged the vote on his own behalf and that of the Treasurer, promising to continue their efforts to support the Lodge, so long as such faithful adherents to pure Masonry attended their weekly meetings. On the 21st inst. the Fifteen Sections will be worked in this Lodge of Instruction, under the presidency of Bro. G. H. Stephens, when a large attendance of the members and their friends is anticipated.

Merchant Navy Lodge, No. 781.—A meeting was held on Wednesday, 7th May, at the Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, Limehouse. Present — Bros. Scherboom W.M., Ould S.W., Westcott J.W., Ives Treas., Breden P.M. Sec., Pringle S.D., Warner J.D., Williams I.G., P.M. Turquand Preceptor; also Bros. Huett, Dixon, Robinson, Andrews, Day, Kennett, Rawe, &c. Business—After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was worked by the W.M., Bro. Ives candidate. Bro. Jones, a candidate for the second degree, was asked the usual questions. Lodge advanced, and a part of the ceremony was worked by the W.M., Bro. Jones being the candidate. The same portion of the ceremony was afterwards worked by Bro. S.W., Bro. Breden candidate, and then by Bro. Rawe, Bro. Robinson being the candidate. Bro. Ould will take the chair at next meeting. This Lodge of Instruction is second to none at the East End of the metropolis, and it is gratifying to find it is still under the able Preceptorship of our esteemed Bro. Turquand, who has gained a name at the East of London. The brethren who wish to make progress in the science cannot do better than become members.

Royal Standard Lodge, No. 1298.—There was an unusually interesting meeting of the members of this Lodge, on emergency, on Saturday, at the Wellington Club, Upper-street, N., when Mr. William Buderus, a "Lewis," and brother of the esteemed J.W. of the Lodge, Bro. Buderus, was admitted into the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry. A special dispensation for this purpose had been granted by the M.W.G.M. the Prince of Wales, and we have no doubt that this deviation from rule was in a great measure owing to the position which Bro. Buderus holds in Masonry, and his popularity amongst a wide circle of the members of the Craft. We understand that his younger brother, who has just been favoured in this way, is shortly about to go abroad, and although it may be urged that the brethren of the Royal Standard Lodge could hardly refuse him any reasonable request, yet this does not at all detract from the honour which has been conferred upon our newly-initiated brother, who may congratulate himself upon being one of a class that does not often come amongst us. Being Saturday afternoon, the attendance was not so numerous as might otherwise have been anticipated, but amongst the Visitors were Bros. Terry and Farnham. The W.M., Bro. H. W. Gladwell, earned a compliment from Bro. Terry for the admirable manner in which he rendered the ceremony.

Friendly Lodge, No. 1513.—A meeting was held on Thursday, 1st inst, at the King's Head Hotel, Barnsley. Present—Bros. W. Hoole Chambers W.M., Mitchell S.W., Alderson J.W., Massil Sec., Lowrance S.D., Wilson J.D., Horne D.C., Miller Steward, Whitely I.G., Rogers Tyler; P.M.'s Braithwaite, Gration, Sykes, and Hurd. Visitors—Bros. Laughton W.M. Yarborough 422, Goodall 1334, Shaw 139, Dixon 139, Rideal 322. Ballots were taken for two gentlemen as candidates for Freemasonry, which in each case proved clear. Bro. A. W. Gration was passed, and Bro. John Watson raised; a resolution was passed appropriating £10 10s to endowing the Junior Warden's Chair as Life Governor of the Boy's School.

Eleanor Lodge, No. 1707.—The regular meeting of this Lodge took place on Wednesday the 7th May, at the Angel Hotel, Edmonton. The members present were Bros. J. H. Thompson C. Lovebond S.W., C. R. Garnett J.W., Byers Treas., Tanner P.M. Sec., Leaman J.D., Symmons D.C., Mein Organist, Watson and Pinder. Visitor, Bro. Binnie P.M. 1237. The business of the evening was the election of W.M., Treasurer, and Tyler, the Senior Warden, Bro. Lovebond, being unanimously elected Master for the ensuing year. Bro. Byers, the present Treasurer, was also unanimously re-elected by the brethren, and Bro. Goddard's services as Tyler being appreciated, he was elected again for that post. A P.M.'s jewel was voted to Bro. Thompson for services rendered by him during the past year, and the affable manner in which he had presided. A sum of money was voted from the Charity Fund to be placed on Bro. Tanner's list, who represents this Lodge at the forthcoming Festival of the Girls' School. The Lodge was then closed, and after partaking of supper, the usual Masonic toasts followed, and at intervals some songs and recitations were rendered by some of the brethren, so that the remainder of the evening passed pleasantly away.

Bro. Melville C. Brown, G. Orator of Wyoming, in an oration recently delivered, records a stirring incident which occurred during the war of the Rebellion. During a battle at Lookout Mountain, a little band of brothers were seen walking to a newly-made grave, quietly and gently and with no show of fear. A thousand rifles were levelled upon that devoted band, but not one discharged. There is breathless silence, wonder stamped on every face; presently above the grave is held for a moment a white apron, the badge of a Mason. A moment it flutters in the breeze, and then falls into the grave of a Brother. The hands of the faithful are raised above the grave as in mute farewell; and army stands in quiet awe, and with uncovered heads waits until this Masonic band return to their trenches in safety, ere they resume their work of death.

THE ROYAL PARK THEATRE.

OUR worthy Bro. James Willing jun. has shown what he is capable of doing in more than one capacity. Every one who has the slightest acquaintance with him is aware how effectively he fulfils the duty of W.M.—how fluent he is in the delivery of our ritual, and how genial he is in presiding at the banquet. We know that he has done his fair share of work in connection with the different Masonic Charitable Institutions, while there is no question as to his ability as a man of business. But, as far as we are able to state, there is no previous occasion in which he has appeared in the *rôle* of a playwright. All the more gratified, therefore, must we be on finding that his first attempt in this character has been so successful. On Saturday last a new drama, in a prologue and three acts, entitled Under Two Reigns, was presented at the Royal Park Theatre, Camden Town. It has been adapted from the French by Messrs. Walter Percival and James Willing, and the reception it met with was of a highly flattering character. The original play, Tour de Londres, was produced in Paris some forty years ago. Its title is a kind of key to the story that has been dramatised. The prologue is dated at the time of the Commonwealth, when the Lord High Protector Cromwell was at the zenith of his fame. The drama belongs to the period of the Restoration, when the adherents of the Stuart family were receiving the just reward of their loyalty. The hero of the piece is a Sir John Murray, a staunch Royalist, who has devised a scheme for rescuing his friend, the Earl of Douglas, from the scaffold, but is induced by circumstances to believe that he has in fact been his executioner. Sir John's remorse, consequent on this belief, is terrible, and Mr. W. M'Intyre, to whom the part was entrusted, gave a very powerful and telling delineation of the character. Miss Fanny Addison played Sir John's wife effectively; Miss Stella Brereton as their adopted daughter, Miss Amy Steinberg as the Countess of Carlisle, Mr. George Byrne as Simon Rokesmith, a villain, who is the real executioner of the unfortunate Earl, Mr. J. E. Emmerson as the Duke of Hamilton, and Mr. Charles Swan as the retainer Ronald, all interpreted well the parts assigned, though Mr. Byrne would have acted more wisely had he played less to the audience, and so in a measure destroyed the semblance of reality presented by the play. The applause was hearty as well as frequent, and the actors were rewarded for their pains by being summoned before the footlights when the curtain fell. The same compliment was paid to the adapters, though their native modesty appears to have prevented their appearing in response to the invitation of the audience. The play was admirably mounted, and the scenery, which was the work of Mr. Richard Douglass, was of a character to sustain that artist's reputation.

SIR JOHN FALSTAFF.

THE First Part of Shakespeare's "King Henry IV.," compressed, however, into four acts, was presented at the Royal Olympic on the afternoon of Saturday last, and though the delineator of the bluff old Knight can hardly be said to have completely satisfied our notions of the character, his performance was in many respects a praiseworthy one, and considering the difficulties there are in properly interpreting the different and apparently incongruous phases of the old Knight's character, a fair measure of success must be considered in the light almost of a triumph. We have seen both the late Mr. Phelps and the late Mr. Barrett in the *rôle* of Falstaff, and though we should not venture to place Mr. Henry Murray's performance on the same level with theirs, we feel justified in describing it as a meritorious one. Mr. Murray has this advantage to start with—he needs little making-up to personate the fat old Knight. He is active withal, and he has a rich, but hardly sufficiently powerful, voice, while he is careful to give due prominence to the gentlemanly side of Sir John's character. As the version was framed specially to bring out Falstaff, we need say little of the other characters. Mr. J. H. Barnes did fairly well as the Prince of Wales, and Miss C. Saunders was an excellent Mrs. Quickly. The famous Catechism on Honour was about the most successful part of Mr. Murray's rendering, and the closing scene, "The Field of Battle," was creditable to all who took part in it.

The Annual Benefit of Bro. R. G. Thomas, the courteous and talented manager of the Mohawk Minstrels, was held on Thursday, 1st of May, at the Agricultural Hall, Islington. The hall was well filled by the general public and a host of friends of the *beneficiaire*. The entertainment provided by these clever delineators of the negro character needs no comment; suffice it to say that it was fully appreciated. New songs were sung by Messrs. G. Clare and Ferrall, while Bros. Francis and Duriah, the corner men, were excessively funny, particularly the former in a grotesque description of a visit to Madame Tussaud's. Mr. Egbert Roberts sang vigorously "In Cellar Cool," accompanied by Bro. R. Thomas on the pianoforte; and the latter, in response to the numerous and urgent calls of the audience, made a very neat and appropriate speech of thanks for the kindness shown him on the occasion. The Bros. Raynor gave their clever "Cat Duet," and Bro. Sidney Franks created roars of laughter by his performance on the zither. After the concert a ball followed, with the band of the 1st Life Guards, under the direction of Bro. Jarvis, who officiated as M.C., the company breaking up at an early hour, after passing a very agreeable evening.

The Royal Savoy Lodge, No. 1784, will hold its annual Summer Festival on the fourth Thursday in July, under the presidency of Bro. Willing W.M. It is anticipated that the event will be attended with equal, if not greater success, than that of last year.

We had prepared a full report of the very successful meeting of the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, held at the Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, on Thursday evening, but at the last moment, in consequence of pressure upon our space, we are compelled to hold it over till next week.

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CONSECRATION OF THE ARNOLD LODGE, No. 1799.

THE prospect of a sea-side trip when the air is full of sleet and a biting Nor'-Easter is driving in your teeth, is enough to make the sturdiest land-lubber hesitate; and, however jolly it may be to saunter along the foreshore at Walton-on-the-Naze in sunshiny pic-nic weather, it required some considerable fortitude to undertake the journey on Wednesday last, notwithstanding the pressing invitation we had received to "assist" at the consecration of the new Arnold Lodge. We have been at this little Essex watering-place when the summer sun has shone fiercely down upon the tawny shore, and when the sea beyond has languidly invited us to woo the cooler currents which at times raised their tiny ripples on the green expanse. But as the brethren nestled back into their hansoms, out of the way of the hail and snow which drove in gusts along the London streets on Wednesday forenoon, there could be but little hope of realising any of those mild delights which are associated with the ordinary visit to a watering-place. It was evident that the brethren who had plucked up sufficient courage to face "rude Boreas," and to breast the nipping wind at this exposed edge of the coast, had "come properly prepared" with overcoats and wraps; for, instead of the second week in May, the meteorological aspect was that of November. It was like the interpolation of a mid-winter day into a month which, according to the poets, is the "merriest" of all the year; and although a stern sense of duty nerved the brethren of many Lodges to fulfil the invitation they had accepted at the hands of the Officers of the new-formed Lodge, yet it could only be accomplished by the aid of foot-warmers and other means of making a seventy-mile ride endurable in any weather. Having said so much upon a subject that was inevitable, and without retailing the conversation that beguiled our journey *en route*, we may mention it had been ascertained, and known throughout the Province of Essex, that located round about Clacton-on-Sea and Walton were several members of the Craft who had long desired that a Freemasons' Lodge should be established for their mutual pleasure and convenience; and more especially had attention been called to this matter since Clacton had been made the head-quarters of the life-boat. During the thirty-three years' reign of the late Bro. Dr. Bagshaw as Prov. Grand Master of Essex the progress of Masonry in the Province had spread somewhat, in spite of the Doctor's oft-expressed objection to any rapid growth in the number of Lodges; but now, under less moral restraint, and with the number of robust and active Masons in the fine old county of Essex, it may be expected

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that the Order will flourish much more vigorously than it has done hitherto. Everybody, of course, was delighted that our noble Deputy Grand Master, Lord Skelmersdale, had so far recovered from his recent attack of acute bronchitis as to be able to get about again, and still more that he was to be the principal actor in the proceedings which the brethren on this occasion had "come out for to see." These and other topics occupied the mind during a nearly three hours' railway ride, for which it is only justice to say the Great Eastern Railway Company made the most efficient and accommodating arrangements. On "landing," it must be confessed that the monitions of the inner man were more immediately pressing than the attraction seaward was inviting, for even here the wind was rude, and the scud was playing at hide and seek far out upon the German Ocean. Making straight away, therefore, to the rendezvous appointed, the Marine Hotel—which in summer-time, with its numerous attractions, affords as charming an opportunity as any we know of enjoying the *dolce far niente* of sea-side felicity—our thoughts were intent on laying in a foundation for the work before us. And although the hotel is not in the swing of the season—preparing for visitors that are to come, and like us, waiting for the warm weather and the swallows—yet we contrived to manage fairly to our satisfaction, though not without certain foraging expeditions, which will be gleefully recollected by those who took a part therein. At two o'clock the brethren, who had assembled from various points of the compass, were summoned to the labours of the day, and we were introduced into a very prettily appointed Lodge-room, within the hotel, and where good Masonic work may be expected to be done under the banner of the Arnold Lodge. Indeed, judging from the large number of members who were proposed on the "opening day," either for initiation or joining, we should say the first officers will have ample work to keep them active throughout the year, even if very frequent meetings of emergency are not required to keep pace with the times. However that may be, the Lodge starts under exceedingly promising auspices, and it will now be for the Master and those who have, with him, undertaken the responsibilities to see that the vessel launched so well is not allowed to drift into the troubled sea of disagreement or dissension. Lodge having been opened in accordance with Masonic usage, after the Deputy Grand Master, Grand Officers and visitors of distinction had entered in procession, Lord Skelmersdale briefly addressed the brethren on the object of their meeting, and called upon the Prov. Grand Sec. Bro. T. J. Ralling, to state the wishes of the founders of the new Lodge. This done, the warrant and petition were formally presented, and the brethren having expressed their approval of the officers named therein, the Deputy Grand Master called upon Bro., the Rev. C. J. Martyn P.G. Chaplain, Deputy G.M. Suffolk, to deliver an oration. In complying with this request Bro. Martyn regretted his not having come better prepared; he did not anticipate that he should be called upon to deliver an oration in connection with the proceedings of to-day. He reminded them that they were assembled for the purpose of consecrating a new Lodge, and on such an occasion it was meet that they should look back to the time when they were raised, and recount the sublime lessons which were inculcated by the five points of fellowship. He then, with such eloquence as those only who know Bro. Martyn well can readily understand, commented upon the "points" *seriatim*, and wove the precepts indicated by them into an exquisite homily on the principles of piety and virtue we profess, and which rivetted the attention of the brethren, who were profuse in their expressions of admiration of the treat that had been afforded them. The anthem, "Behold how good and joyful a thing it is," (Psalm cxxxiii) was then chanted, very efficient aid being rendered by the Organist of the Province, Bro. Alfred Cooke, under whose direction the musical arrangements of the day were most ably carried out. After the offering of the dedication prayer, the *Sanctus*, and the reading of scripture, the hymn commencing "Supreme Grand Master, God of Power," was sung; and the Lodge-board having been uncovered, the elements of consecration were carried round and administered in solemn form, the brethren chanting the prescribed music during each circuit. After the passing of the censer to the East, and the concluding portion of the prayer, the brethren united heartily in the Vesper Hymn, "Guide me, O thou great Jehovah!" and the Deputy Grand Master dedicated and constituted the Lodge in accordance with ancient rite. The concluding hymn was "Glory to God on High," after the singing of which the Lodge was resumed in the second degree, and the installation of Bro. B. Alfred Arnold the W.M. designate took place. This ceremony was ably performed by the Rev. C. J. Martyn, who acquitted himself in splendid style. At the conclusion of the ceremony, the newly-installed Master invested his Officers for the year, as follow:—Bros. W. G. Walford P.M. 433 S.W., C. Randall 433 J.W., E. Dorling P.M. Sec., Empson S.D., Bloom J.D., and Riddesdell I.G. It was decided to defer the election of Treasurer and Tyler until the next meeting of the Lodge. A large number of propositions were then handed in for members desirous of joining or being initiated into the Lodge, and these were duly recorded. On the motion of the W.M., seconded by the Prov. Grand Chaplain, a cordial vote of thanks was tendered to Lord Skelmersdale for his great kindness in attending on the occasion, and for the manner in which he had conducted the ceremony of consecration. The Deputy Grand Master, in acknowledging the compliment paid to him, assured the brethren it would have been a great disappointment to him had the state of his health prevented his being present. The occasion was one to which he had looked forward with a great deal of pleasure. It did his heart good to know that this Province would not be long now without a Grand Master. A good man had been appointed in the person of Lord Tenterden, who, he felt assured, would devote his energies to the welfare of the Craft, and do his best to sustain the reputation of the Province. Bro. Martyn and he were very old friends; he had visited him in his own province, Lancashire, where there were eighty-four or eighty-five Lodges, with an aggregate of something like five thousand brethren. He concluded by expressing a hope that this Province would go on and prosper, although he could not wish that it should attain such unwieldy dimensions as his own had done. Without wishing to read the brethren "a lecture," his lordship tendered to them some excellent counsel, which they will do well to ponder. Much as he should have liked to remain with them for the rest of the evening, he regretted to say it was utterly impossible, in consequence of the weather; considering the keenness of the wind, he dared not trust himself out at night, and if he remained till a later train it would be after midnight before he could reach home. This was the first time he had been out since his illness, and he should be acting in direct opposition to medical advice if he trespassed too far. He was perfectly certain the brethren would excuse him under the circumstances. His lordship's address was most cordially welcomed by the brethren, by whose unanimous desire he was elected an honorary member of the Lodge, a compliment which the D.G.M acknowledged in a few well-chosen words of thanks. Lodge having been closed in form, the brethren separated, some to ramble round the town, some about the beach, and others on to the piers, though the scud was flying merrily about this time, and the cold amply justified the remark we overheard—"enough to cut your nose off." However, those who could weather the squalls no doubt found the collateral benefit of their trepidity in a whet appetite for the banquet which was to follow, in addition to the exhilarating merriment caused by such incidents as are common to the seashore on a gusty day. The screaming of a batch of juveniles was the signal for some unusual occurrence, and looking seaward the lifeboat was descried, fully equipped and feathering gamely through the spiteful waves. There was no "cry for help," however, from any shipwrecked crew; but the Clacton "storm warriors" had merely come round to show themselves and their taut little craft, which was the object of admiration to all. The boat was moored alongside the pier, and the Clacton brethren, probably to show they were "natives, to the manner born," intimated their intention of "going home by boat," a declaration which excited no little chaff and amusement amongst the landsmen, who saw nothing at all inviting in such a voyage. To escape the Scylla of being frozen to death, they must have run into the Charybdis of a thorough drenching—either operation having its decided disadvantages. However, the gong has sounded, and it is time to beat a hasty retreat back to the Marine, so that Bro. Dorling may not be put to any inconvenience, and that the "dishing up" may not be delayed on so bitterly cold an evening. The *salon*, however, was well warmed and lighted, and about 150 of the brethren sat down under the presidency of Bro. C. J. Martyn, who consented to occupy the post of honour in consequence of the W.M. having temporarily lost his voice through a severe cold. Amongst the visitors present we observed:—Bros. Arthur Pertwee P.P.G.C. 433, Thos. Rix W.M. 697, J. E. Wiseman P.P.G.A.D.C., J. E. Richardson P.P.G.S.B., John Coppin P.M. P.G.J.W., W. P. Levis P.G.S.D., S. Wright P.P.G J.W. Suffolk, Geo. Abbott P.G.S.B. Suffolk, Edwin March P.P.G.S.W. Surrey, James Nicholls P.P.G.J.W., V. W. Taylor P.P.G.S.W., J. Farran 51, C. Cobb P.M. 51, J. F. Hills P.P.G.J.W. Suffolk, James Round 51, W. F. Mellwaine, J. Terry P.G.J.W. Herts, T. R. Sacks 435, Richard Jeffs 435, George Green 959, T. J. Ralling P.G. Sec. Essex, J. Burton P.G. Treas. Essex, A. Lucking P.G.D.C., G. Gard Pye P.M. 51, F. Adlard P.G.A.D.C. Essex, A. Welch P.M. 51, G. D. Clapham P.M. 1543, F. J. Snell 1543, J. Nicholls P.M. 276, Rev. A. R. Pritchard late Apollo University, F. Binckes, P.G. Steward, W. W. Morgan FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, E. C. Woodward P.M. 382, A. C. Veley P.G.S., &c. A most *récherché* repast having been discussed, it was unanimously admitted that, whilst Bro. Dorling supplied a feast fit for a king, Bro. Townsend, of 957, had looked after the brethren of his Lodge, and indeed the Visitors generally, with such attention as left them deeply indepted to him for his courtesy and the manner in which he studied their comfort and enjoyment. The chairman, having explained the reason why he occupied the principal seat at the table as the substitute of their W.M., then gave the Loyal toasts in an appropriate manner, and they were received enthusiastically by the brethren, with musical honours. The other toasts customary at Masonic banquets were given and duly honoured, and at a reasonably early stage of the proceedings the London division were obliged to depart for their homeward train, leaving the local brethren to amuse themselves socially for an hour or two afterwards, according as "time, wind, tide or train" suited their arrangements.

THE LOYAL WYE LODGE, No. 1807.

ON Tuesday, the 29th ult., this Lodge, which is situated at the Lion Hotel, Builth, South Wales, was consecrated by Bro. Marmaduke Tennant, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master for South Wales (Eastern Division). There was a very fair attendance. The Lodge having been opened by Bro. Thomas Butcher, W.M. of the Brecknock Lodge No. 651, assisted by his Officers, the Provincial Grand Officers were announced and received in due form. The ceremony of consecration was then proceeded with, and conducted by the D.P.G.M. in his customary masterly style. At the close of the ceremony, the Worshipful Master designate, Bro. H. C. I. Rich sen., was installed as the first W.M. of Loyal Wye Lodge, and he invested the following brethren as his Officers for the ensuing year:—A. Gwynne-Vaughan S.W., J. W. Coulthard J.W., Rev. William Williams Chaplain, B. Davies Treasurer, J. A. Whittle Secretary, Henry Carr S.D., George Price J.D., and William Price I.G. During these proceedings, Bro. David Williams, Organist of the Afan Lodge, Aberavon, assisted by Bros. J. Jones, D. R. David, F. G. Jenkins, and J. G. Price, of the same Lodge, conducted the musical service, and the excellent singing of these brethren was a delightful treat to those who had not had the pleasure of previously hearing them. The Lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to a banquet at the Lion Hotel. The repast had been prepared by the proprietors, Messrs. James and Hicks, under whose active management the *menu*

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and waiting was all that could be desired. The W.M. of the Loyal Wye Lodge presided, having on his right the D.P.G.M. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts having been proposed and responded to, the Chairman proposed the health of the D.P.G.M., and thanked him most sincerely for having been instrumental in obtaining the Loyal Wye charter, and also for his kindness in putting himself to some inconvenience in attending on that day for the purpose of consecrating the Lodge. The D.P.G.M., in responding, said that he heartily thanked the brethren for the manner in which they had received the toast. It had given him pleasure to be present on that occasion, and he wished the Loyal Wye Lodge every success. Bro. Daniels P.S.W. having replied to the toast of the Provincial Grand Officers, the Rev. J. E. Prothero, of Builth, responded to that of the Visitors, and said that it had given him much pleasure to be present on that occasion, and that although he was Provincial Grand Chaplain for the South Wales Western Division, he was not altogether a stranger to the Eastern Division, and certainly not a stranger to Builth, and that he consequently wished the Loyal Wye Lodge a prosperous future. The D.P.G.M., in proposing the health of the W.M., Bro. H. C. I. Rich, said that he did so with feelings of much pleasure. He was proposing the health of one who was not only a P.M. of another Lodge, but also a Past Provincial Grand Officer, and he felt assured the Loyal Wye Lodge would have no reason to regret having chosen him for their first W.M. The W.M., in a few choice remarks, thanked the D.P.G.M. for his kind allusions, and the brethren present for so heartily receiving them. Bro. Whittington proposed the health of the Afan Choir, the names of which body have already been given, and thanked them most cordially for the musical treat they had afforded the brethren during the day. Bro. Goodfellow, of the Merthyr Lodge, in responding for the Lodges of the Province, spoke of the excellent moral principles inculcated by Masonry, and that there was something in Masonic duties which endeared Masonry to him more and more. Of course there were black sheep to be found amongst Masons. He only wished they were all white sheep; but at the same time it was the duty of every Mason to beware of the first fatal step which drew him away from the principles of Masonry, and thereby disgraced the Masonic art. Bro. Thomas, of the Talbot Lodge, also responded, and said how pleased he was to find a Lodge had been founded so near the Wells as Builth, and that he hoped to be able to visit the Loyal Wye Lodge during the season. The company shortly afterwards separated, having spent a truly genial Masonic day.

FIDELIS LODGE.

THE consecration of the Fidelis Lodge, No. 1809, took place on the 28th ult. amidst much ceremony, and, according to the Guernsey *Star*, the event marked a very important epoch in the history of Freemasonry in that island. About seventy brethren from the various neighbouring Lodges assembled at six o'clock in the Masonic Hall, Court Street, when, the proceedings having being formally inaugurated, the rite of consecration was impressively performed by Bro. James Gallienne P.D.P.G.M. P.M. 84 W.M. 168, who had been duly vested with power from the Grand Lodge of England for this special purpose. The Consecrating Officer was supported in the chairs by the regular Officers of the Mariners' Lodge, Bro. F. Clarke P.M. 168 acting as D.C. and Bro. Wilkins P.M. 84 as Chaplain. Excellent musical arrangements had been made by Bro. J. W. Hinton, M.A., Mus. Doc., No. 84. The brethren having entered in procession, Lodge was opened in the three degrees, and after an appropriate prayer had been offered by the acting Chaplain, the Masonic Ode was chanted, and the Commanding Officer addressed the brethren on the nature of the meeting. He then called upon the Secretary to state the wishes of the brethren of the new Lodge. He did so, and read the petition and warrant, which bore the signatures:—Bros. T. M. Bichard, J. Toms, T. Le Ray, J. T. Snell, J. S. Sneath, J. H. Parsons, B. Please, and S. J. Hutchinson, at whose request the charter was granted. The brethren having expressed their approval of the Officers nominated in the warrant, the Chaplain delivered an oration on the nature and design of the Institution of Freemasonry. The ode, commencing "Except the Lord conduct the plan," was then sung, and after the invocation the Lodge board was unveiled by the brethren who bore it into the room, and the name of the M.H. was placed on the pedestal by the Director of Ceremonies. The consecration service then proceeded in ancient and solemn form, the Consecrating Officer strewing corn upon the ground, the emblem of plenty; the S.W. pouring out wine, the emblem of joy and happiness; and the J.W. pouring out oil, the emblem of unity. A prayer was offered by the Presiding Officer; the W.M. and Wardens of the new Lodge deposited the emblems they bore upon the Lodge-board; and the chant, "Glory be to God on High, on earth peace, goodwill to man," followed. The censer having been borne round by the Chaplain, and the concluding portion of the prayers said, the Presiding Officer declared in solemn form the Fidelis Lodge duly consecrated, and pronounced the constitution. The ceremony of installing Bro. T. M. Bichard first W.M. of Fidelis Lodge was then proceeded with in due form, and the W.M. invested as his Officers:—Bros. Thos. Le Ray S.W., J. T. Snell J.W., and J. S. Sneath Treas. and Sec. *pro tem.* This being completed, Mariners' Lodge was resumed, and, before closing the proceedings, the new W.M., in the name of the Charter brethren, most cordially thanked the Consecrating Officer for the very able and perfect manner in which the impressive ceremony of the day had been conducted; and, on behalf of those brethren, presented Bro. Gallienne with a very handsome Royal Arch apron and sash. This gift was most feelingly acknowledged by Bro. Gallienne, and the Lodge was closed according to ancient usage. A banquet was afterwards held, under the presidency of Bro. Gallienne, to which about sixty brethren sat down and did good justice to the sumptuous fare provided. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to with full honour, and a most harmonious evening was spent, the brethren separating ultimately with the most hearty wishes for the prosperity of Fidelis Lodge.

DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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SATURDAY, 10th MAY.

198—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.)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.
R. A. 1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green.

615—St. John and St. Paul, Pier Hotel, Erith, Kent
1391—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester.
1556—Addiscombe, Surrey Club, West Croydon.
1584—Loyalty and Charity, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge.

MONDAY, 12th MAY.

45—Strong Man, Sportsman, City-road, at 8. (Instruction.)
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 6.30. (Instruct.
193—Confidence, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction.)
704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
957—Leigh, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1260—John Hervey, Albion Hall, London Wall, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1506—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.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30. (In.)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8. (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)
R. A. 720—Panmure, Horns, Tavern, Kennington.
R. C.—Holy Sanctuary, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square.

75—Love and Honour, Royal Hotel, Falmouth.
104—St. John, Ashton House, Greek-street, Stockport.
151—Albany, Masonic Hall, Newport, I.W.
240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields.
292—Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
296—Royal Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
297—Witham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln.
481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle.
502—Rectitude, Town Hall, Rugby.
587—Howe, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
589—Druid's Love and Liberality, Masonic Hall, Redruth.
665—Montague, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis.
721—Independence, Masonic Chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester.
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
797—Hanley, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth.
827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury.
893—Meridian, National School Room, Millbrook, Cornwall.
1021—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Hindport-road, Barrow-in-Furness.
1069—United Brothers, Castle Hotel, Southsea.
1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham.
1221—Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds.
1253—Travellers, Queen's Hotel, Manchester.
1350—Fermor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1436—Sandgate, Masonic Hall, Sandgate.
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury.
1474—Israel, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham.
1582—Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds.
1611—Eboracum, Queen's Hotel, Micklegate, York.
1618—Handyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea.
R. A. 148—Elias Ashmole, Chapter Rooms, Warrington.
R. A. 302—Charity, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford.
R. A. 306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds.
M. M. 165—Egerton, Bedford House, Rock Ferry.
R. C.—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.

TUESDAY, 13th MAY.

46—Old Union, Westminster Palace Hotel, Westminster.
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7. (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
147—Faith, 2 Westminster-chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
167—St. John, Holly Bush Tavern, Hampstead.
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney. (Instruction.)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8. (Instruction.)
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1360—Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, Battersea Park, at 8. (Instruction.)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1471—Islington, Three Bucks, 23 Gresham-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1507—Metropolitan, 269 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8. (In.)
1604—Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30.

93—Social, Freemasons' Hall, Norwich.
131—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro.
184—United Chatham of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Kent.
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
272—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston.
284—Shakespeare, Masonic Room, High-street, Warwick.
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-st., Newc.-on-Tyne. (Instr.)
473—Faithful, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.
503—Belvidere, Star Hotel, Maidstone.
605—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Cleckheaton.
626—Lansdowne of Unity, Town Hall, Chippenham.
650—Star in the East, Pier Hotel, Harwich.
696—St. Bartholomew, Anchor Hotel, Wednesbury.
726—Staffordshire Knot, North Western Hotel, Stafford.
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
829—Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup.
897—Royal Edward, Royal Oak, Leominster.
903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport.
1250—Gilbert Greenhall, Masonic Rooms, Sankey-street, Warrington.
1314—Acacia, Bell Hotel, Bromley, Kent.
1325—Stanley, 214 Gt. Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
1414—Knole, Masonic Hall, Sevenoaks.
1465—Ockenden, Talbot Hotel, Cuckfield, Sussex.
1569—Manoc, Queen's Hotel, Portmadoc.
1522—Ottawa, Crescent Hotel, Ilkley.
1545—Baildon, Masonic Rooms, Northgate, Baildon.
1593—Royal Naval College, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.
1678—Tonbridge, New Public Hall, Tonbridge.
1713—Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton, Liverpool.
R. A. 265—Airedale, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley.
R. A. 279—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds.
M. M. 6—Adams, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness.
M. M. 152—Dover and Cinque Ports, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover.

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WEDNESDAY, 14th MAY.

Committee, Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, at 3.
Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, Freemasons' Tavern, at 6
3—Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
15—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.)
228—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8.(In.)
538—La Tolerance, Green Dragon, 3 Maddox-street, W., at 7.45. (Inst.)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E.
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. at 8. (Instruction.)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8. (Instruction.)
1044—Wandsworth, Spread Eagle, Wandsworth. (Instruction.)
1196—Urban, The Three Bucks, Gresham-street, at 6.30. (Instruction.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8. (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-road, Holloway, at 8. (Instruction.)
1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-street, Wapping.
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8. (Instruction.)
1558—Duke of Connaught, Class Room, Sutherland Chapel, Walworth, at 8. (In.)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell.
R. A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8. (Instruction.)
R. A. 857—St. Mark, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
R. A. 1305—St. Marylebone, Eyre Arms, St. John's Wood.

54—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham-street, Rochdale.
146—Antiquity, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton.
191—St. John, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire.
204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
225—St. Luke, Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich.
231—Fortitude, Athenæum, Lancaster.
238—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Todmorden.
483—Sympathy, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend.
567—Unity, Globe Hotel, Warwick.
666—Benevolence, Private Room, Prince Town, Dartmoor, Devon.
758—Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
795—St. John, Ray Mead Hotel, Maidenhead.
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond.
851—Worthing of Friendship, Steyne Hotel, Worthing.
852—Zetland, Albert Hotel, New Bailey-street, Salford.
854—Albert, Duke of York Inn, Shaw, near Oldham.
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury.
1018—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
1031—Fletcher, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
1060—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Church-street, Tamworth.
1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1101—Grey Friars, Masonic Hall, Reading.
1209—Lewisea, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate.
1248—Denison, Grand Hotel, Scarborough.
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction.)
1342—Walker, Hope and Anchor Inn, Ryker, Newcastle.
1358—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool.
1398—Baldwin, The Castle, Dalton-in-Furness.
1424—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham.
1434—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham.
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull, at 7.0. (Instruction.)
1530—Earl Shrewsbury, Public Rooms, Cannock, Staffs.
1547—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1582—Llanidloes, Trewythen Arms, Llanidloes, North Wales.
1643—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne.
R. A. 20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham.
R. A. 24—De Swinburne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle.
R. A. 387—Moravian, Masonic Hall, Shipley.
M. M. 192—St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, The Parade, Berwick.

THURSDAY, 15th MAY.

3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8. (Instruction.)
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern Leadenhall-street E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction.)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8. (Instruction.)
211—St. Michael, George, Australian Avenue, Barbican, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8. (Instruction.)
813—New Concord, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
1227—Upton, Spotted Dog, Upton, E.
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1278—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.
1614—Covent Garden, Ashley's Hotel, Henrietta-street, Covent Garden, 8. (Inst.)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 9. (In.)
R. A. 763—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.)

42—Relief, Albion Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lanc.
56—Howard, High-street, Arundel.
98—St. Martin, Town Hall, Burslem.
100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor Hotel, Quay, Great Yarmouth.
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
268—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, George-street, Ashton-under-Lyne.
343—Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Starkie-street, Preston.
345—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Church-street, Blackburn.
367—Probity and Freedom, Red Lion Inn, Smallbridge.
523—John of Gaunt, Freemasons' Hall, Halford-street, Leicester.
600—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
605—Combermere, Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe.
1011—Richmond, Crown Hotel, Blackfriars-street, Salford.
1042—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds.
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1299—Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, near Liverpool.
1327—King Harold, Britannia Hotel, Waltham New Town.
1332—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon.
1612—West Middlesex, Feathers Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
R. A. 63—St. Mary, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge.
R. A. 204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
R. A. 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R. A. 275—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, South-parade, Huddersfield
R. A. 1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonia-road, Batley.

FRIDAY, 16th 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. 8. (Inst.)
834—Rosslagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-road. (Instruction.)
902—Burgoyne, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
933—Dorie, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction.)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction.)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1288—Finsbury Park M.M., Earl Russell, Isledon-road, N. at 8. (Instruction.)
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1642—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 7.30. (Inst.)
London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-street, E.C., at 8.
R. A. 78—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8. (Inst.)
R. A. 1471—North London, Crown and Woolpack, St. John-st.-rd., at 8. (Inst.)

127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate.
152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
347—Noah's Ark, Wagon and Horses Hotel, Tipton.
516—Phœnix, Fox Hotel, Stow market.
541—De Loraine, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
903—Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Levenshulme.
1096—Lord Warden, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal.
1311—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds.
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool,
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7.
R. A. 521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.
R. A. 837—Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon.
R. A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, at 5.30.
K. T.—De Furnival, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.

SATURDAY, 17th MAY.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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ISRAEL LODGE, No. 205.

THE brethren of this old Lodge met on Tuesday the 22nd ult., at Cannon-street Hotel, E.C., for the closing night of the season. W. Bro. A. Bassington opened the Lodge shortly after 5 o'clock, assisted by the following officers and brethren:—Bros. I. P. Cohen P.M. as S.W., L. Norden J.W., J. Da Silva I.G. as Deacon, P.M.'s Finney Treas., C. F. Hogard P.M. Sec., A. M. Cohen I.P.M., S. M. Harris, W. Littaur, J. Buckland, &c.; also Bros. T. Houghton, A. Abrahams, M. Myers, A. Abrahams, E. Shumann, A. Cohen, M. Cohen, L. Cohen, E. T. Loewe, Z. Dimant, I. Richmond, &c. The minutes of previous Lodge meeting were confirmed, and other preliminaries having been disposed of, the ballot was taken for Messrs. John Alexander Gartley and Abraham Percy Cohen (a Lewis); it proved unanimous in favour of the admission of both candidates, and the W.M. in a very impressive manner conducted the initiation of Mr. Gartley, after which he courteously vacated the chair to allow Bro. I. P. Cohen P.M. to initiate the other candidate. Considerable interest attached to this gentleman, he being a Lewis; the nephew of the W.M. for the time being, and his father, a member of the Lodge, also being present. Those who witnessed Bro. Cohen's working during his year of office were prepared to see the work well done, and it was now evident the Master's hand had not lost any of its skill. Bro. A. M. Harris P.M. kindly filled the S.W. chair during the remainder of the ceremonies. The W.M. having resumed his position, entrusted Bros. W. M. Hodges and Myer Myers, finishing his work by passing them to the rank of Craftsmen. Several applications for joining, &c., were read and disposed of, and the Lodge was solemnly closed and adjourned until the 28th of October. The brethren having partaken of supper the usual Loyal and Craft toasts were given in appropriate terms and heartily responded to. The W.M. proposed the health of the Initiates, extending a cordial welcome to the two new brethren. Bro. Gartley was proud of the kind manner in which he had been received by the brethren, and felt that the more he saw of their mysteries the more he would appreciate the honour done him. Bro. Percy Cohen also returned thanks for the opportunity afforded him of addressing the brethren as brothers. It had long been the object of his ambition to be admitted into the Order. He trusted the deep impression of its first ceremony would ever remain, and that its beautiful teachings would guide his footsteps. He hoped Freemasonry would be the means of improving his whole life. The Benevolent Fund was next given, the response to the toast being not only hearty, but substantial, the Lodge being one eminent for practical charity. This toast was coupled with the name of Bro. A. M. Cohen, P.M. who was the founder of the Fund. In a *résumé* of the history of the Fund, Bro. Cohen appealed to the brethren to continue the support they had hitherto so generously rendered, so that the Fund would continue to grow and enable them to render substantial aid to every applicant who unfortunately might require it. The Visitors was cordially received, and Bro. Stephens in acknowledging the compliment alluded to the excellent working of the ceremonies—notwithstanding that several officers were unavoidably absent—however, by the kind assistance of the P.M.'s and the finished working of the junior officers, the whole business was well carried out. The W.M. next gave the P.M.'s, according them full recognition for their assistance in the duties of the Lodge. He coupled with the toast the name of Bro. S. M. Harris, who expressed himself always pleased to render any service to the Lodge. He appreciated the compliment paid by a Bro. Visitor upon the Lodge working, and was proud to meet Bro. Cohen jun. as a Mason. He esteemed his father as a sincere friend, and took it as a great mark of confidence his bringing his son into this Lodge. Bro. I. P. Cohen P.M. thanked the W.M. for kindly allowing him to initiate the son of one whom he had known from boyhood. The opportunity of working that ceremony had given him great pleasure. The Officers next received a cordial reception. In returning thanks, Bro. Norden J.W. said it would be his constant endeavour to do his best for the welfare of the Lodge. Bro. J. Da Silva I.G. returned thanks; from the first moments of his being a Mason he had resolved to acquire that knowledge which would ensure excellence of working in any office the W.M. might honour him by placing him in. Bro. I.P.M. Cohen then paid a deserved tribute to Bro. Hogard. Hard work was inseparable from their Secretary's duties; he had to correspond not only with the ordinary Lodge members, but with brethren in all parts of the globe. May he enjoy life, as he enjoys Freemasonry, for many many years. Bro. Hogard thanked the brethren for the great respect shown him. There was, indeed, a great deal of work to do; but in the reception he always met from the brethren he found ample payment. The Visitors were—Bros. W. G. Kent J.W. 1297, E. W. Linging 1563, and G. H. Stephens. The evening passed most pleasantly. Bro. Kent's recitation of "The Yarn of the Nancy Bell" gave great satisfaction; as did Bro. Stephens' rendering of "The Warrior Bold," and

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Bro. A. Abraham's account of the embarrassments of "A Bashful Man." The Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close in good time.

NORTHERN COUNTIES LODGE, No. 406.

THE Installation Meeting of this Lodge took place on the 30th, in the Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne. The Lodge was opened at three o'clock by the W.M. R. L. Armstrong, supported by J. Page S.W. W.M. elect, R. G. S lmon J.W., G. W. Lax Sec., S. M. Harris S.D., G. Dumford J.D., J. S. B. Bell I.G., A. Hume Steward, and Sims Tyler. Bro. Ferry kindly presided at the organ. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting confirmed. The Deputy Prov. Grand Master and the Officers of Prov. G. Lodge were then announced, and the brethren received them in due form. The ballot was now taken for a candidate, which proving successful he was admitted to our Order in a most perfect manner by the W.M. The report of the Finance Committee showed a most satisfactory result and was adopted. Bro. Monday P.M. D.C. then introduced the W.M. elect to the W.M., to receive at his hands the benefit of installation. Bro. Page having given his assent to all the ancient charges, a Board of Past Masters was formed, numbering twenty-one, and the ceremony was proceeded with. Upon those below the rank of Past Master being re-admitted to the Lodge, they were informed that Bro. Page had been regularly installed into the Chair of K.S. He was accordingly proclaimed and saluted. The newly appointed Master then proceeded to invest his Officers, as follow—Bro. R. L. Armstrong I.P.M., R. G. Salmon S.W., G. W. Lax J.W., J. Ridsdale P.M. P.G.J.W. Treas., S. M. Harris Sec., G. Dumford S.D., J. S. B. Bell J.D., R. Knox P.M. D.C., R. Ferry Organist, J. A. Macdonald I.G., A. Hume S.S., S sson J.S., Sims Tyler. Other routine business having been disposed of the Lodge was closed and the brethren, numbering about seventy, adjourned to the Turks Head Hotel, where they sat down to an excellent repast; and ample justice having been done to the well-served dinner, the W.M. proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts, which were duly received and responded to with enthusiasm. In proposing the P.G. Master and Officers of P.G. Lodge the W.M. said no word of his could insure a heartier welcome to the toast than the names of the officers themselves would elicit. He would therefore simply call on the brethren to drink the toast with all honours. Bro. Adam Robertson P.G.S.W. rose to respond, and in doing so said all should be glad that we had at the head of affairs of the Province a nobleman like Earl Percy. He had devoted much time and energy to Masonry, he had worked every degree, and he remembered when Earl Percy was Master of the Alnwick Lodge how efficiently he filled that chair. He regretted that the Deputy Provincial Grand Master could not stop to grace the festive board. The P.G. Officers had already visited thirteen out of the eighteen Lodges in the Province, but this was the first that it had been their privilege to be present at during the installation, and he could assure the brethren that he was expressing the opinion of all the P.G. officers when he told them that they were very gratified with the dignified and impressive manner in which the installing Master placed Bro. Page in the chair, and the very correct way in which he went through the whole of the ceremonies, and it only proved that at the last Provincial Grand Lodge, when Earl Percy placed the purple collar round Bro. Armstrong's neck, it was only conferring honour where honour was due. The appointment of Officers that day showed that the Masters of this Lodge that had passed the chair had selected the right brethren for Officers; they had all been advanced a step, and it spoke well for them. Altogether he assured the members of Northern Counties Lodge that he and all the Officers of the Province were highly delighted with their visit, and he thanked them for the hospitable manner in which they had received them. The next toast on the list was the P.G. Master and Officers of Durham; to which Bro. J. Happer P.P.G.S.W. replied. The I.P.M. then rose to give the health of the W.M. He stated that Bro. Page and himself first met at their initiation, and he had followed him through every office in the Lodge. It had now been his privilege to place him in the chair this day. He will uphold his present position with honour to himself and credit to the Lodge; he has always endeavoured to promote the interest and welfare of the Lodge. He was sure Bro. Page would rule the Lodge with ability, and he would ask the brethren to join with him and wish the W.M. every health and prosperity, and that peace and harmony might reign during his year of office. The W.M., who on rising was enthusiastically received, said he felt himself unable to reply in suitable terms to the toast so kindly received by the brethren; but he assured them in all sincerity that the present was the proudest moment of his existence. Nothing should be wanting on his part to make the ensuing year one of prosperity for the Lodge. Again he thanked them very sincerely. Bro. Brown P.M. proposed the next toast—the health of the Installing Master, Bro. R. L. Armstrong, and spoke in eulogistic terms of the way in which he had conducted the ceremony that day; it afforded him pleasure to have the honour of submitting this toast. In reply, Bro. Armstrong said he felt deeply indebted for the kind manner in which his name had been received, and felt proud of being the youngest P.M. in England. The toast of the Past Masters, proposed by Bro. Happer, and replied to by Bro. Ridsdale, was the next on the list; the W.M. then gave the past and present Officers, to which Bros. Mondy P.M. and Salmon S.W. replied. The Visitors next received a welcome from Bro. Armstrong, and in replying, Bro. Cook P.M. thanked the brethren for their hospitality. Bro. Bolan P.M., in submitting the Masonic Charities, said that if Freemasonry consisted in anything, it was in Charity. He was glad to inform the brethren that he had just received the intelligence that the widow of a deceased brother of his Lodge, whom they all knew, had just received a grant of £40 from the Lodge of Benevolence. He therefore asked the brethren in all sincerity to drink success to their Charities. Bro. Thompson P.M. replied, and the Tyler being called, he completed the toast list. Some capital harmony was rendered by Bros. Gibson, Dean, and Crucklin, and recitations by Bros. Lax, Dumford, and L. Joel. Altogether a most enjoyable evening was spent. Amongst the Visitors were Bros. L.M. Cockcroft D.P.G.M., Adam Robertson P.G.S.W., J. Ridsdale P.G.J.W., E. D. Davis P.G.D.C., Rev. G. Rabenson P.G. Chaplain, G. I. Dean P.G.S.D., Balar P.G.J.D., G. Cockburn P.G.R., G. Thompson P.P.G.S.W., J. Hopper P.P.G.S.W., W. E. Franklin P.P.G.J.W., T. Armstrong W.M. 1626, W. M. Bell W.M. 1557, Carr W.M. 24, J. Wood S.W. 48, L. Joel 40, &c.

YARBOROUGH LODGE, No. 554.

THE members of this Lodge met to close the labours of the season on the 1st inst., at the Green Dragon, Stepney, E. Present:—Bros. J. H. Thorn W.M., T. S. Taylor S.W., E. W. Walter J.W., J. G. Stephens P.M. Treasurer, G. Ward Verry P.M. Secretary, T. W. Tait S.D., W. Cross J.D., J. Lineker I.G., J. Taylor D.C., G. T. H. Seddon Organist, J. R. Shingfield W.S.; Past Masters W. T. Wynn, J. J. Berry, T. J. Barnes, J. Kindred, B. Middleton, J. T. S. Hood, and others, with a numerous attendance of brethren. Amongst the Visitors were included the names of Bro. T. F. Harvey D.C. 174, B. B. Barnard 206. R. Pill 228, W. C. Maddever W.M. 504, J. Greig 504, J. W. Hobbs P.M. 749, G. Offer 812, C. J. Harnsworth P.M. 956, G. J. King 1259, J. Carrociero I.G. 1306, T. D. Burch W.S. 1365, H. N. Taylor S.W. 1421, G. F. Dix J.W. 1421, G. H. Stephens 1623 G Brooks 1729. Lodge was opened in due form, with prayer, and the minutes of previous meeting were confirmed. The ballot proving unanimous in favour of the candidate, Mr. Charles Allen, the W.M. initiated him into the mysteries of our Order; after which Bros. W. Hawes and W. N. Sparks were duly entrusted and passed. Among the peculiarities of Freemasonry may be noted the ready appreciation by its members of services rendered. This found a notable illustration at the Yarborough Lodge. On this occasion the brethren had subscribed towards a testimonial to Bro. Henry Mosely P.M., and the presentation consisted of a splendid bronze clock, appropriately adorned with two pillars, and surmounted by an equestrian study in bronze. A vellum inscription, in the choicest style of illumination, accompanied the gift. The clock bore an engraved plate, which read as follows:—

"This Clock was presented by the Members of the Yarborough Lodge No. 554 to Bro. Henry Mosely P.M., in appreciation of his services as Secretary for nine years."

Unfortunately Bro. Mosely, by ill health, was prevented from receiving it in person, but arrangements were made to forward the present to him, together with expressions of regret at his illness. Several other Lodge matters having been disposed of, the Lodge was closed in due form, and adjourned. The brethren then repaired to the banquet-room, where Bro. A. Walter had prepared an excellent repast. After grace, the W.M. proposed the toasts of the Queen and the Craft, the M.W. Grand Master, the Grand Officers Past and Present, all of which were honoured in a becomingly cordial manner. Brother Past Master Wynn, in proposing the health of the W.M., remarked that up to the present time the W.M. had given great satisfaction. He had worked the ceremonies well, and all are pleased with his conduct of the business of the Lodge. They had much to be thankful for, that a young Master should work so successfully, and exert himself to make all comfortable. Bro. J. G. Stevens P.M. here favoured the brethren with a song, after which the Worshipful Master thanked Bro. Wynn and the brethren for the kindness they had shown in drinking his health. So long as he held office they might rely on his best services. The W.M. next introduced the P.M.'s, claiming the best thanks of the Lodge for their valuable services; he called on Bro. John Berry to respond. After a song by the W.M., Bro. Berry was pleased he had been called on to respond. He was heartily gratified at the warm reception they had given the toast. All the P.M.'s (they were seven in number) had served the Lodge well. He would ask some other member of that body to reply. Bro. Wynn also thanked the brethren for drinking the toast so heartily. The W.M. said another pleasing duty, and one which he hoped would recur during his year of office, had to be performed. We have here a gentleman who has been admitted into our midst—I ask you to drink his health. Bro. Sparks sang earnestly "The Pilgrim of Love," and the initiate returned thanks. The W.M. now said the Yarborough Lodge had never been without its Visitors, and he trusted never would be. He would propose the toast, and ask the members to give it a hearty reception. Bro. Gerrard King favoured the brethren with an amusing recitation. After which several of the visitors responded. The Officers were next toasted. The W.M. said the Visitors had praised the working of the Lodge; he felt proud at having such competent brethren as Officers. This having been suitably acknowledged, the toast of the Benevolent Institutions was given, and Bro. T. J. Barnes P.M. made one of his stirring appeals for the sympathy of the brethren. The fact of having given once did not absolve a brother from giving again; on the contrary, he pledged himself to support those whom his former liberality had placed upon the funds of the various Institutions. Bro. Berry also ably advocated the cause of charity. Bros. Barnes, Verry and himself were representing the Masonic Schools, and he hoped the brethren would give all the support they could. The toast of the Masonic Press, the W.M. felt, was one of great importance to the Craft. They had to thank the Masonic press for many good offices; for aiding the cause of charity; for acquainting us with the doings of esteemed brethren, and in drawing closer the ties of brotherly feeling although we might be parted by distance. They were favoured on this occasion with the presence of Bro. Stephens, who represents the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE; all were pleased to have him present; he would ask them to drink to the Masonic Press coupling the name of Bro. G. H. Stephens with the toast. The response to this toast was most

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hearty, and Bro. Stephens briefly thanked the W.M. for placing the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE so favourably before the brethren; he also thanked the members for their heartiness in receiving his name. Several other toasts and songs were given, and the Tyler's in due course closed the meeting.

SAMSON LODGE, No. 1668.

THAT a good beginning is calculated in a majority of cases to ensure success, is equally applicable to a Masonic Lodge as to any enterprise in which a body of men may embark. Most Lodges are launched with a great amount of promise, but, whilst one seems to sail on quietly and steadily, with nothing to disturb its even pathway of success, there are others in which, before they have been in existence even a few months, or perhaps at the first installation meeting, some *contretemps* occurs to mar the general harmony and satisfaction. Jarring confusion having set in, the whole Lodge proceedings continue to be harsh and disjointed for a considerable period, even if the disease does not become chronic. Much of the success which attends our Lodges may be traced to the inner work and to the private life of the members, and in this respect the Samson Lodge is highly to be congratulated. The brethren seem to regard each other as members almost of a private family, each endeavouring to do his utmost to contribute to the general comfort and happiness of the Lodge. Happily they have not yet experienced the disagreeable and dangerous influence of that class of brethren—by no means uncommon—who, as soon as they gain the object of their ambition, and have passed the chair, subside into a position of "masterly inactivity," and by their indifference and lethargy damp the ardour of the younger and aspiring members. All work harmoniously and heartily together, and thus, although the Lodge has only been established two years, the brethren have the satisfaction of feeling that not only has the whole of their first and indispensible expenses for furniture, &c., been cleared off, but they have been enabled to contribute various sums, amounting in the aggregate to forty guineas, to the Charities, besides having a Benevolent Fund in connection with their Lodge, and performing other laudable acts which they may regard with satisfaction. It was, therefore, with pleasure we witnessed the proceedings connected with the annual installation meeting which took place at Freemasons' Hall on Tuesday evening, for we then ascertained that the new Master starts on his year of office with a good balance in hand, which we hope he will have many opportunities of increasing during the next twelve months. Lodge was opened under the presidency of retiring W.M. Bro. J. D. Barnett, who was supported by Bros. W. H. G. Rudderforth S.W., Baron D. Barnett J.W. and Sec., A. D. Loewenstark Treas., W. T. Lover S.D., J. Elkan J.D., G. Betty Org., J. Quincey I.G., B. Williams Steward, M. D. Loewenstark and A. D. Loewenstark P.M.'s. There was also a goodly attendance of visiting brethren, amongst whom we noticed Bros. H. Brooks 145, J. Chinnery S.D. 145, J. W. Walker 1178, G. Pare W.M. 185, A. Bassington W.M. 205, W. W. Morgan jun. 1385, J. Lazarus W.M. 1017, J. C. Hayes 619, S. Godden 862, G. W. West W.M. 1237, L. Kennard 145, J. Murch D.C. 27, A. J. Willmore 1056, &c. The customary formalities having been observed, there was one raising, the ceremony being performed by the W.M. in most efficient manner. The installation of Bro. W. H. G. Rudderforth, the W.M. elect, was then proceeded with, the ceremony being most ably conducted by the retiring W.M. His successor, having been saluted in accordance with ancient usage, invested his Officers for the coming year, as follow:—Bros. J. D. Barnett I.P.M. and Sec., Baron D. Barnett S.W., A. D. Loewenstark P.M. J.W., M. D. Loewenstark P.M. Treas., W. T. Lover P.M. S.D., H. Aarons J.D., G. Bilby P.M. Org., J. Quincey I.G., J. Rogers Tyler. After the investiture, the Installing Officer delivered the charges, we will not say with the force of eloquence, as that would convey but an inadequate idea of such an elocutionary treat as was afforded the brethren. The Auditor's report, which showed that the financial position of the Lodge was most satisfactory, was adopted; and we were pleased to note that the sum for hotel expenses was kept within the bounds of propriety, and that in this respect the Samson Lodge might well be taken as an example to others. The brethren appear to have devoted the bulk of their income to matters which they can look back upon with a very great degree of satisfaction and pleasure. At the conclusion of routine business, the newly-installed W.M. said a very pleasing duty now devolved upon him, namely, to invest their respected I.P.M. with the jewel which had been unanimously voted to him by the Lodge. In adding this jewel to his many other decorations he was sure that Bro. Barnett would not esteem it as the least valued amongst them, but would regard it as a token of the sincere regard and affection of the brethren. In accepting the gift, Bro. Barnett said, as their esteemed W.M. had remarked, although he had received this jewel the last, he should not esteem it the least, coming as it did from brethren whom he so respected and admired. He received this mark of their recognition with equal, if not greater pleasure than he did that which was presented to him in his mother Lodge, the Tranquillity. They were, in the Samson Lodge, as one family, each striving to do all in his power to support his friends. He regretted that his qualifications for the chair had not been more frequently called into requisition; still their proceedings had been marked by much that afforded them satisfaction. He should ever esteem and wear the jewel as an emblem of true friendship. Bro. Bilby briefly addressed the Lodge, giving his experience of the I.P.M.; he claimed this right as having been present at his initiation, and having watched his progress through the Craft. Bro. S.D. then proposed that the thanks of the Lodge be passed, and recorded on the minutes, to Bro. Barnett for the admirable way in which the installation ceremony had been conducted. Bro. J.W., in seconding the proposition, said he felt that as a P.M. he knew more about the way in which the ceremony should be carried out than some of his younger brethren, and he must say the manner in which Bro. Barnett had acquitted himself had been a source of unfeigned pleasure to all present. Bro. Thomas, on behalf of the lay members, also wished to express a few words. Although they were not in so good a position as were the Past Officers to judge of the merits of the ceremony, he hoped their I.P.M. would accept their hearty congratulations upon the vote which had just been so deservingly proposed. The resolution was then carried by acclamation. The W.M. briefly addressed the I.P.M., and formally intimated to him that the vote had been passed. Bro. Barnett, in reply, said he looked upon these compliments as of even more real value than the jewel that had been placed upon his breast that evening, and he thanked them heartily for this fresh testimony of esteem. One brother having been proposed for joining, Bro. Rudderforth announced his intention to act as Steward for the Girls' School. He regretted he had not decided upon this step earlier, as he might then have appealed to the brethren and managed to secure a larger list. As it was, however, he could announce that he had four items of five guineas each, in addition to ten guineas voted by the Lodge, and ten guineas he intended to give himself. He hoped these amounts would be augmented, so that the Samson Lodge might be able to appear at the Festival with a list of upwards of fifty guineas. The W.M. referred, in a few well-chosen words, to the sudden death of the Grand Tyler, Bro. Payne, and paid a just tribute to his merit. The Lodge was then closed in form, and the brethren adjourned to the Prince's Saloon, at the Holborn Restaurant, where a first-rate banquet was provided. The W.M. in giving the prefatory toasts, expatiated on the two grand principles they involved, namely, loyalty to the throne and devotion to the best interests of the Craft. He then observed that at all their meetings the toast of the initiate was received with peculiar pleasure. On this occasion, however, they had no initiate, but they had amongst them a brother who had taken the third degree, and he very much regretted that some of the brethren were not present to see that ceremony performed in such able manner by their worthy I.P.M. Bro. Larke, in responding, said the ceremony of to-day had afforded him greater pleasure than anything that had ever fallen to his lot. That was saying a great deal, considering he had been travelling for the last eighteen years, and had visited many strange countries. What he had seen that evening surpassed all that he had anticipated, and he expressed a hope he might become a true Freemason. He considered that every Brother should support his mother Lodge, and though he had often been invited, in foreign countries, to take his third degree there, he considered it only his duty to return to the Lodge in which he was initiated. The I.P.M. said he had much pleasure in proposing the next toast, inasmuch as it was the first he had been called on to propose in his present capacity. He asked them cordially to join with him in drinking to the health of their W.M., who was in every respect a thoroughly good man, and one fit and proper to fill the position he now occupied. They all trusted he would have a pleasant year, and be able to conduct the affairs of the Lodge in the same harmonious and successful way as they were at present. The W.M. remarked that he certainly felt very much flattered by the reception which had been accorded to the toast of his health. He took some credit to himself for having assisted many others to attain the chief distinction in a Lodge, though he had never until now aspired to the position himself. And now that by their kindness he had been elected to the chair, he should be happy to devote his energies to the promotion of the best interests of the Lodge, and to aid in making it one of the best in the Craft. He trusted that the Officers and others who had an ambition to attain proficiency and to qualify for higher spheres of usefulness would not neglect the Lodges of Instruction, from which so much benefit was to be derived. He then proposed a toast which he said was received with concord in every Lodge—the Visitors. For a young Lodge they were highly favoured by having so many visiting brethren. He hoped these would show their appreciation by coming amongst them as often as possible. The toast was well received, and briefly responded to by Bros. Lazarus, Pare, West, and others. The W.M. next gave the health of the P.M.'s, in doing which he said, although the Lodge only possessed two, they were both worthy of every respect and confidence. He had intended to make the health of the I.M. a separate toast, but to economise time he would associate him with this. The I.P.M., in responding, observed that many Masons, when they succeeded to the chair, thought they had gained the summit of a Mason's profession, and after that neglected their duties; but with him that would never be the case. Although it was true that he was getting into the sere and yellow leaf, he hoped to work till his latest hour in the interests of Freemasonry. Bro. Loewenstark also responded, and the health of the Treasurer and Secretary from the chair followed. The W.M. referred to their services in felicitous terms, and said the best proof of their efficiency was the prosperous condition of the Lodge. He could not yet, of course, judge of the capabilities of their present Secretary, and so must refer to the services rendered by his predecessor. Every credit was due to their present Treasurer for the way in which he worked to secure the warrant of this Lodge; and no Lodge could have had a better Secretary than the brother who had just been succeeded in office. Bro. Loewenstark returned his hearty thanks for the honour conferred upon him by his election as Treasurer, in which capacity he hoped he might act for many years. He should always look upon this Lodge as his offspring, and as its first Master, he felt a great deal of responsiblity resting upon him as to its future. He hoped his management of their finances gave satisfaction to the members. Bro. Sec. also responded in suitable terms. The Officers was the next toast upon the list. The W.M. said he felt some diffidence in this, his first occupation of the chair, as there were two P.M.'s amongst his Officers—one a very ancient P.M., perhaps before he (the speaker) was initiated. In his S.W. he had a brother who had filled various grades before he attained the position he now occupied. The S.D. was a treasure to any W.M., and as to Bro. Quincey I.G., he would have been pleased to have given him a higher post, but was prevented as the chairs were capable of holding only one in each. The

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Officers named severally responded, and the W.M. then gave the Masonic Charities, which he designated the backbone of our Institution. One of the great causes of our Craft meeting so strongly as it did was that it devoted so much of its attention and substance to the cause of Charity. He mentioned the Samson Masonic Benevolent Association and the Samson Benevolent Fund, the former having been established to further the interests of the Charities. He should call on a member of the Association to respond. They had started in the right way, by establishing a fund by which each member might become a Life Governor of one of the Charities. The Lodge itself was a subscriber for five shares in this fund, thereby ensuring the W.M. taking up ten guineas. He had also the preference of call, and was thereby enabled to take up a Stewardship without much trouble. The Lodge in time would by this means become a V.P. of all the Charities, and *all* the members would become Life Governors. He coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Barnett, who had this year acted as Steward for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and stated that during the last two years the Lodge had contributed ten guineas to the Boys' School, two donations of ten guineas each to the Girls', and one of a similar amount to the "Old People." Bro. Barnett I.P.M. replied. Having filled the office of Steward for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, he had, through the means of their Benevolent Association, been enabled to qualify himself as Life Governor of all three Institutions. The Association enabled members to make themselves Life Governors, in a time which they could hardly be expected to do by individual exertion. The Tyler's toast brought to a conclusion a very agreeable and harmonious gathering.

Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, No. 65.—At Bro. Maidwell's, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall Street, on the 6th instant. Present:—Bros. Daniel W.M., King S.W., Chicken J.W., Rich S.D., Wiseman I.G., Hollands Secretary; Wharman, Biddle, Fraser, and Dowe. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Fraser candidate. Bro. Dowe answered the questions leading to the third, and was raised. Bros. Fraser and Dowe, members of the Scotch Lodge Roman Eagle 160, were admitted members. Bro. King was elected W.M. for the ensuing Tuesday. Having *the King* in the chair, the brethren wish for a strong muster of the brethren to support him.

Devonshire Lodge, No. 625.—The regular meeting of this flourishing Lodge was held at the Norfolk Hotel, Glossop, on Wednesday 7th May. Present:—Bros. J. Collier W.M., T. Dearnaley I.P.M. P.G.S.B., David A. Davis S.W., W. Booth J.W., S. Collier Secretary, J. Hadfield S.D., W. H. Hodgson I.G., S. Warbirst Organist, J. Cooper Steward, W. Fielden Tyler; Bros. W. Dawson P.M. P.P.G.D.C., W. Swire, J. Pollett, J. Robinson, E. Holdham, E. Williams, T. Wooley, W. Fielding, J. Rowbotham, J. H. Rosson, A. Andrew, and J. Orme. Visitors: Bros. J. Hesselgrave P.M. 337, 1545, H. Woodhouse 320, A. Sturgeon 77, and Richardson. The Lodge was opened by the W.M., and the minutes of the last regular meeting read and confirmed. Bro. E. Williams was introduced, and advanced to the second degree. Lodge was then closed to the first, when Mr. D. Hesselgrave was duly initiated by Bro. J. Hesselgrave P.M., in a very impressive manner. A joining member was proposed, and some routine business disposed of, the Lodge closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to supper. On removal of the cloth, the Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured; the pleasures of the evening being interspersed with some excellent songs and musical selections.

High Cross Lodge of Instruction, No. 754.—A meeting was held on Thursday, 1st inst., at the Coach and Horses, High-road, Tottenham. Present—Bros. Everdell W.M., Binnie S.W., Peck J.W., Ganney Sec., Taverner S.D., Powell J.D., Garrod and others; T. H. Thompson Preceptor. The Lodge was opened in ancient form, and the minutes of the last Lodge meeting were read and confirmed. The Lodge was advanced in the three degrees, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed. On the resumption of the Lodge, the W.M., assisted by the brethren, worked the second section of the Lecture. Bro. Binnie was elected W.M. for next Lodge meeting.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—At the Star and Garter, Kew-bridge, on Friday, 25th April. Present—Bros. Gomm W.M., Costelow S.W., Kyezor J.W., Blasby S.D., Acworth J.D., Talbot I.G., Goss I.P.M., J. C. Roe P.M. and Preceptor, Tucker Treasurer. Lodge was opened, and minutes of last meeting were read, confirmed and signed. Bro. Roe read a letter from Bro. Gunner (the Hon. Sec.) pleading illness as the reason for his absence; and the brethren expressed their regret at his inability to attend. Bro. Goss was initiated. Lodge was advanced and regularly closed.

On Friday, 2nd May, at half-past 7 p.m. Present:—Bros. Acworth W.M., Gomm S.W., Talbot J.W., Tucker (Tr.) S.D., Skinner J.D., Botley I.G., Roe P.M. Preceptor, Goss P.M., Blasby, Gow, Beckett, J. Heritage 1360, and others. Lodge was opened in due form by the W.M., who we were glad to see again after a very protracted absence, owing to an accident of a serious nature. Bro. Roe read the minutes of the last meeting, the Hon. Sec. being still too unwell to attend. Bro. Beckett was initiated, and the W.M. then gave the charge of that degree in a very impressive manner, showing that his enforced absence had not caused him to neglect his studies as a Mason. Bro. Gomm was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and he appointed his Officers. Bro. Heritage was unanimously elected a member of this Lodge of Instruction, and he addressed a few observations to the brethren upon the compliment paid him. Lodge was then closed, with due observance of ancient custom.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—Held its weekly meeting on Tuesday, at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall Road, Dalston. Present:—Bros. H. Williams W.M., Wardell S.W., Carr J.W., Brasted S.D., Polak J.D., C. Lorkin I.G., Dallas Sec., Smyth Treas., P.M. Wallington Preceptor; Bros. James, Lorkin, Christian, Weige, and others. The Lodge was opened and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. The W.M. worked the initiation ceremony, Bro. Christian as candidate. The Lodge was called from labour to refreshment, and after resuming its duties, Bro. C. Lorkin worked the first, second, and fourth sections of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Wardell was elected W.M. for next Tuesday evening.

Hartington Lodge No. 1085.—A meeting was held on Wednesday, 7th May, at the Masonic Hall, Derby. Present:—Bros. J. Heathcote W.M., Hextall S.W., Manton J.W., Bobart Treas., Butterfield Sec., Russell S.D., Steele J.D., G. Johnson Steward, Popplewell I.G., W. Stone Tyler; Past Masters Bros. Iliffe, Worsnop, Pipes; Visitors—Bros. Wright, Whittaker, Cabourn 731, Ward 1561. The Lodge was opened at 7.30 p.m., when the usual preliminaries having been satisfactorily disposed of, Bro. Osbourne, a candidate for the second degree, proved his proficiency, and was entrusted. The Lodge was then opened in the second, and Bro. Osbourne advanced to the F.C. degree by I.P.M. Pipes. The W.M. then resumed the chair, and the members voted ten guineas for the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. Business being ended, the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony, and the brethren adjourned, by command of the W.M., to supper, where each enjoyed the ample, but not extravagant, fare provided by Bro. Steele, whose ability for catering is known throughout the Province. On removal of the cloth, the Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed by the W.M., and heartily honoured by the company. The Officers' toasts were given, and the Tyler in due course closed the proceedings.

Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction, No. 1288.—The Fifteen Sections were worked at this Lodge by the members of The Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, by invitation, on Wednesday the 30th ult., at the Earl Russell, Isledon-road, Holloway. Bro. R. G. Tolmie W.M. 861 W.M., Bro. G. H. Saul W.M. 1201 S.W., Bro. L. R. Rogers P.M. 902 J.W. First Lecture: Bros. A. W. Fenner, J. Gibbs, G. H. Saul, A. W. Fenner, G. H. Saul, Gardner, L. R. Rogers; Second Lecture: Bros. Pelikan, C. Lorkin, R. G. Tolmie, H. P. Isaac, F. G. Chant; Third Lecture: Bros. J. A. Powell, H. P. Isaac, J. A. Powell. Bros. S. Beattie of Lodge 1507, Earl 1695, and Swinyard were elected members. Bro. R. G. Tolmie W.M. 861 was elected an honorary member of the Lodge, and a vote of thanks was accorded to him, and entered on the Lodge minutes. Great praise is due to the presiding officers and brethren who assisted for the able and efficient manner in which the work was performed.

Sackville Lodge, No. 1619.—The first regular meeting this year was held at the Crown Hotel, East Grinstead, Sussex, on Tuesday evening last. Present—Bros. Charles Sawyer W.M., C. T. Young S.W., John G. Horsey J.W., E. A. Head Sec., S. Davison S.D., W. Rudge J.D., J. G. Calway I.G.; Bros. C. W. Noehmer P.M., A. W. Betchley, J. Woodbridge, G. Woolgar, F. Sargent (Tyler), W. Harwood, J. Cooper, Jas. Hare, J. E. Woodbridge and E. D. Dickman. At 5 o'clock punctually the Lodge was duly opened with solemn prayer. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M. referred to a telegram he had just received from Bro. P.M. Hook, stating that as he would be unable to attend, he wished either Bro. Horsey J.W. or the Secretary to put the motion to the Lodge of which he had given notice. In accordance with this wish Bro. Horsey proposed, Bro. Young seconded, and it was carried with acclamation, that a P.M.'s jewel be given to the retiring W.M. Bro. C. Sawyer. The Lodge was then opened in the second degree, and after replying to the usual questions, retiring, and the Lodge being opened in the third, Bro. G. Woolgar was raised to the sublime degree of a M.M. The Lodge having been resumed, and the ballot taken, Mr. Wm. Pile, of Carshalton, was regularly initiated into Freemasonry. The next business was to elect a W.M. The result of the ballot was the unanimous election of Bro. John G. Horsey J.W. as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. Bro. P.M. Hole was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Sargent Tyler. After the appointment of an Audit Committee the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to a substantial repast. The installation of Bro. John G. Horsey as Worshipful Master will take place on Tuesday, 1st July, and it is expected that Sir W. Burrell, the Provincial Grand Master, with the Grand Officers, will be present.

Sir Hugh Myddelton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1602.—A meeting was held on Tuesday, at the Crown and Woolpack, St. John-street-road. Present:—Bros. W. Rowley W.M., H. A. Jacobs S.W., W. Hirst J.W., T. J. Corke S.D., A. Ross J.D., R. Pearcy Preceptor, J. Gibbs I.G., J. Osborne Secretary; Bros. E. Pelikan, C. J. Wood, A. F. Rowley, M. Weil, E. Harris, and E. Weedon. The W.M. ably rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Harris acting as candidate. Bro. Pearcy worked the first, second, and third sections of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. T. J. Corke, of the Cosmopolitan Lodge No. 917, and Bros. E. Harris and M. Weil of the Sir Hugh Myddelton Lodge No. 1602, were elected members. Bro. Jacobs was chosen W.M. for the ensuing week.

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MANY brethren will remember that in our earlier issues a considerable amount of correspondence passed relative to certain moot questions as to ritual and observance; now, in order to elicit further information on these subjects, we have been prompted to ventilate a few thoughts and suggestions which have been made to us, under the above interrogatory. We do not, as a rule, like to infringe upon ground that has been trodden previously by our correspondents; and we had hoped that our Bro. James Stevens would have been able to continue to give and adduce information, as he did on many previous occasions through the columns of this journal. We trust, however, that by taking the old theme in hand, Bro. Stevens and others may be induced to follow up the course of investigation so well begun, so that assistance may be rendered to the increasing number of our brethren who are pressing forward in search of further Masonic light. It cannot be gainsaid that the ceremonials of Freemasonry would be very much better worked were the system, and the traditions upon which it is founded, more thoroughly understood. By the explanation of minor points of detail much that is now only a matter of indifference would be made intelligible, and the whole Lodge working invested with tenfold greater interest than at the present time. It is very well to say and do certain things, but all their significance is lost unless the brethren who witness the ceremonies have a lively apprehension of every sentence uttered, and every movement made. And yet, how seldom in our Lodges do we hear even the initiation ceremony given in its beautiful entirety? Is not the teaching of the tracing-board invariably deferred until some more convenient season, when there are fewer candidates for passing or raising, and there is little less anxious looking towards the south? The reading of the tracing-board and the recital of the traditional history are, after all, not so much a matter of importance to those who are immediately concerned as to those who, having already heard the sublime lessons inculcated, need constantly to be reminded of them, in order that they may duly estimate the rites in the performance of which they are called to assist. Will any one say that the burial service read by the grave-side is for the benefit of the inanimate clay which has been consigned to its kindred dust, and not to that of the quick who stand aronnd the open tomb? And in like manner, when the charges are read, and the splendid tenets of Freemasonry are forced home to the heart and mind of the candidate, they should awaken a corresponding interest in the minds of all assembled, and create in them a thirsting for deeper draughts from that well of knowledge which is both fathomless and inexhaustible. How many even amongst the rank of Master Masons could, if called upon unawares, give even the faintest outline of the tracing boards, or lectures, or explain to an inquiring student the meaning of even the ordinary interior fittings of the Lodge? Why are the positions of the lights so regulated, and why the peculiar design of the three columns on the pedestals? In a well-regulated Lodge there is no expression, no movement, without its significance; and it is this very hidden meaning which is revealed to the searcher after truth that goes to make up our inner Masonic life. If our ceremonials were only dumb show, and our ritual a mere string of meaningless platitudes, the fabric of Masonry must long ere this have crumbled into dust, and the monstrous fallacy would have exploded. It is the very existence of a satisfying fountain of truth and wisdom which springs from the remotest depths of Masonry, and comes coursing through every vein and artery of its system, that has kept the Institution intact, and preserved its mysteries from becoming the common property of the "popular world in general." This is the reason why it has repelled all the assaults that have been made against it, and has enabled it to withstand all the buffettings from without and the treachery of perjured foes within. But, even as other sciences only become beautiful and attractive by closer study, as the works of the G.A.O.T.U. are revealed in all their marvellous perfection by the aid of the telescope and the microscope, so Masonry unfolds its grandeur and its sublimity only as the student dives into its deeper mysteries, and carefully interprets, by the aid of his Masonic Light, the symbols and traditions which have been handed down to us from time immemorial. Everybody has heard of a person in the witness-box who when asked whether he knew Greek, shrewdly replied, "Yes, *by sight!*" Such is the characteristic of any man who goes through the formalities of his Lodge without discerning the true beauties which they are intended to reveal. Masonry is indeed as prolific in the number and variety of its designs as a kaleidoscope; but unless those grand forms and artistic shapes are utilised and retained they will be as evanescent as the toy with which the child plays for a while and then casts aside. What is the reason so many who enrol themselves under our banner speedily tire, and lapse in their attendance at our meetings? They "cannot see anything in it." There has been a weakness somewhere. They have either preconceived false ideas of the Institution into which they were prompted to find an entrance, or perhaps their initiation was so conducted as to create feeble impressions of the real beauty of the Craft, if indeed it had not inspired them with levity even while dealing with solemn things and sacred. At any rate, there are many who do not receive that breath into their nostrils which is the germ of true Masonic life, which causes the heart to pulsate and the mind to reach out after fresh supplies of sustenance and growth. It is this careful observance of first principles to which we draw the attention of Officers, past and present, who are under responsibility as mentors and preceptors. As the child when learning the pianoforte longs to dash into bounding euphony before she has mastered the exercises, so precisely many a young Mason trips before he has gone far along the chequered floor. It is, therefore, the duty of past and present Masters to guard and regulate the early progress of those who come under their rule, and help each student so to apprehend the meaning of every step he takes that each successive sip from the well-spring of wisdom may create in him a longing for the deeper draughts. When such is the case—when under the fostering care of true Masonic guardians the brother has made sure and firm his foundation—he treads along with confidence and lively aspiration, discovering fresh beauty in the progressive lessons that are laid before him, and which the sound training he has received in his earlier stages enables him thoroughly to understand and to appreciate. In visiting the various Lodges in different parts of the country where our profession leads us, it is easy to discern that our provincial brethren pay greater heed to these important details than is usually to be found in the metropolis. They aim not so much at the working of the ceremonies and the ritual as to discuss various points and to grasp at symbolic meanings. By means of these friendly debates, especially in Lodges of Instruction, the minds of men become stored with gems of Masonic teaching, and through them

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these have flashed their radiance upon rapt and delighted audiences. It is not given to every man to be an orator or a preceptor; but who can expect the harvest unless he has prepared the soil and sown the seed? Men sometimes repine, and wonder that they cannot climb the Masonic ladder as deftly as their apparently less highly-endowed brethren. And we cannot but think that the answer in an infinite majority of cases would be "Because there was a hurrying over, or inattention to, the ordinary and minor details of study." We cannot help thinking that if an evening occasionally were set aside in Lodges of Instruction for Masonic debate—if the ordinary routine were now and then merged into a friendly discussion forum—it would tend materially to remove the doubts and misgivings which are constantly expressed, and the momentous question, "Which is correct?" would in many instances be pleasantly solved. One matter lately brought before us by a country brother was that of the use of an extra light in the Third Degree, and the propriety of extinguishing the Master's light and introducing, by way of substitute, a lanthorn with a star, &c. In relation to this subject we have to hand copy of an old circular emanating from Grand Lodge forty years ago, in which the then Grand Secretary, after, no doubt, due consultation with all the acknowledged authorities, states unhesitatingly that such extinguishment is not only improper but positively in violation of the most maturely-considered and unequivocal directions of the Grand Lodge. The introduction of a lanthorn, &c., is equally against the order. Now we have frequently seen pretty transparencies and other arrangements introduced into Lodges by which to give additional effect and brilliancy to ceremonial rites; but the question as to the substitution of any kind of luminary for the Master's light is, according to authority, and in our opinion, contrary to the spirit of the order. "Which is correct?" We learn from the document referred to that in the Lodge of Reconciliation the extinguishment had been proposed, and occasioned much dissatisfaction. In order, therefore, to settle that and other points—or, more properly speaking, to carry out the intention and direction of the Act of Union that there should be a conformity of working, &c.—a special Grand Lodge was convened on the 20th of May 1816, to witness the ceremonies proposed by the Lodge of Reconciliation. These concluded, the several points were discussed; amongst others the lights in the third Degree, and decisions were come to upon them. But, to afford opportunity for the most mature consideration, and to leave the subject without a possibility of objection, another special Grand Lodge was holden on 5th June following, to approve and confirm what had been done at the former meeting. The attendance was larger than at any other time, excepting the day of Union; and the decision arrived at was, that "the Master's light was *never* to be extinguished while the Lodge was open, nor was it by any means to be shaded or obscured, and that no lanthorn or other device was to be permitted as a substitute." One of the reasons stated is, that one of the Lights represents the Master, who is *always* present while the Lodge is open, if not actually in his own person, yet by a brother who represents him (and without the Master or his representative the Lodge cannot be open); so his light cannot be extinguished until the Lodge is closed. The other two lights figuratively represent luminaries which at periods are visible—at other times not so. Here, for instance, is a subject which might be well taken for an evening's quiet reflection and debate, and undoubtedly the question, if well handled, would elucidate many others of equal interest and importance, and on which it is most desirable to be informed "Which is correct?" We shall be pleased to devote a portion of our space weekly to the discussion of such matters, in which we should be glad to have the co-operation of our readers, feeling assured that in cases of doubt and difficulty, as well for the dissemination of truth, the ventilation and interchange of opinion must be productive of the most beneficial results.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

THE Rt. Hon. the Earl of Rosslyn, K.T., Her Majesty's Lord High Commissioner to the Church of Scotland, and M.W. Past Grand Master of Scotland, has, in the kindest manner, consented to preside at the 81st Anniversary Festival of this Institution, to be held at the Alexandra Palace, on Wednesday, 25th June next.

R. M. BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

THE Annual Meeting of the Governors of, and Donors and Subscribers to this Institution was held yesterday (Friday), in the Great Hall, at Freemasons' Tavern, where there was a goodly attendance, under the presidency of Bro. Lieut.-Colonel John Creaton, Grand Treasurer of England.

The Secretary (Bro. James Terry) read a letter, which he had received from His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, in which the M.W.G.M. expressed his approval of 11th February 1880 as the date for the next Festival in behalf of the Institution. Bro. Terry also had satisfaction in announcing that the Right Hon. the Earl of Zetland, Prov. G.M. of North and East Yorkshire, had kindly consented to preside on that occasion.

The minutes of the annual general meeting of 1878 were taken as read, and the Secretary then presented the annual report of the Audit Committee and Committee of Management, which was unanimously approved and adopted, as follows:—

REPORT.

The Committee of Management desire to congratulate the Donors and Subscribers upon the continued success which has attended the Institution during the past year, resulting in a larger amount of donations and subscriptions being received than in any preceding twelve months since its formation.

The Anniversary Festival was held by command of the Patron, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M., on the 13th February last, and having obtained the consent of Lt.-Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie R.W. Prov. G.M. for E. Lancashire to preside, a Board of Stewards, 294 in number, was formed, of whom 81 were from the chairman's Province. Their exertions were rewarded by being enabled to present the largest sum yet obtained at any of the Festivals, viz.—£14,386; and the Committee tender, not only to them their sincere thanks for raising such an amount, considering the great depression of trade unhappily prevailing throughout the country, but also to the chairman for his powerful advocacy of the claims of the Institution on the day of the Festival, and for the deep interest he displayed throughout his Province in inducing the brethren to support his presidency.

At the last election there were 145 male and 135 female annuitants upon the fund; there are 33 men and 43 widows candidates for election to-day.

Since May last 22 men and 8 widows have died, and the Committee have resolved not only to fill up these vacancies, but to augment that number by the election of an additional ten widows, so that there will now be 145 annuitants of both sexes receiving the benefits of the Institution, the amount of whose annuities will be £10,440. There are also 12 widows receiving half their late husband's annuities, who each receive £20 per annum, so that the Institution is committed to an annual payment of £10,680, without the working expenses.

To meet this large outlay the Committee rely, in the future as they have done in the past, upon the continued liberality of the Craft, feeling convinced that that reliance will not be in vain.

The Committee have much pleasure in reporting that the balance remaining in the hands of Messrs. Willis, Percival and Co., at the time of their failure, in 1878, has been paid in full by the Trustee of the estate of the late Treasurer, Samuel Tomkins, Esq., thereby preventing the Institution from sustaining loss.

The Committee desire to tender their thanks to Grand Lodge for the renewed grant of £70, made in September last, to provide the residents of the Institution at Croydon with coals during the winter.

Vacancies in the Trusteeship have occurred during the past year by the deaths of the late Grand Treasurer, Samuel Tomkins, Esq. and Sir F. M. Williams, Bart. According to the laws the former vacancy will have to be filled by the newly-elected Grand Treasurer, Lieut.-Col. Creaton; and they recommend Lord Skelmersdale D.G.M. of England to fill the other vacancy.

The Committee have also much pleasure in reporting that the Institution at Croydon is in a thorough state of repair. They have made an addition during the past year, by the erection of a Lodge for the residence of a gardener, who will also discharge the duties of gatekeeper, and various other minor offices, which will tend to the comfort of the residents.

To Henry J. Strong, Esq., M.D., they tender their grateful thanks for his thoughtful kindness and care in ministering to the comforts, and alleviating, as far as human aid can, the sufferings, of the residents. They have much pleasure in stating that at a meeting of the Committee of management it was unanimously resolved that, as he had given his valuable services as Honorary Surgeon for 18 years, a testimonial, of the value of 100 guineas, should be presented him as a compliment they considered he justly deserved.

Subjoined is a statement of the receipts and expenditure during the past year, ending the 31st March 1879, together with the particulars of the permanent income of the Institution:—

MALE FUND.

Balance 31st March 1878 - -				2,386 16 10
RECEIPTS.				
Donation from Grand Lodge - -	500	0	0	
Do. Grand Chapter -	100	0	0	
Do. Lodges, Chapters, and Individuals -	5,692	0	0	
Annual Subscriptions - - -	1,130	7	6	
Dividends on Stock in the Government Funds - - -	59	0	0	
Rent of Field (Three Quarters) -	7	0	0	
Sale of Portion of Field - - -	10	10	0	
Interest on Cash at Call - -	18	2	9	
Cash withdrawn from Call - -	1,000	0	0	
				8,517 0 3
				£10,903 17 1

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DISBURSEMENTS.

Annuitants			5,520	0	0
Salary of Secretary and Clerk			300	0	0
Collector—Commission			116	10	9
Messenger			5	0	0
Assistance in Office			4	12	0
Secretary—Provincial Expenses			58	4	5
Medicine for Residents at Asylum			12	10	0
Warden, Gatekeeper, and Gardener, at Asylum			88	7	0
Taxes at do.			27	9	6
Repairs and Furniture, at do.			22	7	6
Law Charges, &c., at Asylum			12	10	4
Pension to late Gardener			26	0	0
Stationery, Printing, &c.			226	13	2
Advertisements			14	0	3
Postages, &c., including expenses of Election			167	8	3
Petty Expenses			11	16	2
Entertainment of Stewards and Annuitants			31	17	3
Votes of thanks to Stewards			15	9	4
Insurance on Building at Croydon			3	10	5
Building Gardener's Lodge (on acct.)			165	0	0
„ Greenhouse „			50	0	0
Surveyor's Fee			10	10	0
Testimonial to Hon. Surgeon			52	10	0
Hire of Hall on day of Election			2	12	6
Bankers' Charges			1	1	4
Rent of Field			18	6	0
Rent, &c., of Office			18	0	0
Deposited at Call			1,000	0	0
					7,982 6 2
Balance on this Account					**2,921 10 11**

WIDOW'S FUND.

Balance 31st March 1878					3,299 5 6

RECEIPTS.

Donation from Grand Lodge			300	0	0
Do. Grand Chapter			50	0	0
Do. Lodges, Chapters, and Individuals			4,518	7	0
Annual Subscriptions			836	1	0
Dividends on Stock in Government Funds			33	3	10
Rent of Field (three Quarters)			7	0	0
Sale of Portion of Field			10	10	0
Interest on Cash at Call			18	2	8
Cash withdrawn from Call			1,000	0	0
					6,773 4 6
					10,072 10 0

DISBURSEMENTS.

Annuitants			4,426	10	0
Salary of Secretary and Clerk			300	0	0
Collector—Commission			129	10	3
Messenger			5	0	0
Assistance in Office			4	12	0
Secretary—Provincial Expenses			58	4	5
Medicine for residents at Asylum			12	10	0
Matron do			40	0	0
Gardener's salary do			8	9	0
Taxes, &c. do			27	9	5
Repairs and furniture, &c. do			22	7	2
Law charges do			12	10	4
Stationery, printing, &c.			225	19	6
Advertisements			14	0	3
Postages, &c., including expenses of Election			148	4	6
Petty expenses			11	15	4
Entertainment of Stewards and Annuitants			31	17	4
Votes of thanks to Stewards			15	9	5
Insurance on building at Croydon			3	10	4
Building Gardener's Lodge (on acct.)			165	0	0
Building Greenhouse „			50	0	0
Surveyor's fee			10	10	0
Testimonial to Hon. Surgeon			52	10	0
Hire of Hall on day of Election			2	12	6
Bankers' charges			1	1	10
Rent of Field			18	5	11
Rent, &c., of Office			18	0	0
Deposited at Call			1,000	0	0
					£6,820 9 7
Balance on this Account					**3,252 0 5**

SUSTENTATION OF BUILDING.

Balance 31st March 1878			46	15	6
Disbursements			9	0	6
Balance on this Account					**37 15 0**

TOTAL BALANCES,
As per Auditors' Report £6,211 6 4

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 £32,870 Stock in Government Funds			916	13	0
					1,516 13 0

WIDOWS' FUND.

Annual Grant from Grand Lodge			300	0	0
Do Grand Chapter			50	0	0
Dividends on £20,655 Stock in Government Funds			579	15	8
					929 15 8
					2,446 8 8

SUSTENTATION OF BUILDING.

Dividends on £1,000 Stock in the Government Funds					30 0 0
					£2,476 8 8

Signed J. CREATON, Grand Treasurer, Vice-Patron, Chairman.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.
16th May 1879.

It was announced that three members of the Committee of Management retired by rotation, viz., Bros. C. Dilley, J. Bellerby, and Griffiths Smith. Bros. Dilley and Griffiths Smith were declared re-elected, and Bro. T. Goode was appointed in the room of Bro. Bellerby, resigned.

The Auditors, Bros. H. Warren, A. H. Tatershall, and R. B. Webster, were unanimously re-elected, with thanks for their services during the past year.

The election of Trustees was then proceeded with, and the Secretary announced that Lord Skelmersdale, Deputy Grand Master of England, had consented, that, should he be elected, in accordance with the recommendation of the Committee, he should be happy to accept the position of trustee for the Widows' Fund. Bro. A. J. Duff Filer P.S.G.B. then said he believed this was the proper time to propose a brother for the Trusteeship of the Male Fund, and also of the Sustentation Fund, according to the law which described that two should be appointed by this meeting. He begged, therefore, to propose the name of Bro. William Winn, who is sufficiently known to most of the brethren present to render his saying anything much in his favour unnecessary. But, inasmuch as he had heard of a great mistake having been made as to who Bro. Winn was, on some occasions, he might tell the meeting that he was connected with a very large shipping firm in the port of London, trading under the name of Tomlin and Nephew. The uncle, however, was dead, and Bro. Winn was now, and had been for many years, a member of the firm. He felt sure that knowing what Bro. Winn had done for Freemasonry, any little matter in the shape of honour which they could confer upon so worthy a brother they would be happy to do by electing him a Trustee of the Male and Sustentation Fund. Bro. R. B. Webster seconded the nomination, which was unanimously agreed to. Bro. Raynham W. Stewart then moved, and Bro. Perryman seconded the election of Bro. Æneas J. McIntyre., Q.C., as a Trustee of the Sustentation Fund, the resolution being carried. The Chairman said there were 22 males and 18 females candidates on the list, and the Scrutineers of votes having been appointed, the election of Annuitants was proceeded with, in the usual way. The results were announced soon after five o'clock as appears on page 327.

The results having been read over, Bro. Thomas Hill moved "That the thanks of this meeting be given to the Scrutineers who assisted at the election." In doing so he alluded to the large amount of work which they had been called upon to do, and which they had performed in good style, as was proved by their being no objection to their figures. Bro. Henry Smith, Prov. G. Sec. of West Yorkshire, seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Bro. Godtschalk (Devon) moved "That the proceedings of this day be printed and circulated amongst the Lodges and Chapters under the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter of England." Bro. Eberall seconded the resolution, which was agreed to.

Bro. E. S. Snell proposed "That the results of the baltot, with the names of the successful candidates, be advertised;" and this having been seconded by Bro. A. H. Tattershall, was carried.

On the motion of Bro. Farnfield, a cordial vote of thanks was passed to Lieut.-Col. Creaton for the way in which he had presided over the proceedings of the day; and in accepting the compliment, the Chairman observed, "Ladies and gentlemen, I bow my acknowledgments."

The proceedings then terminated.

COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

THE monthly meeting of the Committee of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was held on Wednesday, 14th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, when there were present:—Bros. Lt.-Col. Creaton (in the chair), James Brett, John G. Stevens, Raynham W. Stewart, J. A. Farnfield, W. Hilton, W. Hale, S. Rawson, William Stephens, Edgar Bowyer, Jabez Hogg, Erasmus Wilson, and James Terry Secretary. Bro. Terry reported that the Earl of Zetland would preside at the next Festival of the Institution in 1880, and read letters from Colonel Starkie and Bro. Hine acknowledging the votes of thanks to them passed at the meeting of the committee in February. The death of three male annuitants was reported, and the annual report of the Institution, to be read at the meeting on Friday, was approved. Some other formal business was transacted, and the committee adjourned.

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FREEMASONRY AND ITS CHARITIES.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—From the correspondence which has recently taken place in your columns respecting the expenditure involved in the maintenance of the children in the Masonic Schools, I am inclined to believe there is some explanation which might be, and ought to be, given for the benefit of the Craft generally. I had always understood that the amount was somewhat excessive, in comparison with those of other and similar Institutions, but a margin was ever allowed, from the impression that the principles of Masons induced them to treat those who were entrusted to their care on a more liberal scale than is usual in orphanages and "homes." Still, I had no idea that so large a sum as £27,000 had been expended on the maintenance of 410 children, and if possible I shall take the opportunity of looking a little more closely into the matter. There must, I imagine, be some mistake on the part of your correspondent "H." which the Committee might easily point out; but I, too, should be glad to be informed how I might procure a copy of the publication to which Bro. Binckes has referred. It will be a source of gratification to all the brethren who have subscribed to be told that instead of all this money having been spent, a considerable portion has been carried to the reserve fund, in which case the question of extending the benefits of the Institution might well be considered. It is of no use perpetually to be stirring up a laudable rivalry in the matter of solicitation and giving if the money is to be hoarded up, or, worse still, lavishly squandered. Trusting that the questions asked will be the means of eliciting the fullest information,

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

A SUBSCRIBER.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Since last addressing you on this subject, I have been favoured with a copy of the Treasurer's account with the R.M.I. for Girls for 1878.

If this is the strictly audited *statement of accounts* which "he who runs may read," I may be excused for remarking that the runner might continue his exercise for many hours without deriving very much satisfactory information from his reading. I suggested intelligible accounts and clear balance-sheets of the two Schools, and am given a summary of the year's cash entries of one Institution, the substance of which may be stated in three lines:—

Ordinary expenditure	£7085
Extraordinary ditto	8232
Total	£15,317

The accuracy of these figures need not be questioned, the certificate of the auditors being sufficient to guarantee that the moneys have been expended as stated; but the *policy* and the *Charity* of turning away 70 per cent. of the applicants for whose benefit the funds have been subscribed, whilst less than one-half of the amount is devoted to the support and education of those for whom it was collected, demand, and ought to receive, most earnest consideration. Out of the total income for the year not one penny appears to have been invested to meet future expenditure; the balance in the bankers' hands was about £2000 less at December than in January, and a loan of £2000 seems to have been obtained from the London and Westminster Bank.

But this only relates to one year's income and expenditure, and does not touch upon the main question of "intelligible accounts and clear balance-sheets." An annual cash abstract is not a satisfactory statement of accounts. There is no reason, that I am acquainted with, why fiduciary accounts should not be as clearly rendered as those of a commercial firm or a public Company; and as large sums have been appropriated during past years to other purposes than the maintenance and education of the children, subscribers are entitled to the fullest information as to the assets and liabilities of these Institutions, and of the nature and value of the properties on which many thousands of pounds have been expended. Let us have intelligible accounts and clear balance-sheets. If the Committees have any difficulty in framing such accounts as are required, there are many on their lists of Governors whose aid might be solicited. (I observe, amongst others, such well-known authorities as Bros. Henry Bishop, W. W. Deloitte, James Glegg, R. P. Harding, &c.,) whose opinions and advice would be warmly welcomed by the well-wishers of our Charities, prove a stimulant to many in future efforts to increase their value, tend to check the increasing desire in the Masonic provinces for independent and less costly Schools, and reduce the number of disappointed applicants for the benefit of these Institutions.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

14th May 1879. H.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—It is very satisfactory to me to read in one of your reports last week that in some Lodges of Instruction the practice is gaining ground of rehearsing the same ceremony two or three times during an evening, instead of rushing in a slip-shod fashion through a great quantity of work. I recollect that when a schoolboy we were treated once a month to what was called "race-week," *i.e.*, in one week at the end of the month we recapitulated all the lessons we had gone through in the course of the previous three weeks. It strikes me that the same principle may well be applied to Lodges of Instruction, and that the recapitulation of the same ceremony two or three times is far preferable to the scrambling over a lot of ground, for then trivial mistakes and *lapsus linguæ* can be corrected, and the students built up in their rendering of the various parts assigned to them. The promoters of Lodges of Instruction would do well to take the example to heart of endeavouring to do a little and do it well, rather than attempt a great show of work and allow discrepancies to go unnoticed. I have ceased for some time attending Lodges of Instruction on this very account, and I know many others who abstain from putting in an appearance for the very reason that when they are present they hear nothing but a vain repetition, in which the old errors pass unnoticed, and from which I feel nothing can be learnt. Trusting some other brethren will throw out a few suggestions in respect of this matter,

I remain, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

A YOUNG MASON.

CITY OF LONDON ORCHESTRAL UNION.

THE third grand evening concert of the season, by the members of this well known and popular Union, was given on Wednesday evening, at the Albion Hall, London Wall, when a judiciously selected programme of vocal and instrumental music was presented to a large and appreciative audience. The orchestra comprised forty performers, and under the *bâton* of Bro. G. H. T. Seddon, the various pieces were sustained most creditably. Especially noticeable amongst the prominent items must be mentioned Verdi's grand selection, "Rigoletto," with solos for piccolo, flute, oboe, clarionet, cornet, and euphonium, by Messrs. Kern, Toussaint, Shuckard, Hobbs, Sanderson, and Jones; and the *air de ballet*, "Allegretto Moderato," one of Bro. Seddon's most admired compositions, the solos being taken up by Messrs. Kern, Sanderson and Jones. Amongst the vocal *morceaux* were two duets by Miss Ada Morgan and Mr. Nichols, the first being "Take now this ring," from "Somnambula," which was rapturously applauded, the latter the "Miserere," from "Il Trovatore," which, in spite of the veto put upon *encores* at the opening of the entertainment, was redemanded with such determination that the rigid regulation had to be relaxed, and the artistes were literally compelled to repeat the familiar selection, which they did to the intense delight of their auditors. Mr. Charles Nichols sang the exquisitely pretty song, "The Blue Alsatian Mountains," in which a good range of voice was blended with all the *verve* requisite for a successful rendering of the piece, and he was deservedly rewarded by a round of genuine applause. Miss Ada Morgan was equally successful, and her rendering of Clay's charming little ballad, "She wandered down the mountain side," was such that, but for the stringent rule to which we have referred, must have been repeated. Amongst the other *pièces de resistance* were clarionet solo, "Air Varié in B flat" (Baudenic), performed in faultless manner by Mr. Hobbs, and a solo by Mr. Jones on the euphonium, "Concerto in E flat" (Krall), the execution of which amply rewarded those by whose desire the piece was inserted in the programme. The concerted pieces were given with an evenness and perfection rarely excelled, and were brought to a fitting termination by the vivacious rendering of Mendelssohn's "Wedding March." Miss Nichols, as accompanyist, displayed accomplishments of no mean order as pianiste; and the entertainment was one of the most successful and enjoyable we have listened to for some time past.

FRENCH COOKS' BALL.

THE twenty-fourth annual ball Du Club Culinaire Français was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Thursday last week, when the company numbered upwards of 320. The following brethren officiated as Stewards:—E. Crozes (president), Lamare, P. Verollion, J. Cossart, Lafont, J. C. Burlet, T. Mainvielle, J. Oger, A. Delobelle, A. Suzane, J. Gonard, Tomire, E. Vallet, Pathe, F. Gendre, B. Desabris, L. Vallet, C. Meneffier, A. Pennet, Beguinot and Debretagne. A *recherche* supper was provided, under the personal superintendence of Bro. C. F. Burlet, and excellent music was supplied by a band under the direction of Bro. W. G. Eaton. Bros. Tripp and Harris rendered efficient assistance as M.C.'s. The dancing was maintained with unabated zest until an early hour on Friday morning. Amongst those present were Bros. Mc Gonnel (*chef* to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales), W. C. Parsons, Lakin, E. Dawkins, Brand, Knight, Badger, H. M. Levy, &c. The health of the President was proposed in felicitous terms by Bro. Levy, and duly acknowledged, and after a few other complimentary toasts, the pleasures of the ball-room were resumed. The appearance of the ball-room was exceedingly picturesque. The meeting was one of the most enjoyable and interesting that has been witnessed at Freemasons Hall for many a long day.

On Tuesday evening, at a meeting of the Restoration Lodge of Instruction at Darlington, Bro. T. B. Whytehead gave, by invitation, an address on "The Landmarks of Freemasonry."

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INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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MACDONALD LODGE, No. 1216.

THE eleventh anniversary of this well-known Metropolitan Lodge was celebrated at the Headquarters of the First Surrey Rifles, at Camberwell, on Thursday the 8th of May. The steady progress of this Lodge towards a recognised position in the Craft, as well for its working as its liberality towards the Institutions, and its hearty welcome of Visitors, has always caused each successive installation to meet with great success, and this occasion proved to be no exception to the rule. Being composed entirely of effective or honorary members of the First Surrey Rifle Volunteers, the uniform of the several ranks of the corps and the Masonic regalia and appointments of the Lodge-room together form a *coup d'œil* at once pleasing and attractive. The Lodge was opened by Bro. T. Woodbridge Carnell W.M., and there were present during the evening the following amongst other brethren, viz.:—Bros. C. Fountain S.W., D. A. Ross J.W., Captain A. Styan Treasurer, W. J. Messenger P.M. and Sec., W. C. Hale S.D., T. Harper J.D., C. H. Nevill D.C., A. Bradley W.S.; Past Masters James Stevens, Newington Bridges, George Waterall, M. S. Larlham, and H. Hammond; Bros. F. H. Cozens, A. R. Cranch, T. Fitzer, P. Clay, A. G. White, E. W. Dubois, C. T. Hildreth, C. H. Rugg, J. J. Curtis, A. Woodcock, A. J. Style, W. S. Harvey, A. Youngman, F. de Rossignol, C. E. Goldring, T. D. Turner, H. Bridges, H. Cuss, A. H. Mann, F. Staley, J. Carpenter, G. H. Besley, F. P. Yonge, C. W. Davis, W. Foster, A. Goggs, C. J. Henton, F. Hutchins, F. Dane, &c., &c. The Visitors were:—Bros. J. P. Probert P.M. P.G. Steward, John Close P.M. 463 P.P.G.D.C. Surrey, H. A. Dubois P.P.G.D. Middlesex, J. Cawan P.M. 1572, W. F. Bertram and H. J. Bertram The Great City 1426, G. Carrington 1593, J. Boulson 1056, W. Liddell 157, G. J. Earney 511, J. Shipley 30, E. H. Stammwitz P.M. 435, A. F. Lowrie 1556, H. Ashton 1181, F. Fladgate Gibraltar, Joseph Dezer Mizpah, Lawler Moira, &c. Previous minutes having been confirmed, and a few business matters disposed of, the installation of the W.M. for the ensuing year was undertaken by Bro. Newington Bridges P.M., who in a very able and efficient manner placed in the chair of K.S. Bro. Charles Fountain, whom he had introduced for initiation in this Lodge in 1869, and who is the first honorary member of the corps who has attained to that eminence in the Macdonald Lodge. The newly-installed W.M. at once "fleshed his maiden sword," and in thoroughly perfect and admirable style initiated Mr. Victor Henry D'Avaux into the Order. The correct and impressive rendering of this ceremony by a presumed novice appeared to surprise some of the Visitors present; but we who have attended each recurring installation in this Lodge expected no less than such perfection, for no appointment has yet been made to the Macdonald chair without full preparation by the candidate for that honourable position. The congratulations of the members and Visitors having been offered to and accepted by the W.M., the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the spacious mess-room of the corps, where a very sumptuous banquet was prepared for the numerous company. The several magnificent silver trophies, shields, and cups, which testify to the shooting qualities of so many members of the Lodge as Volunteer Riflemen, and the choice flowers and "button-holes" so profusely decorating the tables, were fit accompaniments for one of the most elegant *menus* we have yet seen; at once chaste and comprehensive, comprising bill of fare, toast list, musical arrangements, and list of Officers. It was much admired for the perfect taste of its adornments. After the cloth had been cleared, and "Non Nobis" sung, the W.M., who was most enthusiastically received, proceeded to submit the several Loyal and Masonic toasts with easy confidence and in impressive, though brief terms. Bro. T. W. Carnell I.P.M. then proposed the health of the W.M., Bro. C. Fountain, truly remarking that no words of his could more effectively eulogise the qualifications of the new Master for his office than the display he had already given of his ability, both in the Lodge and at the banquet table. The toast was drunk amidst acclamation, and the W.M., referring to the pleasure it gave him to reflect upon the progress he had made, from his initiation in the Lodge to the present moment, assured his hearers that no pains should be spared on his part to discharge the duties of his high office to their entire satisfaction. The health of the Installing Master, Bro. Bridges, was heartily received, and responded to. The initiate, Bro. D'Avaux, made a very telling response to the toast proposed in his honour. To that of the Visitors, each of whom the W.M. welcomed by name and reference, responses were made by Bros. J. P. Probert, Stammwitz, and H. A. Dubois, and their respective remarks on the working of the Lodge and the hospitality of their hosts must have been especially gratifying to those to whom they were addressed. The Past Masters were received with hearty greetings, the I.P.M., Bro. T. W. Carnell, being presented with the handsome Macdonald jewel, and complimented for his able management during the past year; for which expressions of esteem he made his acknowledgments. Bro. James Stevens P.M. (and originator of the Lodge) also responded on behalf of the other Past Masters and himself. The Officers and the Tyler's toast then brought to a conclusion one of the most agreeable evenings of the very many we have enjoyed in connection with this thoroughly well-organised and disciplined Lodge. The musical portion of the business of the evening was conducted by Bro. F. H. Cozens, as Organist, assisted by Bros. Lawler, H. Ashton, H. Bertram, A. R. Cranch, and the "topical" poet, of the corps and Lodge, Bro. C. T. Hildreth, whose very witty parodies of popular songs invariably afford much entertainment.

GROSVENOR LODGE, No. 1257.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Tuesday, 6th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, when there was a goodly attendance of brethren and Visitors. Lodge was opened under the presidency of Bro. J. Elliot W.M., who was supported by Bros. J. I. Cantle S.W., T. W. Murley J.W., T. Parker P.M. Treas., C. A. Cottebrune P.G.P. Sec., J. T. Pilditch S.D., Richard Baker J.D., J. Smith I.G., C. G. Gumpel W.S., P.M.'s J. H. Meredith, Cox, Bethell, Thurkle, &c. Amongst the Visitors were—Bros. J. Williams J.W. 1791, Joseph Wall 1420, J. Gibson P.M. 1420, J. Hiscock S.W. 1420, H. Clark, F. Knight. Smith, W.M. 1491, A. Brodie J.W. 185, J. Bradley 1329, E. Farwig W.M. 180, J. W. Clarke J.W. 1567, W. H. Kempster P.M. 1420, C. Poupard P.M. 1446, Johnson 1791, Townsend 1238, H. M. Levy P.M. 188, &c. After the confirmation of the minutes, Lodge was advanced, and Bros. R. M. M. Pallokar and S. Raven were raised to the sublime degree by the W.M., who acquitted himself with his usual ability. Bro. H. Von Joel, of the St. John's Lodge, Pesth, was warmly received as a joining member. Subsequently Bro. J. I. Cantle P.M. 1441 was presented and duly installed into the chair by Bro. C. A. Cottebrune. The customary salutations were given, and the W.M. invested his Officers:—Bros. J. Elliot I.P.M., T. W. Murley S.W., Pilditch J.W., T. Parker P.M. Treas., C. A. Cottebrune Sec., Baker S.D., J. Smith J.D., Gumpel I.G., Walton D.C., Ray Steward, and Woodstock P.M. Tyler. The plaudits which followed the investiture of the various Officers were an indication on the part of the brethren of their approval of the choice made by the W.M. The auditors' report was read and adopted, and from it we learn that the Lodge is in a flourishing state, with a good balance in hand. A letter was read from the widow of a deceased brother, and it was unanimously resolved that the sum of £10 should be voted to her out of the funds, subject to the approval of the Committee. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren sat down to a sumptuous repast, provided by Bro. Best, in the Crown Room. The Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, the W.M. regretting the absence of some Grand Officers, whom he had expected, but speaking in highly complimentary terms of the way in which the ceremony of installation had been performed by Bro. Cottebrune. The toast was responded to in appropriate terms. Bro. Elliot then gave the health of the W.M., and said the members had always endeavoured to encourage those who strove to attain perfection in order to qualify them for the chair. Bro. Cantle was one of the oldest initiates in this Lodge, and he had risen to become the P.M. of another Lodge. He felt sure the interests of the brethren would be well studied by Bro. Cantle in every respect, seeing that he was so well versed in the ritual, and qualified in every way to sustain the duties of his position. In responding, the W.M. thanked the brethren for the enthusiastic reception they had given to the toast. When he was initiated into this Lodge, he said he should not be satisfied until he had reached the position of W.M., and he had gone up from one rung of the ladder to another, until he had attained the object of his ambition. He trusted that he had made many friends and cemented many acquaintanceships in the past, and that his year of office might be one of unanimity and progress. Having expressed his solicitude for the best interests of the Lodge, and thanked Bro. Cottebrune for the ability with which he had discharged his important duties on that occasion, he proposed the health of the Installing Officer, who was also the founder and first Master of this Lodge. He had, moreover, given much time to impart to others anxious for office the benefit of his great and valuable experience. In conclusion, he sympathised with him in the present unfavourable condition of his health, and wished him, on behalf of the brethren, a speedy and complete restoration. The toast was acknowledged in a brief, but suitable, reply. With the Visitors was coupled the name of Bro. Farwig W.M. 180, who responded, as also did Bro. Dr. Kempster. The health of the P.M.'s next followed from the chair, the W.M. speaking in the highest terms of the truly valuable assistance they had rendered. He expressed the pleasure he felt at seeing no less than seven Past Masters present on this occasion. They were always ready to do what they could to assist the Officers, and to promote in every possible way the welfare of the Lodge, on whose behalf he now presented their excellent I.P.M. with a P.M.'s jewel. Bro. Elliot could scarcely find words to express his deep sense of the compliment which had been paid him, and he should ever regard the jewel with pride, and as a mark of the kind esteem of the brethren. As he had worked in the past for the interest of the Lodge, so he trusted he might be able to do in his new capacity. The health of the Treasurer and Secretary came next, eliciting appropriate replies from Bros. Parker and Cottebrune; and the toast of the Officers of the Lodge was acknowledged by the Wardens in a few practical and sensible remarks. Songs were sung at intervals by the W.M., Bros. Martin, Knight-Smith, Tromaine, and others; so that the proceedings were by no means devoid of the requisite mirth and harmony.

LILY OF RICHMOND LODGE, No. 820.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge, which took place on Wednesday last, at the Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, furnishes us with a very striking example of what can be accomplished by well-directed energy, and fixed resolve. It seems to us but as yesterday that this Lodge, which had been planted under such brilliant auspices in the "royal" atmosphere of fashionable Richmond, was seen drooping from inattention, and fading into decay from sheer mismanagement. We would fain draw a veil over the untoward circumstances which marred the life of the Lily of Richmond, and which brought upon it the penalty of temporary suspension; for, as we then ventured to predict, there was a silver lining behind the cloud which had gathered over, and for a time obscured, one of the fairest flowers of Masonry south of the Thames. That the night is darkest before the dawn is amply proved by the history of this branch of our Institution, for amidst its many vicissitudes there arose a master mind that was destined to unravel the tangled skein of difficulty and disaster, and to rebuild the structure that had well nigh fallen into disintegration through bungling negligence. Last year, when we visited the brethren there, it was a matter of lament that the Treasurer reported a deficit of some £150; but

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when Bro. Hubbard stepped into the breach as W.M., and the advocate of judicious retrenchment, we felt assured that the "good time coming" was not far off. We rejoice that the measures instituted with such administrative care have within one short year brought about such excellent results. Not only is the Lodge revivified and placed on a thoroughly solvent footing, but whilst workers have been induced to toil in the hive, the drones have been beaten off, and we now see the members breathing a healthy atmosphere of progress which must ensure ultimate prosperity. By a re-arrangement of the bye-laws, and a sensible moderation in the fourth degree, such a system has been inaugurated as leaves no fear of such financial pressure recurring as at one time bade fair to extinguish the light and life of the Lily Lodge. The manner in which Bro. Hubbard assumed the reins, as well as the hearty way in which the brethren have supported him through a year of difficulty, point to a happy continuance of the more robust life which has been infused into the Lodge, and the rapidity with which the members have shuffled off their monetary perplexities speaks volumes for the love of Freemasonry with which they are imbued. No finger of scorn can be pointed at the Lily Lodge for its niggardliness in past years in support of charitable objects. Liberality in this respect was one of its characteristics, and it was only when circumstances over which its leading members had no control set in, that the fountain of their generosity was temporarily dried up. Now we look forward to a brighter prospect; and certainly no Lodge has a better chance of regaining lost ground than has this. Admirably circumstanced as to locality and quarters, with a well-appointed Lodge room, fitted in all respects as to excellence of furniture and jewels, the Lily of Richmond Lodge, under discreet rule, cannot fail to attract a growing share of Masonic interest, and we are bold to prophecy for it yet vastly brighter days. All that is required now is the infusion of a score or so of active careful members, and thus, under the *regime* now in force, all the old *prestige* once enjoyed by the Lodge must perforce return. Having said thus much in passing, we must congratulate the brethren upon the success which attended the installation proceedings of Wednesday last. There was a goodly attendance of the members and visitors at 4.30 o'clock, when Lodge was opened in accordance with ancient formality under the presidency of the retiring W.M. and W.M. elect, Bro. Hubbard. In the re-election of this brother, who has proved himself so trusty a chief during the past year, the brethren displayed their wisdom, and, at the same time, bestowed a deserved compliment upon one who has unquestionably the interests of the Lodge at heart. This, at all events, was the opinion of the visiting brethren who assisted in the installation ceremony, and amongst whom we noticed—Bros. G. E. Walters P.M. 1598, R. T. Talbot 780, G. Wicks 813, F. Delevanté 1319, W. W. Morgan Sec. 211, F. Skinner 813, G. T. Thornes W.M. 1632, J. Chambers Roe P.M. 780, E. J. Acworth 1612, C. Costelow S.D. 780, B. E. Blasby J.W. 780, John Cockburn P.M., &c. After the transaction of the customary routine business, the brethren retired during the holding of the Board of Installed Masters, and on their re-admission, Brother Hubbard, who had been reinstated in the chair, received the hearty salutations of all present. The W.M. was supported on the dais by P.M.'s W. H. Myers, F. H. Koch, and John Jones, and the installation rite was impressively and accurately solemnised by Bro. Myers, whose recital of the charges elicited expressions of the highest admiration. The following brethren then received their collars for the respective offices, as follow:—Bros. Kyezor S.W., Young J.W., Giles P.M. Treasurer, Reynolds Secretary, Phillips S.D., Dean J.D., Gray I.G., Myers P.M. D.C., Cook W.S., and Gilbert Tyler. Votes of thanks were accorded, and hearty good wishes exchanged; after which Lodge was closed in form, and the brethren sat down to an excellent banquet, served in a style for which this old-established and first-rate hotel is famous. Having discussed a repast which reflected the utmost credit on the *cuisine* and general arrangements of the hotel, the Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured with musical accompaniments, Bro. Delevanté presiding ably at the pianoforte. The W.M. eulogised our Masonic Rulers as men who take deep interest in all matters pertaining to the welfare of the Craft, and it was most gratifying to know we had such able and gifted Officers at the head of affairs. Speaking of the Masonic Charities, the W.M. forcibly advocated the claims of our noble Institutions, which were the pride and boast of Freemasonry, and which were the source of such blessings to those who were unable to help themselves. Quoting the motto that "Charity begins at home," he urged upon the brethren a just economy in their Lodge affairs, which would be the best and surest means of enabling them to help forward those Institutions which form so splendid a monument of Masonic charity. P.M. Bro. Jones then gave the health of the W.M., in doing which he regretted the unavoidable absence of the I.P.M. During the past year their excellent W.M. had most ably discharged the more than ordinarily onerous duties he had undertaken, and they might rest assured that, under a continuance of his discreet and able reign, the era of prosperity which had happily set in would be increasingly developed. The W.M., in acknowledging the compliment paid him, thanked Bro. Jones for the eloquent terms in which the toast was couched; he felt sure the brethren would share with him his gratification at the improved position of the Lodge. He thanked the Past Masters for the support they had so liberally accorded him in his endeavour to retrieve the *prestige* of the Lodge; and he expressed the hope that he might receive the earnest co-operation of the officers and brethren in carrying out the designs which had been inaugurated with such excellent results. The health of the Visitors followed, and this toast was suitably acknowledged. After the toast of the Secretary, with felicitous allusion to the manner in which that officer had discharged his important duties. Several other toasts followed, interspersed with some capital songs by Bros. Wicks, Young, Myers, and Others.

FUNERAL OF THE GRAND TYLER.

THE obsequies of the late Grand Tyler of England, Bro. Charles Bryant Payne, were solemnised on Monday afternoon last, at Abney Park Cemetery, in the presence of a small knot of relatives and old fraternal acquaintance. As we mentioned in our last, Bro. Payne had continued in the active discharge of his duties till within a very few hours of his departure, and his loss is deplored by a very large circle in the Craft. There appears to have been a slight misapprehension as to the date of the funeral, and as a consequence there were not so many brethren in attendance to pay the last tribute of respect as we should like to have met. However, it was gratifying to see the Grand Secretary, Bro. John Hervey, testifying his esteem for an old colleague, and by the graveside we also saw Bro. H. G. Buss, Asst. Grand Secretary, several members of the Egyptian Lodge, to which the deceased belonged, including P.M.'s Charles Atkins, Libbis, Poole, Green, Jacobs, Maidwell, &c., the W.M. Bro. Richards, and other brethren, amongst whom were Bros. J. Brett P.G.P., Cubitt P.G.P., W. Stephens P.M., Jones, Young, Bingemann P.M., Steedman, Longstaff, Beckett, &c. The funeral *cortege* started from Freemasons' Hall shortly after half-past one o'clock, the mourning coaches containing the immediate relatives of the deceased; and the brethren joined in independently as they awaited the arrival of the mournful procession. It was gratifying to see the poor old Tylers mustering in this way to pay their last tribute of regard for their acknowledged chief, and we happened to overhear one of them remark that if he had been bound to tile twenty Lodges he would have found a substitute for each office rather than fail to have been present to see the last of dear old Bro. Payne. The ceremony was solemn and impressive, and amidst expressions of genuine and heartfelt regret our Bro. Payne was consigned to his kindred dust. We regret that some of the brethren were not correctly informed as to the time of the funeral, but there is but one opinion left behind, which is,—that a better officer in his position never breathed, and his memory will be followed by none but the most regretful sentiments.

PANMURE CHAPTER, No. 720.

A CONVOCATION of this Chapter was held on Monday evening, at the Horns Tavern, Kennington, where there was a moderate attendance, under the presidency of E. Comp. Geo. Waterall M.E.Z., who was supported by Comps. Mark Samuel Larlham H., Thomas Poore J., &c. Amongst the Visitors present were—Comps. E. A. Albert P.Z. 188, W. W. Morgan 141, W. Lake H. 131, J. S. Terry Z. 771, S. Lazarus P.Z. 53, N. B. Headon 145, &c. The minutes of the previous Convocation having been read and confirmed, Comp. James Stevens P.Z. and Scribe E. duly installed E. Comps. Mark S. Larlham as M.E.Z., Thos. Poore as H., and Richard N. Field as J. Subsequently the following Officers were invested for the ensuing year:—Comps. J. Stevens P.Z. Scribe E., Poynter Scribe N., H. Smith Treas., T. Meggy P.S., Watts D.C., and Gilbert Janitor. The appointment of the Assistant Sojourners was held over to the next meeting. The report of the Audit Committee was submitted, and, being approved, it was resolved that it should be printed and sent out with the summons for the next Convocation. The report set forth that the Chapter was in a most satisfactory position. Before the rising of the Chapter it was announced that Comp. C. Lazarus was a candidate for the Royal Benevolent Institution, and one of the Visitors stated that he had a few spare votes which he should be happy to place at the candidate's disposal; later in the evening Comp. Headon said he also had 25, or perhaps 50 votes, which he could give over to Comp. Lazarus if they were needed to carry his case. At the conclusion of the business, a sumptuous banquet was provided by Mr. J. W. Cox, and after the good things had been discussed, the customary Loyal and Royal Arch toasts were honoured. In the course of the after speeches, high compliments were passed to Comp. J. Stevens for the perfect manner in which he had performed the ceremony of installation, and the general assistance he rendered in all matters concerning Freemasonry. A similar encomium was passed upon Comp. Larlham, the newly-appointed M.E.Z., who was most assiduous in promoting the interests of the Chapter. Great satisfaction was expressed at the fact that there are a great number of enthusiastic supporters of Royal Arch Freemasonry in the South of London, and the utmost satisfaction was evinced at the progress which had been made by this Chapter, and the position it now enjoys. The evening passed off most agreeably.

The ceremony of consecration will be rehearsed in the West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1612, at the Feathers Hotel, Ealing, on Thursday, the 29th May. Bro. James Terry, P.G.J.W. Herts, will be the consecrating Officer.

Bro. Councillor Thomas Sutton J.W. was last Tuesday unanimously elected W.M. of the Gilbert Greenall Lodge 1250, Warrington, for the ensuing year. Bro. D. W. Finney Prov. G.S., the retiring Master, will perform the ceremony of installation, at the next regular meeting in June (second Tuesday).

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

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RESULT OF THE ELECTION.

MALES.—SUCCESSFUL.

No. on Poll.	Name.	Total votes polled.
1	Stuart, William	2079
2	Coggin, Thomas John	1899
3	Marsh, Richard Henry	1410
4	Esnouf, Francis	1210
5	Youngman, Harold	1167
6	Mobbs, George	1076
7	Baker, John	1065
8	Lawrence, Lawrence	1043
9	Ben, Lyon	1019
10	Wade, William B.	985
11	Emmott, William	977
12	Salisbury, James M.	969
13	Morton, Hiram	964
14	Williamson, Thomas	955
15	Wardale, Henry	954
16	Cushen, Thomas	947
17	Foulds, Thomas	933
18	Everist, John	893
19	Colville, William Robins	889
20	Wilkinson, John H.	885
21	Elson, James	876
22	Lazarus, Samuel	811

MALES.—UNSUCCESSFUL.

23	Palmer, William F. Taverner	804
24	Wood, William	771
25	Muruss, Edward	282
26	Walker, Robert Cox	230
27	Elliott, George	21
28	Wilkinson, Samuel	11
29	Bennett, Joseph	8
30	Wauldby, James	7
31	Croft, William	2
32	Hague, George V.	0
	Holdaway, Henry	Dead

FEMALES.—SUCCESSFUL.

1	King, Amelia	1513
2	Bell, Mary Ann	1313
3	Moss, Elizabeth	1122
4	Percival, Amy	1011
5	Ullivero, Mary	979
6	Milnes, Mary Ann	934
7	Findley, Mary Ann	928
	Hickmott, Eliza	928
9	Shearer, Anne	918
	Gray, Caroline Elizabeth D.	918
11	Harfoot, Ann	916
12	Bonorandi, Kezia	881
13	Brennan, Elizabeth	860
14	Thompson, Julia	844
15	Lyon, Julia M. M.	841
16	Partridge, Catherine E.	820
17	Walters, Ann	786
18	Henderson, Harriet	780

FEMALES.—UNSUCCESSFUL.

19	Maynard, Elizabeth T.	712
20	Crispin, Martha	667
21	Peters, Catherine	573
22	West, Mary Ann H.	538
23	Pattison, Sarah	509
24	Hodgson, Sarah Helen	490
25	Allen, Sarah Ann	428
26	Stafford, Jane	407
27	Child, Elizabeth	368
28	Elliott, Isabella	287
29	Woods, Sarah	221
30	Dumper, Ann	220
31	Eade, Hannah Betsy	149
32	Gambell, Naomi	70
33	Child, Elizabeth Mary Ann	49
	Francis, Elizabeth	49
35	Rowell, Margaret	43
36	Wakefield, Ann	37
37	Winter, Phillis	27
38	Maddick, Jane	11
39	Bentley, Mary Ann	9
40	George, Hannah	4
41	Isherwood, Elizabeth	2
42	Lewis, Jane Dodge	Dead
43	La Croix, Charlotte	Withdrawn

Bro. Johnson has requested us to express his acknowledgments to the brethren who assisted him to secure the return of Mrs. King at the election of yesterday.

La Tolerance Lodge of Instruction, No. 538. — A meeting was held on 7th May, at the Green Dragon, 2 Maddox-street, W. Present—Bros. J. Hurdell W.M., C. A. Woods S.W., A. Ginger J.W., C. Davis Treasurer, E. Child Secretary *pro tem*, T. W. Cooper S.D., J. Skinner J.D., L. G. Langdon I.G. P.M.'s Bros. E. Farwig, E. Baber, R. F. Potter, &c., &c., and nearly sixty brethren. The Fifteen Sections were worked by the following brethren:—FIRST LECTURE—J. Paul, A. Ginger, T. W. Cooper, W. Burgess, D. Belfrage, E. Child, E. Farwig. SECOND LECTURE—L. G. Langdon, J. Waugh, E. A. Baber, C. A. Woods, R. F. Potter. THIRD LECTURE—W. Richardson, O. Latreille, G. Davies. Ten brethren were elected members; Bro. C. A. Woods S.D. 145 was elected an honorary member. A vote of thanks was offered to Bro. John Hurdell for presiding over the Lodge, for the first time on the occasion of the Fifteen Sections being worked.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—The weekly meeting was held on Tuesday, at Bro. Smyth's, the Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, under the presidency of Bro. Wardell W.M.; Bro. Brasted S.W., T. Carr J.W., R. Dallas Sec., Smyth Treas., Polak S.D., Clark J.D., J. Lorkin I.G., W. Wallington P.M. Preceptor. After preliminary business had been formally gone through, the ceremony of the second degree was rehearsed. Lodge was then called off. On resuming, Bro. C. Lorkin worked the first section of the lecture. Lodge closed in the second degree, and the first three sections of the first lecture were worked by Bro. C. Lorkin, assisted by the brethren! Bro. Brasted will preside next Tuesday. The Fifteen Sections will be worked in this Lodge of Instruction on Tuesday, the 27th inst., Bro. C. H. Webb W.M. 1607 will preside.

Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday evening, at York, when the W.M., Bro. J. S. Cumberland, presided, supported by the whole of his Officers and several other brethren, and Visitors, amongst the latter being Bro. J. M. Meek W.M. Marquis of Ripon Lodge No. 1334, Darlington. The Lodge was opened at 6.45, and after some preliminary business, Mr. W. B. Dyson, balloted for at the last Lodge, was duly initiated by the W.M., the charge being given by the S.W. Bro. C. G. Padel. The Lodge was then raised to the second degree, and Bro. W. M. Briggs was passed to the second degree by the W.M. The Lodge was then raised to the third degree, and Bro. R. Atkinson was raised to the sublime degree of a M.M., by the W.M., the traditional history, tools, and tracing-board being given by the I.P.M., Bro. T. B. Whytehead. The Lodge was then closed down, and some other business having been disposed of, and the name of a candidate for initiation having been proposed, it was finally closed at 9.15 p.m. Subsequently, a social evening was spent, enlivened by songs, &c.

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AT the Annual General Meeting of this Institution, held at Freemasons' Hall, London, on Friday, 16th May 1879, W. Bro. Lt.-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 22 MALE ANNUITANTS from an approved list of 33 candidates, and 18 FEMALE ANNUITANTS from an approved list of 43 candidates, when the following were declared duly elected:—

MALES.

	Votes		Votes
Stuart, William	2079	Salisbury, James M.	969
Coggin, Thomas John	1899	Morton, Hiram	964
Marsh, Richard Henry	1410	Williamson, Thomas	955
Esnouf, Francis	1210	Wardale, Henry	954
Youngman, Harold	1167	Cushen, Thomas	947
Mobbs, George	1076	Foulds, Thomas	933
Baker, John	1065	Everist, John	893
Lawrence, Lawrence	1043	Colville, William Robins	889
Ben, Lyon	1019	Wilkinson, John H.	885
Wade, William B.	985	Elson, James	876
Emmott, William	977	Lazarus, Samuel	811

WIDOWS.

King, Amelia	1513	Gray, Caroline Elizabeth D.	918
Bell, Mary Ann	1313	Harfoot, Ann	916
Moss, Elizabeth	1122	Bonorandi, Kezia	881
Percival, Amy	1011	Brennan, Elizabeth	860
Ullivero, Mary	979	Thompson, Julia	844
Milnes, Mary Ann	934	Lyon, Julia M. M.	841
Findley, Mary Ann	928	Partridge, Catherine E.	820
Hickmott, Eliza	928	Walters, Ann	786
Shearer, Anne	918	Henderson, Harriet	780

The votes of the unsuccessful candidates will be carried forward to the next election.

JAMES TERRY, Prov. G.J.W. Herts, Secretary.

16th May 1879.

MRS. E. A. KING.—The brethren who have had the conduct of the case of MRS. ELIZABETH AMELIA KING return their grateful thanks to those members of the Craft who have so kindly helped them. The fact of Mrs. KING having been returned at the head of the Poll must be gratifying to all who have assisted in placing her in that proud position.

MRS. BELL, Widow of Brother William Bell, late of Calcutta and Mauritius, returns her grateful thanks to the brethren who so kindly supported her at the Election on 16th May 1879.

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GLOBE.—At 7.15, DON QUIXOTE JUNIOR. At 8.5, LES CLOCHES DE CORNEVILLE.

HAYMARKET.—THE CRISIS, &c.

STRAND.—At 7.15, RUTH'S ROMANCE. At 8.0, MADAME FAVART.

GAIETY.—At 7.10, A PAIR OF THEM. At 7.30, BOULOGNE. At 9.30, PRETTY ESMERALDA.

VAUDEVILLE.—At 7.30, ONCE AGAIN. At 8.0, THE GIRLS, and A HIGHLAND FLING.

PRINCE OF WALES'S.—At 8.0, CASTE.

ADELPHI.—At 7.0, A KISS IN THE DARK. At 7.30, WHO SPEAKS FIRST. At 8.0, SCHOOL FOR SCANDAL or THE HUNCHBACK.

PRINCESS'S.—At 7.0, FAMILY JARS. At 7.45, IT'S NEVER TOO LATE TO MEND.

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LYCEUM.—At 7.30, BOOK III. CHAP. I. At 8.15, LADY OF LYONS.

COURT.—At 7.45, COUSIN DICK. At 8.15, THE LADIES' BATTLE, &c.

OPERA COMIQUE.—At 7.45, CUPS AND SAUCERS. At 8.30 H.M.S. PINAFORE, &c.

FOLLY.—At 7.45, "1313." At 9.0, LA PERICHOLE.

ROYALTY.—At 7.20, FARCE. At 8.0, A WILL WITH A VENGEANCE, At 9.0, CRUTCH AND TOOTHPICK.

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THE SUMMER HALF-YEARLY COMMUNICATION OF THIS Grand Lodge will be held at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, W.C., on Tuesday, the 3rd day of June next, when and where all Grand Officers (Past and Present), W. Masters, Past Masters, and Overseers of private Lodges are hereby summoned to attend, and at which, by permission, all regularly registered Mark Master Masons may be present.

Grand Lodge will be opened at five o'clock p.m.

By Command of the M.W. Grand Master,
FREDERICK BINCKES, P.G.J.W., Grand Secretary.

N.B.—A Banquet will be provided at seven o'clock, at which the Grand Master will preside. The Tickets will be 15s each, inclusive of wine, if taken before the day of meeting; and 17s 6d if taken on that day; and it is requested that every Brother intending to dine will forward his name to the Grand Stewards, care of the Grand Secretary, not later than Saturday, the 31st of May.

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ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

IT must be admitted that in connection with Freemasonry there are many pleasantries which agreeably vary the "annual round" of business; but we know of none more enjoyable than when the House Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls invites the Stewards and their friends to witness the distribution of prizes at the School. Those who had the privilege of mingling with that large and happy gathering at St. John's Hill on Monday afternoon will not readily forget the sense of pride and pleasure which pervaded the whole proceedings of the day, and which must have tended to stimulate a greater degree of admiration—in the minds especially of the ladies—for the Craft which has succeeded in establishing and carrying on so grand and beneficent a design. It is a matter of no surprise that on each recurring carnival at Battersea Rise the secretary of the Institution should be so pestered for tickets of admission; for those who have been present at one of these *réunions* look forward with no little pleasure to a similar treat when the anniversary comes round again. Everything on Monday combined to make the day a

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bright and joyous one. The fickle goddess who has lately been sending us one day a glimpse of sunshine, and the next a scowl of wind and snow, broke into the most benignant smiles; and if Bro. Hedges had made a special contract with the clerk of the weather, that erratic individual could scarcely have been more propitious. It was the first day of real spring weather, and as the sun shone gloriously over the meadows which surround our noble Masonic pile whilst the company of invited guests were arriving in groups and dispersing themselves about the extensive grounds, the scene was picturesque and beautiful in the extreme. Our two hundred little girls, in their neat blue dresses and white pinafores, were the objects of loving regard as they stood in clusters, modestly awaiting the signal for their assembling in the large hall. Stewards were as fussy as you please, evincing quite a fatherly interest in the little charges whom, perhaps, they had some interest in getting elected; whilst the ladies were no less eager to show their solicitude for the comfort of the little ones who had been gathered under the friendly wing of our excellent Institution. The gates had been thrown open at half-past three o'clock, and for upwards of an hour there was quite a procession of visitors through this pretty suburban retreat; until we should say between three and four hundred ladies and gentlemen, who had been fortunate enough to secure tickets, had congregated within the building. Some little time was occupied, of course, in an inspection of the interior of the Institution; and many were the exclamations of surprise and pleasure we heard from the lady visitors as to the exquisite cleanliness of the place, and the care which is evidently taken with the girls to train them in habits of tidiness and order. We have often heard the remark, by those who do not thoroughly understand the system practised at the School, that these recipients of Masonic benefits are brought up "like little ladies." Whether such an observation emanates from a begrudging or envious spirit we do not know; but let any fastidious person who has but a vague idea of the School pay a visit and see for himself or herself. Whilst giving them the very best education possible, and placing within their reach advantages which they could not possibly have secured, very likely, if they had not been so circumstanced as to need the help of the Craft, the greatest care is taken to make them expert in needlework and in all the domestic duties of the house; so that when a girl leaves this establishment, at the age of sixteen, she is by no means the dainty, mittened boarding-school miss that some would paint her, but a well-educated, accomplished girl, capable equally of playing a sonata from Beethoven, cooking a dinner, or making a shirt.

It is not so much our duty on this occasion, however, to point out the practical advantages of this magnificent home—which must be well known by this time to every member of the Craft—as it is to describe the merry-makings which set the place alive from basement to roof on Monday afternoon. In the first place, there was a general mustering of friends in the Assembly Hall, in the centre of which there was an enclosed hexagon formed by the pianofortes on which the pupils were to give evidence of their skill and training; and on either side of this were seats for the visitors, who filed in rapidly, until the spacious and handsome apartment was completely filled. In a line with the dais the girls occupied the seats allotted to them, and no one could fail to be struck with pleasure at the healthy, happy-looking little company as they awaited with agreeable anticipation beaming on their countenances the commencement of the programme. The younger children occupied seats in the gallery, and were evidently as anxious to participate in the ceremonies of the afternoon as were the seniors with whom they were exchanging smiling glances. Precisely at four o'clock there was a rustle amongst the "busy fans" of the lady guests as Bro. Lieut.-Colonel Creaton, W. Grand Treasurer of England, and Treasurer and Trustee of the Institution, stepped on to the dais and was hailed with applause as the president of the day. He was supported by several members of the House Committee, including Bros. Henry A. Dubois, Edward Letchworth, Edmund C. Mather, John A. Rucker, Griffiths Smith, and Alfred H. Tattershall; Rev. W. A. Mills Ellison Hon. Chaplain, Major Williams, F. R. W. Hedges Secretary, Jabez Hogg P.G.D., the Baron de Ferrieres, C. Burke D.G.M. of Jamaica, J. Terry Secretary R.M.B.I., J. H. Southwood, and Edward Cox. The children having sung a chant from Psalm ci., the audience resumed their seats, and the subjoined programme was gone through with unfaltering precision, eliciting unbounded expressions of appreciation:—

Duet—"Hallelujah Chorus"—Handel—24 hands.
Anthem—"God is a Spirit"—Sterndale Bennett.
Trio (Little Girls)—"Airs Suisses"—36 hands.
Recitation—"The Spider and the Fly"—Mary Howitt—Alice W. Cecil and Mary A. Johnson.
Solo (Little Girls)—"Batti! Batti!"—Mozart—12 hands.
Recitation—"John Gilpin"—Cowper—Colina Sharp.
Duet (Little Girls)—"Don Giovanni"—Mozart—24 hands.
Recitation—"Athalie, Acte II., Scène VII."—Racine—Annie Pattison, Eliza Beveridge, and Frances E. Gardner.
Solo—"Andante and Minuet"—Mozart—12 hands.
Recitation—"The May Queen"—Tennyson—Edwina R. Jones.
Solo—"Pollacca Brillante"—Weber—12 hands.
Recitation—"Liebesprobe"—Frances E. Gardner.
Duet—"Symphonie XV."—Haydn—24 hands.
Recitation—"Antony's Oration over Cæsar's Body"—Shakspeare—Edith M. Nash.
Solo—"Fantaisie in F. Sharp Minor"—Mendelssohn—Melora F. Goodridge.

The musical selections were given with an evenness and precision that gave evidence of most judicious and efficient training, and, although some of the pieces were by no means easy, they were manipulated in a manner that must have proved a treat to the lovers of really good classical music who were present. Equally interesting were the recitations, as exemplifying the intelligent apprehension of the pupils, and where all was so excellent and pleasing it would be invidious to single out any for especial praise. Each girl as she stepped forward to take her part in the entertainment was warmly applauded, and the whole of the items on the programme were rendered in a manner such as evidently gave the utmost satisfaction. The novelty of the day, and which, we believe, is peculiar to these events, was the performance on six pianos at one time, by two and three little pairs of hands at each. The effect was exquisitely sweet, and the precision with which the pieces were played was most remarkable.

Lieut.-Col. Creaton then rose and said:—After the excellent entertainment we have just had, I cannot allow the opportunity to pass without thanking Miss Davis, to whom we owe so much. It is entirely to her exertions that the efficiency of this School, and the high state of perfection it has reached, is due; and I ask you to join me in thanking Miss Davis for her able exertions. I trust that her most valuable services will be secured to us for many years to come. The Chairman's observations were received with loud applause.

The prizes were then distributed amongst the successful candidates by Lieut.-Col. Creaton, who addressed a few suitable words of encouragement and advice to each. Heading the list for general proficiency, carrying away the gold medal and several valuable prizes, was fair-haired little Frances Elizabeth Gardner, of Stockton-on-Tees, who was warmly applauded as she appeared time after time and received her awards of merit. The silver medal for good conduct and one or two other prizes were taken by Dora Cressy Bowles, and the prizes for proficiency were taken by Ellen Cates, of London, Alice Thornbury, Letitia Whalley, of Louth, and Helena Meacock, of Birkenhead. These were the special prizes given annually by Bro. William Winn. The following were the awards:—

Prizes given annually by the Institution:—

For Passing Cambridge Examination.—Class II.: Honours:—Frances Elizabeth Gardner. Class III.: Honours:—Ellen A. Cates, Alice M. Thornbury, Letitia D. Whalley, Dora C. Bowles, and Helena Meacock. For passing satisfactorily:—Elizabeth Roberts, Annie Pattison, Catherine Emery, Eliza Beveridge, Edith M. Nash, Beatrice M. Wray, and Dora M. Jennings. Music:—Melora F. Goodridge, Agnes Barron, Ethel Hinson, Lilly Bellamy, and Violet H. Lang (among the little Girls). French (Recitation):—Annie M. Pattison. Calisthenics and Deportment:—Dora C. Bowles. Drawing:—Beatrice M. Wray, Dora C. Bowles, Charlotte White, and Bessie L. Morris. General Usefulness:—Eliza Johnson and Louisa M. Taylor. Needlework:—Florence Faithful and Ellen Harryman. Machine Work:—Mary Annie Hartness and Kate Briggs. Order and Attention:—Florence Hill and Edith Potts (among the little Girls).

Class II.—Margaret W. Allison, General Proficiency; Ethel Ida Seaton, Perseverance; Laura Stransom, Good Conduct.

Class III.—Edith E. Daly, General Proficiency; Fanny G. Osborne, General Improvement; Mabel Sanford, Perseverance.

Class IV.—Mary A. Johnson, General Proficiency; Mary S. Norrish, Perseverance; Alice Boyd and Annie Scott, Writing.

Class V.—Lucretia Wilton, General Improvement; Matilda Hothersall, Perseverance.

Class VI.—Eveline E. Pelham, Perseverance.

By Bro. Joshua Nunn, for Fancy Work:—Edith M. Patten.

By Bro. the Rev. Dr. P. H. Ernest Brette, for French:—Eliza Beveridge.

By Mrs. Crick, for Elocution:—Edith Mary Nash, Edwina Russell Jones, and Colina Sharp.

By Bro. John M. Clabon, for Religious Knowledge, as distinguished at the Cambridge Examination:—Frances Elizabeth Gardner.

By Bro. John M. Clabon for Good Conduct:—Elizabeth Roberts and Florence M. Hart.

By Bro. Collard Mountrie, for Music:—Grace Colvill.

By Bro. Louis Hirsch, for German:—Frances Elizabeth Gardner.

By Mrs. Hirsch, for Music:—Louisa Christine Oates.

The St. James "Yates Memorial Prize" (per St. James Lodge No. 482), for Proficiency in Domestic Duties (Cookery):—Mary A. Chapman.

From the Supreme Council of the 33rd Degree, for Good Conduct:—Edith M. Patten.

By Bro. John Faulkner, for Zoology, as distinguished at the Cambridge Examination; and Three Guineas given by the Lodge of Prudent Brethren, in memory of the late Bro. John Boyd, a member of the House Committee:—Frances Elizabeth Gardner.

By Bro. Charles White, for Proficiency (Lower First Class):—Fanny Ashby and Alice M. Newboult.

After the distribution of the prizes, the Chairman said,—I have had very great pleasure in distributing these awards to the children who have earned them so well. I congratulate them very sincerely, and I trust that those who have not received prizes to-day may exert themselves, and endeavour to do better next year. At all events, the successful candidates who have come before me to-day are the recipients of well-deserved merit. The next thing on the programme is (looking at the programme) "tea and coffee," (which was the signal for loud and continued laughter). Before we leave this room, I must remark that for some time past our Matron, Miss Jarwood, has not been enjoying very good health, but I am happy to say she is now much better. I am also glad to mention, in this great assembly, the vast benefit which arises from the management of Miss Jarwood in the establishment. She has been here a good number of years, and has done wonders. I hope and trust she will remain here many years longer, and with these few observations, I bid you a very good-bye.

The Hon Chaplain then said,—As an unworthy brother, and holding office in connection with this Institution, I cannot allow this meeting to disperse without asking you to join with me in thanking Lieut.-Col. Creaton for his kindness in coming here to distribute the prizes, which he has done in a very satisfactory way to all concerned. I am very glad, indeed, to have the opportunity to welcome him here on this occasion, inasmuch as I remember I had the privilege of officiating a Chaplain when he laid the foundation stone of this new wing. On another occasion we hope to have the presence of that

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august lady whose name it is about to bear—the Princess of Wales. In the meantime, we have to thank Lieut.-Col. Creaton for the great attention he has paid to this Institution, for it is a source of great gratification that we assemble in a room such as we have before us. He has earned the thanks of all the Officers of the Institution, and not least, the Hon. Chaplain, the Matron, and teachers, for giving us the room and space that was absolutely necessary. We could not now think of going back to the old room. I am very glad to express my own gratification in being present to-day, and I hope you will all join me in thanking Col. Creaton for his kindness. Bro. Jabez Hogg seconded the proposition, which was carried amidst loud applause; and Lieut.-Col. Creaton thanked the company sincerely for the compliment they had paid to him and the position he held to-day. He said,—It is quite by accident, but a brother more distinguished not being found to take the chair, the position fell upon me, as Treasurer of this Institution. I thank you very much for your kindness to me, and I must say I feel very much pleasure in being able to fill up the gap which the House Committee found they had left open to them.

The proceedings in the hall being concluded, the company partook of a sumptuous tea, which was evidently much enjoyed by the visitors from a distance; and after a ramble about the grounds, there was another muster to witness the calisthenic exercises of the little girls, which were gone through with a precision quite military, and were watched with the keenest interest. Drawn up in *echelon*, the children went through their "facings" to soft musical cadences in a way that illustrated the perfect training to which they had been subjected, the countermarching and wheeling in open and close order eliciting the most enthusiastic applause. Subsequently dancing was indulged in, and for an hour or two the pleasures of the ball were maintained with a swing and animation which brought the day's festivities to a very fitting termination. The Stewards and the visitors vied with each other in administering to the enjoyment of the little maidens, who tripped the "light fantastic toe" nimbly, to waltz, galop, and quadrille, and for a couple of hours there was a continuance of free and unrestrained pleasure. The spectacle was of a highly gratifying character, and it was not until the "drowsy god" made the little ones reluctantly admit it was past bed time that the festivities in the least degree abated. Then, at ten o'clock, the various squadrons were drawn up, inwards face, and the evening hymn prettily sung, after which the happy little ones marched off in order to their dormitories, to be tucked up by elder pupils, and all to dream of the joyous day they had spent. Gradually the visitors retired from the scene, and all were unanimous in the verdict that a happier evening had never been experienced, and that if all is well, we shall be present at "our next merry meeting."

We should not omit to mention that Bro. E. Cox acted most indefatigably as M.C. at the ball, and that Bro. Hedges, the Secretary, was here, there, and everywhere, filling up gaps, and making everybody as happy as possible.

THE FESTIVAL.

The Ninety-first Anniversary Festival took place on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Tavern, London, under the presidency of Bro. Lieut. Col. John Creaton, Treasurer and Trustee of the Institution, Grand Treasurer of England. The banquet was provided in first-rate style by Bro. Best, and admirably served under the direction of Bro. Dawkins. At its conclusion, and after grace had been sung, the Chairman briefly proposed the various toasts. Bro. Lieut.-Col. Francis Burdett Prov. G.M. Middlesex, in responding to the toast of the Grand Officers, expressed his pleasure at seeing so many members of Grand Lodge around him to support their chairman. It was a source of great gratification to the Grand Officers and Grand Lodge generally that they had such distinguished Masons at their head. He concluded by expressing his thanks to the brethren for the hearty reception they had accorded the toast. Bro. Creaton felt sure he could rely on the consideration of his brethren while he briefly recounted the history of the Institution they were that night assembled to support, but hardly thought it necessary to take up time with elaborate statistics. The School had continued to rise, until now it was a great Institution, and he made bold to say that no other more recommended itself to our support. All who had attended the recent entertainment at the Institution could but be struck with the cleanliness, order, and discipline of the school, and the general appearance of the scholars. In 1851 the sum of £1,500, as the result of the Festival, was looked upon as a remarkable success. In 1879 the hundreds were just on turned into thousands. He felt proud at the liberality of the Craft, and considered that the return they would soon listen to redounded greatly to the credit of Freemasonry, the labours of the Stewards, and the exertions of Brother Hedges. Brother John A. Rucker was called upon to respond. He referred to the fact of his now being the oldest member of the House Committee; as such the brethren could imagine the great changes he had witnessed in the School. The Institution had continued to increase year by year until it had assumed its present satisfactory condition. He felt assured that sufficient money would be realised at future Anniversary Festivals to maintain the efficiency of the School. He tendered most grateful thanks for the exertions of the Craft on behalf of the Girls' Institution. Bro. Hedges then announced that the School had this year enlisted the support of 250 Stewards, 119 of whom acted for London, and 131 for the Provinces. The total contributed by them up to the time of announcement was £5,850 8s 0d from London, and £5,826 0s 0d from the country, with nineteen lists then outstanding. Bro. Rev. A. F. A. Woodford proposed the health of the Chairman. He felt that this toast was one that needed no comment from him; as no one needed to be remembered of Bro. Creaton's many labours on behalf of our Charities. Under his presidency the list had resulted in a return of £3,000 in excess of the last year's Festival, and £2,000 in advance of any other Festival of this Institution. The Masonic Charities all owe a deep debt of gratitude to him. The toast was most heartily received. Bro. Creaton, in his reply, expressed his pleasure at the result of the evening. He found it difficult to express himself commensurately with his feelings for the way in which the mention of his name had been received. He had anticipated a kind reception, but not to the extent he had experienced. Bro. Rev. C. J. Martyn, Deputy Prov. G.M. Suffolk, proposed the "Vice-Patrons, Vice-Presidents, Trustees, various Committees, and Medical Officers of the Institution." He was not a member of one or the other, but asked the brethren to drink heartily to those who held such important positions. He would couple with the toast the name of a brother new to many, but who had shown his interest in the Charities by qualifying as Vice-Patron of each of our Institutions. The Baron Ferriers had thrown himself heartily into the working of our Charities, and is thereby entitled to our esteem and regard. Bro. Baron Ferriers in his reply stated that he felt somewhat diffident in having to respond after the complimentary terms in which Bro. Martyn had spoken. Having only lately had the honour to qualify himself as Vice-Patron of the Institution, he felt that he could no longer trust to reports, but must go and see for himself what the School was like. He therefore visited it on Monday, and was very much struck by the appearance of the girls. Their pleasing, lively, and hearty look, so different from what children often exhibit in large institutions, struck him; and when, later on, he heard their recitations and music, and saw how well they were instructed, he felt satisfied the Institution deserved the support, not only of Masons, but of all who wished to benefit the rising generation. The instruction given was a credit to Miss Davis and those with her, and he felt that the pupils would prove a credit not only to their sex, but to Freemasonry. As the fact of being a Mason was an honour to any man, so he believed the fact of being the daughter of one would ere long be regarded as a credit to womanhood in general. The Rev. R. P. Bent P.G.C. next gave success to the other Masonic Charities, referring to charity as being the greatest of the trinity of virtues. Though the Masonic Charities had no endowments and no landed estates to fall back upon, yet they found ready support from the spontaneous hearts of the brethren. The Benevolent Institution Festival had the largest contribution last February ever known; the Girls' School was approaching the same happy result, and he hoped the Boys' School would do the same. Bro. Frederick Binckes responded, and in doing so congratulated the Secretary of the Girls' School upon the result which had just been announced. He referred, in affectionate terms, to "the little girls," and equally wished Our Boys success. Bro. J. Terry also responded, humorously observing that they should do all they could for the boys and girls, but at the same time they must remember that they would never have had the boys and girls if they had not the old men and women. Bro. Dr. Jabez Hogg proposed the Stewards, for whom Bro. Edward Cox replied; and Bro. Dumas having given the Ladies, the brethren adjourned to the Temple, where an admirable concert was given. Bro. James Hayho discharged his duties most efficiently as Toast Master.

LONDON.

			£	s.	d.
Lodge	1	Brown Bradshaw	26	5	0
	2	E. H. Letchworth	113	9	0
		J. A. Batley	10	10	0
Chap.	2	Rev. A. F. A. Woodford	15	15	0
Lodge	4	Capt. H. A. Bennett	5	5	0
	5	Major Horace W. Scriven	45	3	0
	6	Sir G. R. Prescott			
	7	Percy F. Sutton	18	17	6
	8	E. J. Beale	15	15	0
	9	Thomas Moring	50	8	0
	10	Rev. R. P. Bent	40	7	0
	11	H. G. Heald			
	14	John Nidd Smith			
L. & Ch.	19	Joyce Murray	68	0	0
Lodge	21	Robert Berridge	56	14	0
		Thomas Meggy	15	15	0
	22	T. P. Collings	18	18	0
	23	Jean Reinhardt	15	15	0
	25	G. R. Shervill	175	7	0

LONDON—*continued.*

			£	s.	d.
	26	W. C. Beaumont	23	2	0
	27	T. J. Maidwell	125	0	0
		J. P. Poole			
	28	T. Jeremy Thomas	51	9	0
	29	H. C. Barker	31	10	0
	33	A. G. Browning	42	0	0
	58	W. Smithett	101	17	0
	60	Captain J. Wordsworth	10	10	0
	65	E. W. Braine	11	11	0
Chap.	77	E. C. Woodward	10	10	0
Lodge	91	H. J. Chapman			
	96	W. V. Morgan	59	17	0
99 and 1159		Charles Cheston	112	2	0
	140	E. Johnson	36	15	0
		R. B. Webster	10	10	0
	142	J. W. Lambert	35	0	0
	143	J. H. Matthews	58	16	0
	144	G. Graham Bell	68	9	6
Mark	144	C. Hammerton	100	0	0
Lodge	167	L. J. Drew	63	0	0

LONDON—*continued.*

			£	s.	d.
162		Major Williams	21	0	0
169		George Brown	75	0	0
172		John Watson			
173		John Finch	35	4	0
174		C. J. Perceval	115	10	0
179 and 1586		W. Hopekirk	111	6	0
180		E. Farwig	78	15	0
181		E. W. Stanton	33	12	0
185		N. Glückstein	21	0	0
194		W. J. Compton	63	0	0
197		T. Donnithorne	17	17	0
198		George Lambert			
201		James Smith	34	2	6
211		Alfred Withers	115	4	0
222		F. W. Forrester	58	16	0
235		T. C. Chown	15	15	0
256		Rev. J. Amos	34	2	6
259		Alfred Cooper	61	19	0
435		W. J. Garrod	30	14	0

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LONDON—*continued.*

		£	s.	d.
511 and 1767	George Read	73	10	0
534	Joshua Taylor			
554	T. J. Barnes	97	2	0
569	A. D. Everingham	53	11	0
657	Edward Cox	111	0	0
715	W. Birdseye	25	4	0
742	Henry Cox	29	8	0
754	David Roberts	52	10	0
765	J. C. Perkins	26	5	0
813	James Blyth	58	16	0
	W. Pierpoint	23	2	0
Chap. 813	H. J. Gabb	141	15	0
Lodge 822	Lewis Phillips jun.	24	3	0
834	G. P. Festa	36	15	0
871	J. G. Vohmann	13	13	0
902	Charles Young	32	10	0
907	T. Hastings Miller	61	19	0
1260	J. H. Southwood	74	10	0
Chap. 1275	Govan Macdonald	57	15	0
Lodge 1278	C. K. Cronch	52	10	0
1319	Edward Terry	51	9	0
1320	W. H. Morson	71	8	0
1328	Frederick West	53	11	0
1365	J. L. Cogan	89	5	0
1381	H. Higgins	45	13	0
1383	J. M. P. Montagu	175	7	0
1420	J. T. Pilditch	81	18	0
1421	T. S. Taylor	131	5	0
	George Levick	49	7	0
Chap. 1471	Edgar Bowyer	84	0	0
Lodge 1507	J. Douglass	64	6	6
1538	A. C. Woodward	26	5	0
1539	Andrew J. Murray			
1563	B. H. Swallow	51	9	0
	Albert Paborn			
1572	James Cowan	171	13	6
1589	H. W. Dalwood	31	10	0
1602	John Weston	50	0	0
1614	A. J. Ireton	74	11	0
1615	H. J. Sparks	45	1	0
1623	William Malthouse	12	12	0
1629	H. Offley Wakeman	31	10	0
1657	A. Brookman	27	6	0
	A. J. Altman			
1668	W. Rudderforth	63	0	0
1681	Robert Burleton	94	10	0
1695	W. T. Parkiss	35	14	0
1707	J. Tanner	18	18	0
1728	T. W. C. Bush	141	15	0
1744	James Willing	63	4	0
1745	William Ramsey	10	10	0
1772	J. Palmer	21	0	0
1791	J. I. Cantle	238	1	0
1805	W. R. Marsh	25	0	0
	W. W. Morgan jun.	63	0	0
	A. E. Gladwell	4	15	0
	Griffiths Smith	17	17	0
	Herbert Dickett	10	10	0
	John Leggott	10	10	0
	C. Horsley			
	George Kenning			

THE PROVINCES.

BERKS AND BUCKS.

209	Robert Roberts	29	8	0
574	Stephen Knight	21	10	6
771	W. V. Brown			

BRISTOL.

	Per Bro. Bowden	37	16	0

CHESHIRE.

104	T. Burrows, Herbert Finch, W. Harrison, J. Kirk, G. Naylor, J. Stafford & J. Wood	126	0	0
295 & 321	G. H. Holden	26	5	0
477	John Dutton	15	15	0
	William Bennett	63	0	0
537	J. P. Platt	75	12	0
605	R. C. Mellor	10	10	0
721	J. J. Cunnah	19	2	0
979 and Chap. 321	John Blackhurst	20	0	0
1276	James Ridchalgh			

PROVINCES—*continued.*

		£	s.	d.
CORNWALL.				
131	W. J. Hughan	367	10	0
330	S. G. Bake	10	10	0
DERBY.				
253	W. H. Marsden	52	10	0
353	H. E. Diamond	10	10	0
DEVONSHIRE.				
112	Samuel Jones	117	11	0
328	Benjamin Fulwood	21	0	0
444	Rose Croix and Red Cross, W. R. Woodman, M.D.	103	10	0
DURHAM.				
764	C. S. Lane	227	17	0
GLOUCESTER.				
592	John Hyde	53	11	0
855	F. J. Blake	43	1	0
1067	R. J. Kerr	52	11	0
	The Baron de Ferrieres	99	15	0
	Col. H. Basevi representing the Province	64	1	0
HANTS AND ISLE OF WIGHT.				
35	A. Barfield	47	5	0
257	J. R. Hayman	10	10	6
723	Richard Eve	42	0	0
1069	Edwin Izod			
HERTFORDSHIRE.				
1327	J. Tydeman	54	12	0
1385	F. Venables	73	10	0
1479	Isaac N. Edwards	4	9	0
1757	Samuel Haddock	11	11	0
KENT.				
199	James D. Terson	180	17	0
784	A. F. S. Bird	68	15	6
829	W. Etheridge			
1223	E. J. Dodd	16	16	0
1273	H. Tuff	68	5	0
1314	H. A. Lovett	73	10	0
LINCOLN.				
712	James Fowler	21	0	0
LANCASHIRE EAST.				
44 & 62	Capt. H. A. Bennett	63	0	0
Prov.	C. F. Matier	222	1	0
LANCASHIRE WEST.				
32	H. R. Robertson	53	0	0
241	Thomas Salter	115	10	0
580	John Wells	36	15	0
613	John Wainwright	21	0	0
Chap. 613	J. F. Roberts	21	0	0
680	W. C. Deeley	126	0	0
823	John Houlding	10	10	0
995	George Remington	13	14	0
1313	James Platt	26	5	0
1345	Thomas Buxton			
1375	G. D. Poohin	48	6	0
1496	E. B. Harding	17	17	0
1609	Sylvester Mattison			
Prov.	Robert Wylie	105	0	0
MIDDLESEX.				
778	R. G. Glover	19	19	0
1194	F. R. W. Hedges	31	10	0
Chap. 1194	Rev. Dr. P. H. E. Brette	13	16	0
1326	D. Steinhauer	10	10	0
	J. C. Woodrow			
1423	J. W. Baldwin	5	5	0
	John Faulkner	10	10	0
1549	G. Tidcombe jun.	42	0	0
1579	T. J. Cusworth	21	0	0
1656	T. W. Ockenden	17	17	0
1777	H. A. Dubois	10	10	0
	H. B. Marshall (as the work of a F.C.)	105	0	0
Prov. & Chap. 1293	H. C. Levander	56	8	6

PROVINCES—*continued.*

		£	s.	d.
MONMOUTH.				
1429	W. Watkins	63	0	0
NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.				
402	C. T. Jacoby			
N. WALES AND SHROPSHIRE.				
1674	Thomas Coxhead			
Prov.	Ephraim Wood	66	3	0
OXFORDSHIRE.				
340	F. R. Hall	14	0	0
357	E. L. Hawkins	20	6	0
478	Fentham Hedges	21	16	0
599	T. W. Holland	30	0	0
1703	John Coles	10	10	0
SOMERSETSHIRE.				
Prov.	Gen. H. E. Doherty, C.B.	247	16	0
S. WALES, E. DIV.				
Prov.	Thomas Phillips	105	0	0
STAFFORDSHIRE.				
L. 418 and Ch.	J. Lovell Hamshaw	133	12	0
419	James Walker	94	10	0
461	H. Parker	148	1	0
SUFFOLK.				
1593	W. J. Nunn	49	7	0
SURREY.				
889	H. W. Linton	26	5	0
1395	G. B. Smallpiece	22	1	0
SUSSEX.				
271	Gerard Ford	90	6	0
723	S. Solomon	65	2	0
811	George de Paris	76	13	0
WARWICKSHIRE.				
284	J. G. Moore	47	5	0
395	Nathaniel Merridew	15	15	0
	Harbert Stanley	10	10	0
587	C. F. Rowe	28	7	0
925	E. Worrall	63	0	0
	James Stevens	57	15	0
938	Edwin Handley	47	5	0
1180	Moritz Joseph	21	0	0
	Max Steyermann	21	0	0
1431	Benjamin Allsop	36	15	0
1551	Thomas Hands	31	10	0
WORCESTERSHIRE.				
377	George Taylor	141	15	0
YORKSHIRE (West District).				
	Total from the Province	420	0	0

The following were the Stewards:—

139	T. Collinson			
	Dr. T. W. Hine			
	John Shaw jun.			
149	W. T. Sugg			
	Joseph W. Sykes			
154	J. H. Cadman			
275	C. W. Keighley			
296	Robert Arnison			
	John F. Moss			
302	J. R. Armitage			
	Thomas Hill			
495	H. M. Edwards			
827	Allison D. Shaw			
904	Frederick Cleeves			
	R. J. Evans			
910	John Simpson			
	T. W. Tew			
1019	A. W. Stanfield			
1211	G. F. Crowe			
	J. W. Fourness			
1283	R. D. Kendall			
1462 and 1513	John Bustard			

INDIA.

	Major Marmaduke Ramsay	51	5	0

RECAPITULATION.

London, 119 Stewards **£5850 8s 0d** **Provinces,** 131 Stewards **£5826 0s 0d** **Total £11,676 8s 0d**

(Including £26 5s 0d from the Chairman, Lt.-Col. Creaton.)

SINCE PAID IN.

18	J. Mowlem Burt	31	10	0	657	Edward Cox	5	5	0

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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, 17th MAY.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.

MONDAY, 17th MAY.

1—Grand Master's, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
45—Strong Man, Sportsman, City-road, at 8. (Instruction.)
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 6.30. (Instruct.
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction.)
704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E., at 7.30. (Instruction)
1260—John Harvey, Albion Hall, London Wall, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8. (Instruction.)
1435—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8. (Instruction.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30. (In.)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8. (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)

77—Freedom, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend.
236—York, Masonic Hall, York.
331—Phœnix of Honour and Prudence, Public Rooms, Truro.
359—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton.
382—Royal Union, Belmont Hall, Uxbridge.
434—Borough, Half Moon Hotel, Gateshead.
466—Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton.
622—St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne.
725—Stoneleigh, King's Arms Hotel, Kenilworth.
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
925—Bedford, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
934—Merit, Derby Hotel, Whitefield.
1630—Egerton, George Hotel, Wellington Road, Heaton Norris, near Stockport.
1037—Portland, Royal Breakwater Hotel, Portland.
1141—Mid Sussex, Assembly Rooms, Horsham.
1170—St. George, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
1199—Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congresbury.
1208—Corinthian, Royal Hotel, Pier, Dover.
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction.)
1502—Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
R. A. 139—Paradise, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
R. A. 1061—Rowley, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster.

TUESDAY, 20th MAY.

Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Tavern, 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, E.C.
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney. (Instruction.)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)
857—St. Paul, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8. (Instruction.)
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1360—Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, Battersea Park, at 8. (Instruction.)
1429—Earl Spencer, Swan Hotel, Battersea Old Bridge, S.W.
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1471—Islington, Three Bucks, 21 Gresham-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
1472—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-st.-rd., at 8. (In.)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30.
R. A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction.)

213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich.
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30. (Instruction.)
248—True Loveand Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon.
384—St. David, Masonic Rooms, Bangor.
418—Menturia, Mechanics' Institute, Hanley.
453—Frederick of Unity, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon.
667—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1006—Tregullow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrier, Cornwall.
1052—Callender, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
1089—De Shurland, Fountain Hotel, Sheerness.
1113—Anglesea, Bull Hotel, Llangefni.
1276—Warren, Stanley Arms Hotel, Seacombe, Cheshire.
1335—Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1427—Percy, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle.
1470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable.
1473—Bootle, 146, Berry-street, Bootle, at 6. (Instruction.)
1534—Concord, George Hotel, Prestwich.
1551—Charity, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
1570—Prince Arthur, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool.
1764—Eleanor Cross, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton.
M.M.—York, Masonic Hall, York.

WEDNESDAY, 21st MAY.

General Committee G. Lodge and Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, at 6.
174—Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
190—Oak, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7. (Instruction.)
201—Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
228—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8. (In.)
538—La Tolerance, Green Dragon, 2 Maddox-street, W., at 7.45. (Inst.)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. at 8. (Instruction.)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8. (Instruction.)
1196—Urban, The Three Bucks, Gresham-street, at 6.30. (Instruction.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8. (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-road, Holloway, at 8. (Instruction.)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8. (Instruction.)
1558—Duke of Connaught, Class Room, Sutherland Chapel, Walworth, at 8. (In.)
R. A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8. (Instruction.)

20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham.
121—Mount Sinai, Public Buildings, Penzance.
175—East Medina, Masonic Hall, John-street, Ryde, I.W.
200—Old Globe, Private Rooms, Globe-street, Scarborough.
221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton.
325—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford.
451—Sutherland, Town Hall, Burslem.
581—Faith, Drover's Inn, Openshaw.
591—Buckingham, George Hotel, Aylesbury.
592—Cotteswold, King's Head Hotel, Cirencester.
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction.)
632—Yarborough, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
683—Isca, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire.
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
874—Holmesdale, Royal Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells.
889—Dobie, Griffin Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames.
969—Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Workington.
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction.)
1019—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.
1040—Sykes, Masonic Hall, Driffield, Yorks.
1086—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.
1129—St. Chad's, Roebuck Hotel, Rochdale.
1161—De Grey and Ripon, Denmark Hotel, Lloyd-street, Greenheys, Manchester.
1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. Germains, Cornwall.
1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich.
1246—Holte, Holte Hotel, Aston.
1301—Brighouse, Masonic Room, Bradford-road, Brighouse.
1337—Anchor, Masonic Rooms, Durham House, Northallerton.
1353—Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster.
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1443—Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon.
1501—Wycombe, Town Hall, High Wycombe.
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull.
1634—Starkie, Railway Hotel, Ramsbottom.
R. A. 220—Harmony, Wellington Hotel, Garston, Lancashire.
R. A. 258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike.
R.A. 481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle.
R. A. 580—Unity, Wheatsheaf, Ormskirk.
R. A. 1060—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Tamworth.
M.M. 181—Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham.

THURSDAY, 22nd MAY.

House Committee, Girls' School, at 4.
8—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8. (Instruction.)
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction.)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8. (Instruction.)
99—Shakespeare, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
211—St. Michael, George, Australian Avenue, Barbican, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8. (Instruction.)
1237—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1349—Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
1436—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, E.C. at 6.30. (Instruction.
1614—Covent Garden, Ashley's Hotel, Henrietta-street, Covent Garden, 8. (Inst.)
1658—Skelmersdale, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
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. 766—William Preston, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.

78—Imperial George, Assheton Arms Hotel, Middleton, Lancashire.
100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor Hotel, Quay, Great Yarmouth.
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
348—St. John, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton.
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal.
935—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford.
1325—Stanley, 214 Gt. Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
1459—Ashbury, Justice Birch Hotel, Hyde-road, West Gorton, near Manchester
1505—Emulation, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1626—Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle.
R.A. 292—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
R.A. 1086—Walton, Skelmersdale, Kirkdale, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
K.T.—Plains of Mamre, Bull Hotel, Burnley.

FRIDAY, 23rd 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.)
766—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. 8. (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.)
1066—Metropolitan, Portugal-Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction.)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1288—Finsbury Park M.M., Earl Russell, Isledon-road, N. at 8. (Instruction.)
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Agricultural Hall, Barford-st., Islington. (Install.)
1642—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 7.30. (Inst.)
London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-street, E.C., at 6.
R. A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8. (Inst.)
R. A. 1471—North London, Crown and Woolpack, St. John-st.-rd., at 8. (Inst.)

780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge.
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1712—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle.
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7.
R.A. 61—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax.
R.A. 152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
K. T. 20—Royal Kent, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle.

SATURDAY, 24th MAY.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
1541—Alexandra Palace, Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill, N.
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.

1531—Chislehurst, Bull's Head Hotel, Chislehurst.
1464—Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe.
R. A. 308—Affability, Station House Hotel, Bottoms, Stansfield.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.—Held at Bro. Spurgin's, the Sportsman, City-road, on Monday, the 12th. Present—Bros. Pelikan W.M., Willison S.W., W. Rowley J.W., R. Pearcy acting Preceptor, Fenner Sec., J. Millington S.D., Ives J.D., Hallam I.G; also Bros. Lane, Hirst, Droscher, Wilson, Wallington. Preliminaries were observed in opening, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Lane candidate. Bro. Hallam worked the first, second, third, and fourth sections. The Lodge was resumed, and Bro. Willison was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The votes of the Lodge for the R.M.B.I. were alloted to Bro. Pearcy on behalf of Bro. Marsh (Henry Marston), after which Lodge was closed.

Mount Lebanon Chapter, No. 73.—On Thursday, 8th May, the regular convocation of this Chapter was held. Comps. John Mason Z., James C. Mason H., M. D. Loewenstark J., with the Past Principals who were present, opened the Chapter. The minutes of the last meeting, held in January, were read, unanimously con-

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firmed, and signed. Companions T. J. Sabine P.Z. and Treasurer, and W. Dunham P.S. and J. elect, resigned their membership of the Chapter. Their resignations were accepted with deep regret. The ballot for Joshua was unanimous in favour of Companion Arthur John Ireton, W.M. of the Covent Garden Lodge. All below the rank of Installed Principal having retired, Comp. William Smeed P.Z., &c., in a correct and impressive manner installed Comp. J. C. Mason M.E.Z., M. D. Loewenstark H. On the re-admission of the Companions, the following Officers were appointed:—F. W. Baldwin P.Z. Treasurer, F. Walters P.P.A.S. Middlesex P.Z. S.E., B. Isaacs S.N., W. Clark P.S., S. Barney First A.S., W. H. Goodall Second A.S., C. T. Speight Janitor. A cordial vote of thanks—the same to be entered on the Chapter minute book—was unanimously voted to Companion Smeed for the painstaking and correct manner in which he had rendered the ceremonies. Apologies were received from absent Officers, and also from candidates for exaltation. Business being ended, the Chapter was closed, and adjourned to meet on Thursday, 9th October, at five o'clock p.m. There were present, besides those named, Comps. J. H. Spencer, W. H. Willoughby, and several others. The Visitors were Companions F. Bown P.P.G.S.N. Lancashire M.E.Z. 148, W. A. Barrett H., Louis Beck 1326, and others. The regular banquet was supplied, and the usual toasts given and responded to. Comp. John Mason I.P.Z. had the usual P.Z.'s jewel presented to him. Songs, recitations, and some excellent music brought this successful meeting to a close.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—At Bro. Fyah's, The Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, on Saturday the 10th instant. Present:—Bros. Garrod W.M., J. A. Powell S.W., C. Lorkin J.W., Pearcy Preceptor, Fenner Secretary, Ross S.D., Brasted J.D., Gibbs I.G.; there were also present:—Bros. Stock, Trewinnard, Brand, Lardner, J. Millington, J. Lorkin, Fidler, Hallam, Pelikan, Cuthbert, Weil, Harris, and Slaiter. Lodge opened, and after the confirmation of the minutes, Bro. J. Lorkin sustained his claim, and was passed to the second degree in a very excellent manner. The W.M. worked the third section, assisted by the brethren. Lodge being resumed, the W.M. worked the first, and Bro. Pearcy the second and third sections of the lecture. Bros. Pelikan, Weil, and Harris, of the Sir Hugh Myddelton Lodge No. 1602, were elected members. Bro. Powell was unanimously appointed W.M. for the ensuing week.

St. David's Lodge, No. 1147.—The regular monthly meeting was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester, on Thursday, the 8th instant. Present—Bros. Ishmael Davies W.M., T. Elliott I.P.M., John Taylor S.W., Wm. Hadden J.W., J. O. Evans Sec., F. Griffin Treas., R. Barlow S.D., T. R. Williams P.M. D.C., E. Staveley I.G., A. Ehrenbach Org., J. Sly Tyler; Past Masters Bros. J. W. Jones, T. R. Peel, J. Unsworth, T. Gibson, E. Williams, Ellis Jones; and Bros. Fairweather, Ireland, Rough, Brown, Palmer, Maclean, Chadwick, Hewerdine, Elliott, Wolstone, &c. Visitors S. Marsden P.M. 344, W. T. Hansbrow W.M. 1134, C. W. Ireland P.M. 1134, J. Addey 1387, John Rogers P.M. 1219, J. T Chancellor Grand Steward of England, J. Cowen 152, S. R. Stote P.M. 363, J. Roberts W.M. 204, R. A. Eldershaw I.P.M. 204, W. Brown 1633, A. B. Whittaker J.W. 1633, C. M. Booth J.W. 1052, &c. The Lodge was opened with solemn prayer at 6.30, and the minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Mr. S. J. Naphtali, and proving in his favour, he was duly initiated into the mysteries of ancient Freemasonry, by Bro. T. R. Peel P.M., who worked the ceremony most admirably. The charge was delivered by Bro. Taylor S.W. The Worshipful Master now resumed his position in the East, and advanced the Lodge to the second degree, in which he passed Bro. A. Murray to take his seat among Fellow Crafts, and explained the W.T., all of which was well done. The Lodge was resumed in the first, and the business of the evening being ended, the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony, and by command of the W.M. the brethren and visitors adjourned to a bountiful and well catered supper. On the removal of the cloth, the W.M. proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. Bro. Chancellor responded on behalf of Grand Lodge. Bro. S.W. proposed the health of the Prov. G.M., which was duly honoured. Bro. J. W. had the pleasure of proposing the health of the D.P.G.M. for the first time in the Lodge since Bro. Mellor received the appointment in Grand Lodge. The toast was heartily received. By request of the W.M. Bro. Stavely proposed the health of his friend, the newly initiated brother. He felt that in Bro. Naphtali the Lodge had acquired an addition which would add to its welfare. The toast was cordially drunk. Bro. Naphtali returned thanks in suitable terms. Bro. Peel had the pleasure of proposing the health of the newly passed brother. He hoped the farther Bro. Murray progressed in Masonic art and embraced its principles, the better he would appreciate the Institution. The toast was heartily drunk, with honours, and Bro. Murray acknowledged his gratitude for the privilege of being admitted so far. Bro. E. Williams P.M., proposed the health of the Visitors. In the name of the Lodge he extended a hearty welcome to all. The St. David's Lodge prided itself on its fraternal hospitality, and would rejoice to see those who had favoured the Lodge with their presence again. The toast was drunk with great warmth and full honours. Bro. Chancellor, Grand Steward of England, expressed his sense of pleasure in being present, and witnessing the very efficient working of the Lodge. He also thanked the members for the reception extended to Visitors. Bro. Roberts W.M. Caledonian returned thanks for the last toast. It was his first visit to the St. David's, and he was glad to see so many faces he knew. Bro. Whittaker was pleased to see the good working of the Lodge, and held that visiting was a great advantage. Bro. Hansbrow W.M. 1134, followed, and was very pleased to visit a Lodge which represented the true Cosmopolitan nature of Freemasonry. Bro. Stote P.M. 363 had never seen better working, nor had enjoyed himself more in any Lodge he visited. Bro. Ireland P.M. 1134, in returning thanks, said he hoped the esteemed Bro. Ellis Jones P.M. would attain the office he sought. Bro. Marsden P.M. 344 had great pleasure in being present in the first Lodge he had visited in Manchester. Others followed to the same purport, after which the W.M. proposed the health of the Past Masters, uniting the name of Bro. Ellis Jones, in whom, as an elected Prov. G. Treas., the brethren would see merit rewarded. The toast was received with acclamation; and Bro. Ellis Jones felt his position keenly. He had, in a long career in the Craft, upheld the dignity, the honour, and the great privileges of Freemasonry. He felt that a Mason should do all in his power to help his fellow-man. Let all strive to pour the healing balm into the wounded spirit, alleviating the distressed, and befriending the fatherless and widows, and extend the right hand of fellowship with substantial aid to all who deserve sympathy. Bro. T. R. Williams P.M. also returned thanks, and explained the cause of his absence, with Bro. Ellis Jones, during a portion of the evening. During the proceedings Bro. Ehrenbach gave some very fine selections on the piano, and Bro. Griffin added to the pleasure with a vocal contribution. The Tyler's toast was given at a seasonable hour, and the brethren dispersed, much pleased with the evening's enjoyment.

Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction, No. 1298.—A meeting was held on Friday 9th May, at the Alwyne Castle, Canonbury. Present:—Bros. Rowley W.M., Ager S.W., Bowry J.W., P. Dickinson Secretary, Hunter S.D., Chant J.D., Batty I.G. Lodge opened; minutes read and confirmed. Bro. Strugwell offered himself as a candidate, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. Bro. Preceptor Cull then worked the first, second, third, fourth and fifth sections of the Lecture. Bro. Ager was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

Friars Lodge of Instruction, No. 1349.—At the weekly meeting of this Lodge of Instruction, held on the 6th inst., at Bro. Pavitt's, Liverpool Arms, Canning-town, there was a numerous attendance, under the presidency of Bro. J. H. Pavitt as W.M. The other chairs were filled thus:—Bros. Worsley S.W., Roberts J.W., Smith S.D., Watkins J.D., Shepherd I.G., and P.M. Musto Preceptor. There were also present—Bros. Rawe, Wiltshire, Gundlach, Spencer, White, Johnson, and Visiting Brethren Quartly and Budget. The Lodge was opened in form, and the minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, and subsequently the first, second, and fourth sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bros. Gundlach 1076 and Wiltshire 860 were elected members of the Lodge of Instruction. It was then proposed by Bro. Musto, seconded by Bro. Roberts, and unanimously agreed that Bro. Worsley should occupy the chair at the ensuing Lodge meeting. Nothing further being offered, the Lodge was closed and adjourned until the Tuesday following. Last Tuesday evening the brethren again met, under the presidency of Bro. Worsley as W.M., with Bros. Smith as S.W., Andrews J.W., P.M. Musto Preceptor, Barker S.D., Pavitt I.G. There were also present Bros. Gundlach, Johnson, Sadler, Rawe, Spencer, Lloyd, Wiltshire; and Visiting Bro. Delpiano. The Lodge having been duly opened, Bro. Lloyd was entrusted, when the Lodge was advanced, and the ceremony was rehearsed by the W.M. The S.W. worked the first section of the lecture, the W.M. second, Bro. Andrews third, the Preceptor fourth, and Bro. Andrews fifth. The Lodge was then reduced, and Bro. Holloway, of the Henley Lodge No. 1472, was elected a member, and Bro. W. W. Morgan jun. an honorary member of the Lodge. The bye-laws were distributed amongst the members, and congratulations were offered to the Officers of the evening for the satisfactory manner in which they had discharged their respective duties. The next installation ceremony was announced to be worked in July, by the Preceptor, Bro. Musto. The names of the brethren who will work the sections on the 4th Tuesday will be inserted in our next week's impression. We are pleased to observe that the W.M. of the mother Lodge attends this Lodge of Instruction regularly every meeting, and renders valuable assistance.

Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, No. 1642.—There was a very numerous and influential gathering of the members and friends of this popular Lodge, at the Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, on Thursday 8th May, the large number of visitors including many brethren of distinction in the Craft. The proceedings throughout were characterised by the utmost heartiness and good fellowship, such as always pervades the *réunions* of the brethren of 1642, and the evening was one of thorough agreeability. Lodge was opened at five o'clock, under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. Samuel H. Parkhouse, who was assisted by Bros. Edward M. Lander S.W., Samuel Smout J.W., Geo. Penn I.P.M. Treas., W. J. Murlis P.M. Sec., C. Darley Reade S.D., S. Smout jun. J.D., John Woodmason W.S., Delevanté Organist, and Robert Schofield Tyler. There were also present—Bros. William Stephens P.M., John H. Rutherglen, Reuben C. Green, Ludwig Lichtwitz, Josh. Robson, G. A. Williams, C. Rowlands, G. J. H. Rule, W. H. Rusdell, E. C. Woodward, J. Linscott, W. Heak, H. Foskitt, J. M. Huish, H. Taylor, W. Burgess, R. H. Pearson, J. W. Heath, C. Manchester, R. Reid, James Flood, J. H. Wood, J. B. Roberts, Stephen Etherington, N. R. Bushman, T. Empson, E. Rogers, F. Ernest Pocock, John Whittlesea, F. J. Crabb, &c. Amongst the array of Visitors we noticed W. Bro. S. C. Burke, Deputy Grand Master of Jamaica, Bros. Jabez Hogg P.G.D., E. P. Albert P.G.P., Joseph Wright P.M. 1158, P. Kirke P.M. 144, Lewis H. Isaacs P.M. 195, H. Massey P.M. 619, A. B. Baker P.M. 834, A. Beasley P.M. 780, J. E. Carpenter 284, J. Byre 195, R. Ward 511, T. Fisher 738, Humphreys 733, R. Prickett 1101, J. S. Adkins 733, J. Everett 511, W. Cuff S.W. 1608, J. F. Deacon 1382, R. Favour 511, J. Baker 511,

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S. Handler 1017, V. E. Etienne 1612, &c. Lodge having been opened in the second degree, Bros. Robson and Cowland were passed, the ceremony being performed most efficiently by the W.M. Subsequently the ballot was opened for four candidates for admission to the mysteries and privileges, viz., Mr. William Burgess, who had been proposed by Bro. Newland, and seconded by P.M. Bro. Penn Treasurer; Mr. Henry Foskitt, whose sponsors were the W.M. and Sec.; Mr. John Mitchell Huish, proposed by the W.M. and seconded by the Treas.; and Mr. Henry Taylor, nominated by the Sec. and Treas. The assent of the brethren was unanimous in each case, and the candidates were severally initiated by the W.M., the ceremony being rendered all the more impressive by the musical accompaniments, led by Bro. Delevanté at the organ. Time allowing, the Lodge was again advanced for the purpose of passing Bro. William Henry Rusdell, who was not present in time for the opening; and at the conclusion of this ceremony, Bros. Walter Graves 753, James Flood 201, and Stephen Etherington 1035, were balloted for, and accepted as joining members of the Lodge. The W.M. received the deserved congratulations of the brethren for the ability with which he had carried out a somewhat heavy amount of work, and at the conclusion of business the brethren adjourned to the theatre, where a *récherché* banquet had been spread by Bro. J. Linscott. Interspersing the dishes on the tables were vases and epergnes of exquisite flowers, which imparted additional beauty to the lofty and well-ventilated banqueting-hall, and the arrangements were in every way conducive to the entire comfort and enjoyment of the numerous company. The prefatory toasts having been disposed of, with felicitous allusions to the active and warm interest always displayed by the M.W.G.M. in all charitable and benevolent movements, the W.M. gave, as a "special" toast, the R.W. Pro Grand Master of England the Earl of Carnarvon. All those who were present on the last occasion, and heard the letter read from the noble Earl after whom this Lodge was named, must have felt how deep and personal an interest his Lordship took in its welfare and progress. He could only say that those who had the privilege of attending Grand Lodge must know how efficiently and well our Pro G.M. did his duty there. He (the speaker) had the privilege of attending the last Grand Lodge meeting, and he noticed with what enthusiasm and applause the name of the Earl of Carnarvon was received as the Pro Grand Master for the ensuing year. It only showed how much the noble Earl was appreciated, not only in this Lodge, but in every Lodge connected with English Freemasonry. The toast was received with "special" honours, after which the W.M. again rose, and said he had now the pleasing duty of asking them to join with him in drinking to the health of the Grand Officers, two of whom they were very glad to welcome this evening. In proposing the health of the D.G.M. and the rest of the Grand Officers, he would associate the names of their esteemed brethren Jabez Hogg P.G.D. and E. P. Albert P.G.P. He need not speak of the qualities of the first named, for all who had listened to Bro. Hogg in the Lodge of Benevolence would not only have been struck by the manner in which the work of the Lodge was conducted under his vice-presidency, but also with the discrimination with which every single case that was brought before him was considered. Bro. Hogg endeavoured to administer the funds of that Lodge with discretion, yet with a liberal and generous hand, if he saw that the cases were deserving. Bro. Albert was also well-known in this Lodge, and the brethren were always delighted to see him in their midst. The toast having been cordially received, Bro. Jabez Hogg returned thanks with the greatest sincerity. He had been on several occasions invited to meet the brethren of the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, but it had unfortunately happened that he had been prevented by circumstances over which he had no control. Bro. Murlis had again kindly invited him, and he was afraid he should have been prevented in consequence of having suffered from what every one almost had suffered from during this severe weather—an attack of bronchitis. But he was happy to say the G.A.O.T.U. had restored him, and the temperature of the day had enabled him to fulfil the promise he had long made, to visit this Lodge. He had been much delighted and gratified by what he had seen in the Lodge. The working was excellent; and, on behalf of himself and the other visiting brethren, he must say that it was of a most perfect character. They had also been delighted with the kind hospitality which had been extended to them, which left nothing to be desired, and for which they thanked the brethren of the Lodge most sincerely. With regard to the toast of the Grand Officers, he believed that on all occasions they strove to make themselves useful. Indeed, it was their duty, as it was their privilege, to do so; because their experience in the working of the Craft and in the various departments of the ritual must be greater than that of many of the brethren, and they ought to show they appreciated the good and kindly feeling that was always meted out to them when they visited the various Lodges of the Craft, and should make all the return they could for the honours conferred upon them by assisting the brethren in every possible way, especially in the consecration and the foundation of new Lodges. Bro. E. Albert P.G.P. also suitably responded, and the W.M. then proposed the health of the Initiates. Considering that the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge had only been consecrated three years, it had been their privilege on almost every occasion to have one or more initiates. So far as the Officers were personally concerned, they had not taken the trouble to get men to join them; they had endeavoured, as far as possible, to secure the right sort of men—such as they should be proud to meet and to receive in their own homes and amongst their own families. No brother should propose a man as a candidate for Freemasonry unless he was satisfied that he could so receive him into his most intimate acquaintanceship. They had also, in their selection, tried to avoid introducing men amongst whom any kind of angry feeling might hereafter arise. In fact, their aim had been to unite all who joined them in the one bond of brotherhood. They had succeeded in this endeavour; not a single disagreement had occurred between any of the brethren. Their Lodge had been a great success, and it had been so because they had endeavoured to get the right sort of men amongst them. To-night they had several new members, who were well known to the brethren, and who were the right men in the right place. The toast was received with a bumper, and Bro. Taylor, in responding, said he counted it a very high honour to have been received in so cordial a manner by the brethren of this Lodge. He hoped they would find him not only a worthy member, but a diligent and studious pupil of the Order of Masonry. He promised he would endeavour to acquit himself to their satisfaction, and to acquaint himself as fully as he possibly could with the duties that pertained to the Institution into which he had this day had the honour of being received. Bros. Huish, Foskitt, and Burgess also briefly returned thanks for the compliment paid them. P.M. Bro. Penn next proposed the health of their excellent W.M., who had so ably presided over them this evening. He must say, on behalf of the members, they were delighted with the admirable manner in which he had done the work. They all knew that Bro. Parkhouse was a thorough Mason, who had had the interests of this Lodge at heart from the very time of its consecration. Their W.M. must be very gratified to find such an excellent assembly on the present occasion, and with such a very respectable number of initiates and joining members. It showed the popularity of the W.M., and it also proved that the brethren did not make any mistake when they elected Bro. Parkhouse to the chair which he had so ably filled. The W.M., after responding for the compliment paid to himself, proposed the Visitors, which he did in the heartiest fashion, reading over the list and extending a cordial welcome to each and all personally. He associated with the toast especially the name of a "distinguished foreign brother," Bro. S. C. Burke, Deputy G.M. of Jamaica, which was received with prolonged cheering. Bro. Burke, who was greeted with quite an ovation, said it was a matter of considerable pleasure to him to be called upon to respond at a Lodge of this character for such a toast as that of the Visitors. As a good Mason, paying perfect obedience to their W.M., he responded to the toast; but he must at the same time take one very small exception to the remark he had made in proposing his health, in designating him as a "distinguished foreign brother." The W.M. probably did not think that, in standing there, he should claim no relationship with that distinguished brother. He stood there as an English colonist, coming from one of our most ancient colonies, where Masonry had been observed during the last 200 years; and he was very proud to tell them that the manner in which Masonry was worked in Jamaica would give pleasure and pride to every good Mason who felt that the essential principles of the Order should extend over the whole universe. It was within the last twelve days that he had come across the Atlantic, travelled over 5000 miles, and landed on the English coast—which they as colonists claimed as their mother country. The very first hand of fellowship held out to him was that by a brother Mason, who told him the morning after his arrival that on the same afternoon the Grand Lodge of England was to meet, and that if he could possibly make his way there, they would be most glad to see him. That was a practical exemplification of the universality of Freemasonry, and illustrated the practical advantage of belonging to our great and distinguished Order. He thanked the W.M. sincerely for the manner in which he had proposed the toast. He could only say this—he had travelled a good deal and for a considerable time, and he had discovered that Freemasonry had its advantages wherever he had been. He had felt that Freemasonry was not an ordinary institution, but one whose essential principles were such as to recommend it to every man who desired to do good in his own country, or in any country in which he was placed. It was a common brotherhood, which united the world, and bound man to man in whatever country they lived, or wherever they might be. That principle he had never failed to inculcate wherever he had gone, as the representative of the Grand Lodge of Scotland or as Deputy Grand Master of Jamaica; and he assured them, if they carried their Masonry into the tropics, they would come out of those tropics after having, in both senses, met with a very warm reception. In addition to the warmth of the climate they would find true, loyal hearts, who recognised and felt that every man who belonged to the old country should be heartily greeted while he was there to see what he could; and he would be thoroughly appreciated from the fact of his being a good Freemason. He then eulogised the working which he had seen in the Lodge that evening, and which, he thought, must have made a deep impression upon the initiates. It must have taught them that it was a high privilege to be introduced into so noble and distinguished an Order. He had great pleasure in recognising that this Lodge bore the name of one who in the colonies, as at home, was revered as one of England's most distinguished statesmen—whose policy as Colonial Secretary had done so much for the welfare and prosperity of the dependencies of Great Britain. He could only tell them this—and he spoke irrespective of politics—go where they might, every colonist would admit that there was not a man who had more thoroughly identified himself with the progress of the colonies, and the unity of the colonies with the mother country, than the distinguished statesman whose name this Lodge bore. He thanked them, not as a "distinguished foreigner," but as a colonist, who had come to his mother country to see the progress and improvements that had been made in the arts, sciences, manufactures and so forth, and one who was proud to know and to feel that he was a colonist. Brother Beasley P.M. also humorously acknowledged the compliment, and was followed in suitable language by Bro. Prickett. Several other complimentary toasts followed, and the evening's enjoyment was materially enhanced by excellent selections of vocal and instrumental music, Bro. Heath giving as a cornet solo, "When Other Lips," in a style that elicited the rapturous applause of the brethren. P.M. Bro. Beasley's rendering of the familiar song, "Believe me, if all those endearing young charms," was accepted as a rare treat; and capital songs were sung in good style by Bros. S. Smout jun., Ward, J. E. Carpenter, and others, Bro. Delevanté tendering efficient assistance as accompanyist.

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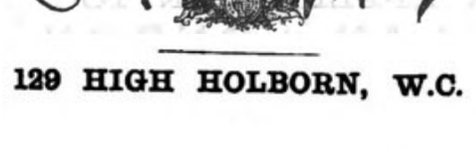
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THE GIRLS' SCHOOL—ANALYSIS OF THE LISTS.

IT is with unusual gratification that we refer to this year's list of subscriptions towards the funds of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, of which a detailed statement appeared in our last issue. We certainly had anticipated that, after the additional interest manifested in the School since its enlargement, the amount to be sent in by the Stewards would be in excess of the former average; and we even hinted that, considering the increased number and influence of the Masonic body, such a scheme should not be regarded as being fairly supported until the total of the donations could be announced at the Festival in five figures. But that the sum should have amounted to £11,713 3s on the day of the annual gathering, and with twenty lists still to be sent in, must have surpassed even Bro. Hedges's most sanguine expectation. It was evidently a source of pride and pleasure to Lieut.-Col. Creaton to know that, under his presidency, the amounts brought up by the Stewards exceeded by £3,000 those of the last Festival, and by £2,000 that of any other Festival of the Institution. We have referred so recently to the admirable way in which the School is conducted, and the claims it has upon the support of the Fraternity, that it is needless here to do more than congratulate the brethren, both in London and the Provinces, upon the very general and hearty way in which they have come forward, and placed in the hands of the executive such an amount of money as will enable them to go forward with renewed confidence in the work of which they are so justly proud. Of the 119 Stewards who represented the Metropolitan Lodges, we observe that Bro. J. I. Cantle, of No. 1791, out-distanced all the other workers, and has won by far the most honourable mention, his list being set down at £238 1s. This for so young a Lodge—one of the very youngest on the Grand Lodge roll—must be regarded as highly satisfactory, and creditable alike to Bro. Cantle and his energetic following. Next in order come Bros. J. M. P. Montagu, of the Friends in Council Lodge, No. 1383, and G. R. Shervill, of the Robert Burns Lodge, No. 25, who each took up £175 7s; whilst Bro. James Cowan, of the Carnarvon, No. 1572, followed with £171 13s 6d. Bro. T. J. Maidwell, of the Egyptian Lodge, No. 27, brings forward a very comfortable £125, in addition to which it may be expected that his coadjutor, Bro. J. P. Poole, may be able to send in a decent list, if indeed he has not already done so. The New Concord Chapter, No. 813, of New Hoxton, supported its Steward, Bro. H. J. Gabb, to the extent of £141 15s; whilst Bro. T. W. C. Bush brought up a precisely similar amount, which must be considered admirable on the part of so young a Lodge as No. 1728. This year the Langthorne Lodge, No. 1421, represented by Bro. T. S. Taylor and George Levick, has done remarkably well, those brethren taking up £131 5s and £49 7s respectively, and making the total from Stratford £180 12s. Bro. C. J. Perceval, of the Sincerity Lodge, No. 174, follows with £115 10s, being closely attended by Bro. Alfred Withers, of the St. Michaels, No. 211, with £115 4s; Bro. E. H. Letchworth, who is a member of the House Committee, has worked energetically for £113 9s, in addition to the ten guineas brought in by his co-Steward Bro. J. A. Batley, also representing the Antiquity Lodge, No. 2. Next in order comes Bro. Charles Cheston, who places £112 2s opposite the numbers of the two Lodges he represented, the Shakspeare, 99, and Marquis of Dalhousie, 1159. Bro. W. Hopekirk, on behalf of Lodges 179 and 1586—Manchester and Upper Norwood—stands for £111 6s; Bro. Edward Cox, of the Canonbury, No. 657, for £111; Bro. W. Smithett, of the Felicity, No. 58, for £101 17s; and Bro. C. Hammerton, of the Mark Lodge No. 144, for exactly £100. Therefore, out of the 119 London Stewards there are only 16 who raised their totals to a hundred pounds and upwards, although our old friend Bro. T. J. Barnes, of the Yarborough, No. 554, who did so well for the Benevolent Institution, in February, came within a very respectable distance, with £97 2s. It is not necessary to go *seriatim* through all the smaller amounts, though it is with satisfaction we note that London has acquitted itself well, contributing over £5,887 3s, or a trifle in advance of the united energies of the Provinces.

Glancing down the lists of Provincial contributions, and comparing them with those of last year, we find that twenty-eight out of the forty-four, including districts not possessing a Grand Lodge, are represented, and no less than sixteen have disregarded the call of charity, so far as our Girls' School is concerned. We have almost given up hope of sleepy Bedfordshire, which, though possessing five fairly prosperous Lodges, has never within our recollection put in an appearance on the list of either Institution. The same may be said of the Isle of Man and its three Lodges, whom we have looked for in vain at the fourteen Festivals we have been privileged to record since the existence of this journal. For the first time, also, Worcestershire has stepped forward, and although only one out of ten Lodges is registered, yet there is a fairly substantial sum attached, and which we hope may increase as years go on. Cambridgeshire certainly made a spurt last year—or, at least one five guinea subscriber did—to replace its once prominent name upon the list; but the faint spark of life then evidenced was speedily extinguished, and the academical county has once more lapsed into the obscurity which we regret to see has settled upon it, from our point of view, in recent years. Cumberland and Westmoreland, although boasting of nineteen Lodges, has never, to our recollection, figured in the lists at all, seeming to bestow all its attention upon the Benevolent Institution and the Boys' School. Norfolk, after the one example made two years ago, when she added a little over a couple of hundred to the funds, appears to have lapsed into wonted apathy. Amongst the absentees again is Northamptonshire which, with Hunts, comprises nine Lodges, whose only contribution, so far as we can recollect, was a hundred guineas sent up in 1877. We know nothing of Northumberland, notwithstanding that the Province includes sixteen Lodges, of which ten flourish in the wealthy and busy town of Newcastle-upon-Tyne. It is difficult to understand the reason why no assistance is forthcoming from a centre of such vast commercial enterprise, and we can only attribute it to the want of that true Masonic *esprit de corps* which is found to blossom into the good fruit of Charity. We look in vain for Herefordshire in recent lists, if we exclude a ten guinea subscription last year, and which looks more like an individual donation than any outcome of the liberality of a Province; whilst Leicester and Rutland, which figured so respectably last year, has showed us that the effort then made was spasmodic, and could not stay. We regret to miss the good old county of Dorset, which, during the last two years, led by Bro. J. M. P. Montagu, contributed such handsome amounts. It is devoutly to be hoped that this highly-favoured county, in which we know there are some uncommonly stiff-backed Masons, will not relax their efforts on behalf

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of "Our Girls" simply because their popular Deputy Prov. Grand Master has transferred his invigorating influence to his own aristocratic London Lodge. The neighbouring county of Wilts, also bristling with staunch adherents of the Craft, and from which we have been accustomed to look for a bulky instalment, is absent; as also is Essex, which has scarcely done anything since 1875. People shrug their shoulders when North and East Yorkshire is mentioned, for, in spite of their high falutin' at home, there is very little wool amongst the much cry. The Western Division of South Wales has also this year taken its place in the rank of non-contributing Provinces, whilst the Channel Islands, Jersey, and the Isle of Man are in their usual place, enjoying a serenity which is only broken by a hundred-guinea contribution from Jersey two years ago. Having dismissed the sixteen districts which, by their laxity, have missed the privilege of ministering to the happiness of our little maidens, it is pleasing to direct attention to those active Provinces that have helped to swell Bro. Hedges's list to so gratifying a degree this year. West Lancashire, the ever open-handed, opens the ball with the magnificent sum of £594 17s, of which Bro. Robert Wylie, who represented the Province, brought up a hundred guineas; Bro. W. C. Deeley, on behalf of the Sefton Lodge, No. 680, Liverpool, £126; and Bro. Thomas Salter, of the Merchants' Lodge, No. 241, Liverpool, £115 10s. From the same city Bro. H. R. Robertson, of the St. George's Lodge, figures with the goodly total of £53; whilst the young Architects' Lodge, No. 1375, of Didsbury, is to be congratulated upon enabling their Bro. G. D. Pochin to come up with a substantial £48 6s. It may be urged that from the second seaport in the kingdom we have a right to look for large assistance, and in this assertion we agree; but comparing Liverpool with other flourishing ports, such as Hull, Bristol, and Newcastle, we cannot but admit that our West Lancashire brethren have acquitted themselves like men. West Yorkshire, which last year led the van, and swelled the lists by the splendid contribution of £900, has hardly come up to the average at this Festival, although we must not grumble at the "willing horse" that has done so much for our various Charities in times gone by. Scarcely ever is the name of West Yorkshire missed from the annual summary of any of the Institutions, and the stalwart aid they have rendered now for so many years past entitles the Province to the appellation of one of the mainsprings of Masonic benevolence. Taking the last five Festivals for the Girls' School, our brethren in that Province have subscribed no less than £3,161 8s, or an average of a little over £632 on each occasion. And whilst doing so they have by no means overlooked the other calls upon their attention and help. Looking over the lists of the four Festivals for the Boys' School, we see they have averaged over £611 at each, making an aggregate in the time mentioned of £2,445 5s 11d. At the Benevolent Festivals they, moreover, have contributed £2,425 15s, or an average of nearly £500 at each. Bro. Wordsworth, the Vice-Chairman of the County Committee, slightly differs from us in the figures which we again quote, but we take our amounts from the lists published officially after each successive Festival, and irrespective of any sums which may be sent up afterwards. It is quite possible, therefore, that Bro. Wordsworth, whose letter we published in March, may be correct, but in this analysis we deal, as we have said, alone on the merits of the lists published after the Festivals. At all events, the result is a grand one for West Yorkshire, which must once again be dubbed "good and faithful servant." Fifteen only out of the sixty-six Lodges were represented last week, but evidently the system which has been so admirably worked in past years will continue to be productive of good and enlarged results. Would that the spirit animating the West Yorkshire folk could be caught by the dwellers in the North and East Ridings. A comparison in this case would indeed be "odious," and if the brethren to whom we allude have not been made to blush ere this, for their mean support of the Charities, we fear nothing we can say will make them. We alluded some time back to a scheme which the Deputy Prov. Grand Master has under consideration for establishing some system of charity in his district, and we wish him all success. Past results, however, bid us fear that our worthy Bro. Dr. Bell will not have a too eager following, for the "sturdy beggars" in North and East Yorkshire may be counted on the fingers, and the result of their labours even more readily dismissed. Kent, with its forty-three Lodges, comes third in order on the Girls' list this year, with a total of £408 3s 6d, as against £77 7s at the last Festival. Six Lodges were represented, Bro. James D. Terson, of the Peace and Harmony Lodge, No. 199, at Dover, brings up the "cock score" of his Province, in the shape of a cheque for £180 7s 0d; Brother H. A. Lovett, of the Acacia Lodge, No. 1314, Bromley, follows with £73 10s; Bro. A. F. S. Bird, of the Wellington Lodge, No. 784, Deal, with £68 15s 6d; Bro. H. Tuff, of St. Michael's, No. 1273, Sittingbourne, with £68 5s; and Bro. E. J. Dodd, of the Amherst Lodge, No. 1223, Westerham, with £16 16s. There is yet one list to come in, from Bro. W. Etheridge, of the Sydney Lodge, No. 829, Sidcup; so that, altogether, we may mentally shake hands with the men of Kent; and congratulate them upon the healthy spirit of charity by which they are actuated. Next in the order of merit is the aristocratic county of Warwickshire, which as a Province has for years manifested an unwavering interest in our Institutions. Eight out of the thirty Lodges were represented at last week's Festival, the total amount subscribed being £379 2s against £207 18s last year, when no less than sixteen Stewards appeared under the same banner—that of the Athol Lodge, No. 74, Birmingham. Warwickshire has always been munificent in the support it has accorded to our Charities, and there is the additional recommendation about the work of the brethren there, namely, that it is constant and systematic. This year we also see a larger number of Lodges participating in the good work, the Shakespeare No. 284 Warwick, sending up Bro. J. G. Moore with £47 5s; the Guy's Lodge, No. 395, Leamington Priors, two Stewards (Bros. Nathaniel Merridew and Herbert Stanley) with twenty-five guineas; the Howe Lodge, No. 587, Birmingham, £28 7s per Bro. C. F. Rowe; the Bedford Lodge, No. 925, two Stewards (Bros. E. Worrall and James Stevens), with £120 15s; Edwin Handley of the Grosvenor, No. 938, Birmingham, with £47 5s; the Forward, No. 1180, with two Stewards bearing twenty guineas each; and the younger Lodges, St. Alphege, No. 1431, Warwick, £36 15s by Bro. Benjamin Allsop, and the Charity Lodge, No. 1551, Birmingham, £31 10s per Bro. Thomas Hands. Cornwall, which was not "in the swim" at all last year, sends up £377, of which our Bro. W. J. Hughan, of the Fortitude Lodge, No. 131, Truro,—a worker well known in the Craft in more senses than one,—collected no less than £367 10s. He appears to have been the only active Steward in the Province, as the £10 10s subscription by Bro. S. G. Bake, of the One and All Lodge, No. 330, of Bodmin, has the appearance of a personal gift. However, the land of pilchards and cream is apparently imbibing some of the right spirit, and no doubt if actively appealed to the rugged honest charity of "Cousin Jacky" may be still further aroused by future appeals in aid of a good cause. Staffordshire, an old friend of "the Gals," but last year conspicuous by its absence from the list, has revived its interest in the old love, and sends up this year the very respectable sum of £376 13s. When the men of pots and furnaces do work they are not half-hearted, as we see from the Sutherland Lodge, No. 451, Burslem, sending up Bro. H. Parker with £148 1s; and J. Lovell Hamshaw, of the Menturia Lodge, No. 418, and Chapter, Hanley, with £133 12s. Supplementing these amounts Bro. James Walker, of the St. Peter's Lodge, No. 419, of Wolverhampton, steps in with £94 10s; and it just shows the brethren of the other seventeen unrepresented Lodges what it is possible to do if they only put the shoulder to the wheel, as we trust they may do next year. Coming nearer home, we see the Province of Middlesex has raised its list of £177 3s 6d last year to £347 0s 6d this; and still retains its character as a constant contributor to our Institutions. Eight Lodges out of the twenty-nine, and two out of its nine Chapters, are represented, and especially must be noted the plucky manner in which our enterprising young Fellow Craft, Bro. H. B. Marshall, of the Hanover Lodge, No. 1777, Hounslow, has exerted himself in raising a total of 100 guineas for addition to the fund. It will be recollected that Bro. Marshall, as an E.A. accomplished a similar feat on behalf of the Benevolent Institution, and it shows that evidently he has entered into the Craft with a thorough and proper determination to uphold the most cardinal of our principles, in a continuance of which work all the brethren will wish him good speed. Gloucestershire also shows an improvement upon last year's effort, the total sent up being £312 19s, as against £229 16s in 1878.

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The Baron de Ferrieres, whose presence at many of our more prominent gatherings of late has shown his zeal for Masonry, has, by his own personal effort, brought up no less than £99 15s, whilst Colonel H. Basevi, representing the Province, was prepared with a list bearing a total of £64 1s. The Cotteswold Lodge, No. 592, Cirencester, enabled Bro. John Hyde to be the bearer of £53 11s; the Sympathy, No. 855, Wotton-under-Edge, proved its claim to the title by subscribing £43 1s to Bro. F. J. Blake's list; and the Royal Forest of Dean Lodge, No. 1067, Newnham-on-Severn, entrusted to Bro. R. J. Kerr the sum of £52 11s. East Lancashire, whose herculean effort for the Benevolent Institution last February filled us all with such pride and pleasure, has, in spite of the noble subscription of nearly four thousand pounds to the "Old People," nearly quadrupled its last year's quota to the Girls' School, the amount being set down at £285 1s. Of this Bro. C. F. Matier, on behalf of the Province, brought up £222 1s; and Captain H. A. Bennett, representing the Friendship No. 44, and Social, No. 62, Lodges of Manchester, brought up the total by a list of £63. Durham, whom we had not the pleasure of noticing last year, comes forward in the person of Bro. C. S. Lane, of the Harbour of Refuge Lodge, No. 764, of West Hartlepool, and although he alone appears out of the twenty-five Lodges in the Province, he is down for the very commendable figure of £277 17s. That Bro. Lane could have done so much, single-handed, should be an incentive to the remainder of the brethren to follow so excellent an example. The county of Somerset has been uniformly generous, as we lately took occasion to point out; and although the list is this year slightly below that of 1878, yet £247 16s is a very fair sum for a Province which has held its own so well in days gone by. The Lodges seem to have subscribed to one list only, and Bro. General H. E. Doherty, C.B., as Steward for the Province, was thus enabled to put in a very respectable appearance. The adjoining county of Devon—land of cider, clotted cream, and apple dumplings—comes next in order, with £242 1s, against a trifle less than £30 last year. This can hardly be regarded as a satisfactory return for the second largest county in England, containing such centres as the city of Exeter, and towns of Plymouth, Torquay, Newton Abbott, &c., comprising no less than 47 Lodges. However, we recollect good deeds in the past by our Devonian brethren, in aid of the various Institutions, and congratulate them upon the improvement they have evidenced this year in favour of the Girls' School. The same remarks apply to Sussex, whose list of less than £30 last year has been multiplied to £232 1s this. Though only three out of its twenty Lodges are represented, yet the amounts are good, Bro. Gerard Ford, of the Royal Clarence, No. 271, Brighton, bringing up £90 6s; Bro. S. Solomon, of the Panmure, No. 723, Aldershot, £65 2s; and Bro. Geo. de Paris, of the Yarborough, No. 811, Brighton, £76 13s. Cheshire seldom misses the opportunity of showing her due desire to help forward the work of charity; and this year sends nearly a hundred pounds more than last, the total of the list from this Province being £232 1s. No fewer than seven Stewards united to represent the St. John's Lodge, No. 104, of Stockport, and their combined efforts resulted in the collection of £126. The Mersey Lodge, No. 477, of Birkenhead, through its two Stewards (Bros. John Dutton and W. Bennett) subscribed £78 15s; whilst the Zetland Lodge, No. 537, Birkenhead, placed £75 12s in the hands of Bro. J. P. Platt. There is a list yet to come in from the Warren Lodge, No. 1276, Liscard, and which will augment the already satisfactory return from the county famed for its excellent cheeses. The Province of Berks and Bucks—if it is still fair to couple the two counties together, and award both credit for what one does—is always somewhere in the list, though this time for a small sum—not a fourth of what it was last year. The reason for this is not far to seek, for it is well known that our Berkshire brethren have always to fight the battle single-handed and without assistance from Bucks. There are seventeen Lodges in the two counties presided over by Sir D. Gooch, Bart., M.P., but of these only three are represented, and their numbers are repeated on every occasion. We refer to the Loyal Berkshire Lodge of Hope, No. 574, of Newbury, and the Windsor Castle Lodge, No. 771, the former of which, through Bro. Stephen Knight, sends £21 10s 6d, and the latter, per Bro. W. V. Brown, has a list yet to come in, and the amount of which could not of course be stated at the Festival. In addition to these, the Etonian Lodge, No. 209, of Windsor, has this year come forward, through Bro. R. Roberts, with £29 8s; we can only express a hope that more earnest and united effort, with a display of more brotherly feeling between the two sections of the Province, may result in a decidedly improved list in the future. Herts, represented by four out of its eleven Lodges, contributes £144 2s, just the amount within a shilling they sent to the Benevolent Institution last February. More than a moiety of this sum is brought up by Bro. F. Venables, of the Gladsmuir Lodge, No. 1385, of Barnet, and we notice—under the "Miscellaneous" head—the list of another of its members, £63. Bro. Morgan only decided on acting as Steward three days before the Festival, and consequently had no time to consult his Lodge. Bro. J. Tydeman, of the King Harold Lodge, No. 1327, of Waltham New-town, has a list of £54 12s. The other two Lodges were the Halsey, of St. Albans, represented by Bro. Isaac N. Edwards—who by-the-bye has earned for himself on this, as on a previous occasion, the Irishman's compliment for bringing up the smallest list—and the King Henry VIII., Hemel Hempstead. We are glad to see the Province of Worcester figuring on the Girls' list—for the first time—at all events during the existence of this journal. The county seems to have persistently abstained from recognising the important duty of helping forward any of our Charities of late years; but as we ventured to hope, on the advent of a new and active Prov. Grand Master, Sir E. A. H. Lechmere, Bart., a more hopeful state of things has set in. The first sign of renewed life was manifested at the Benevolent Festival, when it sent up the modest sum of forty guineas. This, however, has happily begotten further efforts, and Bro. Hedges will have been very thankful to receive the substantial sum of £141 15s, as an earnest of better things in store. The Welsh Provinces remain also *in statu quo*, so far as the amounts sent in go, though relatively there is a difference in the charitable barometer of each compared with last year. The Eastern division of South Wales has rather cooled in its interest in the Girls' School, the Province entrusting to the hands of Bro. Phillips a hundred guineas, as against the £117 12s brought up by Bro. Tennant in 1878, whilst the Western division, so lavish in its generosity last year, is not in the list at all. On the other hand, North Wales, with Salop, has advanced from a ten guineas subscription to a very comfortable £66 3s, which is brought up by Bro. Ephraim Wood from the Province, and which we may expect to find augmented when the list promised by Bro. Thomas Coxhead, of the Caradoc Lodge, No. 1674, Rhyl, comes in. Hants and the Isle of Wight seldom fail to make a show, and although their contribution to the Girls' School is a trifle below that of last year, yet we must not forget that the Province has lately sent a substantial help to Bro. Terry, and that on nearly all occasions it has been well to the fore. Four only out of the thirty Lodges are represented, and three of these make up a total of £99 15s 6d. Of this sum Bro. A. Barfield, of the Medina Lodge, No. 35, Cowes, brought up £47 5s; Bro. J. R. Hayman, of the Phœnix, No. 257, Portsmouth, £10 10s 6d; and Bro. Richard Eve, of the Panmure, Aldershot, forty guineas, in addition to Bro. Solomon's Sussex contribution for the same Lodge of £65 2s. Besides these sums, there is a list still to come in, and we trust Bro. Edwin Izod, of the United Brothers, No. 1069, Southsea, may be as successful as he himself could wish to be. Five out of the nine Oxfordshire Lodges appear on the list with a total of £96 12s, being about £50 less than last year; whilst Derby and Monmouthshire each contribute £63, both manifesting a decided improvement upon former efforts. Suffolk has only been absent at one of the last fourteen Festivals, and although the amount sent up from this Province—£49 7s—is below the average, it nevertheless proves the constant interest in the welfare of the School which is taken by the brethren. The Abbey Lodge, No. 1592, of Bury St. Edmunds, champions the nineteen Lodges of the Province, in the person of Bro. W. J. Nunn, and we hope to see other Stewards appearing with like credit at no very remote future. Two Stewards were sent by Surrey, out of eighteen Lodges, and their total of £48 6s is a trifling advance on the effort of 1878. Bristol appears for the first time since 1875, and contributes, per Bro. Bowden, £37 16s—not a great amount certainly, seeing there are eight Lodges of reputed prosperity in that wealthy commercial city. Lincolnshire is represented by what appears to be a personal donation of twenty guineas from Bro. James Fowler, of Louth, the

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well-known ecclesiastical architect; and Nottingham plays the same part as it did at the Benevolent Festival, viz., enters the name of one of its nine Lodges, the Royal Sussex, No. 402, of Nottingham, with Bro. Jacoby as the Steward, but with no amount named. We should not omit to mention, in closing our summary, that Major Marmaduke Ramsey, a zealous Mason, brings from India £51 5s, which swells the Provincial contributions to the grand total of £5,826.

THE LATE FESTIVAL OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

The following amounts have been received since our last issue:—

			£	s.	d.
Lodge No.	6	Prescott, Sir G. Bart.	21	0	0
" "	172	Watson, John	40	17	0
" "	402	Jacoby, C. T.	10	10	0
" "	771	Brown, W. V.	21	0	0
" "	829	Etheridge, William	10	10	0
Unattached		Mason, John	10	10	0
Lodge No. 444 & Rose of Devon Conclave, Exeter.		Woodman, W. R., M.D. Amount of List - 127 1 0 Announced in error - 103 10 0	23	11	0
		Various additions to Lists	28	5	6
			£166	3	6

PORTLAND LODGE, No. 1037.

THE new quarters into which the brethren of Portland Lodge have just entered was opened on the 14th inst. by the Right Worshipful P.G.M. Bro. Montagu Guest, assisted by the D.P.G.M. Bro. B. Gundry and his Officers. This Lodge was consecrated on the 11th January 1865, at a room belonging to the Breakwater Hotel, but within two years of its being opened an effort was made to remove it to a private building, which failed, as did also another attempt made two or three years later. After a further lapse of two or three years, the effort to remove the Lodge was again revived, but owing principally to want of energy and perseverance on the part of the mover and seconder, this attempt shared the same fate as the previous ones. In June of last year, however, a proposition was made by Bro. Vickery, the Secretary, seconded by the Senior Warden, Bro. Cook, that the Lodge should be removed to private rooms. The proposition met with determined opposition from a few members of the Lodge, but a large majority were in favour of removal, and this time fortune smiled on their endeavours, for just then a new building was being erected close to the railway station for Worshipful Brother Howard, who was the first Master of Portland Lodge. A Committee was formed, and duly deputed to wait upon Bro. Howard, when the state of affairs was laid before him, and it was urged that if the Lodge was not removed to private quarters there would be a division amongst its members, which disaster might be averted by his allowing the building, then in course of erection, to be converted into a Masonic Hall. Negociations were carried on for some time, and these eventually closed by Bro. Howard granting consent that the building should be used for Masonic purposes. Since then the work in connection with it has been carried on with great energy by the builder, the result of this is that Portland has now a Lodge-room of which both its members and the Province may well be proud. The building consists of a fine room on the second storey, and beneath are an ante-room, banquetting-hall and requisite offices. The Lodge was opened by the W.M. of No. 1307 and his Officers, at 2.15, and after a little instruction the Lodge was called off at 2.30. At three it re-assembled, and at 3.15 the Grand Lodge was received in due form, the P.G.M. occupying the throne, and his Officers taking charge of the Lodge. The P.G.M. then called upon the W.M. of the Portland Lodge to produce his authority from Grand Lodge and Prov. Grand Lodge for the removal. The Prov. Grand Master having been satisfied that every requisite had been complied with, the room was duly declared open for the purposes of Freemasonry. The W.M. of 1037 thanked the P.G.M. for his kindness in opening the Lodge, after which he gave an account as to the causes which had led to its removal, saying the Removal Committee had been greatly assisted in their work by the P.G.M. himself, who, in his address at the Prov. Grand Lodge held at Poole, strongly impressed upon the brethren the advisability of holding their meetings in private rooms. He there stated there were but three Lodges in his Province who had not made this provison, and hoped the day would soon come when he should be able to say every Lodge in his Province had a building of its own. He (the W.M.) as well as his Officers and brethren, and more especially our worthy Bro. and first Master, W. Bro. Howard, had endeavoured to do all they could to make the room worthy of Freemasonry, and he hoped it met with approval. The Prov. Grand Master expressed the pleasure which the opening of their beautiful Lodge-room had afforded him; observing when he delivered his address at Poole he little thought there were brethren present who would respond so quickly, in such a hearty manner, as those at Portland had done. It was a source of congratulation to himself, and must be so to the numerous brethren present, to find that some of them, at all events, had the welfare of Masonry so much at heart as to induce them to build such a fine room as that they were assembled in. He only hoped others would follow the good example. He was more than pleased with what he had seen that day; he had had an opportunity on two previous occasions during the past year of visiting this Lodge unawares, and seeing the efficient way in which the W.M. carried on his duty. He congratulated the members on the masterly and business-like manner in which the duties of the Lodge were performed, and expressed a hope he should have an opportunity of paying them another visit shortly. He then requested the W.M. of 1037 to take possession of the chair, which was done. The W.M. of 1037 placed his officers in possession of the Lodge. The P.G. Chaplain then offered prayer, after which the hymn commencing—

"Supreme Grand Master, God of Power,"

was sung. The Lodge was afterwards addressed by the D.P.G.M., as also by G. S. Warden Bro. Gregory (Dorchester), C. J. T. Hambro S.D. and W.M. of Blandford Lodge, Bros. Windham P.G.S.W., Howard P.G.S., Best W.M. of Wareham Lodge, Harrison sen. P.M. of Poole, Bond, and others. The W.M. of 1037 proposed a vote of thanks to the Removal Committee, he should not close the Lodge without thanking them for their exertions. Especially he would mention the names of Bro. Ratcliffe P.M. and Treasurer, and Bro. Vickery Sec., who had spared neither time nor trouble in bringing this successful result about. Bro. Ratcliffe said it had given him great pleasure to work in behalf of the brethren of the Portland Lodge; this was further enhanced by seeing them in their own Lodge room that day. Bro. Vickery, as the mover of the proposition for the removal of the Lodge, had taken great interest in the matter since it was brought forward. Although he at first met with unpleasantness, he was well backed up by the brethren of the Lodge, and the work he had completed more than repaid him; he felt it might meet with what might be termed almost unanimous approval. He was very thankful to say they were now almost come to the end of their labours, being now landed in their new home. A great deal of the credit of this was due to the P.G.M., for had he not made the "happy speech" which he did at Poole, he (Bro. Vickery) would not have had weapons to fight with. The concluding hymn, beginning—

"Now the evening shadows closing"

was then sung, a prayer offered, and the Lodge was declared duly closed. Some idea of the size of the new Lodge room, may be gathered when we state that seventy-six brethren signed the attendance book and attended Lodge. The brethren afterwards adjourned to the Victoria Hotel, where Brother Hodson had provided a splendid banquet, to which sixty-seven sat down. The chair was occupied by the R.W. Prov. Grand Master, and the usual Masonic toasts were given and responded to, as also the health of the W.M. of 1037 and those of other Lodges. The Charities were not forgotten, and five guineas was collected in the room so as to make the W.M. a Life Subscriber to one of the Institutions. The W.M. thanked the brethren for their kindness, but said he would rather the money collected had been given to the benevolent fund of the Lodge in the usual way, as there were now two schemes started for getting subscriptions to Masonic Charities. He hoped by next month this Lodge would have placed no less a sum than sixty guineas to their credit for the various Masonic Charities, no mean sum, he thought, for a Lodge of under fifty members, and, comparatively speaking, not rich. By the end of the year he hoped the Lodge would have thirty-one votes for the Masonic Institutions. The P.G.M. started the subscription by giving ten guineas on his first visit to the Lodge this year. The toasts of visiting members from other Provinces, as also of Officers belonging to Portland Lodge were given, and a very enjoyable day was brought to a close, the party leaving by the nine o'clock train for Weymouth *en route* for home. In response to requests the Secretary made for the purpose of getting up a suitable service for the opening of the Lodge Bro. H. J. Atkins, of Northampton, kindly sent a beautiful opening and closing hymn, used in his Lodge, and which for the future will be adopted by the Portland Lodge. During the banquet the band of the Boscawen, by the kind permission of the officers, performed a selection of music, which was greatly admired. Great credit is due to Mr. F. J. Brooks, the bandmaster, for the able manner in which he has trained the lads composing the band.

We are pleased to observe that Bro. William G. Wingrove I.P.M. of the Lodge of Emulation, No. 299, has succeeded to the proprietorship of the well-known and old established Northumberland Arms Hotel, at Isleworth, where it is evident, by his experienced tact and judgment, he is most likely to succeed. We dropped in upon him on Wednesday last, and found the great house filled with revelry, on the occasion of the Duke of Northumberland's Court Leet, and when, under the extraordinary pressure of three public dinners in one afternoon, Bro. and Mrs. Wingrove, as may be expected, had their hands pretty full. However, we heard on all sides expressions of unbounded satisfaction with the manner in which the new proprietor had entered upon his duties; and if Bro. Wingrove only follows in the course which rendered his occupation of the Pier Hotel, at Greenhithe, so satisfactory to his patrons and profitable to himself, we may look for a lease of renewed success to this commodious and well-appointed hotel in Isleworth, which by active working cannot fail soon to secure its old prestige.

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"OLD AND NEW LONDON."

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The above-named highly-interesting work, especially interesting to those who know something of the *ins and outs* of London, contains some references to Masons and Masonic subjects, some of which are entirely new to me, and as the author gives no information whatever whence he derived his statements concerning these topics, I deem it my duty to call attention thereto, hoping that either yourself, or some other brother, will make enquiries of the author of "Old and New London" concerning the sources of his Masonic information. On page 272, Vol. I., I find the following paragraph:—

"During the building of St. Paul's, Wren was the zealous Master of St. Paul's Freemasons' Lodge, which assembled at the Goose and Gridiron; one of the most ancient Lodges in London. He presided regularly at its meetings for upwards of eighteen years, he presented the Lodge with three beautifully-carved mahogany candlesticks, and the trowel and mallet which he used in laying the first stone of the great Cathedral in 1675. In 1688 Wren was elected Grand Master of the Order, and he nominated his old fellow-workers at St. Paul's, Cibber the sculptor, and Strong the Master Mason, Grand Wardens. *In Queen Anne's reign there were* 129 *Lodges—eighty-six in London, thirty-six in provincial cities, and seven abroad.* Many of the oldest Lodges in London are in the neighbourhood of St. Paul's."

The above paragraph is mainly taken from Preston's work, except the part which I italicise, viz.:—"In Queen Anne's reign," &c. These 129 Lodges, and their division, are new to me; if you cannot throw light upon the subject, nor any of your correspondents, Mr. Walter Thornbury, the author of "Old and New London," should be questioned about it.

On page 28 of the same Vol. we have the narrative of Christopher Sayer, a very foolish lawyer, a *Jacobite*, who was hanged for treason 1722, and whose head was, in accordance with the then fashion, placed at the top of Temple Bar. In 1753 a storm threw down the rebel's skull; Mr. Pierce, another foolish Jacobite lawyer (though not quite as foolish as the original owner of the skull), picked it up and carried it home. Dr. Richard Rawlinson, who, I regret to say, was a more foolish Jacobite than lawyer Pierce, bought of Pierce the skull for a good sum, and requested in his will to have the said skull placed in his right hand when he was in his coffin, and that he should be so buried. The general belief was that poor Rawlinson was cheated by Pierce, that the skull buried with him was not Sayer's skull at all. But, be this as it may, our author adds:—"Rawlinson was bantered by Addison in one of the *Tatlers* for his pedantry, and was praised by Dr. Johnson for his learning."

Had the name of Dr. Richard Rawlinson been unknown to me, I might have passed it over without any notice; for it is not very uncommon to find learning and pedantry combined in the same individual; such instances may even be found among Masonic writers. But I happened to recollect that Dr. Rawlinson was a very zealous Mason, who was a member of several Lodges, who left a number of Masonic curiosities which are preserved in the Bodleian Library at Oxford, one of whose MSS. was published by Bro. Hughan in his "Old Charges." A List of the English Lodges, compiled by Bro. Rawlinson in 1733, furnished me additional and very important evidence, that the then No. 79 on the English Lodge List did not belong to a Lodge located at Philadelphia; and, however foolish I deemed Bro. Rawlinson to have been on account of *Jacobitish* proclivity, and however much I may indulge now and then to expose the follies of Masonic brethren, yet, somehow or other, I feel a kind of nettled when an outsider attacks a Mason. So I rushed to the *Tatler*, but I could not find the name of Rawlinson therein. I knew, however, that the writers in the *Tatler* used to disguise names, and therefore did not give up hope of ultimately finding out what I wished to do. But I found another obstacle to the statement in "Old and New London;" our Masonic Cyclopædists date the birth of Rawlinson "1690." The *Tatler* was written in 1709; consequently, Rawlinson must have been then only nineteen years old. I could not, therefore, understand how the great Addison, in his prime, could stoop to insult in the *Tatler* a boy of nineteen. To be brief, I subsequently found in Chalmers' Biographical Dictionary, Vol. XXVI., Rawlinson's biography, as well as those of his father and of his elder brother, both of whom were named Thomas, and that in No. 158 in the *Tatler* Addison pitched unmercifully into "Tom Folio;" which I must say, with good reason, is supposed to refer to Thomas Rawlinson, the brother of *our brother* Richard Rawlinson. The author of "Old and New London" evidently made a mistake here.

About three years ago I found the following letter in the *Gentleman's Magazine* of the last century; I forget the precise year, but I think it was after 1780:—

"Mr. URBAN,—I beg the favour of some of your intelligent correspondents, to point out a descriptive account of that most ridiculous procession of the 'Scald Miserable Masons' in 1744 [ought to be 1742], an engraving of which I remember to have seen. The projector of that procession, I have been told, was the late Paul Whitehead, who, to gratify some pique against the Freemasons, who till then used to have a grand annual Masonic procession, set it on foot, and so contrived it that the two processions met each other, I believe where Somerset House then stood, and at which place the drawing represents them."

Bro. Walter Spencer in 1869 kindly presented me with a reprint of a picture corresponding with the above description, at the bottom of which the following is printed:—

"SOUTH FRONT OF OLD SOMERSET HOUSE IN 1742.
"*Copied from the view of the grand procession of the Scald Miserable Masons.*"

The said mock procession was doubtless a source of disgust to the brethren in 1742; no Masonic procession has been seen in London since then, and even in the country Masonic processions are restricted. William Preston got into trouble for merely crossing the street from his Lodge-room to a church with his apron on; the author of "Old and New London," as I shall presently show, still cherishes an indignant feeling towards Whitehead, for his insult to the Grand Lodge of England. But, nevertheless, I venture to assert, that we ought to be thankful to Whitehead for what he did in 1742. Our Irish American fellow citizens, who like the Masons on St. John's days, used to turn out here on St. Patrick's Day in public procession, with bands of music, banners, &c. Some of them even imitated our *so-called* Knights Templar, by wearing *cocked hats*, collars, sashes, and brandishing swords, &c. But last year, the more sensible Irish citizens persuaded the others to discontinue that mediæval *tom-foolery*, and no St. Patrick's procession took place in Boston this year. Our Masons, however, who must stick to *ancient landmarks*, no matter how ridiculous they are, still continue to make fools of themselves on St. John's Day, and upon other occasions, by their public displays, to the disgust of our more enlightened brethren. In the last century the Masonic processions provoked a writer who ridiculed the Masons in two satirical poems: and several articles condemning those processions appeared within a few years in our magazines, but all to no purpose. Thanks, therefore, to Mr. Paul Whitehead for having cured the English Masons of the folly of public processions, and he richly deserves a monument to be placed in Freemasons' Hall for the good services he rendered to the Craft in 1742.

"Old and New London" gives another version of a mock Masonic procession. The author says:—

"It was this Whitehead, with Carey, the surgeon to the Prince of Wales, who got up the mock procession in ridicule of the Freemasons' annual cavalcade from Brook-street to Haberdashers' Hall. The ribald procession consisted of shoeblacks and chimney sweeps, in carts drawn by asses, followed by a mourning coach, with six horses, each of a different colour. The city authorities very properly refused to let them pass through Temple Bar, but they waited there, and saluted the Masons. Hogarth published a print of the "Scald miserables," which is dull, and even coarse. The Prince of Wales, with more good sense than usual, dismissed Carey for his buffoonery." (Vol. I. p 99).

The description above given corresponds with a plate I saw at Bro. Spencer's establishment, a copy of which may be seen in "Hone's Every Day Book," Vol. II. p 523. At the bottom of the picture is printed

"THE SOLEMN AND STATELY PROCESSION
"*Of the Scald Miserable Masons,*

"As it was martiall'd on Thursday, *the* 18 *of this instant* April."

It is evident that the two mock processions were got up by the same party, but as the one I last described does not mention the year, there is some doubt as to which of the two is the older. Mr. Hone thought that his picture and description of the procession took place before 1742. We have, however, one clue to discover the year, viz., the year when the 18th of April was on Thursday, and if my authority is right, the 18th April was on Thursday in 1745. Bro. S. D. Nickerson, in the "New England Freemason," Vol. I. p 529, states, upon the authority of Dr. Oliver, that the procession described by Hone took place some time after 1742. So far, Dr. Oliver may be right, but not so in the following quotation:—"Anderson," says Oliver (as quoted by Bro. Nickerson) "thus notices the circumstance":—

"Some unfaithful brethren, disappointed in their expectations of the high offices and honours of the Society, had joined a number of buffoons of the day in a scheme to exhibit a mockery of the public procession to the grand feast. This, as may well be supposed, furnished mirth to the gaping crowd, and disgust to the Fraternity, who, wisely recollecting themselves, determined in future to confine their operations within the limits of their own assembly."

Bro. Nickerson probably copied the above from Oliver's "Revelations of a Square," but as I could not find the above in Anderson's own writings, we may put it down to Oliver's invention; for if, as Oliver says, the procession, with mourning coach and carts drawn by asses, took place after 1742, Anderson could not have objected to either of the processions, because *Anderson was dead and buried years before either of the said processions took place.*

It is probable that Mr. Thornbury belongs to the Craft; but whether he does or not, he ought to be interviewed by some intelligent Mason. We ought to learn from whence he derived the statement about the 129 Lodges in Queen Anne's time; as well as his information about Whitehead, Carey, and the Prince of Wales. One so extensively read in antiquarian lore may be in possession of other sources of information that would be interesting to Masons. I hope, therefore, that some brother will feel interested enough to take my hint, and I shall only add that "Old and New London" is published by Messrs. Cassell, Petter, and Galpin, where I have no doubt Mr. Thornbury's address could be ascertained.

Fraternally yours,

JACOB NORTON.

Boston, 25th April 1879.

P.S.—Since the above was written, I ascertained that the 18th

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of April 1745 was on *Thursday*; and the Grand Lodge marched in procession on that day, preceded by three "sets of musick," from Brand's Head Tavern to Drapers' Hall. *This was the last Masonic procession which took place in London.* At the meeting of the Grand Lodge in 1747 (the Constitutions say), "A motion was then made to discontinue, for the future, the *Procession of March*, which was carried *nemine con.*" (See Constitutions. "Printed for G. Kearsly, in Ludgate-street, London," 1769.

It is evident, then, that the procession described by Hone took place on Thursday, 18th April 1745. J. N.

"WHICH IS CORRECT?"

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—"As the sound of the trumpet to the war horse" is the "Editorial" under the above heading in your last week's impression to me, and I can do no less than respond to the call to further battle on behalf of the good cause of purifying Masonic ritual and observance.

The correspondence to which you refer will be found in the pages of your journal between the dates of 11th September and 16th December of the year 1876, since when all reference thereto has ceased until now. I find, on careful re-perusal, that a considerable number of interesting subjects were then submitted for the consideration and determination of "workers" in Craft Masonry, and I have reason to think that in very many quarters the correspondence has borne good fruit. But on the other hand, the prejudices of many members of the Masonic Order have been permitted to stand in the way of a general acceptation of the commonsense interpretation of several portions of the ritual therein referred to, and the endeavour to substitute the light of reason for the darkness of error has been met with the awful word "Innovation!"

Nevertheless, if your "Editorial" and this letter should meet with any such response from your readers as would testify to a desire on the part of even a limited number of earnest Masons that the subject should be again discussed in your pages, it will afford me much pleasure to resume my labours to that end.

In order that the whole question may be thoroughly understood, and brethren made acquainted with the practical result sought to be attained, I will briefly recapitulate a few past events which bear upon the subject. On the 27th March 1869, I inserted in the pages of your contemporary, the *Freemason*, a letter under the heading "Uniformity of Working," in which I directed attention to the great and important differences existing in the ceremonials as conducted in various Lodges, both Metropolitan and Provincial. This letter produced an amount of personal correspondence which, although it startled me by its extent, and involved more labour than I had contemplated, proved how very deeply Freemasons of every rank felt the importance of the proposals submitted. Consequently, at the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge in December 1869, which was more largely attended than any previous meeting, our present Royal Grand Master being then installed as Past Grand Master, I proposed, "That with a view to securing greater uniformity of working and observance of the same usages and customs throughout the several Lodges held under the authority of the Grand Lodge of England, a Committee of Past Masters be appointed to inquire into the merits of the respective systems of working now in practice, and to report to Grand Lodge thereon, with such recommendations as they may think necessary to prevent deviation from the established mode, such deviations being, according to the Constitutions of Freemasonry, improper, and not to be justified or countenanced." This proposition was carried without a single dissentient, and I had reason to think success would assuredly crown my efforts. But, alas! for the mutability of all mundane aspirations; after further labour, and kind and hearty assistance from staunch Masonic friends, a cold wind arose in the East, and presently dried up the fertile ground and withered the branches of the young and promise-bearing tree. The appointment of the proposed committee was adjourned *sine die*, for what reason I never could account, and the proposition yet stands on the minutes of Grand Lodge awaiting a "raising," which I still hope will one day be accorded to it. Between 1870 and 1876 only casual reference was made to this matter in our Masonic publications, and then you kindly gave insertion to my first letter under the heading "Which is correct?" To the correspondence which resulted I now refer your readers, and if they will only show sufficient interest it may probably induce me to publish the same in pamphlet form for distribution amongst our Lodges and Lodges of Instruction.

In a report (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE 3rd May) of the Wellington Lodge of Instruction at Deptford, I read that the W.M. on that occasion, Bro. Bumstead P.M. and P.Z., expressed his "deep regret at a practice which, of late years, had become common amongst Preceptors of Lodges of Instruction, of introducing phraseology of their own in the working of the ceremonies, instead of employing the *ancient and recognised ritual*." (The italics are mine). Exactly so! but what *is* the "ancient and recognised ritual?" Bro. So-and-so says *he* works it, but Brother Knowbetter says So-and-so is wrong. And again Bro. Leader says both are in error. Who is to decide when Preceptors disagree? Surely not Bro. Novice, twelve months a Master Mason, who not infrequently assumes superior knowledge to the practised veteran of twice twelve years Past Mastership!

And this again reminds me of the fact that there is something connected with the growth of our Order which is certainly *not* correct. I mean the facility with which junior members of Lodges, hardly fledged, as it were, can leave their parent Lodges, and obtaining warrants for new Lodges, become Wardens and Masters without having undergone the necessary preliminary discipline, or having the requisite instruction to fit them for such exalted positions. But that it would appear to be an impertinent interference with the prerogative of the M.W.G.M. (of which, nevertheless, I have my doubts), I should have no hesitation in proposing to Grand Lodge that no petition should be considered unless all the petitioners had been at the date of petition Master Masons for at least three years, and that of their number three of them should have served the office of Warden. I could adduce instances of Lodges established without such foundation which have not prospered, and I know of a Warrant, said to be lately granted, the W.M. designate of which cannot work the opening and closing of a Lodge. True, it is to be very select, and highly respectable, but for all that the chances are against its being a credit to the Order as an exponent of the working of Freemasonry.

I must not take up more of your space by further comment now, but hope to address you again on these and cognate subjects. To all those brethren who think with me that the end in view is not altogether unattainable, I appeal for support and advice in the search for information "which is correct," and I shall be very pleased indeed if any should deem my remarks important enough to be criticised. I take no offence at well meant criticism, if only my critics "fight fair," and are as single minded as I desire to be.

Meanwhile, to resume the old style in which my letters of 1876 terminated; in illustrating the ornaments of a Lodge Preceptor No. 1 says, the *Mosaic* pavement is the beautiful flooring, &c. Preceptor No. 2 says, the *Masonic* pavement, &c., &c. This example of divergence may not be so important as those formerly set out, but it is worth while knowing—Which is correct?

Yours truly and fraternally,

JAMES STEVENS, P.M., P.Z.

Clapham, 19th May 1879.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In common with many others, greatly regretted the abrupt termination of the interesting correspondence which appeared in your columns some two years since under the above heading. There can be no doubt that Bro. Stevens did good Masonic service at that time by calling attention to the many discrepancies in ceremonial ritual, and endeavouring to elicit the opinions of the Craft generally with a view to correct errors.

If our brother is still as earnest in the cause of Freemasonry as, from the frequent notices of his continued labours in the several degrees, I have reason to believe he is, it is to be hoped your reference to his former work may induce him to resume the subject. Should he do so, I feel assured he will not want support, and he may certainly rely on the consideration and thanks of many of his brethren.

Yours fraternally,

A MASTER MASON.

20th May 1879.

CONSECRATION OF ZION LODGE, No. 1798.

THIS ceremony was performed on the 12th May 1879, at the Hulme Town Hall, Manchester, by Bro. G. W. Mellor D.P.G.M. East Lancashire, Rev. E. H. Aldridge P.G. Chaplain, Bro. W. Kenyon P.G.S.W., J. J. Lancashire P.G.J.W., John Salmon P.G.D.C., J. H. Sillittoe P.P.G.D.C., Edward Hardon P.G.S.D., Bro. Newton Acting P.G. Secretary East Lancashire, Thomas Mitchell P.G. Tyler; many Past Provincial Grand Officers from neighbouring Provinces, Past Masters from neighbouring Lodges, and about seventy brethren. The musical arrangements were in the hands of Bro. Dumville P.M. and other brethren. A Craft Lodge was opened at 2·30 p.m. Lodge having been raised to third degree, Provincial Grand Lodge was announced. The brethren saluted the D.P.G.M. and Officers, according to ancient custom. Warrants having been presented, Bro. Sillittoe P.P.G.D.C. then delivered an interesting and eloquent oration on the Origin and Objects of Freemasonry. The ceremony of consecration was then performed by Bro. Mellor D.P.G.M., assisted by the P.G. Chaplain, in a most excellent and interesting manner. The chair of K.S. was then taken by Bro. M. Hart P.M. 1502, the Installing Master, when Bro. E. Nathan P.M. (W.M. designate) was presented, and received the salutations of the brethren. The W.M. invested his Officers as follow:—Bros. J. Aronsberg P.M. I.P.M., Rev. H. D. Marks S.W., D. A. Davis J.W., M. Newman Treasurer, S. Mamelock Secretary, A. M. Hart S.D., D. A. Davis J.D., S. J. Jourdaine I.G., E. Wise Steward, J. Sly Tyler. Several propositions for joining and initiation were handed in. The W.M. then rose to propose a vote of thanks to the D.P.G.M. for performing the consecration ceremony, and also to P. G. Officers for able assistance, which was received with acclamation. Bro. G. W. Mellor D.P.G.M. responded. It gave him great pleasure to be present that day, which would be a red-letter day in his Masonic career, this being the first Jewish Lodge consecrated in the Province; he wished the Lodge every prosperity. A vote of thanks was also accorded to the Blair Lodge for able assistance. Hearty good wishes were then expressed, every brother testifying to the great pleasure he had experienced in witnessing the ceremony. The Lodge was then closed in ancient form, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet room, where a most choice *menu* was provided by Bro. M. Bianco in excellent style. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, interspersed with some excellent songs, glees, &c., and a very pleasant evening was brought to a close with the Tyler's toast. It is with great pleasure we bear testimony to the excellent and efficient manner in which Bro. M. Hart P.M. performed the installation ceremony—it was simply perfection; we hope again to have the pleasure of listening to his excellent addresses. There is every prospect of this Lodge becoming very successful, as the members who have promoted it are well known in the Craft, and many influential brethren have intimated their intention of joining. We therefore wish them every success, and a prosperous career.

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CAPPER LODGE, No. 1076.

THE brethren of this well-established Lodge met at their new quarters, the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C., on the 8th inst. This was the last meeting of the season, and the confirmation of the minutes of previous meeting evoked considerable interest, and attracted a large attendance. Although there was no ceremonial working, the proceedings may be regarded as a red letter day in the annals of the Capper Lodge. For some years past this Lodge has been amongst the foremost in supporting the Charities, and during the last year, under Bro. J. White's Mastership, an appeal was made, and that successfully, to the brethren to subscribe individually a small amount to each of the three Institutions. Encouraged by success, our esteemed Bro. White I.P.M. had placed a notice of motion upon the agenda paper for the annual subscription to be increased by half a guinea, such increased amount to be devoted solely to provide a fund to secure to the Lodge Vice Presidencies of the Institutions. This notice, together with one by Bro. H. Tapley J.W., to diminish the number of meetings in the year by two, had previously been discussed, and prior to confirmation raised a long and interesting discussion. It was evident each speaker had the distinguishing characteristic of a Freemason—Charity—well at heart, and the discussion came to a creditable and satisfactory termination under W. Bro. F. Brien's genial presidency. The motion to limit the number of meetings was not sustained, but the proposal of Bro. I.P.M. White was carried amid many marks of approval. Lodge having been closed, the brethren repaired to discuss an excellent supper, to which, owing to the interest shewn in the evening's proceedings, a very numerous body sat down. After doing ample justice, and the table being cleared,—which latter process occupied much more time than it need have done,—the W.M., in appropriate terms, gave the usual Loyal and Craft toasts. These having been duly honoured, Bro. I.P.M. White proposed the health of the W.M. who, he said, had reached a most interesting portion of his year of office, viz., the summer vacation. He trusted they would all meet him well after the holidays. This was received with great enthusiasm, and after Bro. M. W. Sherwin (Organist) had sung "The Friar of Orders Gray," the W.M. thanked the brethren sincerely for their kind reception of his name. This being the last meeting of the season, he would express his appreciation of the support he had received. Certain important questions had cropped up in the Lodge, and although in treating them we were not unanimous, yet he was sure all had acted conscientiously, and had at all times supported him in conducting the business of the Lodge. He trusted the G.A.O.T.U. would enable them to meet again in September. Bro. Gerrard King here favoured the brethren with a humorous account of a very tough "tail" indeed. The W.M. having given the "P.M's.," which was cordially received, Bro. White as the I.P.M. said he wished the brethren all much enjoyment and hearty good wishes until they met again. Bros. West and Gaskell also replied for the P.M.'s, and the toast of the Visitors followed. The W.M. said the Capper Lodge had always a hearty welcome for Visitors, and he was glad to see them there. Bros. Relph, Benjamin and Ives having returned thanks, Bro. G. King said he had thoroughly enjoyed himself, and yet, "beggar that I am, I am even poor in thanks." The W.M. next claimed attention for a very important toast, "the Masonic Press," he felt the Craft owed much to the Press for its able championship of the Masonic Charities, and for placing the current Masonic news clearly before them. He had perused, with pleasure, an excellent article in the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE that week, ably advocating the claims of the Charities. He would connect the name of Bro. G. H. Stephens with the toast. A hearty response to this was followed by a recitation, the three Warnings, by Bro. Foster. Bro. Stephens thanked the W.M. and brethren for proposing and giving so hearty a reception to the toast coupled with his name; he was sure, whilst its efforts secured the support of the Craft,' as on that occasion, the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE would not be found wanting in an efficient discharge of its duties. "The Officers" followed, and was well received. Bro. W. McCarthy S.W. returned thanks. He alluded to the good work done in the Lodge, of which he felt proud. He likened the labours of the brethren in the direction of charity to the fitting out of a Life-boat, and trusted that he would find the Lodge always engaged in charity. Bro. H. Tapley J.W. endorsed the S.W.'s sentiments, and Bro. J. Mitchell Sec. was glad his efforts for the good of the Lodge were appreciated. Bro. Job S.D. also thanked the brethren for so cordially toasting the Officers. He regarded that day as a most memorable one in the Capper Lodge. He trusted no brother would require the assistance they had that day decided to afford when it was necessary; and whilst they were working for so good a cause they might remember that—

There is a land where all are equal,
To which we are hurrying fast,
We shall meet upon the level,
When the gates of death are passed.
We shall stand before the Orient,
And the Master will be there,
To try the blocks we offer
With His own unerring Square.

Let us meet upon the level, then,
While travelling patient here;
Let us meet and let us labour,
Though the labour be severe;
See! yonder in the western sky,
The sign it doth appear,
To gather up our Working Tools,
And part upon the Square.

Present—Bros. F. Brien W.M., W. McCarthy S.W., H. Taplay J.W., J. White I.P.M.; P.M.'s] E. West, J. Gaskell, H. G. Holliday, J. Dorton; B. Brayshaw Treas.; and Bros. J. Mitchell Sec., J. T. K. Job S.D., W. Dorton J.D., W. Nevins I.G., A. R. Mason D.C., M. W. Sherwin Org., B. Norman Tyler, and numerous brethren. The Visitors were Bros. Balls 77, C. Relph P.M. 77 P.P.S.G.D. Kent, Lacey 700, Benjamin S.D. St. Leonards, Manning P.M. 1472, Ives 1472, Enever 290, Foster 51, G. King 1259, &c.

THE LATE ELECTION FOR THE R.M.B.I.

We return our sincere thanks to those brethren who so kindly placed their proxy papers at our disposal. It gratifies us to know that each of the candidates we were interested in was successful on Friday last.

We omitted to mention in our last, that the number of candidates was raised to 22 in the case of the males, and 18 of the females, in consequence of deaths which had taken place since the voting papers were issued. The names of those who were elected to fill the death vacancies were—John Everist, W. R. Colville, J. H. Wilkinson, James Elson and Samuel Lazarus; Julia M. Lyon, Catherine E. Partridge, Ann Walters and Harriet Henderson.

It is most satisfactory to notice the energetic manner in which the brethren of the Western Divison of South Wales have come forward recently in support of our Institutions. As we mentioned after the last Festival, in February Bro. Robert Margrave, the P.S.G.W. of the Province, came forward with a list which was afterwards augmented to £278, and it was mainly through his instrumentality that Bro. Ben Lyon was elected to the benefits of the fund. This was the first time the Province had sent a Steward to the Benevolent Institution, and the fact of so large an amount being raised reflects the highest credit on Bro. Margrave, and justly entitles the Province to the success which they scored so triumphantly at last week's election.

Bro. S. Lazarus requests us to thank Bro. N. B. Headon, P.M. The Great City Lodge, for the substantial help he gave him; by this assistance Bro. Lazarus was enabled to take position amongst the successful candidates.

At the request of a correspondent we have pleasure in quoting the following from the *Sussex Daily News*:—

"At the election of annuitants to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, on Friday, the Sussex Freemasons were successful with one female candidate, Mrs. Amelia King, of Brighton, who polled 1513 votes, and was at the head of the list." "BRAVO SUSSEX."

A waggish friend—whose credibility we can rely on—tells us the brethren of Sussex did well in this case—very well; in fact they got all the 1513 votes polled for the candidate, with the exception of *over fifteen hundred* obtained by the brethren in London who so zealously conducted the case. "BRAVO LONDON."

SIMON DE ST. LIZ LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS, No. 245.

THE CONSECRATION OF THIS LODGE

WILL TAKE PLACE AT

THE MASONIC HALL, ABINGTON STREET, NORTHAMPTON,

On TUESDAY, 27th MAY 1879,

AT 12.30 P.M. PRECISELY.

Bro. J. H. HALE W.M. Designate.—Bro. N. T. HEWENS S.W. Designate.
Bro. Rev. S. J. W. Sanders, M.A., LL.M., &c., J.W. Designate.

THE CEREMONY OF CONSECRATION

Will be performed, on the nomination of the M.W. Grand Master, by the R.W. Bro. WILLIAM KELLY, F.S.A., F.R. Hist. S., &c. P.G.M.M.M. Leicestershire, assisted by V.W. Bro. F. BINCKES, Grand Secretary, and Bro. Rev. F. H. RICHARDSON, M.A., P.P.G.C. Leicestershire, who will deliver the Oration.

The BANQUET will be held at the PEACOCK HOTEL, at 2.30 p.m.
Tickets, 5s. each.

The Secretary requests that all Brethren intending being present at the Banquet will kindly notify their intention as early as possible.

HENRY HILL, Secretary.
11 Mount Pleasant, Kettering-road, Northampton.

BIRTH.

On 21st May, the wife of Capt. THOS. F. HARVEY (D.C. of 174) of a daughter.

NOTICE.—BACK NUMBERS.

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MARK MASONRY IN NORTH AFRICA.

THE Kingston Lodge, No. 222, at Tunis, has arrived at a high state of prosperity during the twelve months which have elapsed since its consecration. An emergent meeting was held on the 1st instant. Present—Bros. A. M. Broadley (D.D.G.M. Craft) W.M.M., G. Pentecost S.W., Dr. A. Perini J.W., Professor Souiller Sec., Dr. N. Cassanello M.O., P. M. Paleologo S.O., J. H. Stevens (British Consul General) as J.O., M. de Gallais S.D., J. Barsotti as J.D., Commander Bridger, R.N., Org., Enriquez I.G., J. Eymon Tyler, and several members. A ballot was taken for three candidates, viz., Bros. J. E. Jessel and Madonia of 1717 E.C., and Henry Wilson of the Minerva Lodge, No. 250, at Hull, and proved unanimous in each case. These brethren being in attendance, were duly advanced, together with Bro. Ibrahim Ben Zaireb of 1717, who had been accepted at a previous meeting, each part of the ceremony being repeated in the English, French, Italian, and Arabic languages, as it happened that the four candidates were of different nationality, and understood no common language. A petition to the M.W.M.M.M., which had been adopted and signed unanimously by the members of the Keystone Lodge at Malta, No. 107, asking for the erection of a P.G. Mark Lodge for Tunis and Malta, was read, and a resolution in favour of its prayer passed by the assembled Mark Masters, who severally affixed their signatures to the document, which the Secretary was directed to transmit to the G. Secretary. The W.M.M. explained at length the Mark Education Scheme, and invited the brethren to contribute to its support. The Lodge was then closed and adjourned till the 10th instant, when the regular meeting was held. The Lodge was then opened by the W.M.M., Bro. Broadley. Present—Bros. G. Pentecost S.W., Dr. Perini J.W., E. J. Jessel as Sec., Dr. Cassanello M.O., L. Curletto as S.O., E. Gardelle as J.O., M. Le Gallais S.D., A. Bokobsa as J.D., Commander Bridger, R.N., Org., J. Eymon Tyler, and several members. Visitor—W. Bro. Henry Ecroyd, of the Britannia Lodge, No. 53, at Sheffield. The minutes of the last meetings were read and confirmed. A ballot taken for the candidature of Bros. Delsol and J. Lumbroso, of 1717, proved favourable. The W.M.M. then called on the brethren to elect a W.M. for the ensuing year, explaining his inability to continue to occupy the post, but promising to persevere in his exertions for the prosperity of the Lodge. He then explained the qualifications for the chair according to the Mark Constitutions, and read the M.W. G.M.M.'s dispensation in favour of the S.W., Bro. Pentecost, which had been applied for and accorded. The W.M.M. highly praised the Masonic zeal and assiduity of the S.W., and his remarks elicited a similar eulogium from the J.W., who said that he himself entirely declined candidature for the chair. A ballot was then taken, which resulted unanimously in favour of Bro. Pentecost. The S.W. returned thanks for the honour done him by the brethren. W. Bro. Broadley alluded to the pleasure he felt at the presence amongst them of so distinguished a Mason as W. Bro. Henry Ecroyd, and begged him to convey the hearty good wishes of the Kingston Lodge to the Britannia Lodge at Sheffield. W. Bro. Ecroyd responded in suitable terms, and expressed to the assembled brethren the satisfaction he experienced at the progress of No. 222 under the rule of their deservedly popular W.M.M. He hoped soon to see on the site of Ancient Carthage one of the largest Mark Lodges in the muster roll of Grand Lodge. Bro. Ecroyd added he was glad to hear that the brethren had petitioned for a P.G. Mark Lodge for Malta and Tunis, and said he highly approved the recommendation they had made for their first P.G.M. He felt sure the P.G.L. would be as great a success as the other English Masonic bodies in Tunis had been. The charitable collection being made, the Lodge was closed in due form, and the installation of Bro. Pentecost fixed for the 31st May.

Lodge of St. John and St. Paul, No. 349 E.C.—The regular monthly meeting of this Lodge was held on 5th May, at the Masonic Hall, Valletta. Present—The W.M. Bro. Coffey; also R.W. D.G.M. Bro. Kingston, Bro. C. W. Spencer Stanhope 10, 357, 428, &c., Grand Chaplain, and a large number of brethren and visitors. In the absence of the S. and J. Wardens, Bros. Jones and Littledale, these chairs were filled by Bro. Capt. F. W. Beechey, R.M.L.I., P.D.G.J.W. as S.W., and by Bro. Capt. F. C. Blake, R.A., as J.W. The Lodge having been opened in the first degree, and the minutes confirmed, Capt. Arthur Thomas Chapman, 35th Regiment, Capt. Augustus Finch Noyes, Army Pay Department, and Staff Surgeon Matthew Trevan, H.M.S. Condor, were initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry. Bro. Surgeon Nicholas Leader, A.M.D., and Bro. Lieutenant G. H. McLaughlin, R.A., were then called to the pedestal, and having passed a creditable examination in the first degree, were entrusted and retired to be prepared for the second. The Lodge was advanced to the Fellow Craft degree, Bros. Leader and McLaughlin were readmitted and passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. The Lodge having been reduced to the first degree, and some routine business transacted, was closed in due and ancient form. The brethren then adjourned to the refreshment room, where the usual loyal and other customary Masonic toasts were given and duly honoured.

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FREEMASONRY IN JAMAICA.

Royal Keystone Lodge, No. 240.—An ordinary meeting was held on the 17th March, at the Friendly Rooms. Present:—Bros. R. Langley W.M., M. Dias S.W. pro tem, E. X. Leon J.W. pro tem, W. J. Rutherford S.D. pro tem, and several other Officers. Fourteen candidates and two joining members were elected, but only eight candidates were advanced. The Prov. G.M. of Mark Masons of Jamaica was reported in attendance, and was received with honours. He then handed over to the W.M. the charter of the Lodge that he had received from the Grand Lodge of England, and made some very appropriate remarks. He also assisted in the advancement of the candidates. The W. G. J. Cordova of the Phœnix Mark Lodge, Port Royal, and the Wor. Brother M. Dias of the Glenlyon Lodge, were elected honorary members. The Lodge was closed, and the brethren spent a few hours in social enjoyment. After refreshment, the usual Masonic and Loyal toasts were proposed, and heartily received.

A correspondent writes in cheering terms of the revival of Masonry in the island, and says:—The "Union et Concordia," once an old and flourishing Lodge of this island, has revived from its ashes. All the old members have met again, and through the permission of the District Grand Master for East Jamaica, arrangements have been made when they will shortly proceed to elect a Master, and recommence working.

The District Grand Master for East Jamaica and some of his Officers paid an official visit to the Friendly Lodge, Kingston, Jamaica, on 10th March, at their ordinary meeting, which was presided over by Bro. Moses Delgado.

Friendly Royal Arch Chapter.—A Quarterly Convocation was held at their rooms on 27th March. Present:—M.E. J. L. Ashemieu Z., G. C. H. Lewis H., E. Brandon J., and other Officers. The following Officers were installed for the present year:—Comps. B. Stines jun. Z., E. Brandon H., M. E. Ross J., E. De Pas S.E., M. Alexander S.H., L. Mordecai Treasurer, E. Daserado P.S., A. Finzi First Assistant, E. Tozi Second Assistant. Among those present were the following Principals:—J. J. G. Lewis P.Z. Friendly, C. Davis P.Z. Royal, R. Langley P.Z. Royal, R. Garsia P.Z. Royal, M. B. Dias P.Z. Glenlyon, and several Companions of other Chapters. The Most Excellent A. De Cordova P.Z. and Superintendent of the Grand Chapter for Jamaica was elected a life member. This worthy Companion occupied the chair of Z. for three years, and some time ago was presented with a jewel.

The Most Excellent Altamont De Cordova is appointed Deputy Grand Superintendent, and H. Lewis Grand Scribe E. of the Grand Chapter for Jamaica. The other Officers will shortly be appointed.

Phœnix Mark Lodge, No. 242.—At an ordinary meeting, held on 13th March, at the Phœnix Hall, there were present:—Bros. J. De Cordova W.M., W. D. Smedmore S.W., E. De Pass J.W., W. J. L. Rutherford Sec., and other Officers. The Provincial Grand Master for Mark Masons in Jamaica was announced and received with honour, when he was pleased to hand over to the W.M. the charter received from the Grand Mark Lodge of England, and made some very appropriate remarks, wishing the Lodge every success. Three candidates were elected, but only two were advanced, the Provincial Grand Master giving his able assistance. The Lodge was closed, and the brethren retired to supper.

A meeting wes held on the 26th March, at the Friendly Rooms, presided over by the Rt. Wor. Hon. Dr. Hamilton Prov. G.M. of Mark Masons for Jamaica, when he appointed the following Officers for the year:—Bros. J. W. Whiteborne Sussex as D.P.G.M., J. J. G. Lewis Clifton Mount as P.G.S.W., R. Langley Royal Keystone P.G.J.W., G. J. De Cordova Phœnix P.G.M.O., A. De Cordova Clifton Mount P.G.S.O., G. J. Sargeant Royal Keystone P.G.J.O., B. Stines jun. Royal Keystone P.G. Treas., E. X. Leon Royal Keystone P.G. Sec., O. Delgado sen. Phœnix P.G. Regis., S. E. Pintos Sussex P.G.S.D., J. L. Ashemieu Clifton Mount P.G.J.D., O. Delgado jun. Phœnix Sup. W., G. J. Peynado Sussex D.C., G. A. Campbell Royal Keystone Sd. B., D. Barned Phœnix Std. B., A. H. Jones Sussex Org., G. R. Taylor Sussex I.G., Dr. T. Allen Sussex, Capt. Dadson Sussex, and L. C. Hollar Phœnix Stewards.

NEW ZEALAND.

Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 1338.—On 7th March, a most interesting meeting of this Lodge took place at the Masonic Hotel, Auckland, New Zealand, the business being the presentation of Past Master's jewels to Brothers Past Masters Moritz S. Leers, G. N. Brassey, W. H. Skinner, and Rev. C. M. Nelson. Bro. Dr. Dawson W.M. presided, and amongst the visitors were Bros. Dr. Goldsboro Dist. G. Treasurer; W. P. Moat Dist. G.S.D., and other brethren, including the W.M., Wardens and Officers of Lodge Waitemata, and brethren from the Lodges under the Scotch and Irish Constitutions in the city. Bros. Skinner and Brassey were unable to be present, but the presentations were made to Bros. Leers and Nelson, by the W. Master in a few complimentary sentences. To Bro. Leers, the Prince of Wales Lodge owes a deep debt of gratitude, as one of the founders of the Lodge, and most earnest Masons in the district; he is no less thoroughly well versed in the ceremonies than in the regulations and laws of the Institution. It is largely to his continuous and successful exertions ever since the founding of the Lodge that its present proud position in New Zealand is now owing, and as President of the Board of General Purposes of the District Grand Lodge of Auckland he enjoys the universal esteem and respect of the brethren. After the meeting dinner was provided by Brother Hood, with his usual excellent taste. About twenty-five brethren sat down, and enjoyed the good things provided. The usual toasts were proposed and responded to, several songs were sung, and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

Lodge of Light (I.C.)—This Lodge, established at the Thames Goldfields, has lately suffered a loss in the death of Bro. Jas. Hopcraft P.M., who died on the 10th March, from congestion of the brain. Bro. Hopcraft held a commission in the 3rd Regiment of Waikato Militia during the Maori war, and saw a good deal of service, and subsequently joined the staff of the Thames *Times*, eventually founding the Thames *Evening Star*, of which he was editor at the time of his death. He was one of the Principals of the Abbotsford Royal Arch Chapter.

REVIEWS.

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The Four Old Lodges: Founders of Modern Freemasonry and their Descendants. A Record of the Progress of the Craft in England, and of the Career of every Regular Lodge down to the Union of 1813. With an authentic compilation of Descriptive Lists for Historic Reference. By ROBERT FREKE GOULD, late 31st Regiment, Barrister-at-Law. London: Spencer's Masonic Depôt, opposite Freemasons' Hall. 1879.

If, to use the language of the Latin poet, he who first committed his frail bark to the stormy ocean had his heart protected by a shield of triple brass—which, being interpreted in the vulgar tongue, means that he was incapable of experiencing the slightest sense of fear—it is certain that he who attempts to deal exhaustively with the history of our oldest Lodges must possess, at least, an equal degree of courage. Masonic history is, and we fear will remain for years to come, in a vague and unsatisfactory state. As a mysterious confraternity the body of Freemasons has jealously guarded what archives of importance may have been preserved from the prying eyes of its more curious members. The majority of those who have aspired to take rank as historians of the Craft have done more harm than good by their well-meant but silly attempts to create for it a history out of elements which either never existed, except in their own imagination, or which, if they did exist, it was impossible seriously to attempt connecting together in the form of a continuous and acceptable form. The amount of ridicule which, not unjustly, has been brought upon Freemasonry by the enthusiastic inventors of impossible histories who have fancied they could trace a Masonic mystery in every circumstance or even the most out-of-the-way occurrence is incalculable, and it will be a long time before the more practical, the more matter-of-fact, yet by no means less earnest, brethren of the day who devote their time to Masonic studies will be in a position to boast that by their labours they have in some measure retrieved the fair fame of our Society from the charge of having palmed-off a series of astounding fables as solemn historic truths. What is needed is a veritable history of Freemasonry as it has been and is, not as it has been pictured by the visionary and the all too credulous enthusiast. It may amuse, but cannot be edifying to those who hear it, to claim that Freemasonry has numbered among its chief rulers, or Grand Masters as they are called, Noah and Abraham, Solomon and Zerubbabel, Pythagoras and Euclid, St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist, St. Alban the Protomartyr of Britain, and a long roll of other worthies whom it would occupy too much valuable space to enumerate. By seriously associating these and others with our Craft, and making them to have been among its rulers, a number of well-intentioned writers have brought into bad odour with the serious public an Institution which is not only respectable, but can likewise boast of a truly remote antiquity. However, into this question of the antiquity of Freemasonry we are not prepared to enter now, nor is it desirable we should do so, seeing that it is outside the scope of the work before us. Let us, therefore, betake ourselves to our duties as critics, and note carefully the character and contents of Bro. Gould's sketch of the Four Old Lodges and their descendants.

Readers of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE have already had an opportunity of judging to a certain extent of his work from the series of papers which appeared on this subject in these columns last year. But let them not imagine it is a mere reprint of those papers in a connected form, with an Appendix containing the most important Lodge Lists, printed by authority of Grand Lodge, and showing the numerical changes which occurred between the establishment of Grand Lodge and the Union. This is very far from being the case. True, what was published last year reappears in this work, but the additions are considerable, and the emendations numerous, to the extent, indeed, of making it almost a new work. These of course have entailed on the author an immense amount of labour: in fact, we think it necessary to state, at the outset, that only an enthusiast could have undertaken so difficult a task as this. Examining lists is dry and uninteresting work, and requires an amount of labour of which few people can form any adequate conception. Then the compilers of the earlier among these lists had not always been careful to keep in view the necessity of being strictly accurate in the matter of dates. Consequently Bro. Gould's already difficult task proved much harder of accomplishment than probably even he could have anticipated. Had Pine and other publishers of Lodge Lists made a point of following up dates correctly, and confined any alterations they thought proper to make to cases of proved error, not only would Bro. Gould

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have been spared much trouble, but what he will be the first to unite with us in acknowledging as of far greater consequence, many still existing Lodges would still have retained the positions on Grand Lodge roll to which they are justly entitled. A notable instance of the result of publisher's errors will be found in Lodges Royal Alpha (now No. 16), Tuscan [No. 14], and Fortitude and O.C. [No. 12], and also with present Medina No. 35 Isle of Wight, and Strong Man No. 45, whose positions are not what the dates fixed in the early Lists would appear to warrant. The tracing our present Lodges to their true origin through all these errors has, as we have said already, much increased the labours of Bro. Gould. For this reason, therefore, if for no other, is he entitled to the thanks of the Craft generally. But no words of ours will serve to convey an idea of the value of these labours, and when, in the fulness of time, the Macaulay of Freemasonry shall arise and present to the world something like a genuine history of our Fraternity, there is no one to whom he will be more deeply indebted than to the author of "The Four Old Lodges," no one whom he will thank more cordially for having prepared an accurately-ordered substratum of facts as the basis of his work. Bro. Gould's work may not be exactly what the lover of light literature would desire to take up for the purpose of whiling away a leisure hour or two. Fourth degree Masons will not find themselves attracted by its contents; but the Masonic students who are continually lamenting the want of proper materials for the study of our history, will not fail to appreciate his work, and the more so that it is they chiefly who know at what cost it has been produced.

Bro. Gould states the design of his work in a few words at the very outset. "It is the design of the following remarks primarily to elucidate the history and status 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 the 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." This design has been followed, in spite of temptation—very natural under the circumstances—to quit the straight paths of inquiry occasionally, and indulge in speculations on obscure points, or points of interest, such as must have frequently presented themselves to the author's mind. As the materials on which these remarks are based are perfectly authentic, there can be no question as to the accuracy of most of his conclusions, and close examination of the remainder has induced in us the belief that his views are in all respects worthy of being accepted. Some, perhaps, will consider it comparatively of no importance whether the existing Time Immemorial Lodges do or do not—or, say we rather, should or should not—retain their original privileges. This being a matter of opinion only, Bro. Gould must expect to find some differing from, as he is certain to have others agreeing with, him. In matters of fact, however, Bro. Gould may safely challenge the strictest and most inquisitorial examination of his work. Having thus indicated his purpose, Bro. Gould sets out at once to trace the Four Old Lodges from 1717 till now, as far as such a task is possible. Three of these, as he shows unquestionably, are still in existence, though Grand Lodge Calendar exhibits only two, Nos. 2 (Antiquity), and 4 (R. Somerset H. and Inverness). The other now existing Lodge which Bro. Gould has succeeded in connecting with original No. 3 is Fortitude and Old Cumberland No. 12, which under any circumstances would be justly included among our most important Lodges, but which will now have a still greater importance. The Original No. 2, which met at the Crown Ale House in Parker's-lane, near Drury-lane, is the only defunct one of the four which assembled at the memorable gathering of brethren at the Apple Tree Tavern, Charles-street, Covent Garden, and constituting themselves a Grand Lodge, *pro tempore*, resolved on holding the annual Assembly and Feast, and choosing a Grand Master for themselves until they should have the honour of a noble brother at their head. The assembly and feast were held, and Bro. Anthony Sayer was chosen and installed Grand Master of what Bro. Gould describes, with the natural pride of an English Craftsman, "The Premier Grand Lodge of the World."

It would very naturally have been a source of satisfaction to all true Masons if it could have been shown that all the Four Old Lodges were still in existence. Unfortunately, Original No. 2 ceased to be a few years after the establishment of Grand Lodge. Original Nos. 1 and 4 [now Nos. 2 and 4] are still flourishing; the former as constituted from Time Immemorial, and the latter similarly described, but adjoined with the Somerset House Lodge and Royal Inverness. Original No. 3, though there is nothing to show this in the roll of our Lodges, still exists, as Bro. Gould shows clearly enough in this volume. But it no longer ranks as a Time Immemorial Lodge. This diminution of its former splendour is due to the fact that in the early days of modern Freemasonry some differences unfortunately arose among its members, some of whom obtained a Warrant of Constitution from Grand Lodge, though there was no need for them to have done so. As a matter of fact present No. 12 is the direct descendant of No. 3, just as present Nos. 2 and 4 are original Nos. 1 and 4; but the latter retain their descent unbroken, while, in the case of No. 12, there is unhappily a break caused by the unfortunate differences already alluded to. However, there is no doubt whatever on this point, namely, that certain members of original No. 3 obtained a Warrant of Constitution for a Lodge held at the Queen's Head, Knave's Acre. They need not have done this, and consequently present No. 12, though as truly representing original No. 3 as Nos. 2 and 4 do original Nos. 1 and 4, is regarded as an early, but yet a modern, Lodge, constituted by Grand Lodge; instead of as one of the Time Immemorial Lodges to which Grand Lodge owes its existence. If we can picture to ourselves a woman transmuting herself into her own grand-daughter, we shall be in a position to understand the difference between original No. 3's position now and what it would have been had the members been sufficiently mindful of their dignity, and continued themselves as a Lodge, instead of seeking an unneeded constitution for establishing themselves as a new one. The credit of this discovery belongs to Bro. Gould, though we may claim to have pointed out in our review of Hughan's Reprint of Pine's List 1734 that, in the supposition the connection he had established between certain present and former Lodges was right, that particular Lodge was undoubtedly descended from original No. 3. Bro. Hughan's surmise turned out to be an erroneous one, and our point failed as a necessary consequence. Bro. Gould has now shown that present No. 12 is the direct representative of original No. 3, so that though we were wrong as to the Lodge which represented original No. 3, we were right as to its having a representative still in existence. Having said thus much as to the Four Old Lodges and what remain of them, we come next to a consideration of their privileges and favour, which they still retain. As this, however, will occupy some space, we shall reserve this portion of our task for another week.

On Regressive Paralysis (Infantile Paralysis. Special Paralysis of Adults). By WILLIAM H. BARLOW, M.D., Consulting Physician to the Dispensary for Sick Children. Manchester: 1878.

THIS little work, written by our brother Dr. Barlow, P.M. of the Humphry Chetham Lodge, 645, has received the approval of nearly all the medical reviews and journals. A careful analysis of sixty-three cases imparts a solid value to a book which shows a large amount of patient and conscientious work. The proof of the identity of Infantile Paralysis and Adult Special Paralysis is perhaps the most important of the labours of the celebrated Dr. Charcot; and our Brother Dr. Barlow, from his own experience, draws many life-like clinical pictures of both afflictions, which he afterwards most ably compares. We must express our pleasure in congratulating Bro. Dr. Barlow on presenting the medical world with the results of his experience in these matters, and we are sure his pamphlet will be read by our professional brethren with unmixed satisfaction.

MEETING OF THE LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

THE usual meeting of the Lodge of Benevolence took place on Wednesday, in the Board-room, Freemasons' Hall. Bro. John M. Clabon, President, occupied the chair early in the evening, and Bro. James Brett, Junior Vice-President, held it during the latter part. The Senior and Junior Vice-President's chairs were occupied by Bros. Brett, J. M. P. Montagu, W. Wilson, and James Kench. About a hundred brethren were present, including:—Bros. John Hervey Grand Secretary, H. G. Buss Assist. Grand Secretary, S. Rawson Past District Grand Master China, Thomas Fenn P.G.D., E. P. Albert P.G.P., John Wright P.G.P., John Constable, A. A. Pendlebury, W. H. Perryman, H. Garrod, C. F. Hogard, A. Middlemass, W. J. Murlis, W. Stephens, Charles Atkins, Samuel Poynter, Charles Dairy, and G. P. Britten. Grants to the amount of £410 made at the April meeting were confirmed, and grants to the amount of £530 were made to new cases, of which there were twenty-three on the list. Three out of these cases were deferred till next meeting.

CRYPTIC DEGREES.

A MEETING of the Grand Masters' Council, No. 1, was held at the Masonic Rooms, 2 Red Lion-square, on Thursday, the 8th inst. Present:—Bros. T. C. Walls R. Ill. D.M., Thos. Poore as P.C. of W., D. M. Dewar Recorder as C. of G., S. Rosenthal G.C. of G., Dr. F. W. Ramsay, Dr. C. T. Pearce, Alfred Williams, Geo. Kenning, E. B. Florence, F. Hedges, Thomas Cubitt, Robert Roy. Bros. Rev. C. A. Solbé and R. P. Spice were admitted as Most Excellent, Royal, Select, and Super Excellent Masters, the ceremonies being most impressively worked by the Deputy Master, Bro. Walls, assisted by Bros. Poore and Dewar. The brethren afterwards held their first annual Festival at the Holborn Restaurant, under the presidency of the Dep. Master, and passed a pleasant evening.

Major Charles Harding 31°, P.M., P.M.W.S., G.J.W. of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge Middlesex and Surrey, K.M., K.R.O.S., was installed, on Monday last, Eminent Preceptor, by the Grand Sub Prior Col. Shadwell Clerke 33°, in the Bard of Avon Preceptory, Golden-square.

An addition to the roll of Lodges under the rule of the Mark Grand Lodge of England and Wales will take place on Tuesday next, on which occasion the Simon de Liz Lodge, bearing the number 245, will be consecrated at Northampton. The ceremony will be performed at the Masonic Hall, Abington-street, by Bro. W. Kelly P.G.M.M.M. Leicestershire, assisted by Bro. Frederick Binckes Grand Secretary and Bro. Rev. F. H. Richardson M.A., P.P.G.C. Leicestershire, who will deliver an oration. Lodge will be opened at 12.30 p.m. The banquet will take place at the Peacock Hotel, at 2.30, tickets for which are to be obtained from Bro. Henry Hill, the Secretary, at 5s each. The following are the Officers designate —Bro. J. H. Hale W.M, N. T. Mewens S.W., Rev. S. J. W. Sanders, M.A., LL.M., &c., J W. We wish our Northampton brethren every success in this their latest effort in the cause of Freemasonry.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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SATURDAY, 24th MAY.

196—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
1541—Alexandra Palace, Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill, N.
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.
R. A. 308—Affability, Station House Hotel, Bottoms, Stansfield.

MONDAY, 26th MAY.

4—Royal Somerset House and Inverness, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
45—Strong Man, Sportsman, City-road, at 8. (Instruction.)
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 6.30. (Instruct.)
549—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction.)
704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
1260—John Hervey, Albion Hall, London Wall, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1305—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8. (Instruction.)
1435—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8. (Instruction.)
1469—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30. (In.)
1615—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square.
1633—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8. (Inst.)
1635—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)

48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead.
63—Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester.
148—Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington.
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
909—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
1177—Tenby, Royal Assembly Rooms, Tenby, Pembroke.
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction.)
1611—Eboracum, Queen's Hotel, Micklegate, York.
R. A. 241—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
R. A. 448—Regularity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
M. M. 146—Moore, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster.

TUESDAY, 27th 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, 3 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.)
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8. (Instruction.)
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1360—Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, Battersea Park, at 8. (Instruction.)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1471—Islington, Three Bucks, 23 Gresham-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
1473—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1507—Metropolitan, 269 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)
1603—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8. (In.)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30. (Inst.)
1719—Evening Star, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30.

34—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle, 7.30. (In.)
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30. (Instruction.)
263—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby.
299—Emulation, Bull Hotel, Dartford.
310—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle.
357—Apollo University, Masonic Hall, Oxford.
573—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen.
1016—Elkington, Masonic Rooms, New-street, Birmingham.
1358—Torbay, Town Hall, Paignton.
1609—Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1675—Antient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
R. A. 158—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness.
R. A. 721—Grosvenor, Masonic-chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester.
R. A. 1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
M. M. 245—Simon de Lis, Masonic Hall, Northampton, at 12.30. (Consecration.)

WEDNESDAY, 28th MAY.

198—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7. (Instruction.)
201—Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
213—Euphrates, Masons' Hall, Basinghall-street, E.C.
236—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8. (In.)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
538—La Tolerance, Green Dragon, 2 Maddox-street, W., at 7.45. (Inst.)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E., at 7.30. (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. at 8. (Instruction.)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8. (Instruction.)
1044—Wandsworth, Spread Eagle, Wandsworth. (Instruction.)
1196—Urban, The Three Bucks, Gresham-street, at 6.30. (Instruction.)
1378—Burdett Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8. (Inst.)
1388—Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-road, Holloway, at 8. (Instruction.)
1534—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8. (Instruction.)
1658—Duke of Connaught, Class Room, Sutherland Chapel, Walworth, at 8. (In.)
R. A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8. (Instruction.)

86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescot, Lancashire.
183—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
230—Harmony, Wellington Hotel, Garston, Lancashire.
304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds.
430—Scientific, Masonic Room, Bingley.
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction.)
996—Sondes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk.
1083—Townley Parker, Mosley Hotel, Beswick, near Manchester.
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby. (Instruction.)
1119—St. Bede, Mechanics' Institute, Jarrow.
1218—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Moosley, near Manchester.
1219—Strangeways, Empire Hotel, Strangeways, Manchester.
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction.)
1283—Ryburn, Central-buildings, Town Hall-street, Sowerby Bridge.
1393—Egerton, Stanley Arms Hotel, Stanley-street, Bury, Lancashire.
1479—Halsey, Town Hall, St. Albans.
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull, at 7.0. (Instruction.)
1566—Ellington, Bell Hotel, Maidenhead.
1633—Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
1723—St. George, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall-square, Bolton
R. A. 42—Unanimity, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire.
R. A. 503—Belvidere, Star Hotel, Maidstone.
R. A. 605—De Tabley, Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe, Cheshire.
M. M. 178—Wiltshire Keystone, Town Hall, Devizes.
R.C.—Philips, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster.

THURSDAY, 29th MAY.

General Committee, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8. (Instruction.)
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction.)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8. (Instruction.)
211—St. Michael, George, Australian Avenue, Barbican, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8. (Instruction.)
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
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.)
1534—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-road, Dalston.
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.)

111—Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Archer-street, Darlington.
116—Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel, Colne.
308—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury
349—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
375—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South-parade, Huddersfield
383—Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Haslingden.
386—Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Bacup.
387—Candour, Commercial Inn, Uppermill, Saddleworth.
344—Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe, Lancashire.
636—D'Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth.
659—Blagdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blyth.
807—Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich.
816—Royd, Spring Gardens Inn, Wardle, near Rochdale.
904—Phœnix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham.
966—St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek, Stafford.
1313—Fermor, Masonic Hall, Southport, Lancashire.
1576—Dee, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire.
1612—West Middlesex, Feathers Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
R. A. 360—Northampton, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton.
M. M. 33—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.

FRIDAY, 30th 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.)
706—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. 8. (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.)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1288—Finsbury Park M.M., Earl Russell, Isledon-road, N. at 8. (Instruction.)
1296—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1643—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 8.0. (Inst.)
London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-street, E.C., at 6.
R. A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8. (Inst.)
R. A. 1471—North London, Crown and Woolpack, St. John-st.-rd., at 8. (Inst.)

780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton.
1385—Gladsmuir, Red Lion, Barnet.
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7.
R. A. 242—Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster.

SATURDAY, 31st 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.

308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood.
1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
R. A. 178—Harmony, Royal Hotel, Wigan.

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NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Egyptian Lodge of Instruction, No. 27.—This Lodge held its usual weekly meeting at Bro. Maidwell's, the Hercules Tavern, 119 Leadenhall-street, on Thursday, 2nd inst. Present:—Bros. Bedell W.M., Norden S.W., Da Silva J.W., Moss S.D., Maidwell J.D., Myers I.G., Grammer Hon. Sec., Webb Preceptor, and other brethren. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Brown 174 acting as candidate. The second and fifth sections of the lecture were worked by Bro. Webb, assisted in the former by Bro. Da Silva, and in the latter by the brethren. The seventh section was worked by Bro. Moss, Brother Webb answering the questions. A vote of thanks was unanimously recorded on the minutes to Bro. Bedell, it being the first time he occupied the chair in this or any other Lodge of Instruction. After other business, the Lodge was closed.

Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.—Held its usual meeting at Bro. Spurgin's, the Sportsman, City-road, on Monday last. Present—Bros. W. Rowley W.M., Ives S.W., Hallam J.W., Stock acting Preceptor, Fenner Sec., Gibbs S.D., Hirst J.D., Lardner I.G.; also Bros. Ross, Pelikan, and Willison. The minutes of last meeting having been read and confirmed, Lodge was advanced a degree, when Bro. Pelikan proved his proficiency, and was entrusted. Lodge was then opened up, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed in a very creditable manner, this being the first time Bro. Rowley had attempted it. Bro. Hallam worked the first, second, and third sections of the lecture. Bro. Lardner, of the West Smithfield Lodge, No. 1623, was elected a member. Bro. Ives was appointed to preside at the next meeting.

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Sincerity Lodge, No. 174.—A meeting was held on Wednesday, at the Guildhall Hotel, Gresham-street, City. Present:—Bros. G. T. H. Seddon W.M., C. H. Webb S.W., C. Jones J.W., John Newton P.M. Sec., S. H. Rawley P.M. Treas., F. Brown S.D., J. Fraser J.D., Thomas F. Harvey D.C., Miller Steward, Verry Tyler; Past Masters Bros. J. Appleby, E. J. Moore, C. Lacey, &c.; Visitors—Bros. C. G. Hale 1366, C. J. Perceval jun. 1607, W. B. Burnand St. Leonards, G. R. Corner 1139, W. Dunn 1567, F. Carr I.G. 1607, G. Brookes P.M. 902, J. J. Berry P.M. 554, W. March 554, W. Cross 554, Waterer 1570, Giller 1607, W. W. Morgan Sec. 211, and others. Lodge was opened, and minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremonial portion of the day's proceedings comprised the passing of Bros. Walker and Green, and the raising of Bro. Mumford. The W.M. fully sustained the sanguine expectations of the brethren, he performing all his duties in a faultless manner. This was the last meeting previous to the summer vacation of the Lodge, and as a consequence, there was a large attendance of members. After discussing several matters of home interest, Lodge was closed, and the brethren partook of a capital banquet, served by Bros. Ritter and Clifford. On the removal of the cloth, the toasts were fully honoured, and a couple of hours were spent in a most enjoyable fashion.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—Held at Bro. Fyah's, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, on Saturday, the 17th. Present—Bro. J. A. Powell W.M., C. Lorkin S.W., Brasted J.W., Pearcy Preceptor, Fenner Sec., Gibbs S.D., J. Lorkin J.D., Williams I.G.; also Bros. T. Goode, Hallam, Brand, Phillips, J. Millington, J. Garrod, Ross, Parkes, Pelikan, Mackie, Davies, Ferrar. Ceremonial requirements being duly observed, Bro. Garrod proved himself an efficient F.C., was entrusted, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed by Bro. Powell, who was ably assisted by his Officers. The traditional history being well given. The W.M. worked the first, second, and third sections of the lecture. Bro. J. Davies, of the Burdett Coutts Lodge, 1278, was elected a member. Bro. C. Lorkin was appointed to preside at the next meeting, after which Lodge was closed and adjourned. The ceremony of installation will be rehearsed in this Lodge of Instruction on the 31st instant, when the attendance of members of this Lodge of Instruction is earnestly solicited.

St. Michael's Lodge of Instruction, No. 211.—On Thursday, at the George Tavern, Australian-avenue, Barbican, E.C. Present:—Bros. Young W.M., Morgan jun. S.W., Withers J.W., Morgan Sec., Radcliffe Treas. I.G., Back S.D., Greenwood jun. J.D., King Preceptor, Hentsch, Pearce, Morris, Walters. The first and second ceremonies were rehearsed. Bro. Radcliffe presented to the Lodge a set of jewels for the Officers' collars, together with a square for the Pedestal, and the thanks of the Lodge were tendered to him for his great kindness. Bro. Greenwood was elected a member; Bro. W. W. Morgan jun. was appointed to fill the chair next Thursday evening. The names of new members for the Ballot Society in connection with the Lodge were handed in, and Lodge was closed.

High Cross Lodge of Instruction, No. 754.—On Thursday, 15th May, at the Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham. Present—Bros. Peach W.M., Everdell S.W., Burford J.W., Thompson Preceptor, Garrod Sec., G. Tegg S.D., Tavernor J.D., J. Tavernor I.G; also Bros. Mattocks, Bryant, and others. The Lodge was opened in ancient form; the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremonies of initiation and passing were ably rehearsed, Bro. Bryant being candidate. It was resolved that the ceremony of installation be worked at this Lodge of Instruction on Thursday, 29th May. Bro. J. H. Thompson P.M. will preside. Bro. Everdell was elected W.M. for following meeting, and the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—A meeting was held on Friday, 9th May, at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge. Bros. Gomm W.M., H. E. Tucker (Treas) S.W., Botley J.W., Skinner S.D., Blasby J.D., Acworth I.G., Gunner H.S., Roe P.M. and Preceptor, Hogg P.M. 1349, Gow, Kyezor, Talbot, Costelow, &c. After formally opening, the minutes of the three previous meetings were read and confirmed. The W.M. rehearsed the initiation ceremony with Bro. Costelow as candidate. Bros. P.M.'s Hogg and Roe, assisted by the brethren, worked the 1st and 2nd sections of the first lecture; and the brethren were then called to refreshment. After a brief interval, labour was resumed, and it was announced that on the second Friday in June (13th), at 6 p.m. the Fifteen Sections would be worked by Bro. Barnes, assisted by well known brethren; it was also announced that it was through the instrumentality of Bro. Hogg that the kind offices of Bro. Barnes had been secured. A circular will be sent to the members of the L. of I.; and we are requested to state that the brethren will be glad to greet, right heartily, any visitors who may see fit to honour them with their presence on that evening. There are frequent trains on the North London and South Western Railways to Kew Bridge, and the Star and Garter is within two minutes' walk of the joint stations. From our own experience of Royal Alfred meetings, we can promise a most delightful evening. Bro. Tucker was elected W.M. for 30th May.

On Friday, 16th May, the Officers of the Mother Lodge took their respective positions. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of raising, with Bro. Botley as candidate. After a short pause the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of passing. Lodge having been resumed to first degree, the W.M. said that on the 23rd inst. he intended to present the Mother Lodge with a set of Tracing Boards, which he now exhibited to the brethren; in the event of their being accepted, he would give the Lodge of Instruction permission to use them during his term of office. For this kindness Bro. C. May was cordially thanked.

Merchant Navy Lodge of Instruction, No. 781.—A meeting was held on Wednesday, 21st May, at the Silver Tavern, Burdett Road, E. Present:—Bros. Ould W.M., Pringle S.W., Westcott J.W., Breden P.M. Secretary, Ellingford S.D., Warner J.D., Robinson I.G.; Past Masters Bros. Turquand and Gavin; Bros. Rawe, Scherboom, Day, Clegg, Gregory, &c. Business:—Lodge opened in due form, and the minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Rawe, a candidate for the second degree, was asked the questions and entrusted. Lodge opened in the second, and the ceremony was rehearsed by the W.M. The S.W. then took the chair and worked the ceremony, Bro. Breden candidate. The J.W. now took the chair, and the same ceremony was worked by him, Bro. Day as candidate. Bro. Westcott was followed by Bro. Ellingford, Bro. Day again acting as candidate. The W.M. now resumed the chair, and closed the Lodge. Bro. Pringle will preside at next meeting.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—On Tuesday evening, at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, Bros. Brasted W.M., Carr S.W., Polak J.W., Clark S.D., J. Lorkin J.D., Smyth I.G., Dallas Sec., Smyth Treasurer, P.M. Wellington Preceptor. Bros. Moss, Giller, Allen, Wardell, Webb, C. Lorkin, &c. After confirmation of the minutes of last meeting, Bro. Wardell answered the questions leading to the third, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. The Lodge was called off. On resuming, Bro. Webb worked the 2nd and 3rd sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge closed to the 2nd deg. Bro. Webb worked the 5th section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. As the 15 sections are to be worked here on next Tuesday evening, Bro. Carr was elected W.M. for Tuesday, 3rd June.

Lord Warden Lodge, No. 1096.—The usual meeting of this Lodge was held at St. George's Hall, Deal, on Friday, the 16th inst. Present:—Bros. J. Laggett W.M., E. Kirby I.P.M. and Treas., T. Ayling P.M. P.G.D.C., H. Botting S.W., J. Carpenter J.W., Rev. J. B. Harrison P.M. Chaplain, T. J. Usher P.M. P.P.G.R. Secretary, W. Carterfield S.D., F. R. England J.D., W. Ryder as I.G., G. Chandler D.C., G. Rivers, S. E. Rea, S. Willey, A. C. Green, D. Fraser, S. Hinds, S. Holgate Tyler; Visitors—Bro. J. Crutchley Domatic 177. Lodge opened punctually at 8 p.m., and minutes were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Mr. George Bond, and found to be in his favour; he was then duly initiated into the mysteries of the Craft by the W.M., in a most correct and impressive manner. The Officers did their work particularly well, the S.W. giving the E.A. charge in finished style. It was announced by Bro. Ayling P.M. that the Lord Warden Hotel, Walmer, had changed hands, and a committee was formed to take steps to remove the Lodge to its old quarters. Lodge closed in ancient form. The brethren spent a most pleasant hour together, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts being given and responded to. Bros. Botting, Fraser, Carpenter and Bond kindly entertained the brethren.

Grey Friars Lodge, No. 1101.—This Lodge held its monthly meeting on Wednesday, the 14th of May, at the Masonic Hall, Reading. Present:—Bros. William George Flanagan W.M., J. Early Danks S.W., William Ferguson J.W., William P. Ivey P.M. Sec., J. H. Hawkes acting S.D., Richard Dowsett J.D., C. R. Honey I.G. W. Hemmings Tyler, Past Masters Bros. Welch I.P.M., Hurley Margrett. Members—Bros. Pully, Prickett, Bailey, Cordrey, Hunt Ravenscroft. Visitor—Bro. A. V. Beeton, Caledonian 204, Past Sec. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last regular Lodge were read and confirmed. The W.M. read the notice of motion, "That the sum of ten guineas from the funds of the Lodge be voted to a late member, who had fallen into deep distress." Bro. Margrett P.M. seconded, and the resolution was unanimously carried; two or three individual members added their contributions, which made, with what was already collected, the handsome sum of sixty pounds, which would be forwarded to our distressed brother by the Treasurer at once. The subject of rent was considered, as to the time it should commence; the Secretary read the draft of lease or agreement, which contained several clauses not in the former document, and which produced an animated discussion, but with a technical alteration or two it was decided to accept the terms proposed. The W.M. presented each member with a copy of "A Short Account of the Masonic Charities," compiled by Bro. Charles Oades W.M. of 414. After proposing a joining member and a gentleman for initiation, the Lodge was closed according to ancient form.

Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction, No. 1288.—A meeting was held on Wednesday, 7th May, at the Earl Russell, Isledon-road, Holloway. Present—Bros. Alfred Goode W.M., T. Press S.W., E. Goodall J.W., H. B. D. Dunn Secretary, L. R. Rogers P.M. S.D., T. Tremere J.D., W. Payne I.G., P. Dickinson P.M. Preceptor. P.M.'s Bros. Dickinson, Rogers, J. W. Wright. Visitors—Bros. Press, Payne, Goodall, Alderson, Tremere, A. Goode, Dunn, Holesworth, E. Harris, W. Weil and Oldis. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Alderson candidate. Bro. P.M. Dickinson worked the first and second sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Press was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Bros. Harris and Weil were elected members.

On the 21st May, Bros. L. R. Rogers P.M. W.M., J. Porrell S.W., Alderson J.W., Payne S.D., Fenner J.D., and Edmunds I.G. All

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formalities were complied with, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Press candidate. Bro. P.M. Rogers worked the third section of the lecture. Lodge closed in the third and second degrees. Bro. P.M. Rogers worked the first section of the first lecture. Bro. P.M. Dickinson was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, on which occasion he will work the ceremony of installation.

Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction, No. 1298.—A meeting was held on Friday, 16th May, at the Alwyne Castle, Canonbury, N. Present:—Bros. Ager W.M., Boas S.W., Hunter J.W., Cull Preceptor, Lardner S.D., Chant J.D., Williams I.G.; Bros. Byng, Rowley, Yeomans, Rowe, Strugnell, Collins, Mendensolen, Field, Young, Pearcy, Wright, &c. After preliminaries, the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. Bro. Cull worked the first, second and third sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Mendelsolen, Mount Moriah Lodge, No. 34, was admitted a member. Bro. Boas the S.W. was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

Friars Lodge of Instruction, No. 1349.—At Bro. Pavitt's, Liverpool Arms, Canning-town, on 20th May. Bro. W.J. Smith W.M., Andrews S.W., Barker J.W., Pavitt S.D., Lloyd J.D., Johnson I.G.; Bro. Shepherd W.M. 1349 acting Preceptor; Bros. Roberts, Spencer, Sadler, Johnson, Watkins, Holloway, and Brown, Thistle of Scotland 87, Worsley acting Secretary. After preliminaries, Bro. Holloway answered the questions, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. Bro. Andrews worked the first section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. The Lodge was then closed to the first degree, and the following brethren gave in their names to work sections on Tuesday next, under the presidency of P.M. Cundick and P.M. Musto. FIRST LECTURE: Bros. Roberts, Watkins, Barker, Shepherd, Musto, Andrews, Cundick P.M. SECOND LECTURE: Bros. Lloyd, Pavitt, Smith, Worsley, Musto. Should time permit, the third lecture will be worked by Bros. Johnson, Smith, and Cundick. Bro. Brown, Thistle of Scotland 87, was elected a member. Bro. Andrews was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week. Nothing further being offered, the Lodge was closed in due form with prayer. On Tuesday next the business will commence at 7.30 precisely. The brethren who will assist Bro. Cundick in working the sections are well known. The working will be strictly "East End," and it is confidently anticipated there will be a good attendance.

The Sir Hugh Myddelton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1602.—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 13th May, at the Crown and Woolpack, St. John-street-road. Present:—Bros. Pearcy W.M. and Preceptor, Hirst S.W., Corke J.W., Weston Treasurer, Osborn Secretary, W. Rowley S.D., Pelikan J.D., Green I.G.; Bros. Sim, A. F. Rowley, Coombs, Greenfield, Ross, Cook, Crosbie, Gwyn, Wood, and Upton. Lodge opened, and minutes were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Gwyn candidate. The W.M. worked first, second, and third sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Cyril Gwyn of the Sir Hugh Myddelton Lodge No. 1602, and Bro. Alrick Upton of the Crusaders Lodge No. 1677, were elected joining members. Bro. Hirst will be W.M. at the meeting on 3rd of June. The meeting on the 27th inst., being the last before the installation meeting of the mother Lodge, was appointed an Officers' night, when Bro. P.M. Sim will rehearse the ceremony of installation. Bro. A. F. Rowley, the W.M. elect, will invest Officers, &c. It is expected there will be a good attendance on the occasion.

West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction. No. 1612.—A meeting was held on Thursday, 15th May, at the Chequers, Ealing. Bros. Alexander Jones W.M., W. Seward jun. S.W., Rickwood J.W., H. E. Tucker Treasurer, J. Wells S.D., Pooley J.D., G. S. Wright I.G.; Bros. W. Brown, Porter, J. Green, Gasson, Stephens, Owen, Clarke, F. Green, V. Green, &c. Business:—The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Brother F. Green candidate. Brother Tucker delivered the lecture on the Tracing Board of the second degree. Lodge was opened in the third, and the Worshipful Master vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Tucker, who rehearsed the ceremony of raising, Bro. Valentine Green candidate. The W.M. reoccupied the chair, and the Lodge was closed in the third, and resumed to the first. Bro. Valentine Green, of Rothesay Lodge, No. 1687, was elected a member of this Lodge of Instruction. Bro. Tucker intimated that Bro. A. C. Ahais P.M. and Hon. Sec. of Lodge No. 834, had kindly consented to rehearse the ceremony of Installation on Thursday the 22nd, and Bro. J. Terry, Prov. G.J.W. Herts, the ceremony of consecration on the 29th inst., Bro. Seward was elected W.M. for Thursday, 5th June.

West Smithfield Lodge, No. 1623.—The regular meeting was held on Thursday, the 15th inst., at Bro. T. Butt's, New Market Hotel, West Smithfield. Bro. G. S. Elliott W.M. opened the Lodge. He, in his painstaking and correct manner did the raisings, and initiated a candidate into Freemasonry. After some minor business was disposed of, the W.M., on behalf of the Lodge, presented Bro. Frederick Walters P.P.G.D. Middlesex P.M. and Treasurer with a beautifully illuminated vote of thanks, executed on vellum, and mounted in a handsome gilt frame, which had been voted him for his services as first Secretary, and a founder of the Lodge. Bro. F. Walters suitably acknowledged the gift. Business ended, the Lodge was closed, but not before a letter of condolence was ordered to be sent to the widow of the late Bro. Johnson J.W., whose death had occurred since the last meeting. There was no banquet. There were present Bros. J. Howes P.M. S.W., W. Pennefather P.M. S.D., E. Mallett P.M. Sec., T. Butt, G. S. Wintle P.M., W. Butt, H. J. Lardner, Stephens, and many others. Visitor—T. Horton 871, &c.

West Smithfield Lodge of Instruction, No. 1623.—The annual festival of this Lodge was held at the New Market Hotel, King Street, Snow Hill, E.C., on the 28th ult. The Lodge was formally opened, and minutes confirmed. Lodge was closed, and the brethren repaired to one of the banqueting rooms of this establishment. Bro. G. S. Elliott W.M. 1623 presided; Bros. H. J. Lardner D.C. 1623 J.W., and G. H. Stephens W.S. J.W. The banquet was bountifully provided, and heartily enjoyed. After the cloth was removed, the W.M. gave the ordinary Loyal and Craft toasts in eloquent manner, and the brethren heartily received them. Bro. J. Stevens P.M. (in the regretable absence of Bro. W. Pennefather P.M. the Preceptor, owing to a call to the country) ably proposed the health of the W.M. In doing so he congratulated him upon his conduct in presiding over the banquet, and for his kindness in furnishing the wines for dinner. The toast was heartily received. Bro. Stevens P.M. next proposed the West Smithfield Lodge of Instruction. Alluding to the good work done by Instruction Lodges, he said it was a matter for regret that there should be such differences in working as were to be found. This seriously interfered with the good which might otherwise be done. He had raised the question of the desirableness of laying down a standard working in Grand Lodge, and hoped, some day, to see this important point dealt with. He also drew attention to the Charterhouse Club of Instruction, and suggested that as the New Market Hotel was already the home of several Masonic bodies, it would be well, now Bro. Butt had provided such excellent accommodation, to form a club for the brethren to meet in at all times, where they could pass an evening in the various Lodges, or in social enjoyment. Bro. Lardner having responded for the Lodge of Instruction, as Treasurer, the W.M. gave the Visitors, calling upon Bros. P.M.'s Stevens and Tredwell to respond. The evening was enlivened with some capital songs by Bros. D. Moss and G. H. Stephens. In connection with this house, it may be interesting to state that Bro. T. Butt, on the 5th inst., inaugurated the opening of his new banqueting room, when he was supported on the occasion by many brethren and City gentlemen. Bro. James Stevens occupied the chair, and Messrs. Meekham and Anstey the vice-chairs. The toast list included "The Queen, Prince of Wales, and rest of the Royal Family," "Army, Navy, and Reserve Forces," "The Host" (Bro. Butt), "The Corporation of the City of London," "The Churchwardens," "The Press," &c. The entertainment was of the highest order of excellence, and we trust Bro. Butt will secure the success his spirited enterprise deserves.

On Tuesday evening last, the members of the Charterhouse Club of Instruction spent a most pleasant and instructive evening at the above Hotel. The chair was taken by Bro. Stead I.P.M., of the New Concord Lodge, who was ably supported, while Bro. Jas. Stevens acted on this occasion in the capacity of Preceptor. The appointments of the Lodge Room are most perfect, and we can ensure for those of our readers who may be induced to pay the Club a visit an eminently Masonic reception.

New Finsbury Park Lodge, No. 1695.—An emergency meeting of this Lodge, which is now fairly at home in its new quarters, was held on Tuesday, the 20th inst., at the Alexandra Palace, where, by a special arrangement, the production of the Lodge summons produced admission for those who took part in the day's proceedings. There was a very good attendance of the brethren and visitors. The W.M. Bro. W. T. Purkiss was unavoidably absent. Bro. Press occupied the chair of S.W., Dunn J.W., Davis P.M. Treas., A. J. Berry Sec., Eldridge P.M. D.C. as S.D., Thompson J.D., Bastable I.G., Verry Tyler. P.M.'s Davis, Rowe, and Hollis; Bros. F. Bonts, Bastable, Reid, Richmond, Speller, Austin, Ayden, G. Chutter, Hawkins, Atkinson, &c. The Lodge was opened by Bro. Hollis P.G.S. Hertfordshire. Ballots were taken for the admission of Bros. J. Swinyard 1178, A. Speller, 217 and F. H. Tibbitts 59, as joining members, and the result was unananimous in their favour. Messrs. F. Richmond, F. Madgin and J. W. Clayton were balloted for. Mr. Clayton having met with an accident was unable to be present, but Mr. Madgin, who was present, was duly initiated into the Order by Bro. Hollis, who conducted the ceremony very perfectly. Bros. F. W. Richmond, F. F. Antiss and W. Earl were passed to the second degree by Bro. Davis P.M., who was very impressive in his conduct of this ceremony. All the Officers were proficient in their duties. In pursuance with a notice of motion, Bro. Berry proposed, and Bro. Bastable seconded, that in future the meetings of this Lodge be held on the third Thursday in the months of October, February, April, June and August, and that the Bye-laws be altered accordingly. This was carried unanimously. The Lodge was then closed to the third Tuesday in June, and the brethren sat down to a sumptuous and *récherché* banquet and dessert, provided by Bros. Bertram and Roberts. The wines and viands were of first rate quality. Grace having been said, the W.M. Bro. Purkiss, who was prevented from being in attendance at the working, very genially presided, and proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. In giving the toast of the initiates, the W.M. remarked that Bro. Madgin had expressed to him the pleasure he had experienced in being made a Mason. He had known Bro. Madgin for many years, and he felt he would be an ornament to the Craft; he was respected by all who knew him. The W.M. then urged on Bro. Madgin the necessity of attending Lodges of Instruction, impressing upon him that, in after years should he aspire to obtain office, the principles of Freemasonry would there be fully developed to him. Bro. Madgin, in the course of a brief and appropriate speech, said he was proud to have the honour of being initiated in this Lodge. He had to thank Bro. Hollis for introducing him; he hoped one day to be high in office. Bro. Davis P.M. said he had great pleasure in proposing the health of the W.M. Bro. Purkiss was one whom they all respected; he was an ardent Mason, and one who does not forget the Charities. He was Worshipful Master for two years, and to him is to be ascribed

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the success of this Lodge. The hearty thanks of the Lodge were due to him, and its prosperity in every shape was attributable to his care. All regretted his absence from the Lodge, but he fully compensated for that by his genial presidency; he hoped they would drink a bumper to his long life and prosperity. The W.M. thanked Bro. Davis for the manner in which he had proposed his health, and the brethren for their hearty reception of the toast; he felt proud to be among them. The brethren had most kindly co-operated with him. It was most gratifying to know they had good furniture, and a very fair balance in hand; he felt a pride in saying, that on behalf of his new Lodge, he had served as Steward three times; he felt that an honour. They had given the sum of £100 to the Charities. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Visitors, to which each severally responded, all paying a just compliment to the two Past Masters who had so well undertaken the working of the ceremonies, and thanking the members for the kind and hospitable manner in which they had been entertained. The health of the P.M.'s was next offered; great credit was due to them for the manner in which they had assisted the W.M. They had always been able and willing to do any duty. Those who had witnessed their working that day could but agree in this. He would call on Bro. Hollis to respond. Bro. Hollis said he was not a P.M. of this Lodge, but he hoped at a future time they would have a goodly army of P.M.'s of their own; he thanked the W.M. for his kind expressions, and assured him his services would always be at the command of the Lodge. The W.M. said the next toast was always proposed and received with good feeling and kindness, it was the health of the Treasurer, Bro. Davis, and the worthy Secretary, Bro. Berry. These brethren were patterns to the Order, for the admirable manner their duties were carried out. The members all felt that their funds were carefully looked after; for the Treasurer's assistance the thanks of the brethren were due. In reference to Bro. Secretary, he is one to whom special praise may be offered; he knows his duties thoroughly, and is always punctual in attendance. Bros. Davis and Berry severally responded to the toast. The W.M. then proposed the health of the Officers. For so young a Lodge all were efficient; this was due to attendance at the Lodge of Instruction, where they had perfected themselves. The toast was responded to by the Senior Warden, and then Bro. Dunn J.W. stated that the Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction was now held at the Earl Russell, Isledon Road, Seven Sisters' Road, every Wednesday, at eight p.m.; Bro. P. Dickinson P.M. 1298 is the Preceptor. Bro. Eldridge also responded. The Tyler's toast was given, and every Brother, before leaving, expressed to the W.M. thanks for having spent so delightful a day. The W.M., Bros. Davis, Tibbetts, Richmond, Wright, W. Earl, and Bastable contributed some excellent and humorous songs; Bro. Grout accompanied on the pianoforte. Among the Visitors were:—Bros. J. T. Rowe P.M. 167, R. Perkins P.M. 34, H. Follett P.M. 45, R. W. Wright P.M. 1298, J. Wood 1288, W. Stannard 813, Wilkinson 167, W. C. Maddever W.M. 504, and H. M. Levy P.M. 188.

York Mark Lodge (T.I.).—This Lodge held its regular meeting at York, on Monday evening. In the absence of the W.M., Bro. the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, from England, Bro. T. B. Whytehead I.P.M. occupied the chair, supported by Bros. G. Balmford P.M., Rev. W. Valentine S.W., J. Hollins J.W., Rev. W. C. Lukis Chaplain, W. Paley Registrar, J. S. Cumberland M.O., C. G. Padel S.O., W. P. Husband as J.O., M. Millington S.D., A. T. B. Turner, T. S. Camidge as Organist, T. Humphries I.G., Paul Pearson Tyler, and several other brethren. Bro. J. M. Meek W.M. of the Marquis of Ripon Lodge, Darlington, was advanced to the degree of a M.M.M. Some other business was disposed of, and the Lodge was closed, the brethren subsequently meeting at supper, which had been elaborately provided under the superintendence of Bro. T. Humphries Steward.

Union Chapter, No. 414.—This Chapter held its Convocation on Friday, 16th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Reading. Present:—Comp. R. Bradley M.E.Z., A. Portsmouth H., W. Parsons J., J. Weightman E., Lamb N., R. Ravenor P.S.; P.Z.'s Biggs and Dew; Comps. Bance, Honey, Butler, Bailey, Long; Hemming Jan. Minutes of last Convocation were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for two candidates, one of whom was exalted, as serving Comp., by dispensation from Grand Superintendent. A sum was unanimously voted for relief of a Comp. in distress. The election of Officers for the ensuing year took place, and resulted as follows:—First chair, Comp. Portsmouth; second, Comp. Parsons; third, Comp. Lamb; Witherington S.E., Ravenor N., Brown P.S., Weightman Treasurer; after which the Chapter was closed.

Vitruvian Lodge of Instruction, No. 87.—A meeting was held on 22nd inst., at the White Hart, College-street, Lambeth. Present—Bros. W. Watterton W.M., Brown S.W., Skewing J.W., Isaac Treas., J. G. Bond Hon. Sec., De Solla S.D., Taylor J.D., Watson Tyler; Bros. Stuart, Chalkley, Davis, Ball. The Lodge was opened in due form. Ceremony of initiation worked, Bro. Chalkley candidate. First and second sections worked. It was proposed, seconded and carried, that the S.W. be W.M. next Thursday evening.

MR. AND MRS. GERMAN REED'S ENTERTAINMENT.—"Grimstone Grange" is announced to be withdrawn after Monday next, to give place to a new first part, on Tuesday, 27th May, entitled, "£100 Reward," written by Arthur Law, the music by Corney Grain. "Our Calico Ball," Mr. Corney Grain's Musical Sketch, will for a short time retain its place in the programme, and the favourite Musical Proverb, "Charity begins at home," will conclude the Entertainment.

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The late lamented Bro. William Watson, formerly of the Freemasons' Tavern, who died on the 20th inst., will be buried at three o'clock on Monday next, at Great Cornard Church, Sudbury, Norfolk.

The Earl of Rosslyn, H.M.'s Lord High Commissioner to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, reached Edinburgh from London on Tuesday, and proceeded to Holyrood Palace. He was accompanied by the Countess of Rosslyn, Lord and Lady Ribblesdale, the Hon. Miss Maynard, and Mrs. Farquhar. In the evening his Lordship presided at a dinner held in the Freemasons' Hall by the Supreme Council of the 33rd degree of Freemasonry.

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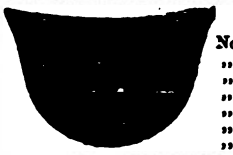
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CONVIVIALITY AND CHARITY.

IT must be admitted that Charity is the great charm which recommends Freemasonry to the hearts of earnest, thoughtful men. Before the Charities were, Freemasonry was, unquestionably; but the principle involved in Freemasonry has ever been the same as that which has developed, in more recent times, into so deep an interest in the Institutions of which we are so justly proud. Charity admits of various significations. Our present Grand Master, at the time of his installation, gave us, as the brethren are aware, the formula of "Loyalty and Charity" which still remains the watchword of the Craft. As loyal men, we know it is our duty to support the ruling power under whom we live as citizens, and when we contrast Freemasonry in England with what it is in Continental States, it is a matter of intense satisfaction that English Freemasonry knows nothing of the principles of want of allegiance to the throne—that it is imbued with an ardent love of Charity, yearning to do all it can to mitigate human distress, to extend its brotherly love in every shape and way, and above all, to observe the binding principle of truth, which is the equivalent of honesty—necessarily making us fair and open in our dealings with each other. Charity, as every one knows, has two vital and distinct significations. On the one hand it is the synonym of love, begetting toleration of opinion, causing us to abstain from indulgence in undue censure or hostile criticism, and to give every one credit for as pure intentions as we ourselves claim to be actuated by. The natural outcome of such a spirit is practical Charity. We appeal to any one to say—charming as Freemasonry unquestionably is—would there be any real, ostensible object in view were it not for our Masonic Institutions? Do they not bind our efforts and enlist our sympathies from one end of the Order to the other? It is not merely that we value these Institutions for the benefits we are enabled to confer, through them, upon the deserving poor; but they afford us the best practical means of answering the various objections made to our system by the outer world. They twit us with being a convivial society. So we are. We go even farther, and say that, if shorn of this element of social amenity, Freemasonry would be divested of its popularity, and would sink into comparative insignificance. These social gatherings which mark our Order enable men to meet for the interchange of friendly opinions, and it is at such seasons that all "superfluous knobs and excrescences" are knocked off, whilst under the happiest circumstances old friendships are cemented and new ones formed. But does the charge of conviviality lie only against the Order of Freemasonry? We appeal to the members of the Church, or of any other section of society to answer—is there any good work, or any work at all, good, bad, or indifferent, carried out that is not accompanied by social enjoyment? At laying the foundation stone of a church or chapel, at meetings of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, or "sending out pattens to the heathen"- accompanying every work, whether secular, religious, or political—you will find either a *déjeuner*, a collation, a dinner, a tea, or a supper. It simply comes to this, that social enjoyment and conviviality is an English element; and you may just as well try to sever light from air as to dissever conviviality from the assemblages of Freemasonry. But what is the practical result of every occasion on which we band ourselves together for enjoyment? We never forget—nay, we will even go farther, and say it is on those very occasions that Freemasons most vividly remember the wants of those who are not so fortunately circumstanced as themselves. We have the authority of those who have the largest experience in these matters for saying that if you want to raise any sum, whether it be five or a thousand pounds, it is useless to appeal to any brother, or society of men, before they sit down to the social board; but, embrace the opportunity afterwards, when their hearts are warm and their notions stimulated, and at that very moment the purse-strings are relaxed, as men say, "How can I sit here and enjoy all the wonderful blessings that Providence has vouchsafed to me and not do something substantial for those who are not so fortunate as I am?" It is a very fine and eloquent trait in the Masonic character which prompts men to give readily and largely of their substance towards supporting those noble Institutions which have been set up for the benefit of the needy and the distressed. It, moreover, speaks volumes for the Order when we see that, in spite of the depression of trade, that has checked the inflow of subscriptions into the treasury of many similar societies—when some charities have been obliged to sell out their funded property, or to dispense with the services of valuable officers, in order to meet their annual expenditure—we repeat, it speaks volumes for the vital principles of Charity amongst Freemasons that, so far from their being any falling off in the amounts subscribed to our Institutions, the sums received at the Festivals have been more substantial than ever before. We are amongst those who have thought seriously that the vast strides Freemasonry has made, especially of late years, is not an unmixed good—that it leads to a competition that is not altogether healthy. Masters are not sufficiently guarded as to the admission of members; due regard is not exercised as to the qualifications of candidates; and as a result it may happen that by-and-bye our Institutions may be flooded with applicants. Time has not journeyed far enough to justify us in any such apprehensions; but we have it from the lips of Bro. Binckes,—than whom no man has had greater opportunities of forming an opinion on this subject, during the seventeen years he has been Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys,—that at no period has there been anything like the number of applications for forms of admission to the Schools that are now being made. This seems to be only an indication of what we may expect. It is very well to boast that under the benign rule of our M.W. Grand Master the Prince of Wales Freemasonry has increased to so great an extent as is evidenced by the number and strength of its Lodges; but the time may come when there will be a reaction, and we may find a great number of those who have rushed into Freemasonry without thought or consideration of its responsibilities—having been admitted without due care or investigation as to their fitness—applying for the benefits of our Institutions. We only hope we may be a false prophet, but such a fear is not altogether groundless. At any rate, we have it on the authority of an Officer whose status is universally recognised, and whose ability and foresight is admitted, that never at any period of the history of the Craft has there been such heavy pressure upon the consideration of those who have the supervision and management of our Charitable Institutions. These are matters which call for the serious and dispassionate attention of every member of the Order, if we would prepare for contingencies which appear fraught with difficulty.

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"SIGNIFICANCE OF MASONIC LIGHT."

By Bro. Jacob Norton.

UNDER the above heading, an editorial review of an address by the Rev. Bro. Charles Butler appeared in this paper, 12th April this year. Judging from a few quotations from the said address, Bro. Butler is evidently a disciple of the Oliver school; hence he gave us an abundance of rhetorical assumption, but little or no logic.

The lecturer started with "The undeniable fact that *religion and Freemasonry were wedded from the first.*" But he failed to tell us what *religion* it was wedded to, and when its *first* was. If by "*first*" Bro. Butler meant the building of Solomon's Temple, then Masonry must have been wedded to the Jewish religion. If Bro. Butler's *first* meant the Masonry of the middle ages, then it must have been first wedded to Roman Catholicism. But as the religion of Masonry is neither the Jewish nor the Roman Catholic religion, Bro. Butler may probably mean the time of 1717, when speculative Masonry was *first* started; and if so, the religion then wedded to Masonry was neither Jewish nor Christian. For all that the 1721 Constitution required for eligibility to Masonry was, "*That religion in which all men agree*," which is thus defined,—to be a good and true man, to practise morality, and to believe in God. To be sure, these tenets form part of the Jewish as well as the Christian religion; but as no one can be regarded either as an orthodox Jew or orthodox Christian if his belief is confined entirely to those tenets, our modern Freemasonry cannot, therefore, be claimed to have been "*from the first*" wedded, either to Judaism or to Christianity. Had Bro. Butler undertaken to prove that according to the "old charges" in Anderson's Constitution of 1721, Masons had to believe in God, and had to be good and true men, no one could have disputed his statement.

I am, however, sorry to say that Bro. Butler had another scheme in his head, and the introduction of his *fact*, of religion having been wedded to Masonry, was merely intended by him as a *Christianising wedge*; for no sooner was the sharp end of his wedge inserted, than his mallet began to go rap, rap, rap, which drove the wedge down to Adam's fall, Jacob's ladder, Moses and the burning bush, &c. Now all these topics are interesting to Jews and Christians *only*; but even they are at loggerhead about the religious significance of these topics, for the religious significance attached to those topics by one party is regarded by the other as mere superstition.

Again the mallet went rap, rap, rap, which drove the wedge down to "The Light on the Altar," meaning the Bible, which book Christians believe in *toto*, Jews about three-fourths thereof, and the rest of the human race have no faith in it at all. There is no doubt that the Bible has in it many grand truths; but there is also no doubt that it contains many grand puzzles, which more than once have caused hatred, strife, wars, and religious persecutions. The Bible may truly be compared to a nitro-glycerine magazine, which continues harmless as long as it lays quiescent, but the moment it is carelessly handled, a terrific explosion may take place. If therefore the Bible must be in a Lodge, as far as the Christian soul-saving dogmas are concerned, they *must be hid under a bushel when the Lodge is open.*

Again, Bro. Butler applied his mallet, and at last drove Christianity into the very heart of Masonry, for thus saith our rev. brother:—"Believing, as I do, that Christianity is the highest development of religious light, Freemasonry seems to me to be more in harmony with it than with any other form of ancient and modern religion. No brother can fail to recognise the direct reference in all degrees of Freemasonry to the religion of Jesus Christ. Each succeeding degree increases the light, and makes the reference more clear and definite."

The rev. lecturer evidently belongs to a school of *theological philosophers*, who can turn every form, shape, or figure into a Christian symbol; thus, a line and angle, a circle, a cube, &c., can each be made to denote Christ. In the Old Testament, in King James's Bible, in every chapter where there happens to be a metaphor or puzzle, is intimated in the heading of that chapter that it refers to Christ, His holy church," &c. Masonic luminaries of that school have symbolised Christ as a lion, a lamb, a pelican, a fish, and what not. The late Dr. Oliver got old of an old R.A. Chart, on which was engraved a seven-branch candlestick; a small sprig, which he called Aaron's rod, two apothecary's weights, which he called show bread; a smoking pot he called "a pot of incense," and other indescribable figures. The Doctor then learnedly proved that the candlestick was Christ, that Aaron's Rod was Christ, that the show bread was Christ, that the pot of incense was Christ, and that every other item on the chart was Christ, and he thus lucidly demonstrated that Royal Arch Masonry was Christian.*

Such method of philosophising may have great weight with orthodox Christians. They may admire it as beautiful, profound, and sublime. But the Jewish and non-orthodox brethren in a Masonic Lodge will assuredly condemn it as frivolous, absurd, and insulting to common sense.

Let us, however, put the shoe upon the other foot. When I visited "The Lodge of Israel," near forty years ago, I found there twenty or more Jews to one Christian. Suppose, then, W.M. Bro. Cohen had there made a harangue in the Rev. Butler's style, but instead of vaunting the superiority of Christianity, he bragged up Judaism as the highest development of religious light; had such been the case, the Christian brethren then present would have felt indignant at the insult to their religion, and with justice they might have denounced the address as unmasonic, ungentlemanly, and impertinent. There is a saying, "What is good for the goose is good for the gander," and, inferentially, what is bad for one is bad for the other. If Christian brethren would be angered by Bro. Cohen for insulting their religion in a Lodge composed of twenty or more Jews to one Christian, they should refrain from insulting Bro. Cohen's religion in a Lodge composed of twenty or more Christians to one Jew. Besides which, it is easy to assert the superiority of a religion, but it may be impossible to prove it; and as religious discussion will mar the brotherly love which should exist among Masons, we must not only avoid discussion upon religion in a Lodge, and in the Masonic press too, but we must also avoid provoking such discussion both in a Lodge and in the press.

The editor praised Bro. Butler's address; but yet he seemed cognizant of an inconsistency, and he therefore endeavoured to whitewash it, thus:—"And yet (says the brother), be it observed, the interpretation of our Masonic symbols is subject to no inflexible rule. Each brother may interpret them according to the light that is in him. So far as possible everything is excluded from the Lodge which might offend or cast an apparent reflection on the sincerity or intelligent convictions of a brother. The Jew, the Turk, and the Christian may mingle freely in the same Lodge, agreeing in the grand essential and universal principles of religion, recognising and worshipping the G.A.O.T.U.," &c.

I do not clearly understand the above. As already said, the editor approved of Butler's address, but am I to understand that every brother should be allowed to brag up his religion in a Lodge as Bro. Butler did? Why, if such concession was made, it would not be very long ere the "confusion of Babel" would bear no comparison to the scenes that would nightly be exhibited in Lodges. Nay, our brother himself commends that as far as possible everything should be excluded from the Lodge which might offend the convictions of an intelligent brother. This is apparently an admission, that sectarianism should be excluded from the Lodge. The question then is, if one *dare not* interpret Masonic symbols according to the light that is in him *in a Masonic Lodge*, of what use can his light be to Masons? There is but one way I can solve that riddle. I suppose that my brother meant to lay down a rule that when none but Christians are present in a Lodge, that then and there the symbols might be interpreted according to Christian light, but the moment a Jew or Turk knocks at the door for admission, the bushel must be popped over the Christian light, and another kind of light must then be substituted for it. Is it so, brother?

Truth has but one meaning, viz., to mean what you say. Saying what we do not mean is called *deception*. To tell one brother that a symbol means *this*, and to another it means *that*, is neither more nor less than deception. Jewish and Turkish Masons are men of mature age and of sound judgment, and they cannot be humbugged with sophistical dodges when (contrary to the solemn promises given them at their initiation) their religion is insulted in a Masonic Lodge. I am not opposed to religion, but with King Solomon I say, "there is a time and place for all things," and a Masonic Lodge is no place to brag up *any* sectarian religion. If Masonry is *sectarian* its creed should be defined, and every candidate should be made to subscribe to it before his initiation, but if its religious requirements do not extend beyond those laid down in the Masonic Constitution, then our rituals and our boasted "Masonic universality" are certainly in antagonism.

The original and chief cause of our Masonic inconsistency was, and is, the general ignorance of Masonic history among our brethren; second, it is due to religious dreamers, who persuaded themselves that Masonry was somehow connected with the early Christian Church. Some of these dreamers went so far as to declare that the first Church of the Apostles was a veritable Masonic Lodge; men with some such notions formed our rituals, and men with such notions, from time to time, tinkered the rituals. These rituals in their turn, gave rise to new dreamers and to new delusions, and the result is, the Masonic press has been deluged with thousands of very foolish Masonic articles, and with thousands of equally foolish Masonic lectures; and third, Masonry from the first, has been plagued with a pack of Masonic charlatans, who for *self* invented any number of legends, any number of degrees, and any amount of humbug. And as long as the brotherhood remain ignorant of true Masonic history, so long will the charlatans and the dreamers unitedly fight for the perpetuation of humbug and sectarianism in our Masonic rituals.

I have thus far reasoned from facts and the "golden rule," but as men of theological training are apt to attach more importance to *authority* than they do to facts and the golden rule, I shall, therefore, submit a document issued by the Grand Lodge of Ireland, wherein our sectarianising advocates will learn that "Masonry prefers no sect;" that "a Masonic religion is the faithful worship of God;" that a Lodge is not appropriated to sectarian teachings, but "to improve moral duties, correct human frailties, and inculcate social happiness." And that political as well as *religious* discussions may be done by Masons "in *other* places and in *other* capacities," *but under no pretence whatsoever* should those topics be suffered to invade a Masonic Lodge. I herewith give the document in full, with its italicisings and underlinings, just as it is printed in the *Sentimental and Masonic Magazine*, p 200. Dublin, 1793.

"Masonic Admonition."

"Several Freemasons' Lodges in the country, having taken upon them the discussion of political and religious subjects, on Thursday, 3rd January 1793, at the meeting of the Grand Lodge of Ireland (Grand Treasurer on the Throne) the following admonition was resolved, and ordered to be transmitted to the several Lodges throughout the kingdom.

"The Grand Lodge of Ireland, as the constituted authority and guardian of the Craft, deem it incumbent on them to remind the respective Lodges in the kingdom, that it is utterly inconsistent with the fundamental principles—the ancient charges—and uniform practices of Freemasons to permit any discussion or *publication* on religious or political subjects among them, because these, of all others, are known to arouse the worst passions of men, and excite among the kindest brethren the most rancorous and lasting animosities. True Masonry prefers no sect, and acknowledges no party,—a Mason's religion is the faithful worship of God; his politics, strict

* See Preface to Oliver's "Origin of the Royal Arch."

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obedience to the laws of the country in which he resides, and a most cordial and unremitting attention to his Sovereign.

"FREEMASONS have sufficient opportunities to express their religious and political opinions in *other* societies and in *other* capacities, and should not under any pretence whatsoever suffer such topics to invade the *sacred retirement* of a LODGE, which is peculiarly appropriated to improve moral duties, correct human frailties, and inculcate social happiness.

"The Grand Lodge, therefore, in discharge of their duty, and actuated by the most anxious solicitude for the Prosperity, Honour, and *Unanimity* of the whole MASONIC body of Ireland, earnestly exhort and require all the LODGES of this kingdom to refrain from religious and political *discussions*, and all *publication* of such subjects."

FREEMASONRY AND INTOLERANCE.

THIS is the title of a little *brochure* which, though printed "for private circulation only," must command the attention of the Fraternity, if only for the principle involved—the cruel persecution of a brother, and the deprivation of a family of bread, for the sole cause that the husband and father was a Freemason. Everybody is aware of what religious bigotry can do, but few will be prepared to hear such statements as are contained in this pamphlet, and which, unless refuted by the persons whom it implicates, we are bound to regard as within the strict limits of truth. We are inclined to fancy we have gone back to the mediæval ages when we read of a Lutheran minister deposed from his pastorate, simply because he dared to acknowledge himself to be a member of the Society of Masons, so much hated by the Synod under which he held office in the church. Is it possible that for such a cause Bro. the Rev. J. H. Simonsen had to bear the bull of excommunication for three years, during which time he had to suffer "bitter persecution, slander, and libellous attacks of all sorts?" Not only so, but this work informs us that the Christian brethren, his co-religionists, did all they could to make life hard to him, going even so far as to lay traps for his life—shooting at him, in agrarian fashion worthy only of a fanatic Hibernian, threatening to set parish churches on fire,—and finally compelling him to leave America, the land of his adoption, and flee to his own country, Norway. Since then we are informed the Bishop has closed all pulpits to him, thus cutting him off from any chance of advancement in his own church, leaving him penniless, and a petitioner to the Craft. If, as we have read, our Brother has suffered all this cruel religious persecution for the sake of the principles of the Order, he should most assuredly be made the object of wise sympathy and commiseration at the hands of the Craft. We can afford to hold in contempt any assaults which fanatics and bigots may fling at the Order itself, but treatment such as Bro. Simonsen has received is only worthy of the Spanish Inquisition, and for this he should be protected, as far as we are able to provide for his present necessities. We commend the little pamphlet to the consideration of the brethren, and merely mention that the Rev. R. P. Bent P.G.C. has kindly consented to receive any assistance the brethren may be disposed to send to him, at Tickencote Rectory, Stamford.

The following incident is recorded by an old suburban Tyler. A few nights ago the brethren were preparing for an initiation ceremony, and although, when not tiled, the Lodge room was used for histrionic and other purposes, there was not the slightest apprehension of any intruders on the scene. Presently there was an alarm, and within the entrance were discerned two respectably dressed females. The Tyler was immediately on the *qui vive*, and demanded of the strangers the object of their visit. "Oh!" replied they, we were informed that 'Lady Audley's Secret' was to be performed here to-night, and we require seats." The old Tyler—who we fancy is a wag—replied, with a twinkle in his eye, "Very sorry, mesdames, but you cannot find admission here." This only increased the anxiety and determination of the fair ones to have their way, and they persisted in the endeavour to "squeeze in anywhere." Vain was the poor Tyler's protest that the play was not Lady Audley's Secret," but the "Prince of Wales' Secret." "All the better," quoth the ladies; "we should like that even better, because we never heard of it before, and therefore it must be new." The rest of the scene can be "better imagined than described;" but the fair ones did not at all relish the moral suasion which barred them from solving the "Prince of Wales' Secret!"

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CONSECRATION OF A MARK MASONS' LODGE AT NORTHAMPTON.

THE introduction of Mark Masonry into the county of Northampton affords another striking proof of the rapid decadence of that somewhat too rigid conservatism which has actuated elder members of the Craft in clinging to old and obsolete ideas, and a false horror of so-called "innovations." We know many excellent P.M.'s to whom the mention of any but the degrees recognised in Craft Masonry is to flaunt the red rag in the face of an angry bull. Staunch and upright brethren, who stickle for the most orthodox rendering of all points of observance and correctness of ritual, but rather straight-laced and old-fashioned in their recognition of advances in the science which lead men out of the beaten track in which they passed their own education. Experience, however, in the leading and guiding precepts of the Mark degree must teach even the most cautious brother that as an aid to, and development of, the grand principles inculcated in the earlier phases of Masonic research—as a silver link that bridges over the parenthesis between the tuition of the M.M. and the Royal Arch—there is much in the Mark degree which must call for approval and admiration, whilst it cannot in the least degree detract from the importance of the already studied phases of Craft experience. Thus it is that Mark Masonry has made such giant strides, especially of late, that within the past six or eight years we see the number of Lodges on the roll of the Grand Lodge of Mark Masters have nearly been doubled. The county of Northampton, which has by no means shewn any lukewarmness or lethargy in its prosecution of the science, and which has always conveniently lent its support to the Charities, has nevertheless been somewhat tardy in its admission of Mark Masonry, which it must be confessed can no longer be strictly regarded as amongst the "fancy degrees." The increased interest manifested by Craft Masons in the Province has been manifested by the augmentation of Lodges from time to time, and it is scarcely eight months since we had the privilege of assisting at the consecration of what has since become a vigorous offshoot of the old Pomfret Lodge—we refer to the Eleanor Cross, No. 1764. It was only natural to expect that with the wider diffusion of Masonic knowledge and its attendant expansion of the desire for further light, the brethren should conceive a wish for participation in the benefits of the Mark, which they saw were so eagerly embraced in other parts of the country. The natural outcome of this desire was to seek the aid of the nearest neighbour—Leicestershire—in bringing it to a satisfactory realisation, and the happy results which attended the opening of the Simon De St. Liz Lodge, No. 245, on Tuesday last, must have proved a source of congratulation to all concerned. Not only does the fledgling start with every symptom of robust health, but the *éclat* which attended its first efforts gives promise of a sturdy and prosperous future.

The title of the Lodge is after that of the first Norman Earl of Northampton, who, it is supposed, was instrumental in building the churches of St. Peter and St. Sepulchre. The petition under which the warrant was obtained bore the signatures of the following brethren, as founders:—Bros. John Henry Hale J.D., Simon de Montfort Lodge, No. 194, Leicester; Bros. Nicholas Thomas Hewens, Rev. S. J. W. Sanders, Henry John Atkins, George Ellard, Eli Morris, George Henry Percival, and Thomas Chapman, of No. 194; William Cole Shout and Thomas Wright, of the Fowke Lodge, No. 19; and Robert James Johnstone, of the Union Lodge, No. 23, Newry. The ceremony of consecration brought together a goodly number of the brethren, including a sprinkling of Grand and Provincial Officers, who assembled in the Masonic Hall, Abington Street, shortly after twelve o'clock at noon. Precisely at half-past twelve the Lodge was opened in accordance with ancient rite, under the presidency of the R.W. Bro. William Kelly, F.S.A., F.R. Hist. S., &c., P.G.M.M. of Leicestershire, the Officers designate of the new Lodge occupying their respective chairs. The Consecrating Officer was supported by Bros. Frederick Binckes Grand Secretary of England, Rev. F. H. Richardson, M.A., P.P.G.C. Leicestershire, John J. Thorpe I.P.M. 194 P.P.S.G.W. Leic., Thomas Coltman P.G. Sup. Wks. D.C. 194, Henry Brown Fowke 19, T. Gadsby Bective 147, Thomas Taylor J.W. St. Peter and Paul 163, W. Weare P.M. P.P.G.M.O. Fowke 19, Edward Newton jun. P.G.A.D.C. S.D. 194, Robert Broughton Smith W.M. 21 P.P.G.J.W. Leic., &c. There were also several brethren of the Lodge, including the Officers designate, and Visitors, and the Wardens' chairs were filled by Bros. J. J. Thorpe as S.W., and W. Weare as J.W. Amongst those present were:—Bros. J. H. Hale P.M., N. T. Hewens, Rev. S. J. W. Sanders, Henry John Atkins, George Ellard, Eli Morris, Henry Hill, Thomas C. Beasley, W. Cole Shout, Hamilton W. Parker, G. H. Percival, R. R. Sampson, Henry Spoor, Frederick John Airs, William Kirby, F. Cogan, Richard Croft, R. J. Johnston, Joseph Sadler, J. H. Williams, Stephen Dimbleby, C. H. Frank, H. J. Amphlett Minerva No. 12, &c. Some little disappointment was experienced in the matter of attendance, the unfavourable state of the weather having no doubt a tendency to keep away a large number of brethren who would otherwise have been present. At the conclusion of the usual formalities, the founders of the Lodge were arranged in order, and were addressed by the Consecrating Officer on the object and nature of their meeting. In the course of his observations, Bro. Kelly referred to the increasing popularity of the Mark degree in all parts of the country, and said it would no doubt become equally popular in Northamptonshire. He had, therefore, much pleasure in being present, and to assist in the consecration of the Lodge. He then called upon the Secretary (Bro. Henry Hill) to explain the wishes of the brethren, and the steps that had been taken to bring about this happy occasion; and Bro. Hill, in response, said it being the wish of several brethren residing in Northampton and the neighbourhood to extend their sphere of usefulness, they held several meetings, and unanimously resolved to form a Mark Masons' Lodge in that town. They therefore petitioned the Grand Master for

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a warrant empowering them to do so. The prayer of that petition was granted, and a warrant of consecration having been forwarded, they set about to constitute and form a regular Mark Mason's Lodge, to be entitled the Simon de St. Liz Lodge. Having got their warrant, they held two special meetings for the advancement of brethren who were desirous of being advanced to the degree of Mark Masons, and he had very much pleasure in handing to the Consecrating Officer the warrant of constitution received from the M.W.G.M. of England upon which they had acted. Several brethren of Simon de Montfort Lodge, at Leicester, and others, assisted them in this effort, and the brethren of this Lodge are indebted to them for their assistance. The Grand Sec. Bro. Frederick Binckes read the petition and warrant, with the names of the founders; and the brethren having signified their approval of the officers named in those documents, the Consecrating Officer called upon Bro. the Rev. H. Richardson P.P.G. Chaplain of Leicestershire, to deliver an oration, which he did, as follows:—

Most Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Officers, and Brethren,—The occasion for which we are met together to-day is one of more than ordinary interest to Freemasonry in this place, because not only are we founding a new Lodge in connection with the Order, but I am informed that this is the first Lodge of Mark Master Masons that has been founded in this town, or in the county of Northamptonshire. It is, therefore, a matter, I consider, of very great congratulation, not only to the founders of the Lodge, but also to all Freemasons who have been advanced to the honourable degree of Mark Master Masons, that we should be met together for the purpose for which we are assembled this day. I need not inform those brethren who are here present that Mark Masonry, though not recognised by the Grand Lodge of England as one of the three regular degrees of the Craft, yet it is so closely connected with the history of Masonry, and also with its working, that it must be considered as belonging to the Craft degrees in some sense, at any rate. In other countries, and more particularly in America, it is incorporated into the three degrees of working Masonry, and also with the supreme degree of the Holy Royal Arch. This being so, we feel we miss some points in Masonic duty, and a great portion of the legitimate beauties of Masonry, if we do not attain to the degree which some of us here present have had the honour to attain. We all must feel this about Masonry—whether it is Craft Masonry or whatever the degree may be—that each degree has its special lessons for us, and therefore that Mark Masonry, as a whole, is more valuable for this lesson than any other, namely—that it conveys to us the highest moral precepts in the best possible way. Not only do we in this degree receive sublime and important lessons orally, from those who conduct the ceremonies of the Lodge, but we have also this great advantage in Mark Masonry,—the receiving of impressions upon the mind through the eye. We have our ritual as well as our forms and ceremonies, and so by acts and spectacles are great truths brought home to the mind much better and in a way not so likely to be forgotten as we are apt to forget those taught by word of mouth. Whatever the advantages of Masonry may be in other respects—and we all must admit that they are most valuable—we learn a greater perfection of them in the Mark degree. Recognition of each other in distant countries, introduction to one another in the bond of brotherhood, and in the spirit that is evinced amongst the members—these are the great benefits which we receive in the ordinary working of the Craft. Masonry in general teaches us, of course, those great principles of brotherly love, relief, and truth, and it teaches us also, besides this, reverence to the great Creator, the Grand Overseer of the Universe, the God who made us all. We learn the beautiful lessons of uprightness, of integrity, of sincerity, of benevolence, of courage, of humility, and others I could mention. These lessons are most valuable to all of us; but Mark Masonry has a special teaching in which appears to be embodied these several points, which I will endeavour to mention. First of all we are taught to measure our work—that our work must be good, and that it must be put to the test. In Craft Masonry we are taught that we have to work; in Mark Masonry we are taught what our work must be, and that it must be put to a strict and infallible test. Its soundness, its finish, its accordance with the regulations laid down by the expert overseers of the work, must all be proved. Unless the work is good work and true, you know what becomes of it—it is heaved over amongst the rubbish. Moreover the Mark Mason finds not only that he has work to do, and that it must be put to the test, but that there is a reward for work that is good and true—i.e., not only for fair, smooth work, and such as is expressly ordered, but also for work that is ingenious if it is in accordance with the work of Masonry. Although it may not be such work as is usually done by Masons, we well know that honour is conferred upon the skilful craftsman who succeds in ingenious work. All work must be good work and true; then it must be put to the test; and, knowing all this, we must do the best we can to attain that reward which is the heritage of the deserving. But we must also use our talent in the work. If we exercise the gifts which the Great Overseer of the Universe bestows upon us we shall in the end reap a greater reward, just as the Mason who discovered the true stone that was necessary for the completion of the arch obtained greater honour from the Master presiding over the Lodge of Mark Master Masons. I have spoken of the work, and of the test which it is put to, and also of the reward. But I think that idea of the reward stands out clearest in Mark Masonry, and that is a very important lesson for us to bear in mind, the more so because the work which is very often rejected by our fellow-men is approved by those who have eyes to see, and especially by that Overseer of all, whom we recognise as Grand Master of our Order. I will not add more words, except to say that I trust this Lodge, of which I have the honour of being one of the original members, may add lustre to Masonry, and especially to Mark Masonry in this town and county. I cannot speak of a province as yet, because the province is scarcely formed; and I trust each one of us Masons here present may leave behind us a mark of good work and true, upon each stone of which shall be a stamp of which the Grand Overseer of the Universe, above all, may approve.

At the conclusion of the Rev. brother's eloquent address, which was listened to with profound attention, the anthem "Mark Masons, all appear," was sung and the consecration prayer offered, after which the cornucopia was borne in procession by the Grand Officers, and the emblems of plenty, joy and happiness, peace and fidelity were strewn around the pedestal, the brethren singing the well-known verses of the Consecration Service, to music by Bro. Edwin Crowe. The censer was then carried round by the Acting-Chaplain, during which the brethren sang the hymn "Supreme Grand Master, God of Power," after which the remaining portions of the consecration prayer were said, and the concluding anthem "Glory to God on High" sung. By request of the Consecrating Officer, the Grand Secretary then dedicated and constituted the Lodge, in accordance with the usages of this degree, delivering the charge in a finished and masterly style, and with an emphasis that elicited the hearty admiration of all present. The same remark applies to the perfect working of the installation ceremony, wherein, as in the former rite, the excellent organ accompaniment of Bro. Sampson tended materially to heighten the sublime and impressive character of the proceedings. The selection of Bro. J. H. Hale as the first W. Master of this newly-constituted Lodge is unquestionably a step in the right direction, and a presage of that prosperity which the brethren must naturally hope for. The wisdom of this choice will be endorsed by all who have known Bro. Hale in connection with Wentworth and other Lodges, in which he has ever evinced a deep and earnest interest. The Board of Installed Masters having completed their labours, the newly-installed Master was saluted in the usual way, and the honours having been accorded, he proceeded to invest his Officers for the year, as follow:—Bro. N. T. Hewens S.W., Rev. S. J. W. Sanders M.A., LL.M. &c., J.W., Henry John Atkins M.O., George Ellard S.O., Eli Morris J.O., Henry Hill Secretary, Rev. F. H. Richardson Chaplain, Rev. Thos. C. Beasley Assistant-Chaplain, William Cole Shout Treasurer, Hamilton W. Parker Registrar of Marks, Brook Sampson Organist, Henry Spoor I.G., John J. Green D.C., Frederick James Airs Steward, and William Kirby Tyler. The manner in which each of the Officers was received testified to the general appreciation by the brethren of the choice which the Worshipful Master had made. After the transaction of some other formal business, it was unanimously agreed that Bro. W. Kelly, the R.W. Deputy Prov. Grand Master of Leicestershire, Bro Frederick Binckes, Grand Secretary, and Bro. J. J. Thorpe I.P.M. 194, be elected honorary members of this Lodge. It was also resolved that a petition be sent to Grand Lodge, applying for permission for Northampton to be attached to the Provincial Grand District of Leicestershire. This being the first Mark Lodge established in the county, it will for the present be carried on under the banner of the Province of Leicester, until such time as the increase in the number of Lodges warrants the constitution of the independent Province of Northampton. At the conclusion of Lodge business the brethren adjourned to the Peacock Hotel, where a substantial banquet was served by Mrs. Forth, whose arrangements gave every satisfaction. The Worshipful Master was supported by the Provincial and other Officers above enumerated, and the admirable repast having been discussed, the customary Loyal and Mark Masonic toasts were proposed and duly honoured, the W.M. expressing a hope that, although the Prince of Wales was not yet a Mark Mason, he might become one before another year had elapsed. Bro. Binckes, in responding to the toast of the Grand Officers, said the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Donoughmore the R.W. Deputy G.M.M.M., was a young nobleman, and had been absent from England for some time, engaged in political matters, but he said the noble Earl had returned home after completing his labours in connection with the commission of Eastern Roumelia. He only hoped his Lordship had brought to bear all he had learnt in Masonry on the work of conciliation in which he had been assisting. At home the noble Lord took a deep interest especially in Mark Masonry, and therefore worthily held the distinguished position of Deputy Grand Master. At the expiration of the three years' tenure of the Office they hoped to see him assuming the position of Grand Master in succession to Lord Skelmersdale. The Mark Lodge had been presided over by a long list of distinguished brethren, and it spoke wonderfully well for Mark Masonry that they had never lost the services of any one of them from the time of their first Grand Master—Lord Leigh—to the present time, either by death or any serious indisposition. Whether the vitality and good health of the distinguished brethren who had ruled over the Mark degree might be regarded as an augury of the vitality of the Mark degree itself he could not say, but it certainly had progressed in a manner such as Lord Leigh, their first Grand Master, could have but little anticipated. The Grand Officers were a numerous body, and he assured them there was no undue influence required to obtain that honour which was conferred only on the most deserving brethren. The only passport to Grand honours in this degree was a character for zeal, energy, ability, and honesty of purpose. The toast of the Consecrating Officers was next proposed, and in responding Bro. Kelly P.G.M.M. said he had had the honour of serving under the whole of the Grand Masters of England; he hoped at some future time that they might have the pleasure of welcoming one of the Grand Masters in Northampton. Bro. Binckes having followed with a brief address, the Rev. F. H. Richardson expressed the pleasure it afforded him to return to the town of Northampton, where he had passed many years of his life as a clergyman, and he felt it a compliment to have been called upon to deliver the oration that day, only he had laboured under great disadvantage, inasmuch as the invitation came to him when he was away on a holiday, and he had no time to prepare a satisfactory speech. However, he was pleased to assist in the establishment of the first Mark Lodge in the county. Bro. Thorpe then proposed the health of the W.M., whom to know was to admire and esteem. It was impossible to see a man's good qualities all at once; and although Bro. Hale had a happy faculty of making himself agreeable and amicable, yet he carried many of his best qualities inside, and it was only by

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knowing him thoroughly and well that they could discover those qualities. There were many reasons why the Lodge should be congratulated upon having such a Master as Bro. Hale. In establishing a new Lodge, it was a good thing to have a Master whom the members could look up to, appreciate, and admire. The great thing in starting a new Lodge was to start well, and to take care that brethren should be taught to qualify themselves to step into the shoes of the outgoing Masters. He trusted they might have a prosperous and agreeable year under his Mastership—that they would be all of one mind, and put their shoulders to the wheel, so that the first year of the St. Simon de Liz Lodge might go off with all the *éclat* that they could desire. The W.M. thanked the brethren most heartily for the cordial manner in which they had received the toast. It was a very proud moment in his life being the first Master of the first Mark Lodge in Northampton, and he should regard it as a red-letter day to the end of his existence. It would prove an incentive to him to advance the cause of Masonry, if possible, more than ever he had done in the past. He was comparatively a young Mason, having been initiated only in 1871; still he had the honour of being the Master of the Wentworth Lodge for a second year, after having served every office in the Perseverance Lodge. It was his ambition from the first to become the Master of his Lodge. He tried all he possibly could to gain the affection of his brethren, and to be nominated to some position in the Lodge, so that he might rise step by step till he should reach the summit of the ladder. That, they knew, he had done, but to be Master of a Mark Lodge was a long way from his thoughts, inasmuch as he was only J.D. of the Simon de Montfort Lodge at Leicester. However, thanks to the kindness of the brethren, he had attained to that proud position. In conclusion, he presaged for the Lodge a long career of future prosperity. Bro. Sanders next gave "The health of the Honorary Members," the toast being heartily welcomed, and acknowledged in a few happily-chosen sentences by Bro. Thorpe. Bro. Hamilton Parker proposed "The Masonic Institutions and the Mark Benevolent Fund," in responding to which toast Bro. Frederick Binckes, Grand Secretary, and Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, delivered an earnest and impressive address on the claims which charity has upon the attention of Freemasons. He spoke of the vast amount of benefit which was dispensed by the united aid of the brethren in the country, and expressed his opinion that although the success of Masonry was often thought to be evidenced by the increase of Lodges, yet he fancied the time might come when, by a laxity of care in the admission of members, there may be greater demands thrust upon the Charitable Institutions of the Craft than they had any idea of at present. In conclusion, he advocated the claims of the Mark Benevolent Fund, and hoped that the Festival in aid of that charity, which is to take place at the Alexandra Palace on the 12th of July, would be a great success. The remaining toasts were those of the "Officers of the Lodge," and "The Tyler's Toast," these having been duly honoured, the remainder of the evening was devoted to harmony. It was the unanimous verdict that although the weather had undoubtedly kept many brethren away who would otherwise have attended, nevertheless the proceedings were of the most happy and congratulatory description.

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THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In your Analysis of the Lists announced at the late Festival, you state that "amongst the absentees again is Northamptonshire, which with Hunts comprises nine Lodges, whose only contribution, so far as we can recollect, was a hundred guineas sent up in 1877." In this you are mistaken, as Northamptonshire and Hunts were contributors of upwards of thirty guineas, which, as a Past Grand Warden of that Province, I placed on my List, though then acting as Steward on behalf of my London Lodge. The Province, I may add, had previously sent a Steward to the Benevolent Festival with a Fifty Guineas List, and in 1878 the Charities had not been forgotten.

I do not concur in all the remarks made by your analyzer. The censuring tone adopted by him is, in my opinion, more likely to divert the flow of contributions or subscriptions than to increase it. Many Provinces elect to take annually one of the Masonic Charitable Institutions to become the recipient of their bounty, and to concentrate their exertions in promoting the selected Institution's prosperity, rather than to make spasmodic and disconnected applications to members or to Lodges for each Institution as its Festival comes round. A continuance of your censuring criticisms may lead to a total withdrawal of support, as many will argue that the effect of being branded as absentees twice in each year in a publication circulating over all England would not be increased were the criticism repeated in your third analysis. In Masonry, as in mundane affairs generally, the *suaviter in modo* is preferable to the *fortiter in re*, and I certainly think it would be well to avoid applying the latter until the former had failed in its application.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours truly and fraternally,

EDWARD COX,

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28th May, 1879.

FREEMASONRY AND ITS CHARITIES.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In reply to a suggestion of "A SUBSCRIBER" that there must be some mistake on my part as to the amount expended on the two Masonic Schools during the past year, will you permit me to explain that, in the absence of any accounts, my original letter was based upon an approximate cost of £13,500 for each School, and allowed for the present full number of 410 children, giving an average as therein stated of over £65 per head. The Treasurer's cash statement of the Girls' School, since published, shows the outlay on that Institution to have been £15,317, or an average of upwards of £78 10s per head for 195 children. The following summary of the latest statements of a few kindred Institutions may be useful to some of your readers for comparison:—

Institution.	No. of Inmates.	Expenditure.
London Orphan Asylum	540	£17,093
Fatherless Children	282	8,076
Royal Albert Asylum	198	5,521
St. Anne's	335	12,707
Royal Masonic Institution for Girls	195	15,317

A short analysis showing the cost per head in the same Schools may also be acceptable. The amounts are stated in pounds and decimals.

Institution.	Cost of Provisions.	Clothing.	Salaries and Wages.	Every other Expenditure.	Total per head.
	£	£	£	£	£
London Orphan Asylum ...	11·451	5·540	9·555	5·105	31·651
Fatherless Children	10·656	4·415	5·496	8·070	28·637
Royal Albert Asylum ...	10·459	2·767	5·621	9·035	27·882
St. Anne's ...	14·761	4·065	6·743	8·741	34·310
R. Masonic Institution for Girls	11·215	6·138	12·435	48·759	78·547

From these figures it will be seen that, so far as the Girls' School is concerned, the average cost first approximately estimated was considerably *below* the actual outlay; but with respect to the Boys' School I must reserve my reply until the Committee shall have been pleased to furnish the Governors with the accounts which are "to dispose satisfactorily of the statements and assertions of,"

Yours fraternally,

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27th May 1879.

"WHICH IS CORRECT?"

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I for one am delighted with the very ready manner in which Bro. Stevens has responded to the suggestions contained in your opportune "editorial" a fortnight ago. A word to the wise is sufficient, and our worthy brother rose like a trout to the May-fly, which you so adroitly cast him. Many brethren will, like myself, be on the *qui vive* now for hints and information which will prove useful to us in our researches after Masonic light. I am not an old Mason, but have a very deep veneration for those who are so unselfish as to dispense freely the wisdom they have gained by years of work and experience; and I therefore, on the part of a very large section of the Craft tender my grateful thanks to any veterans of our Order who, instead of hoarding up their wealth and knowledge, endeavour to disseminate it for the advantage of every member of the brotherhood. As a rule, the ordinary working of a Lodge fails to reveal to any but the close and astute practitioner who can afford the time and has the ability to discern the real beauties of our system. And therefore he is a benefactor who, instead of hiding the light that is in him under a bushel, diffuses that light for the benefit of his fellows. Such a man exemplifies the true spirit of Masonry by assisting the brethren in the capacity of Preceptor even; but in such a case the value of his influence is to a certain extent limited. No man can speak so eloquently or appeal to so large an audience as he who has the ability to give utterance to his thoughts through the medium of a public print. Thousands upon thousands read the message thus sent through the valuable mediums of the Masonic press, and whilst thanking those kind and disinterested brethren who show themselves willing to encourage and enlighten those of us who have not had the experience or perhaps the opportunity of acquiring the "deeper draughts from the fountains of truth." I would also tender you our grateful acknowledgments for having opened the columns of your valuable journal, by means of which we can read the advantages of such correspondence. I may have a few questions to ask, anon, respecting matters on which it is important we should be informed "which is correct?" Meanwhile, again thanking Bro. Stevens for his promised letters, and hoping other brethren will take up so interesting and essential a work.

I remain, dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

FELLOW CRAFT.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I was immensely pleased to read Bro. Stevens' excellent letter last week: his remarks are only too true, both as to the ritual and the ease with which newly-fledged Masons are enabled to found new Lodges. I am sure it would be a great boon

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to the Craft if Bro. Stevens could be induced to reprint his valuable articles and letters of the last ten years in pamphlet form, at a moderate price. Perhaps it might be done by each Lodge *subscribing* for one copy. I am sure we should all find such a work an invaluable assistance.

Yours fraternally,

W. H. GULLIFORD I.P.M. 1017.

11 Caroline-street, Bedford-square.
27th May 1879.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I recently had the honour to fill the chair of Senior Warden in a Lodge of Instruction, and, after the first ceremony had been worked, some sections were commenced. I was very much surprised to find that my answer to the first question put to me was pronounced wrong by the Brother who filled the office of Preceptor, he stating that "s—e" was the correct answer. I afterwards asked him on what authority he based his opinion, as I had always heard the question replied to as I had answered it, and I had no idea there were two answers to what had hitherto appeared to me so simple a question. Since then I have, in some measure, analysed the two replies, together with the one that follows, until at last I am at a loss to know to which to give the preference.

As I see by your last paper that such questions as these are receiving the attention of those who appear to hold a prominent position in the Craft, I hope you will excuse my troubling you.

I shall certainly make myself acquainted with the correspondence you have already published on questions of ritual, and shall therefore be glad if you will please forward me a copy of the volume which contains same.

I am, &c.,

Yours fraternally,

A NEW SUBSCRIBER.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—On re-perusal of my letter of last week I notice an error, which I am desirous of speedily correcting. The letter of the 27th March 1869 in the *Freemason*, therein referred to, was headed "Past Masters as Preceptors," and not as I have written "Uniformity of Working." It is as well, in view of future possible action, to avoid all chance of misleading those who may take interest in the general subject of Masonic ritual and observance, and therefore I shall be glad if you will publish this correction.

I have already received most earnest requests to carry out the suggestion made in my last week's letter, and to publish *in extenso* the whole of the correspondence referred to; and I should very willingly set about the task of doing so, and of adding thereto some most valuable and interesting information, if I could be insured against pecuniary loss. My leisure I would cheerfully devote to the end in view, but I cannot afford to sacrifice money; and, therefore, before setting about the compilation of the suggested pamphlet or book, I must know what likelihood there is of support from the Masonic fraternity. I presume the work could be published at the price of, say half-a-crown or three shillings per copy, and if I receive a reasonable number of applications for copies, addressed to me as below, I will undertake the work, and probably in the course of a month or six weeks may be enabled to forward the same to subscribers. Of course my desire will be to limit the cost in order to ensure extended circulation, and consequently the more support given by the brethren, the less will be the expense of publication, and the price of the work itself.

Of the examples of differences in ritual which have been already noticed, probably only the least important have had attention, it having been my original intention to work gradually up to the more serious matter of divergence in Masonic ceremonial and observance. This will now be gradually approached, with all the caution and reserve necessary to the subject; and I very respectfully invite the private communications of brethren in reference to any portion of Lodge work which they may think should be discussed. Meanwhile,

Preceptor No. 1 says, in the course of each Craft ceremony, "—— *duly* obligated ——."
Preceptor No. 2 says "*newly* obligated."
Again, referring to pillars,
Preceptor No. 1 says, "In the porchway entrance."
Preceptor No. 2 says, "*At* the porch *or* entrance."
And speaking of the three entrances to the Temple,
Preceptor No. 1 says, "South, *north*, and east respectively."
Preceptor No. 2 says, "South, *west*, and east, &c."
Which is correct?

Yours truly and fraternally,

JAMES STEVENS, P.M., P.Z.

Clapham, 27th May 1879.

"WHICH IS K'WECT?"

To—aw—the Editaw of the FWEEMASON'S CWONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BWOTHAW,—It stwikes me—aw—wathaw fawcibly—aw—that those fellahs who are always witing to Masonic papaws—aw—about witual and that kind of wubbish, are wegulaw boaws—aw! If I join a Lawdge—aw—as I should do a club, don't you know—why in the name of fawtune—aw—can't I do as I like? Am I to be twip'd up heaw, and button-holed theaw, by fellahs who—aw—pwide themselves as sticklawes for propaw obsawvance—aw! and stwict ad hewance to what they are pleased to call the—aw—ancient pwinciples and landmawks of our Awdaw? Pshaw!—aw. I dare say Bwothaw Stevens and those who are so fond of scwibbling for the Pwess are decent sort of fellahs, but 'pon maw word, Bwothaw Editaw—aw!—I for one am bound to say I don't like it. When I—aw—agweed to become a membaw, don't you know, I had an ideaw that—aw—a Lawdge was an agweeable place—like an Elysian field, or something or othaw, wheaw a fellah could lingaw at ease and enjoy the feast of weason and all the west of it—*you* know what I wefaw to—aw. But when I am appwenticed—my fawthaw, by the bye—aw—always had a howwaw of any of his sons being apprenticed to anything—I was told—aw—that I must *weason*, study to *impwove*, *pwogwess*, in fact, become a bettaw fellaw! Absurd ideaw, don't you think? How can I become bettaw? And how am I to become more useful to my fellaw-cweatuaws? What—aw—have my fellaw-cweatuaws to do with me, or I with them? Positively widiculous! Then a "MASTAW MASON" tawks about discwepancies in cewemonial witual; what is the fellaw dwiving at? I don't doubt it is all wewy wight for those fellaws who are evaw troubling their heads about pwogwess—coveting chaiws and that sort of thing, you know—to be pwecise in evewy word they uttaw. But I wegawd it as a widiculous pwactice of wed-tapeism, don't you? Whenevaw I am waised to the position of Mastaw—which I don't suppose will be wewy long first—I shall nevaw bothaw my bwethren with any cwotchets about witual, or, in fact, anything at all. Let 'em all do as they like. What's the use of their bothewing their bwains about "discwepancies," and all that kind of wot? Fwee and easy is my motto, and pwaps that's the weason some fellaws don't agwee with me. But—aw—that's their ewaw of judgment—not mine. I argue if a fellaw joins a Lawdge—let him join it. If he wishes to become an Officaw—let him wait till his turn comes by wotation. *My* turn must come in the awdinawy way-aw and then—aw! But nevaw feaw! *I* shall nevaw iwwitate anybody by quibbles and cwotchets about anything whatevaw! What's the use? I should pwefer to have an intelligent chat—aw—ovaw a cigaw and a glass of shewwy and wataw, and let evewy fellaw do pwecisely as he likes. I—aw—pawdon me, Bwothaw—abominate newspapaws and papaws of evewy descwiption—and should nevaw be such an egwegious duffaw as to wite this only I have an ideaw it might deter some othaw fellaws who might otherwise be twoubled with that dwistwessing malady known in litewawywy circles as *cacacthes scwibendi*. Still if they will pwesist in arguing mattaws which no fellaw can understand, and therefaw can't appweciate—let 'em! That's all I can say. I have always pwactised stwict non-intefewance in othaw fellaw's business or pleasuaws, and in spite of being called a dawdle, I mean nevaw to bweak the cawse I have weligiously pursued all thwough my—aw—pwofessional caweaw—aw!

Ta, ta, old fellaw! you won't be offended, don't you know; but pwaps at a not vewy wemote fuchaw we may meet—aw—and pwaps not. See? Not a bad joke for *me*—eh? But to you, as a pwofessional witaw, it will be appawent! I'll say no moaw at pwesent; so *au revaiw*.

Dear Sir and Bwothaw,

Yours fwaternally,

O. PHULLY GWEEN.

MALTA.

LODGE OF ST. JOHN AND ST. PAUL, No. 349, E.C.

AN emergency meeting of this Lodge was held on Tuesday, the 20th of May, at the Masonic Hall, 27 Strada Stretta, Valletta. Present—Bro. Coffey W.M., also Bros. Kingston R.W. D.G.M., Rosenbusch P.D.D.G.M., Officers, and numerous brethren. Lodge having been opened, a ballot was taken for Mr. Thomas Steele as a candidate for initiation into the mysteries of Freemasonry, which resulted unanimously in his favour. Lodge was then passed to the second degree, and Bros. Leader and McLaughlin having shown that they possessed a satisfactory knowledge of this degree, were entrusted and retired. Lodge was raised to the third degree, and Bros. Leader and McLaughlin having been re-admitted, were, under dispensation from the Wor. District Grand Lodge of Malta, raised to the sublime degree of M.M. by the D.G.M. Bro. Kingston, who performed the ceremony in a most impressive manner, and to the admiration of all present. Lodge having been successively reduced to the second and first degrees, a vote of thanks was passed to the D.G.M. for working the third degree. After which Lodge was closed in due form. The brethren adjourned to the refreshment room, where, after the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts had been given, and duly honoured, the W.M., Bro. Coffey, rose and proposed in the warmest terms the health of the R.W. D.G.M., Bro. Kingston, whose admirable working of the third degree that evening had called forth the highest encomiums. The W.M. referred to the approaching departure of the D.G.M. for England, where he will spend the summer. He felt sure the brethren present would unite with him in wishing Bro. Kingston a happy time, and a safe return to Malta in the autumn. This toast was received with the greatest enthusiasm, and feelingly responded to by the D.G.M.

Messrs. G. E. Dod and Co., publishers, have lately been appointed the London Agents of the *Société Biographique de France*. Applications for membership, and biographies of English literary men, soldiers, politicians, artists, and members of leading industrial firms intended for publication in that Society's journal should be addressed to Messrs. Dod, 26 Parliament-street, Westminster, S.W.

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INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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CRANBOURNE LODGE, No. 1580.

THIS Lodge, which was consecrated in March 1876, and has, since its establishment, had a most prosperous career, held its annual installation meeting on Tuesday, 27th May, at the Lodge quarters, the Red Lion Hotel, **Hatfield.** The Lodge was formally opened and, after the confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting, the names of two gentlemen were submitted for initiation, and both being accepted, they were formally initiated into the Order by the W.M. This part of the evening's duties being completed, Bro. Henry Cox, the W.M. elect, was presented for the benefit of installation, and in due course was placed in the chair of the Lodge by Bro. Edgar Bowyer Prov. G.D. Bro. Cox was regularly proclaimed, and received the congratulations of the brethren. His first duty was to invest the Officers for the year, which he did as follows:—Bros. Halford P.M. S.W., Hellier W.M. Carnarvon Lodge No. 1592 J.W., Rev. W. H. W. Caseley Chaplain, G. F. Cook P.M. Treas., James Terry Prov. J.G.W. Sec. R.M.B.I. Sec., C. K. Killick P.M. S.D., G. Ward Verry P.M. J.D., Bedell I.G., Steedman P.M. Tyler. The remaining portion of the ceremony having been completed in due form, the Lodge was called upon to appoint one of its members to act on the finance committee of the Province. The choice fell on the newly-appointed W.M., who suitably acknowledged the compliment. In accordance with a notice of motion given at the previous meeting it was next decided to increase the annual subscription to the Lodge, and nothing further offering, the proceedings terminated. The brethren afterwards sat down to an excellent banquet served in a most *récherché* manner, and at its conclusion the toasts usual on such occasions were heartily given and received. To that of the Deputy Grand Master of England, coupled with the rest of the Grand Officers Past and Present, Bro. Wilson Iles, the Secretary of the Province, responded. Both of the initiates, in response to the toast proposed in their honour, tendered their thanks to the members for having received them into the Lodge. Bro. Rudkin specially referred to the pleasure it would afford him, during a journey he was about to take to the Cape, to call to mind the good feeling that existed, and the kindness he had received since he was initiated. Bro. Cousins, the other initiate, also referred to the hearty good feeling that was manifested by the brethren. Bro. Bausor, the I.P.M., in suitable terms proposed the health of the W.M., who, in response, acknowledged his obligations to the brethren for having placed him in his present exalted position. He then proposed the toast of the retiring Master, but before calling on them to drink to his health, he had the pleasure to invest Bro. Bausor with a P.M.'s jewel which had been voted by the Lodge in appreciation of the services he had rendered during the past year. Bro. Bausor in hearty terms acknowledged this compliment, and stated it would ever be his wish to do all he could to further the interests of the Cranbourne Lodge. Bro. J. Terry replied to the toast of the Masonic Charities, and had the pleasure to announce that the W.M. of the Lodge had undertaken to act as a Steward at the next Festival of the Old People's Institution, and further it was his intention on that occasion to qualify as a Vice-President of that charity. Each of the Visitors responded to the toast proposed on their behalf. In addition to those above-mentioned the following Visitors were present—Bros. Wilson Iles Prov. G. Sec., C. F. Hogard P.M. 205, Green P.M. 173, C. J. Perceval S.W. 1602, Rickman J.W. 192, Kidder 12, Knight 228. As most of the brethren reside in London, the meeting terminated at an early hour, the exigencies of the train service not allowing of an extended sitting. A word of praise is due to the host of the Red Lion for the way in which he provided for the comfort of his guests.

SIR HUGH MYDDELTON LODGE, No. 1602.

THE installation meeting of this flourishing and excellent working Lodge was held on 23rd of May, at the Agricultural Hall, Islington, in the presence of a numerous gathering of the brethren and Visitors. Bros. J. Coombs W.M., A. F. Rowley S.W., J. Weston J.W., J. Greenfield Treasurer, J. Osborn Secretary, Norris S.D., Poulton J.D., Field I.G., R. G. Thomas Organist, Rimell Steward; P.M.'s Bros. Sim and Somers. This being a Banner Lodge, the arms of Sir Hugh Myddelton and the various Masters who had passed the chair had their banners (beautifully executed by Bro. Oppenheim) suspended in the room. The Lodge was opened by the W.M., and the minutes of the former Lodge and emergency meetings were read and confirmed. The report of the auditors relating to the funds of Lodge and Benevolence were read and adopted, shewing both to be in a flourishing state. Ballots were taken for the admission of Messrs. Taylor and Larter, which being unanimous in their favour, the former was initiated into the Order by Bro. Somers P.M., and the latter by Bro. Sim P.M., who also passed Bro. Duncan to the second degree. The working of these brethren and of the Officers deserves especial praise. A board of Installed Masters was then opened, and Bro. A. F. Rowley P.M. 917 was presented, and duly installed into the chair by Bro. Sim I.P.M., who performed that ceremony to the satisfaction of every Brother and Visitor; he received the plaudits of all present on the completion of the work, for his perfect delivery and the impressive manner it was rendered. The newly-installed W.M. having been saluted according to antient form, appointed and invested his Officers as follow:—Bro. Coombs I.P.M., Weston S.W., Osborn J.W., Greenfield Treasurer, Parslow Secretary, Norris S.D., Poulton J.D., Field I.G., R. G. Thomas Org., Oppenheim D.C., Rimell W.S., Allison Assistant W.S., Steedman P.M. Tyler. The W.M.'s appointment of the Officers gave great satisfaction, judging by the marks of approbation made by the brethren on the investiture of each. Among the Visitors were:—Bros. J. Scammon, C. H. Fisher 1489, Pikes 946, M. E. Goldstein 917, T. G. Reason 1266, C. Hubbard 820, E. Roberts 1623, W. B. Kidder P.M. 12, E. E. B. Kidder J.D. 12, Braine P.M. 1471, Kew P.M. 179, James Terry P.G.J.W. Herts, J. Langton jun. 1673, W. Cook P.G.S. Herts, W. Berry Clark 1507, Field 917, Scammell 1047, Hirsch 15, W. Cook 1774, J. Hicks 813, A. Gilbey 1309, H. M. Levy P.M. 188. On the motion of Bro. Paulton, seconded by Bro. Sim, it was resolved that a letter of condolence be sent to the widow and family of the late Grand Master of Brussels, Bro. Anspach (late Burgomaster). It was stated that this late distinguished Brother had exhibited great kindness to the brethren of that and many other Lodges. The Lodge was then closed until the fourth Tuesday in July. Subsequently, the brethren partook of a sumptuous banquet, provided by Bro. Grist. The W.M. then proposed the Queen and the Craft, Bro. Egbert Roberts and Master Payne singing the solo verses, accompanied by Bro. Thomas. The toast of our Masonic Rulers was given, and the glee, "Allegiance we Swear," was charmingly rendered. Bro. Coombs said it fell to his lot, with a great deal of pleasure, to propose the health of the W.M., who had already passed the chair of another Lodge. He was sure he would carry out every duty this Lodge required of him. The W.M., in responding, thanked the brethren for the cordiality with which the toast had been received, and promised to do his utmost to promote the interests of the Lodge. He was one of its founders, and all his energies should be directed to the furtherance of its welfare. He then proposed, in felicitous terms, the health of the Installing Officer, speaking in the highest strain of the excellent manner in which the ceremony had been performed. If brethren would follow the example of Bro. Sim, no one could ever regret it, for the way in which he carried out the ceremony that day, as well as his ability in the various degrees, must command the admiration of all who witnessed them. Bro. Sim acknowledged the flattering terms in which the W.M. had spoken of him; he said it was his great aim to do his utmost to carry out his duties efficiently. If his services had merited their approbation, he was amply repaid; he thanked the W.M. for the kind expressions in which the toast was couched, and the brethren for the manner in which they had received the mention of his name. The W.M. next proposed the health of the Initiates, whom he was sure would eventually become a credit to the Order. Bros. Taylor and Larter responded in brief but suitable terms. Then followed the toast of the Visitors, in giving which the W.M. said it was a most important one in a Masonic gathering. They had amongst them on this occasion several brethren who had rendered valuable assistance to the Charities, and he felt very pleased to see them. Bro. Kidder P.M., in thanking the brethren for drinking the health of the Visitors, took occasion to remark that they must all have been infinitely pleased with the working of the Lodge. He had never heard the duties of Installing Master so well performed as he had that evening. Bro. H. M. Levy P.M. 188 followed, with a few appropriate observations. The W.M. then proposed the health of the P.M.'s, in doing which he referred to Bro. Somers as the first Master of this Lodge, and one who had been the means of introducing many members into it. They had all seen and appreciated Bro. Sim's working. To Bro. Coombs they were indebted for many kindnesses. In the name of the Lodge he had great pleasure in presenting a P.M.'s jewel, hoping Bro. Coombs might live long to wear it as a Past Master amongst them. The toast was received with the utmost enthusiasm, and Bro. Coombs, in reply, alluded to the fact that it was only three years since the Lodge was consecrated. If they continued to progress in the same way as they had done during that time, the Lodge must be a great success. He thanked them for their assistance in the past year, and promised to do his best to support the W.M., who was also one of the founders of the Lodge. He was pleased to say there had not been a sound of discord during his year of office, and they had contributed fairly to the Masonic institutions. He thanked the brethren for the handsome jewel they had presented him with; he should look upon it with pride as long as he lived. He should be glad to render any assistance to the Lodge, which he hoped would go on and prosper. Bro. Somers followed, also expressing his deep interest in the welfare of the Lodge. The W.M., in giving the Masonic Charities, said he hoped the Lodge would send a Steward every year to the several Festivals. Bro. J. Terry, Secretary of the Benevolent Institution, responded in an eloquent speech, in which he urged the newly admitted brethren never to forget how incumbent it was upon them to support the Charities. He hoped the word charity would never be effaced from their memories. Alluding to the Boys' School, he said at the late Cambridge election nine out of fourteen candidates took first-class honours, four took second class, and one third class—so that all acquitted themselves well. Out of fifteen girls who went up, eight took first class, six second, and one an honourable mention. Although the "old people" could not go in for University honours, there were many amongst them of unblemished character and deserving of all respect and esteem. Although they had seen how liberally the brethren had subscribed to the Institutions, which sustained 700 dependents on the Craft, yet if they could obtain 5s from each brother annually they should be able to do away with all Festivals, and would not require elections. He thanked the W.M. for the opportunity of being present at his installation for the second time. The toasts of the Treasurer, Secretary, and other Officers of the Lodge was next given, and Bros. Weston and Osborn responded, the latter intimating his intention of attending as a Steward at the next Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Bro. Greenfield also responded on behalf of the Officers. There was an abundance of good singing during the evening, capital selections being rendered by Bros. Egbert Roberts, Stedman, Sims, and others. Great credit is due to Bro. R. G. Thomas for his admirable arrangement of the music, including the delightful harmony of Bros. Roberts and Stedman, and Masters Payne and Manning. The Lodge of Instruction attached to this Lodge meets every Tuesday evening, at eight o'clock, at the **Crown and Woolpack**, Bro. R. Pearcy, W.M. No. 228, is the Preceptor.

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UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND.

THE following is the business to be transacted in Grand Lodge on Wednesday, 4th June 1879 :—

1. The Minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 5th March will be read and put for confirmation.

2. The Minutes of the Grand Festival of the 30th April will be read and put for confirmation.

3. Election of Members of the Board of General Purposes.

4. Election of Members of the Colonial Board.

5. Election of Members for the Committee of Management of the "Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons."

6. Report of the Lodge of Benevolence for the last quarter, in which are recommendations for the following grants, viz. :—

A Brother of the Lion Lodge, No. 312, Whitby	£75	0	0
A Brother of the Egyptian Lodge, No. 27, London	50	0	0
A Brother of the Salisbury Lodge, No. 435, London	50	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the Pythagorean Lodge, No. 79, Greenwich	50	0	0
A Brother of the Lewises' Lodge, No. 1209, Ramsgate	50	0	0
A Brother of the Perfect Ashlar Lodge, No. 1178, Southwark	50	0	0
A Brother of the Camden Lodge, No. 704, London	100	0	0
A Brother of the Leigh Lodge, No. 957, London	50	0	0

7. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

To the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England.

The Board of General Purposes regret to make known to Grand Lodge that Brother Charles Bryant Payne, who had for twenty-two years past filled, with credit to himself and satisfaction to the Craft, the office of Grand Tyler, died at Freemasons' Hall on the 6th inst.

(Signed) JOHN B. MONCKTON,
President.

FREEMASONS' HALL, LONDON, W.C.
20th May 1879.

At the meeting of the Board held on Tuesday, the 20th instant, after the ordinary business had been disposed of, the following resolution was passed, viz. :—

"The members of the Board unanimously desire to express their sense of the ability and courtesy uniformly displayed, on all occasions, by Bro. Monckton, as President of the Board of General Purposes."

(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 16th day of May instant, showing a balance in the Bank of England of £5,065 2s; and in the hands of the Grand Secretary, for petty cash, £75; and for servants' wages, £96 15s.

8. REPORT OF THE COLONIAL BOARD.

To the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England.

The Colonial Board beg to report that at their meeting on Tuesday, the 6th instant, after the President had quitted the chair, it was unanimously resolved :—

"That the thanks of the Colonial Board be hereby presented to its President, the W. Brother John Anthony Rucker P.G.D., for his able management of, and assiduous attention to, the business of the Board during the long period he has filled the office of President."

(Signed) GRIFFITHS SMITH,
Vice-President.

FREEMASONS' HALL, LONDON,
9th May 1879.

9. The Annual Report of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, dated the 16th of May 1879, will be laid before Grand Lodge.

10. PROPOSED MOTIONS.

(1). By W. Brother Lieut.-Col. John Creaton, Grand Treasurer: "That the sum of £70 be given from the Fund of General Purposes; that the money be placed in the hands of the

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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 months."

(2). By W. Brother John M. Clabon, P.G.D. :

"That, considering the large amount which has been accumulated from the surplus income of the Fund of Benevolence, it is not expedient to continue the accumulation of the whole of that surplus."

List of Lodges for which Warrants have been granted by the M.W. Grand Master since the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge.

No. 1810.—Lodge "Coromandel," Cocanada, Madras.
1811.—Somerset Lodge, Ashburton, Cantorbury, New Zealand.
1812.—Heretaunga Lodge, Hastings, Hawkes Bay, Wellington, New Zealand.
1813.—Abercorn Lodge, Waipawa, Wellington, New Zealand.
1814.—Worsley Lodge, Worsley, Lancashire.
1815.—Penge Lodge, Anerley, Surrey.
1816.—Victoria Park Lodge, Hackney.
1817.—St. Andrew's Lodge, Shoeburyness, Essex.
1818.—Clapham Lodge, Clapham Common.
1819.—Governor Jervois Lodge, Port Pirie, South Australia.
1820.—Sir Thomas White Lodge, Queen Victoria Street.
1821.—Atlingworth Lodge, Brighton, Sussex.
1822.—St. Quintius Lodge, Cowbridge, Glamorganshire, South Wales.
1823.—Royal Clarence Lodge, Clare, Suffolk.
1824.—Buffalo Lodge, East London, South Africa.
1825.—Peak Downs Lodge, Copperfield, Queensland, Australia.
1826.—Parthenon Lodge, Egham, Surrey.

METROPOLITAN CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT.

THE last meeting for the season of this eminent Chapter of Improvement was held on Tuesday evening, 27th May, at the Jamaica Coffee House, St. Michael's Alley, Cornhill, and was as usual attended by some of the most talented Arch Masons of the metropolis. In this Chapter there are to be found preceptors who are competent to impart pure and correct information to those seeking to qualify themselves for any duties they may be hereafter called upon to perform; but in addition to this, instruction is given in so genial and painstaking a manner that renders a visit to this Chapter always one of pleasure and profit to an aspirant for Royal Arch honours. The Officers present were—Comps. Brown M.E.Z., John Constable H., Henry Thompson J., Higgins S.N., Catterson P.S.; and Comps. Goldsmith, Bianchi, Hunter, H. Youlden, and J. J. Marsh. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Hunter being the candidate, the principal part of the ceremony was performed by Comp. Brown, in his usual able and impressive manner. Comps. H. Youlden, of the Mount Lebanon Chapter No. 73, and J. J. Marsh, of the Eyre Chapter 1489, were elected members. The election for the ensuing meeting resulted as follows:—Comps. White M.E.Z., H. Thompson H., Bianchi J., Higgins N., and Catterson P.S. Good wishes were mutually exchanged, and the Chapter was adjourned until the first Tuesday in October.

The further spread of Mark Masonry in the Provinces is evidenced by the granting of the 247th Warrant,—for the formation of a Lodge at Oxford,—under the title of The Alfred Lodge. The ceremony of consecration is fixed to take place on Thursday next, when Bro. Frederick Binckes, Grand Secretary, will be the officiating Officer. The principal Officers designate are:—Bros. A. F. Ansell P.P.G. Sup. Wks. as W.M., C. Park P.P.G.S.D. as S.W., and J. Jenkin W.M. of No. 340 P.P.G.S.B. as J.W. On the agenda are the names of no less than twenty-one candidates for membership, and the ceremony of advancement will be worked by the W.M., I.P.M., and Wardens of the Leopold Lodge of Mark Masters, No. 235. A very large and influential gathering is anticipated, and for the accommodation of brethren residing at a distance the Great Western Railway Company has made the most admirable and accommodating arrangements. A first-class saloon carriage, for the convenience of the brethren, will be attached to the train leaving Paddington at ten a.m., and Reading at eleven a.m., returning from Oxford at nine p.m.

Those who contemplate a Bank holiday trip this year will see that a series of very attractive tours has been arranged for the Whitsun holidays by Mr. Caygill, of the Tourist office, 371 Strand. To-day and on Monday "personally conducted parties" will start for Paris and Switzerland, and we refer our readers to the exceedingly moderate terms named in the prospectuses before making up their minds to journey by any other route.

COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

THE General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls met on Thursday, at the Freemasons' Hall, under the presidency of Bro. Lieut.-Col. Creaton. Over 170 Life Governors were present. The Secretary (Bro. Hedges), after the reading and confirmation of the minutes, read the list of nominations of members for the House and Audit Committees. A short discussion arose on the report of the Scrutineers of votes for the last election, which shewed that some of the votes had been credited to candidates for whom they were not polled. Bro. Meggy gave notice of motion for an alteration in the present mode of declaring the poll, and Bro. Woodford, in answer to some observations as to the performance of the duties of the Scrutineers, said that the duties of those brethren were very arduous, and that the brethren selected for those duties discharged them in a praiseworthy manner, and deserved the thanks of the subscribers. Bros. Cox and Hopkirk thought that the poll was too much hurried, and that the result of the election should not be made known till the day after the election. Ten children were placed on the list of candidates for the next election, out of twelve petitioners, two only being deferred. The Chairman was authorised to sign cheques for various payments, and the House and Audit Committees were then elected. The following was the result:—

HOUSE COMMITTEE.

No.	Names	No. of Votes	No.	Names	No. of Votes
1	Bro. Long, P. De Lande	125	9	Bro. Hope, Wm., M.D.	95
2	„ Letchworth, Ed.	123	10	„ Dubois, Henry A.	94
3	„ Rucker, John A.	118	11	„ Tattershall, A. H.	91
4	„ Nunn, Joshua	117	12	„ Richardson, F.	84
5	„ Peters, Lt.-Col. J.	115	13	„ Hammerton, Chas.	78
6	„ Smith, Griffiths	111	14	„ Cox, Edward	76
7	„ Mather, E. C.	107	15	„ Mason, John	18
8	„ White, Thos. W.	103	16	„ Wheeler, R. W.	18

The twelve brethren who polled the highest votes were elected.

AUDIT COMMITTEE.

No.	Names.	No. of Votes.	No.	Names	No. of Votes
1	Bro. Dicketts, Herbert	137	7	Bro. Kingston, Thos.	106
2	„ Levander, H. C.	127	8	„ Venn, Henry	91
3	„ Webster, R. B.	122	9	„ Cutbush, James	49
4	„ Woebuck, Wm.	119	10	„ Berridge, Robert	31
5	„ Chancellor, J. G.	116	11	„ Levy, Hyam M.	27
6	„ Bailey, William	112			

The nine brethren who polled the highest votes were elected.

Votes of thanks to the Scrutineers and Chairman concluded the proceedings.

We are very pleased to be enabled to announce that with the lists which have been sent in to Bro. Hedges since our last issue, the Secretary of the Girls' School is able to convey to the Subscribers the gratifying intelligence that the aggregate amounts to a little over £12,000. This is a magnificent result, which the executive of this School has long aimed at, and there are very many who will join with us in congratulating Lieut.-Col. Creaton, as the President of the Festival and the Treasurer of the Institution, upon the hearty manner in which he has this year been backed up. As will be seen in our Analysis last week, we set down the Province of Northamptonshire and Hunts amongst the absentees from the list, but it is explained by Bro. Cox in a letter he has addressed to us, and which will be found in another page, that the sum of thirty guineas has this year been sent up by that Province, though the amount has been incorporated by Bro. Cox (who is an Officer of that Province) in his London list.

The Calendar Committee of Grand Lodge direct the attention of Masters of Lodges and Principals of Chapters to the necessity of communicating to the Grand Secretary any change in the day or place of meeting of Lodges or Chapters so soon as the resolution for effecting such change shall be confirmed. Vide Book of Constitutions, pp 64, 92, 93.

A new journal, entitled One and all, a journal for everybody, edited by George R. Sims, will shortly make its appearance, and will be published by Messrs. E. J. Francis and Co.

LICENSED VICTUALLERS AND FRIENDLY SOCIETIES.—At the Wandsworth County Court, on Tuesday, before Judge Stonor, the case of Atkinson v. Waters was heard—a case of some interest. It was an action for wrongful ejectment, the damages being laid at £10. The plaintiff is a builder, of Tonsley-hill, and defendant the proprietor of the "Grapes," Wandsworth, the summons being taken out by the trustees of a Lodge of Foresters. It appeared that the Foresters have held their meetings at the "Grapes" for some years, but the house had recently been purchased by the defendant. The rent of the room had been £2 2s annually, and for half a year the defendant had been paid. When the Lodge met on the 4th February, the defendant informed the members he required the room, but agreed to let them hold two further meetings there. When they met, however, on the next occasion the room was turned into a billiard room, and they were obliged to go elsewhere. The Secretary, Mr. Wentworth, was called, but was unable to show that any expense or damage was incurred. The defendant said Mr. Cook, at the Star and Garter, let them have the room for nothing. His honour said plaintiff had shown no damage, and directed a nonsuit.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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SATURDAY, 31st 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.

308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood.
1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
R. A. 178—Harmony, Royal Hotel, Wigan.

MONDAY, 2nd JUNE.

45—Strong Man, Sporteman, City-road, at 8. (Instruction.)
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.)
1260—John Hervey, Albion Hall, London Wall, E.C., at 7.30. (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.)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8. (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road.

37—Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moors.
61—Probity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax.
119—Sun, Square and Compasses, Freemasons' Hall, Whitehaven.
133—Harmony, Ship Hotel, Faversham.
154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.
156—Harmony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth.
199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover.
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.
381—Harmony and Industry, Smalley's Hotel, Market-street, Over Darwen.
395—Guy, Crown Hotel, Leamington Priors.
408—Three Graces, Private Room, Haworth.
431—St. George, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields.
467—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham.
478—Churchhill, Masonic Hall, Oxford.
482—St. James, New Inn, Handsworth, Staffordshire.
597—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead.
613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport.
622—St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne.
651—Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon.
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
850—St. Oswald, Assembly Rooms, Ashbourne, Derbyshire.
1009—Shakespere, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire.
1050—Gundulph, King's Head Hotel, Rochester.
1051—Rowley, Athenæum, Lancaster.
1077—Wilton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire.
1108—Royal Wharfedale, Private Room, Boroughgate, Otley, Yorks.
1180—Forward, Masonic Rooms, New Hall-street, Birmingham.
1211—Goderich, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds.
1239—Wentworth, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1302—De Warren, Masonic Hall, White Swan Hotel, Halifax.
1380—Skelmersdale, Queen's Hotel, Waterloo, Liverpool.
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction.)
1519—Albert Edward, Albion Hotel, Clayton-le-Moors, near Accrington.
1542—Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford.
1573—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Caer-street, Swansea.
1578—Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales.
1676—St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle.
R. A. 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds.
R. A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
R. A. 874—Holmesdale, Royal Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells.
R. C.—Skelmersdale, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.

TUESDAY, 3rd JUNE.

Half-yearly Communication of Grand Lodge M.M.M. Freemasons' Tavern, 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.)
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney. (Instruction.)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8. (Instruction.)
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1360—Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, Battersea Park, at 8. (Instruction.)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1471—Islington, Three Bucks, 23 Gresham-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
1507—Metropolitan, 269 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8. (In.)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30. (Inst.)
R. A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction.)

51—Angel, Three Cups Hotel, Colchester
70—St. John, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth.
103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.
124—Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham.
126—Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley.
158—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness.
226—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough.
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30. (Instruction.)
248—True Lovesand Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Dev
265—Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keigh
393—St. David, Freemasons' Hall, The Parade, Berwick-on-T ed.
558—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington Quay.
794—Warden, Royal Hotel, Sutton, Coldfield.
804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant.
847—Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.
897—Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helens, Lancashire.
928—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Petersfield, Hampshire.
943—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Linslade, Leighton Buzza d.
960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
986—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston.
1002—Skiddaw, Lodge Room, Market-place, Cockermouth.
1134—Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Salford.
1214—Scarbro, Scarbro Hall, Caledonia-road, Batley.
1241—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar.
1322—Waverley, Caledonia Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne.
1343—St. John, King's Arms, Grays.
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 6. (Instruction.)
1587—St. Giles, Royal Oak Hotel, Cheadle.
R. A. 203—St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
R. A. 296—Loyalty, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
M. M. 11—Joppa, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
M. M. 161—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, 4th 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.)
228—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8. (In.)
538—La Tolerance, Green Dragon, 2 Maddox-street, W., at 7.45. (Inst.)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E., at 7.30. (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. at 8. (Instruction.)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8. (Instruction.)
1044—Wandsworth, Spread Eagle, Wandsworth. (Instruction.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8. (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-road, Holloway, at 8. (Instruction.)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8. (Instruction.)
1558—Duke of Connaught, Class Room, Sutherland Chapel, Walworth, at 8. (In.)
R. A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8. (Instruction.)

74—Athol, Masonic, Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham.
81—Doric, Private Room, Woodbridge, Suffolk.
125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe, Kent.
128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury, Lancashire.
210—Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton.
258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike.
274—Tranquillity, Boar's Head Inn, Newchurch, near Manchester.
277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham.
290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield.
298—Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Ann-street, Rochdale
326—Moira, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol.
327—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton.
380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds.
387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley.
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne.
417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester.
471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Mon.
580—Harmony, Wheatsheaf, Ormskirk.
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction.)
625—Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop.
645—Humphrey Chetham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
678—Earl Ellesmere, Church Hotel, Kersley, Farnworth, near Bolton.
758—Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn.
910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract.
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction.)
992—St. Thomas, Griffin Hotel, Lower Broughton.
1010—Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship-street, Hull.
1013—Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland. (Instruction.)
1063—Malling Abbey, Bear Inn, West Malling, Kent.
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby.
1091—Erme, Erme House, Ivybridge, Devon.
1107—Cornwallis, Masonic Hall, Erith.
1167—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick.
1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich.
1274—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Chester-le-Street
1323—Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea.
1335—Lindsay, 20 King-street, Wigan.
1354—Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh, Lancashire
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1363—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester.
1431—St. Alphege, George Hotel, Solihull.
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, at 7. (Instruction.)
1620—Marlborough, Derby Hall, Tue Brook, Liverpool.
1645—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slaithwaite.
1692—Hervey, George Hotel, Hayes.
R. A. 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds.
R.A. 409—Stortford, Chequers' Inn, Bishop's Stortford.
M. M. 36—Furness, Hartington Hotel, Duke-street, Barrow-in-Furness.

THURSDAY, 5th JUNE.

3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8. (Instruction.)
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction.)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8. (Instruction.)
211—St. Michael, George, Australian Avenue, Barbican, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
742—Crystal Palace, Crystal Palace, Sydenham.
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8. (Instruction.)
1178—Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark, S.E.
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1349—Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars, E.C., at 7.
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.)
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 Concert Room, High-street, Canterbury.
123—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire.
215—Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden.
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
254—Trinity, Craven Arms Hotel, Coventry.
266—Napthali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood.
269—Fidelity, White Bull Hotel, Blackburn.
289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds.
294—Constitutional, Assembly Rooms, Beverley, Yorks.
295—Combermere Union, Macclesfield Arms, Macclesfield.
300—Minerva, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton-under-Lyne.
309—Harmony, Red Lion, Fareham.
317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
346—United Brethren, Royal Oak Inn, Clayton-le-Dale, near Blackburn.
350—Charity, Grapes Inn, Stoneclough, near Manchester.
369—Limestone Rock, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Clitheroe.
419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton.
442—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Boroughbury, Peterborough.
446—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire.
456—Foresters, White Hart Hotel, Uttoxeter.
462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington.
509—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.
637—Portland, Masonic Rooms, Town Hall Stoke-upon-Trent.
792—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bullrin ane, Great Grimsby.
913—Pattison, Lord Raglan Tavern, Plum ead.
971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercia street, Batley.
974—Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Dark street, Bradford
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, L verpool, at 7.30. (Instruction.
1231—Savile, Royal Hotel, Elland.
1282—Ancholme, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Li colnshire.
1284—Brent, Globe Hotel, Topsham, Devon ire.
1304—Olive Union, Masonic Hall, Horncastl , Lincolnshire.
1367—Beaminster Manor, White Hart Hotel Beaminster.
1384—Equity, Alforde Chambers, Widnes.
1509—Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich.
1504—Red Rose of Lancaster, Starkies Arm Hotel, Padiham, near Burnley.
1514—Thornhill, Dearn House, Lindley, Hu dersfield.
1515—Friendly, King's Head Hotel, Barnsl y.
1612—West Middlesex, Feathers Hotel, Ea ng, at 7.30. (Instruction.
R. A. 307—Good Intent, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge.
R. A. 425—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Is gt n-square, Salford.
R. A. 337—Confidence, Private Rooms, Com nercial Inn, Uppermill.
R. A. 429—Thanet, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
R. A. 681—Rectitude, Corporation Hotel, T pping-street, Ardwick, Manchester.
R. A. 758—Bridgewater, Masonic Hall, Run orn, Cheshire.
R. A. 1339—Stockwell, Half Moon, Herne Hill.
M.M. 53—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.
M. M. 247—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Oxford, at 2. (Consecration.)

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FRIDAY, 6th JUNE.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
766—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. 8. (Inst.)
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, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction.)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1288—Finsbury Park M.M., Earl Russell, Liselon-road, N. at 8. (Instruction.)
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Metropolitan Societies Asylum, Balls Pond Road. N.
1642—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 8.0. (Inst.)
London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-street, E.C., at 8.
R. A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8. (Inst.)
R. A. 1471—North London, Crown and Woolpack, St. John-st.-rd., at 8. (Inst.)
Metropolitan Masonic Benevolent Association, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 8.30.

44—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
219—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Todmorden.
242—St. George, Guildhall, Doncaster.
306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds.
401—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Slaidburn.
404—Watford, Freemasons' Hall, Watford.
460—Sutherland of Unity, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyme.
521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.
539—St. Matthew, Dragon Hotel, Walsall.
652—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth.
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
837—De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon.
908—Welchpool, Railway Station, Welchpool.
1034—Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill.
1096—Lord Warden, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal.
1102—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Eastthorpe, Mirfield.
1387—Chorlton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton Cum Hardy.
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
1528—Fort, Red Lion Hotel, Newquay, Cornwall.
1557—Albert Edward, Bush Hotel, Hexham.
1561—Morecambe, Masonic Hall, Edward-street, Morecambe, Lancashire.
1648—Prince of Wales, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
1664—Gosforth, Freemasons' Hall, High-street, Gosforth.
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7.
R. A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, at 5.30.

SATURDAY, 7th JUNE.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.
R. A. 975—Rose of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge

149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham.
615—St. John and St. Paul, Pier Hotel, Erith, Kent
1223—Amherst, King's Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent.
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Egyptian Lodge of Instruction, No. 27.—At the Hercules Tavern, 119 Leadenhall-street, E.C., on Thursday evening. Bros. Norden W.M., Forss S.W., Bedell J.W., Da Silva S.D., Moss J.D., Valentine I.G., C. Atkins Treasurer as Hon. Sec., Webb Preceptor, and other brethren. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed by the W.M. This was followed by the ceremony of installation, Bro. Webb acting as Installing Officer. The fifth section of the first lecture was worked by Bro. Moss.

Caveac Chapter, No. 176.—On Saturday, 24th May, the regular Convocation was held at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, City. The Chapter was opened by Comps. W. M. Goss M.E.Z., Dr. C. Brown H., J. B. Sorrell P.Z. as J., C. T. Dorey P.Z., P. A. Nairne P.Z., F. Walters P.P.G.A.S. Middlesex P.Z. Treasurer. The Companions were then admitted. The minutes of the Convocation held in February last were read, and unanimously confirmed. The resignation of Comp. A. Williams, C.E., J. elect, was accepted, with very great regret. A fresh ballot for J. was declared in favour of Comp. J. B. Sorrell S.E., who was duly installed as Joshua by Comp. P. A. Nairne P.Z. The ballot for Bros. J. William Leask 176 and Harry Leach 176 were declared to be unanimous in favour of their admission. Bro. Harry Leach, being present, was exalted into Royal Arch Masonry, the ceremony being beautifully rendered. The Chapter was closed, and adjourned to meet on Saturday, 27th of September. Banquet followed. Present during the afternoon and evening :—Bros. A. Middlemass J. 1326 S.N., S. Pownceby W.M. 55 as P.S., H. Boyson 2nd A.S., J. H. Dodson J. 1589, H. C. Soper, J. Soper, W. Ancell, and others ; Visitor—W. Buryard 22.

Joppa Chapter, No. 188.—The regular Convocation was held on Monday, the 26th ins., at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street. Comps. W. Littaur M E.Z., P. Dickinson H., L. Lazarus J., S. V. Abrahams P.Z. Treas., W. H. Gulliford S.E., H. P. Isaac P.S.; P.Z.'s S. M. Lazarus, E. P. Albert, M. J. Emanuel, Buderus, and H. M. Levy; Comps. Howard, Gosheron, Morrisson, Benjamin, Bockbinder, Dewsnap, Hobenstock, Davis, Mann, A. Botibol, Haines, Lenzberg, N. Baum, Quince. The Chapter was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. The resignation of three Companions was accepted, with regret. In one case it was suggested that a letter be written to the Companion, asking him to reconsider his decision. The election for Principals for next year then took place, and Comp. Dickinson was elected Z., L. Lazarus H., H. Gulliford J., S. V. Abrahams P.Z. Treas., N. Baum S.E., Buderus S.N., H. P. Isaac P.S., Smith Janitor. Comp. M. J. Emanuel proposed that a sum of two guineas be voted from the funds of the Chapter to the retiring M.E.Z. for the zeal and ability he had displayed during his year of office, the sum to form a nucleus for presenting him with a testimonial worthy of his talent and ability. This was carried unanimously. The Chapter was then closed until November, emergencies excepted. The Companions afterwards sat down to a banquet, provided by Comp. W. G. Jennings, and superintended by Comp. M. Silver. The Z., in eloquent terms, proposed the Loyal and R.A. toasts. Speaking of the M.E.Z. elect, Comp. Littaur remarked they had the right man in the right place. Comp. Dickinson had worked in every respect to their satisfaction, and all would be pleased to see him fill the exalted position he had been elected to. Comp. Dickinson thanked the M.E.Z. for having elected him; he was proud to follow in the footsteps of the M.E.Z. He felt assured he would have the assistance of the P.Z.'s. The M.E.Z. then proposed the toast of the Visitors. He was proud to greet them; he regretted they had seen no work, as the Joppa Chapter prided itself on its working, but on a future occasion he hoped they would have an opportunity of seeing how the working of R.A. Masonry was carried out in this Chapter. After the several Visitors had acknowledged the compliment, Comp. H. M. Levy P.Z. proposed the health of the M.E.Z., whom he characterised as a thorough good working Craft and Arch Mason. The M.E.Z. thanked the Comps. for the kind manner in which the toast had been received; this being the last time he would have the honour to preside over them, he would comment on the great kindness and cordial feeling displayed during his occupation of the chair—a period of two years. The Chapter was in a flourishing condition, and he hoped a spirit of concord would exist amongst its members. The health of the P.Z.'s. was next given, and Comps. M. J. Emanuel and E. P. Albert responded. The other toasts comprised the health of the H. and J., Treasurer and S.E.; to each of these responses were made. The Janitor was now summoned, and the Companions separated. Comp. James Stevens gave a very excellent Masonic recitation. The Visitors were Comps. James Stevens P.Z. 720 and 771, Edmands 452, W. E. Bachelor 79, Rankin 90 (Brisbane).

St. Michael's Lodge of Instruction, No. 211.—A meeting was held on Thursday, at the George, Australian avenue, Barbican. Present :—Bros. W. W. Morgan jun. W.M., Withers S.W., Radcliff (Treas.) J.W., King P.M. Preceptor, Jaques J.D., Peirce I.G., Bros. Chamberlain and Gladwell. The first and third ceremonies were rehearsed. Bro. Jaques was elected a member, and Bro. Withers appointed to preside at the next meeting, on which occasion the Officers of the Mother Lodge will assume their respective collars. A vote of thanks was proposed and carried to Bro. Morgan for the presentation of a copy of the Constitutions, &c.

High Cross Lodge, No. 754.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held at the Seven Sisters, Tottenham, on Wednesday 28th inst. Lodge was duly opened by Bro. H. Stephens W.M., assisted by P.M.'s G. Jones, C. F. Barham, W. Dance, J. Linzell, and the following Officers :—G. Burford S.W., J. Farrin J.W., T. Cunningham P.M. Secretary, H. V. Clements S.D., J. H. Thompson J.D., J. Garrod D.C. as I.G., J. Verry Tyler. Lodge was advanced to the third degree, and Bro. Fidler was duly raised by the W.M., who gave the whole of the ceremony in a most perfect style. On the resumption of the Lodge to the first degree, it was announced that since the last meeting a brother well known to most of the members had died. It was proposed that the sum of three guineas be voted from the funds of the Lodge on behalf of the widow and family, who are in great distress, and are at present seriously afflicted, several members of the family being laid up with a most severe illness. This was ably supported by various members, and unanimously carried. This vote from the Lodge formed but the nucleus of a fund, which was afterwards supplemented by donations from several members, the result being that upwards of ten guineas was collected for the relief of the family. It was decided by the vote of the Lodge that the usual summer banquet be held, and it therefore remained for the Lodge to appoint the stewards to carry out the necessary arrangements. The W.M., senior officers and several of the members were named, and we feel sure that their efforts will be devoted to ensure a most successful gathering. Lodge was now closed, and the brethren repaired to supper, after which the usual toasts were given and heartily acknowledged. In responding to the toast of the W.M., proposed by Bro. Dance, Bro. Stephens thanked the members for the heartiness with which he was received on all occasions by the brethren of the Lodge. The health of the Visitors was given from the chair, the W.M. stating that they were at all times pleased to welcome guests at their meetings. He considered it was by visiting that they were enabled to learn whether they were right or wrong. For himself, it was to his frequent visits to other Lodges he was indebted for the knowledge he had obtained of Freemasonry. Bro. Terry responded. The next toast was that of the P.M.'s, who were always ready, the Worshipful Master said, to support and aid him in the working of the Lodge. The toast having been acknowledged, the W.M. now said he had one of the most pleasurable duties to perform that it was possible could fall to the lot of a Master. They had that evening a painful example of what the word Charity really meant. A few weeks since they had amongst them a Brother apparently in as good health and position as any of them, but it had pleased the G.A.O.T.U. to call him from among them, and they had heard of the position in which the widow and family were now placed—unfortunately it was one of great distress. This case showed that it was the duty of every Brother to do his utmost for the good of the Order while he was able, as it was impossible to say who might be the next who would be laid on a bed of sickness, perhaps of death. Death and distress were serious subjects at all times, but to those who did their duty trials that could be faced with confidence. They had among their number so many who worked for the good of the Charities of the Order that it was almost invidious to select any particular Brother to respond, but he considered that Bros. Garrod and Thompson, by their official position in connection with the Association working in their district, were perhaps the best to select to respond to the toast of the Charities of the Order. Of course he should add to these the name of Bro. Terry, whose

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whole exertions were given on behalf of the Institution provided and maintained by the generosity of the Craft for the relief of brethren and their widows who, in the decline of life, were unfortunately obliged to appeal to their friends and brethren. Bro. Garrod briefly referred to the work that was being accomplished by the Association of which he was Secretary. It now numbered upwards of seventy members, all of whom were cheerfully subscribing their one shilling a week, in order to gain the much-envied distinction of Life Governor of our Charities. Bro. Thompson followed, pointing out that the result of the working of the Association would, under present circumstances, be, that in less than four years no less a sum than £800, and perhaps £1,000, would be sent to the Charities. Bro. Terry paid a well-merited compliment to the brethren of the district, and referred to their more recent exertions on behalf of the Charities and the candidates for admission thereto, one brother who was now receiving an annuity from the Benevolent Institution being mainly indebted to them for his election. The daughter of another received such support as enabled her to be received into the Girls' School much sooner than could have been the case had the brethren of Tottenham been less active on her behalf. The toast of the Masonic Press, coupled with the name of W. W. Morgan jun., was given, and acknowledged by that Brother. The W.M. then gave the health of his Officers, and the Tyler's toast followed. Among those present were the following: Visitors—R. T. Vincent 1641, J. P. Parkes 1538, C. Lorkin 1524, G. Tegg 1579, W. W. Morgan jun. 1385, J. Terry P.M. 228, and J. Ives 1472; and Bros. Turner, Marples, Fidler, Horton, Goodall, Oddy, &c., members of the Lodge.

High Cross Lodge of Instruction, No. 754.—A meeting was held on Thursday, 22nd inst., at the Coach and Horses, Tottenham, when there were present—Bros. Everdell W.M., Burford S.W., Tegg J.W., Garrod Sec., Farren S.D., Driscoll J.D., Oxley I.G., Cleverley, Mattocks, and others. The Lodge was opened in ancient form, and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. Bro. Garrod then offered himself as a candidate for raising, and having answered the necessary questions, was entrusted. The Lodge was advanced, and the ceremony of raising worked by the W.M. The Lodge being resumed in the second degree, the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Cleverley being candidate. The Lodge was then closed in ancient form. Bro. Geo. Burford will preside at the next Lodge meeting.

The William Preston Chapter, No. 766.—A Convocation of this Chapter was convened on Thursday evening last, at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, under the presidency of Comp. Aug. Braun M.E.Z., who was supported by Comps. Dr. W. H. Kempster H., J. T. Gibson J., William Worrell P.Z. Scribe E., &c. There were also present—Comps. Captain Kain P.Z., E. T. Brookes, H. Reissman, E. B. Broomhall, J. R. Williams, F. G. Barns, J. Sinclair, R. Lyon, W. F. Smart, L. G. Reinhardt as Janitor. Visitors—Comps. Conrad C. Dumas P.G.S.B., J. Lewis Thomas P.G.S.B., G. W. Smales H. 312, Rev. Dr. Morris No. 1185, E. Spooner No. 22, J. N. Hancock M.E.Z. No. 1060, &c.; W. Stephens P.Z. 1365, M.E.Z. 874, W. Price P.Z. 297, Seymour Smith No. 1269. The minutes of the last Convocation having been confirmed, Comp. Dr. W. H. Kempster was installed as M.E.Z., Comp. J. T. Gibson as H., and Comp. Dr. C. R. Catmore as J. The following Officers were also invested:—Comps. Henry Garrod P.Z. Treas., William Worrell P.Z. Scribe E., John T. Hiscox Scribe N., Dr. J. J. Joseph Prin. Soj., John Thomas Pilditch 1st Asst. Soj., W. Jerrett Miller 2nd Asst. Soj., George Newman P.Z. Steward, and W. Grant Janitor. Subsequently Bros. John Charles Radford, Tom Wilkinson, and Thomas Harrap were exalted in due form. The report of the Audit Committee, which stated that the Chapter was free from debt, was received and adopted, and at the conclusion of the routine business, the Comps. partook of a sumptuous banquet at the hotel, and the usual Loyal and Royal Arch toasts were duly honoured. During the evening a selection of vocal music was given, under the direction of Comp. Seymour Smith, who presided with his accustomed ability at the pianoforte. The subjoined programme was capitally sustained, and enhanced materially the pleasure of the evening:—Grace, "For these and all Thy mercies" (Laudi Spirituali), The National Anthem (Dr. John Bull); Song, "The Return of Spring" (Torry), Madame Worrell; Musical Sketch, "The Browns' Dinner Party," Comp. Seymour Smith; Song, "The Better Land" (Cowen), Miss Marian Burton; Trio, "The Troubadour" (G. A. Macfarren), Mdme. Worrell, Miss Burton and Comp. S. Smith; Song, "Darby and Joan" (Molloy), Madame Worrell; Humorous Song, "Bill Craven," Comp. Seymour Smith; Song, "Three Fishers went Sailing" (Hullah), Miss Marian Furton; Duet, "Trust her not" (Balfe), Madame Worrell and Miss Burton. The duet having been encored, each of the singers kindly acceded to the request made, Madame Worrell's rendering of "Thady O'Flynn" being especially relished and applauded.

Royal Alfred Lodge, No. 780.—The ordinary meeting of the members of this Lodge was held on Friday, the 23rd inst., at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew-bridge, when, as is usual at this popular Lodge, there was a goodly attendance, and the proceedings were of an interesting description. Just at this time of the year, when Nature is donning her brightest livery, a visit to the neighbourhood of Kew is enjoyable under any circumstances, and it is therefore no wonder that the summer meetings of the Royal Alfred Lodge should entice so many of the right sort to meet for pleasure and business combined. The proceedings on Friday were opened under the presidency of the W.M. Bro. Charles F. May, who was supported by Bros. W. Gomm S.W., B. E. Blasby J.W., Walter Goss I.P.M. and Treas., William Hilton P.M. and Sec., C. S. Costelow S.D., L. Franckel J.D., J. J. Gunner I.G., E. Tarling W.S., Gilbert Tyler; and Past Masters J. Chambers Roe, T. Brown, Henry Lloyd, George Littlewood, H. Potter, and A. Beasley. Recollecting the cordial welcome that is always extended to visitors by the members of this Lodge, there was a muster of old friends, amongst whom we noticed Bro. Samuel H. Parkhouse W.M., George Penn I.P.M., S. Smout J.W., and Eliah Rogers, of the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge No. 1642, W. Vassila No. 1326, E. J. Acworth No. 1612, G. Gladstone of the Phœnix, W. H. Ellis of the Yarborough, W. W. Morgan Sec 211, H. Stephens No. 73, E. Mason jun. No. 1194, and W. Handover P.M. of St Luke. The customary preliminaries having been observed, a rather stiff agenda paper was, as usual, presented and, with one exception, the whole of the items were carried out, the W.M. adding fresh laurels to those he had already earned for the excellent manner in which he discharged his onerous duties. Bro. George Cumbers having satisfied the brethren of his worthiness to be entrusted, the Lodge was advanced and the ceremony of passing was performed in accordance with ancient usage, after which Lodge was resumed, and Mr. Robert Charles Owen Emmerson, who had been previously approved by ballot, was initiated into the mysteries and privileges of the Craft. The ballot was then opened for Mr. George David Jones, whose sponsors were Bros. J. Squires, and W. Tarling, and Mr. Charles Edward Botley, A.I.C.E., who had been proposed by Bro. F. Botley and seconded by Bro. I.G. In each case the verdict of approval was unanimous, and the candidates were admitted with the customary solemn and impressive rites. The W.M. in evidence of the interest he takes in the Lodge now offered for the acceptance of the members a set of elegant tracing boards, which gift was graciously acknowledged. While we are on the matter of presentations, we may here record that at the last meeting Bro. L. Franckel presented a highly ornamental spring-seated chair, richly carved, for use of the W.M. of this Lodge; and the chair now stands as a prominent feature in the well-appointed Lodge-room. Business having been disposed of, the brethren adjourned to the new banqueting hall, where a rich repast was served by Bro. Stanbury, and the *menu* having been discussed, the Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed by the W.M. and received with due enthusiasm. Speaking of the Grand Officers, he said they must all be satisfied and pleased with the manner in which Grand Lodge business was conducted, and the interest which those distinguished brethren manifested in all matters concerning the welfare and promotion of Freemasonry. Bro. Walter Goss proposed the health of the W.M., whom they had all been delighted to honour as the son of a distinguished Mason. The manner in which he had discharged the onerous duties of his position to-day had fully justified the choice which the brethren made when they elected him to the chair; they were all confident that under his excellent rule the Lodge would enjoy a year of harmony and prosperity. The W.M. acknowledged the compliment paid him in a brief but practical address, in which he assured the brethren of his deep interest in the welfare of the Lodge, and his determination to fulfil the duties of the chair to the best of his ability. All he did was a labour of love, and he thanked them most sincerely for the way in which they had received the mention of his name on this as on every occasion when he had the happiness of meeting them. In turn, he gave the health of the Initiates, congratulating the brethren upon the infusion of new blood which promised to turn to such good account. In the brethren who had just been admitted into the Order they were proud to recognise men of position, and gifted with qualities the exercise of which must result in benefit to the Lodge. The toast was most cordially received, and acknowledged by Bros. Jones and Botley, the latter of whom observed that although only an Apprentice, he trusted he might prove worthy of the kind consideration which had been extended to him. Bro. Emmerson also replied, expressing a hope that he might be found an apt and persevering student of the art, with which he was so delighted, and in which he anticipated even fresh and increasingly attractive lessons. The toast of the Visitors followed, the W.M. expressing the pleasure it afforded the brethren to see so many members of other Lodges, and speaking of the happy and encouraging result which the interchange of visits always brought about. Bro. S. H. Parkhouse responded as W.M., and Bro. G. Penn as I.P.M., of the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, and to their observations Bro. W. W. Morgan added a few words of thanks for the hearty reception which was always accorded to visitors by the brethren of the Royal Alfred Lodge. Next came the health of the Past Masters, whom the W.M. eulogised and thanked for the assistance they at all times rendered to the Lodge. Bros. Goss, Littlewood, and Brown responded, the substance of their remarks being, that as they had endeavoured to do their duty in the past, so should they exert themselves in the future to promote every measure that was calculated to advance the cause of Freemasonry and the prosperity of this Lodge in particular. Bro. Beasley also testified to the admirable way in which their excellent W.M. discharged the important duties of the chair; and Bro. Hilton followed in felicitous allusion to the exertions which the W.M. had put forth in order to infuse a true Masonic spirit amongst the members. Bros. Roe and Potter were also called upon, and each in turn spoke briefly in returning thanks for the cordiality with which their names had been mentioned. Responding to the toast of the Treasurer, Bro. Goss expressed his deep appreciation of the honour which had been conferred upon him by his appointment to that office of trust. He hoped his efforts had given satisfaction, and that in the future he might have a similar reward for any little service he might be able to render to the Lodge. The health of the Secretary was also given, with thanks for his able service, and the toast was suitably acknowledged by Bro. Hilton. One or two other complimentary toasts were included in the list, and at intervals there was some capital harmony, songs being rendered in admirable style by Bros. Beasley, Gunner, Botley, Handover, &c. We regret not having had the pleasure of meeting P.M. Bro. Gardiner, more especially as this was the last meeting previously to the Festival of the Boys' School, for which he has undertaken to act as Steward. However, we trust that

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the brethren will not be unmindful of the claims of that institution, and will testify their continued interest in it by strengthing the hands of Bro. Gardiner to the utmost of their power.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—The members assembled on Tuesday evening, 27th May, at Bro. Smyth's Sisters' Tavern, Pownall Road, Dalston, for the purpose of working the Fifteen Sections. The chair was taken by Bro. C. H. Webb. who was ably supported by Bro. W. H. G. Rudderforth as S.W., and Bro. F. Brasted as J.W. The esteemed Preceptor, Bro. W. Wallington, acted as I.P.M. The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, the formal opening of the Lodge in the three degrees was proceeded with, and then the Fifteen Sections were worked by the following brethren:—FIRST LECTURE—Bros. Smyth, Carr, Dallas, Christian, McDonnell, Rudderforth, Webb; SECOND LECTURE—Bros. Wardell, C. Lorkin, Moss, Slaiter, D. Moss; THIRD LECTURE—Bros. F. Brasted, J. Lorkin, W. Wallington. The Lodge was closed to the first degree, and Bros. McDonnell of 1445, and Morgan of 1607, were elected members. Honorary membership was conferred on Bro. Rudderforth for occupying the S.W. chair, and a unanimous vote of thanks was ordered to be recorded on the minutes to Bro. Webb for the efficient manner in which he had presided. We regret there was not so large an attendance as had been anticipated, but those who were present agreed that a highly instructive evening had been spent. Bro. Carr will be W.M. for next Tuesday evening.

Egerton Lodge, No. 1030.—The annual festival in connection with this Lodge was celebrated on Monday, 19th May, at the George Hotel, Stockport when Bro. Capt. F. B. Staples (chief constable of the borough) was duly installed as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year in the presence of a numerous and distinguished assembly of the craft. His Worship the Mayor Bro. J. L. Vaughan, who is a Past Master of the Egerton Lodge, was present, together with many other members of the Lodge, including Bros. G. A. Formley P.M. P.P.G.W. Cheshire, C. J. Howard P.M. P.P.G.W. Cheshire, J. A. Elliott P.M. P.P.G.R. E. Lancashire, W. H. Vaughan W.M., J. W. Abbott P.M., T. Meadows P.M., W. Bale P.M., A. C. Ferns, E. S. Newton, G. L. Vaughan, O. Wilkinson, A. Pemberton, S. Kershaw, G. H. Thorniley, W. Hope, G. Floyd jun., J. B. Hammond, G. H. Norris, and others. The duties of Installing Master were very able discharged by Bro. H. Finch P.M. St. John's, 104, who also invested the Officers appointed by the Worshipful Master, viz., Bros. W. H. Vaughan I.P.M., A. C. Ferns S.W., G. L. Vaughan J.W., J. B. Hammond Treasurer, G. H. Norris Secretary, O. Wilkinson S.D., A. Pemberton J.D., J. W. Abbott P.M. Director of Ceremonies, W. Hope Org., S. Kershaw I.G., Joseph Meadows, Lodge 322, Tyler. At the conclusion of the Lodge business the brethren adjourned to banquet, and the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly proposed and honoured, that of the Worshipful Master, proposed by Bro. Capt. Howard, being received with great enthusiasm. The visitors present included Bros. E. B. Harding P.M. 1496 P.P.G.D. W. Lancashire, W. H. Bibby P.M. 993, C. H. Hinde P.M. 1565 Prov. G.R. Cheshire, H. Finch P.M. 104, J. W. P. Salmon P.M. 163 P.P.G.D.C. E. Lancashire, W. Parker W.M. 993, W. Brandon W.M. 1219, H. Statham P.M. 1253, T. Nash 1253, W. Gouldthorp 999, J. C. Chetham P.M. 322 P.P.G.S.B. Cheshire, S. W. Wilkinson P.M. 322 P.P.G.D. Cheshire, &c. In the course of the Lodge business, Bro. Staples, on behalf of the Lodge, presented the retiring W.M.—Bro. W. H. Vaughan—with a handsome gold Past Master's jewel, in recognition of the services he had rendered to the Lodge.

Acacia Lodge, No. 1309.—On Tuesday, 27th May, at the Ship Hotel, Halliford, the regular meeting of this Lodge was held. Bro. C. G. C. Stahr W.M., P.M. 871, presided. Bro. C. G. Rushworth P.G. Reg. Midx. raised Bro. Woods, conducting the ceremony admirably. The elections were unanimously in favour of Bro. R. P. Tebb S.W. being W.M., and Bro. F. Walters P.P.G.D. Mid. as Treasurer. Auditors were appointed. Bro. Tayler P.M. 11 was unanimously elected a joining member. The usual five-guinea jewel was voted from Lodge funds to Bro. Stahr. Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned, to meet on Tuesday, 26th August, at three p.m. Several visitors were present—Bros. C. Horsley P.P.G.R. Midx., J. W. George P.M., and a large number of members attended. Banquet followed the labours of the day.

Lebanon Lodge, No. 1326.—The vacation of eight months having elapsed, the summer season of the largest Lodge in the Province of Middlesex was commenced on Saturday, 17th May, at the Red Lion Hotel, Hampton. The W.M., Bro. J. C. Woodrow P.M. 15, was too ill to attend. The senior Officer present (in the absence of the P.M.), Bro. J. R. Shackleton P.A.G.P. Middlesex P.M. 1524 S.D., took the chair. The minutes of the meeting held on Saturday, 17th August 1878, were read, unanimously confirmed, and signed by the acting W.M. Ballots, taken separately, were unanimous in favour of Messrs. H. J. Buckley, W. B. Smith, D. Brown, and J. Cavell. Bro. Shackleton (an initiate of this Lodge) fully realised the expectations of his working by the successful raising of Bros. J. S. Thompson and A. J. Rogers; the ceremony was performed in a manner which gave extreme satisfaction to the members. Bro. William Hammond P.P.G.D. Middlesex P.M. having now arrived, took the chair. He sustained his credit by the ease with which he initiated Messrs. John William Wickens, Henry James Buckley, William Robert Smith, David Brown, James Cavell, each candidate being taken separately. A petition from a joining member (an old disabled Mason) to the Lodge of Benevolence was unanimously recommended. Bro. W. Stanton gave notice of motion to vote sufficient money from the Lodge funds to purchase a Life Governorship of the Girls' School. Two joining members were proposed, as also were some candidates for initiation. The Lodge was then closed, and adjourned to meet on Saturday, 29th June, at 3.30 p.m. Banquet was served. Present:—Bros. J. Hammond P.G. Steward Middlesex P.M. and J.W., F. Walters P.P.G.D. Middlesex P.M. 73 Secretary, J. W. Baldwin P.P.G.D. Middlesex P.M. 1423 J.D., H. Gloster W.M. 1531 I.G., D. Steinhauer D.C., J. Lawrence W.S., H. Potter P.M. 11 W.S., J. Thompson, P. Brown, R. B. Millington, F. Knight, G. J. Whitcombe, J. M. Jackson, S. Page, A. Allen, R. Pooler, and others; Visitors—H. C. Murphy 1512, W. C. Davy 1512.

Friars Lodge of Instruction, No. 1349.—Held at Bro. Pavitt's, the Liverpool Arms, Barking Road, Canning Town, on Tuesday 27th of May. Present—Bros. P.M. Candick W.M., P.M. Musto S.W., Shepherd W.M. 1349 J.W., and E. T. Worsley acting Secretary. The Lodge was opened in due form, the minutes of last Lodge meeting were read and confirmed. This being the fourth Tuesday in the month, sections only were worked; this arrangement is in accordance with the Bye-Laws. The following brethren assisted the W.M. to work the sections:—FIRST LECTURE—Bros. Roberts, Watkins, Barker, Shepherd, Musto, Andrews, Candrick; SECOND LECTURE—Bros. Lloyd, Johnson, Smith, Worsley. There not being time to work the last four sections, the Lodge was resumed, when it was proposed by the S.W., and seconded by the J.W., that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to the W.M. for his kindness in taking the chair, and for the beautiful and instructive manner he had worked the sections. Carried unanimously. Bro. Candick thanked the brethren; he was indebted to those who had assisted him in the working for the very excellent way in which they had given their answers. He had attended many Lodges of Instruction, and he must say the working of this Lodge was second to none. The following were present—Bros. Ellis, Smith, Thorman, Johnson, Holloway, Lloyd, Barker, Roberts, Spencer, Watkins, Sadler, Andrews, Pavitt, &c. The Lodge was closed with prayer, and adjourned to Tuesday next, when Bro. Andrews will take the chair. We hope he will have a good attendance.

West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1612.—A meeting was held on Thursday, 22nd inst. at Ealing. Present—Bros. A. C. Alais W.M., H. E. Tucker S.W., J. Green J.W., J. Wells acting Sec., Coop S.D., W. Seward jun. J.D., G. S. Wright I.G. Past Master Bro. Kingston. Visitors—Bros. Josey 837, Acworth, S. Smout jun., Porter, Owen, Clarke, Yewens, P. R. Webb, Stephens, Wills, Botley, &c. The Lodge was opened and the minutes read, confirmed and signed. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. A. C. Alais P.M. No. 834 rehearsed the ceremony of installation in a very able and impressive manner. The Lodge was resumed, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Acworth candidate. A vote of thanks was unanimously awarded to Bro. Alais for the able manner in which he had rehearsed the ceremony of installation. Bro. Coop intimated that he would like to present to the Lodge two columns, for the senior and junior Wardens. On the motion of Bro. Tucker, seconded by Bro. Seward, the offer was unanimously accepted, and a cordial vote of thanks passed to Bro. Coop for his gift. A vote of condolence was tendered to Bro. Sec. Burr in testimony of the deep sympathy felt by the brethren at the loss he has sustained by the death of his child. After Thursday, 5th June, during the summer months, this Lodge will meet every alternate Thursday.

On Thursday, 29th inst., in accordance with previous announcement, Bro. Jas. Terry Prov. G.J.W. Herts, attended for the purpose of rehearsing the ceremony of Consecration. He was supported by Bros. M. Spiegel W.M. Joppa 188 as S.W., G. W. West P.M. Great Northern 1287 as J.W., Seward jun. S.D., Coop J.D., Wright I.G., Wells acting Sec., H. E. Tucker Preceptor; Bros. Thompson, Parson, G. S. Wright, Bloomfield, Botley, C. Botley, T. Brown, T. Bourne, Marsh, A. Jones, J. Owen, Clarke, Yewens, Edmeston, Etienne, J. Green, Stephens, Trebbel, Heath, W. W. Morgan, &c. The Lodge was opened and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The Lodge was advanced to the third degree, and the ceremony (though necessarily in a modified form) was proceeded with. Bro. Terry's ability as a Consecrating Officer is so well recognised we need scarcely record that the proceedings were highly instructive, and gave unbounded satisfaction to all assembled. Bro. Terry's address on the nature of the Institution, and the responsibilities of its members, was given with characteristic energy, and listened to with rapt attention. Bro. Terry also rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. West acting as W.M. elect. Bro. West invested the Officers, and in doing so showed proficiency in the knowledge of this portion of our ceremonies. Bro. Terry then completed his labours by an admirable rendering of the addresses. Bros. Thompson 780, Spiegel 188, C. E. Botley 780, were elected members. Bro. Tucker proposed a vote of thanks be given to Bro. Terry for his valuable services; this was carried unanimously, the same to be recorded on the minutes. Bro. Terry expressed his thanks for the compliment, and assured the members he should be pleased to assist them on future occasions. Bro. W. Seward jun. will preside at next meeting.

Evening Star Lodge, No. 1719.—Held its regular meeting on Tuesday, at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's Inn Fields. This is what is termed a "Class Lodge," one of the qualifications for membership being that those desirous of joining should be Directors, Secretaries, Engineers, or Managers of Gas Works, or shall be directly or indirectly connected with Gas Companies. The Lodge was consecrated in August 1877, and those of our readers who may feel interested in what took place on that occasion will find a full report of the proceedings in the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, Vol. VI. page 149. The first W.M. was our esteemed Brother A. J. Duff Filer, and with the able assistance of the

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distinguished Masons who co-operated with him during his year of office the foundation was laid for a Lodge that will take foremost rank for the charitable proclivities of those who may congregate under its banner. The meeting on Tuesday was well attended, and the chair was taken by the W.M. Bro. Thomas N. Kirkham, who was supported by Bro. Filer I.P.M., John Aird S.W., Wm. Sugg J.W., James Glaisher, F.R.S., Treasurer and J.D., Magnus Obren P.M. I.G. and Secretary, T. A Green S.D., J. W. Sugg and G. C. Trewby Stewards, and T. C. Speight Tyler. Amongst other members we noticed Bros. William Winn, Arthur Mead, Frederick Wm. Hartley, David William Sugg, Matthew Mildrod, Edward Hide, Joseph Manwaring, Alfred Lass, Thomas Henry Martin, Joseph Francis Porter, M.D., Ferrand Davies, &c.; whilst visiting brethren were represented by Bros. Charles H. Edmands W.M. Frederick of Unity 452, Cartwright Mispah Lodge 1671, Körting member of a Hanover Lodge, Nursey Gihon 49, Brown S.W. Goodfellowship 276, Garman Canonbury 657, Vincent P.M. Abercorn 1547, E. H. Sugg J.W. Frederick of Unity P.P.G.W. Organist Surrey, and W. W. Morgan Secretary 211. The Lodge was formally opened, and the Secretary read the minutes of the last meeting, which received confirmation. There was one candidate for third degree, and he, after complying with demands of custom, was raised to the sublime degree by the I.P.M., Bro. Filer, who gave a most impressive rendering of the ceremony. The W.M. having resumed the chair, the election of a W.M. for the ensuing twelvemonths took place; the result seemed a foregone conclusion, as on reading over the ballot papers, the suffrages of the brethren were declared unanimous in favour of the S.W., Bro. John Aird. After Brother Aird had acknowledged the honour conferred upon him, the election of Treasurer was proceeded with, and the result was unanimous in favour of the re-election of Bro. Glaisher. Bro. Speight, on a show of hands, was re-appointed Tyler. Bro. William Sugg then brought forward the following resolution:—"That the members of this Lodge having heard with deep regret that the widow of their late Bro. John Johnson (a subscribing member of this Lodge) is, through the death of her husband, left in straitened circumstances, do pledge themselves to use their votes and interest to secure the admission of her two youngest children—a boy of nine and a girl of seven—into the Masonic Schools, and that the whole of the votes given be used for the election of the boy first, and for the girl after the boy's election is secured." Bro. Sugg announced that an elder daughter of the late Bro. Johnson had been admitted, by purchase, into the London Orphan Asylum. The motion was ably seconded by Bro. Magnus Obren, and on being put by the W.M., received the unanimous assent of the Lodge. Bro. Sugg then brought forward the second part of his proposal:—"That the sum of ten guineas be voted from the funds of the Lodge to each of the Schools, the amount to be placed on the list of the two Stewards from this Lodge serving the Charities for 1880." This was seconded by the worthy Treasurer, Bro. Glaisher, and carried. It was arranged that the W.M., Bro. Kirkham, should serve as Steward for the Girls' School, and Bro. J. W. Sugg for the Boys', while Bro. William Sugg, who, prior to the W.M. expressing his desire to act for the Girls, had stated he should like to serve, kindly pledged himself to officiate on behalf of the Old People. Several of the members were desirous that a sum of £10 10s should be voted from the funds to start Bro. W. Sugg's list, but the Treasurer, with commendable caution, recommended that this responsibility should not at present be entered upon, and his views were endorsed by a majority of those present. The consideration of some home matters next occupied the attention of the brethren, and the question of better Lodge room accommodation was brought on; the result being that the Secretary was empowered to take such steps as he might think desirable. The Treasurer reported the Lodge free from liability, and that he had a balance of £85 17s in hand. Other business having been transacted, Lodge was closed. A capital banquet, under the personal supervision of Bro. Alfred Burt, was provided, and at its conclusion the W.M. gave the customary toasts. Bro. Glaisher replied for the Grand Officers. He remarked that the toast had been warmly given, and he as warmly would respond. Lord Carnarvon was a capable Mason, and took a lively interest in all matters pertaining to the Order. He referred to Lord Skelmersdale's recent illness, and expressed a hope that the fatigue consequent on the heavy labour he had to undertake would not unduly task him during the term we must necessarily allow ere we can hope to see him again in full strength. Bro. Filer now proposed the health of the W.M. This was perhaps the last time he should have the opportunity. The members would be loth to part with their W.M. had they not a rising sun to look forward to. Bro. Filer congratulated Bro. Kirkham on the success that had attended his Mastership, and called on all present to do the toast full honour. After an amusing song from Bro. Filer, the W.M. replied. He knew not how to liken himself to the waning sun or the waning moon, but of this he felt he could assure them,—he had endeavoured to carry out the promise he made when he was elected. He had not been nearly so perfect as he could have wished to be, but this must be attributed in a great degree to the many engagements he had to fulfil. Before sitting down he had a pleasing duty to perform; he would ask them to dedicate the contents of their glasses to the toast of their W.M. elect. Bro. Aird had always proved himself a good Mason, and he (the W.M.) was sure he would make a good Master. This toast was gracefully replied to by Bro. Aird; and then came the toast of the Visitors, for which responses were made by Bros. Edmands, Körting, Nursey and others. Bro. Nursey made some happy allusions to an aerial trip he had taken some years back with Bro. Glaisher. The remaining toasts comprised the P.M., Treasurer, and Secretary, to which Bros. Filer and Glaisher replied. The Officers were duly complimented, and then the Tyler gave his toast. Some capital songs were given during the evening, by Bros. Obren, Nursey, Sugg, Körting, &c. Bro. E. H. Sugg gave a selection on the pianoforte, and Bro. Morgan recited the "Charge of the Light Brigade."

PANMURE LODGE, No. 720.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held at the Balham Hotel, Balham, on Monday, the 19th instant. Lodge was opened at four p.m. by the W.M., Bro. C. P. McKay, and there were present during the evening the following brethren, viz.:—Bros. W. R. Sheadd S.W., E. Mitchell J.W., James Stevens P.M., D. Trusler P.M., H. Payne P.M., Thomas Poore P.M. and Secretary, M. Spiegel S.D., W. Gunner J.D., C. A. Blogg Organist, G. Lambert I.G., G. Mulley Steward, W. Steedman P.M. Tyler; also Bros. Lilley, Syer, Smith, Plater, Whittaker, Richardson, Max Brenner, Anthony, Ash, Barton, Glenister, Mellhuish, Hall, Laver, Treves, Kerr, &c.; and Visitors—Bros. C. Sawyer W.M. 1619, E. Kidmann P.M. 1586, G. Yaxley W.M. 463, W. W. Prickett 1327, J. Howes P.M. 1623, J. J. Barrett 619, W. Foulsham P.M. 1790, and J. New W.M. 1238. The installation of the S.W., Bro. William Sheadd, as W.M., was undertaken by Bro. Poore, and was performed with the usual clearness and perfect ceremony for which this worthy brother is so greatly distinguished. Bro. James Stevens assisted him as D.C., and delivered the admirable address to the brethren in explanation of the "three lesser lights" which he, in conjunction with Bro. Poore, has recently introduced with great effect into the installation ceremony. The result was most satisfactory to members and Visitors. After presentation of the warrant, &c., Bro. Sheadd W.M. appointed and invested his Officers in the following order, viz.:—Bros. E. Mitchell S.W., M. Spiegel J.W., Thomas Poore, P.M. Secretary and Treasurer, W. Gunner S.D., G. Lambert J.D., F. C. Pascall I.G., G. Mulley D.C., C. A. Blogg W.S. and Organist, C. Richardson Steward, and W. Steedman P.M. Tyler. The usual addresses to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren were then given by the Installing Master, and the newly-appointed W.M. at once gave evidence of his working powers by ably initiating Mr. J. R. Blackmore into the Order. Great sympathy was felt for the W.M., who has been for many months suffering from the effects of a very serious accident, causing him to be entirely dependent on crutches; but whose pluck and determination on this occasion elicited the admiration of all present. He neglected no effort necessary to perform his duties throughout the entire evening, and the heartiest wishes of the brethren for his speedy restoration were freely expressed. Before the Lodge was closed, a proposition was made to mark the sense of the Lodge towards Bro. Poore by the presentation of a handsome testimonial. At the excellent banquet which followed, Bro. McKay, the I.P.M., received at the hands of the W.M. a P.M.'s jewel, and to the toast in his honour made effective response. The Visitors found able representatives in the persons of Bros. Foulsham and Yaxley, whose replies were admirably delivered. The senior P.M., Bro. Stevens, also responded on behalf of himself and other P.M.'s, and especially directed the attention of some of the brethren to the necessity for aiding the W.M., under his present unfortunate state of health, by a stricter adherence to order and regularity than even they had hitherto evinced. The whole proceedings were throughout agreeable, and the brethren separated at a reasonable hour.

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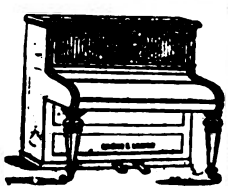
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THE SPREAD OF MARK MASONRY.

OF all the "distinctions without a difference" we have ever come across perhaps that which has so long excluded Mark Masonry from recognition by the Craft is the most remarkable. There are hosts of brethren in this country who are apt to include it amongst the "fancy" degrees, to "innovate" which would be to depart from the strict Masonic *role;* nevertheless we see its increasing popularity in all parts of the kingdom, until no fewer than 247 Lodges have been figured upon the roll of Grand Lodge. Last week we reported the introduction of the degree, under the most spirited auspices, into the county of Northampton, where it had long been assailed by elder Masons who were content to have jogged along upon the hard and fast lines, and who regarded the importation of Mark Masonry as a "new fangled" notion, and an undue extension of the boundaries of the Craft. As the general tendency of Freemasonry is misconstrued by the outer world, so to a great extent is the scope and teaching of the Mark degree misjudged by those who will not take the pains to inquire into its merits and value. But having passed the barrier in the county referred to, we see the Mark springing forward with a bound, and if this vigorous offshoot of the Province of Leicestershire marks well—as indeed it promises to do—we shall not have long to wait ere the number of Lodges in the county is sufficient to justify the constitution of another province. Two days later on the mallet and chisel were again at work, in Hereford, where a new Lodge was consecrated with great *éclat*, and again we have to record a similar conclave of expert workmen in the city of Oxford. Mark Masons who "appeared" at the Grand Festival at Freemasons' Tavern on Tuesday last, rejoiced to hear the most healthy reports as shadowed forth by the deepening interest which is being manifested in this degree by Craftsmen in all quarters. Intelligent Masons will foresee, from this readier acceptation which Mark Masonry is gaining in every direction, that ere long it must receive the recognition of Grand Lodge, and be admitted to its rightful place among the Craft degrees. That it is of no new origin was lucidly pointed out by Bro. Binckes, the popular Grand Secretary of Mark Masons, at a consecration banquet we recently attended, and where he stated that, in company of another earnest Masonic student, he had traced back the records of various old Lodges, and found that, so far back as the year 1785 Mark Masonry was practised in connection with the Craft. In one old dusty record it was pointed out that, "having completed its duties in Craft Masonry, the Lodge was advanced, and a certain number of Masons were admitted to the Mark degree, and passed on to the rank of Mark Masters." After that date, however, there do not appear to be any records extant in which mention is made of Mark Masonry being practised in connection with Craft Lodges. But this authentic record, found in the minute book of the old Athole Lodge—one of the Ancient Lodges—is sufficient to prove that Mark Masonry is not the mushroom organisation that some would endeavour to make it appear, but that it can boast of an existence co-equal with that of the Craft itself. We believe it can be proved beyond question that the degree has been recognised since 1717, and seeing that it is now being recognised so widely as an integral portion of essential Masonry, it is not too much to expect that ere long the Grand Lodge of England may be induced to reverse the verdict passed at the time of the Union, in 1813, when, in the exercise of its prerogative, it eliminated the Mark from the regular and recognised degrees of Craft Masonry. If we stand up in any Lodge room and ask the question, "Why is a brother forbidden to wear the Mark jewel in a Craft Lodge?" we shall find no response save that the degree is "not recognised" by the Grand Lodge of England. "And why?" The brethren will look askance all round, but nowhere will be given a satisfactory fundamental reason why the Mark has been so long relegated to the cold shade of excommunication by the ruling powers of English Freemasonry. That such will not long be the case is a wish cherished by all who enjoy the privilege of having passed from an intelligent graduation in the three degrees into the arena of actual and practical Mark Masonry. Here it is that many of the points and figures which have hitherto arrested the attention in earlier stages of our research become practically illustrated, their historical associations and meanings enlarged upon, and the beautiful moral lessons already learnt in part are driven home by the mallet and chisel in the hands of an astute master and his overseers. In its very quaintness of form and application, Mark Masonry is calculated to give solidity to thoughts that might otherwise have taken unkindly to the soil in which they had been planted. Approaching almost to a histrionic exemplification of the manner in which the stones required for the building of the Temple were prepared and received, the process through which they passed from the time of hewing out of the quarries until they reach the hands of the approving master of the work—even in this aspect Mark Masonry is brimful of interest and attraction to the enquirer after more light. But more important for the great guiding principles it evolves—the absolute necessity of rectitude and probity on the part of all who are employed in the great workshop of life—of an ever-consciousness of the All-seeing eye watching and examining the work produced—of the impossibility of evading or deceiving that Omniscient Overseer of all—and of the penalty which is the inevitable result of attempted imposture—this degree, to our mind, commends itself to the enlightened understanding. The brother who has already learnt the reasons why our ancient Craftsmen received their wages without diffidence and without scruple here see, in plain and pleasing illustration, the meaning of precepts previously inculcated. And equally will he be impressed with the dire dismay which overtakes the conscience-stricken impostor who dares to assume a virtue he has not, and to claim that which is not justly his due. Consolatory to the upright honourable workman is the ease with which he passes the progressive stages of his journey from the far-off quarries, though the gates of the City, right up to the threshold of the structure which he himself is helping to build, exemplifying to him that the path of duty is the path of safety, and a course of moral rectitude the only sure passport to the smiling approval of the Grand Overseer of the Universe. "Though the mills of God grind slowly, yet they grind exceedingly small;" but when our natures, thus purified from even the grit and dust of deformity, enable us to turn out fair work and smooth, and such as is in accordance with the All-wise design, then there is an abundant entrance, and a claim to that reward which is held in reserve only for the deserving. Prominent, too, if not suppressively so in this degree, is the precept that though moral worth is too often unrecognised, and therefore lost from a human standpoint, there is an inscrutable eye observant over all our thoughts and actions, and that in the fulfilment of time works which to man's dull vision are crooked and deformed become the very material which in the Masters' mind become necessary

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to fill up the intercises and to complete the fitness of the whole structure. Thus the stone which the builders rejected—the work which had been heaved over amongst the rubbish—is urgently needed; that which man has contemptuously spurned and cast aside is essential to the finish and beautification of the building; and with joy the victim of unwonted persecution bounds forward bearing upon his shoulder the "headstone of the corner," to receive an exceeding and abundant reward. In these, as in many other respects, Mark Masonry may be likened to the silver clasp which binds together all that is contained in the volume of the three degrees, and we see in it nothing incompatible with the great and fundamental tenets which are promulgated by our Order. In spite of discountenance, and in many cases opposition, it has made giant strides, especially of late years, and with a firm and honest conviction that instead of infringing upon, or detracting from, the province of already recognised degrees, it will really afford material assistance to the student who is honestly plodding his way along the chequered floor, we most cheerfully unite with the large number of our fellow Craftsmen who wish for Mark Masonry full recognition, and the utmost possible prosperity.

GRAND MARK LODGE.

THE half-yearly meeting of Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and the dependencies of the British Crown, was held on Tuesday evening at Freemasons' Tavern. The Earl of Limerick, P.G.M. presided, with Lord Henniker as S.W., Bro. C. F. Matier as J.W., and there was a large attendance of Grand and Provincial Officers. The Lodge having been opened, and the usual formalities observed, Lord Limerick apologised for the unavoidable absence of M.W.G.M. Lord Skelmersdale, who on account of ill-health, had been obliged to go for a cruise to the Mediterranean. His illness had been very severe, and after his Parliamentary duties, which he had been compelled to attend to, were completed, he had been advised by his physicians to go for a Continental trip. The brethren all knew the great attention which his lordship paid to his Masonic duties, and but from circumstances of absolute necessity, he would have been amongst them on the present occasion. He (the speaker) had been commissioned by his lordship to express his regret at being unable to attend Grand Lodge. The minutes of the last regular meeting, and of the emergency meeting in February last, were read and confirmed. Grand Lodge then conferred the rank of Past Master on Bros. Dhanjeebhoy J. Camadore, of the Ramsay Lodge, No. 180, Major G. B. Wolseley, of the Garnet Lodge, No. 228, and Lord Ossulston, of the Frontier Lodge, No. 204, who, being Masters of their respective Lodges in India, were unable to complete their year of office, through having been ordered to the front in the Afghan war. Subsequently Grand Lodge made grants of £50 and £20 from the Benevolent Fund, and voted £21 to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and £50 to Bro. Donald M. Dewar, Assist. Grand Secretary, in recognition of his services in recovering long-standing arrears due to Grand Lodge. Lord Skelmersdale was then declared to have been duly re-elected Grand Master of Mark Masons, and Lord Limerick announced that his lordship had re-appointed the Earl of Donoughmore as Deputy Grand Master. The following appointments were made, and the brethren named received their respective collars:—

Lord Mandeville	Grand Senior Warden.
J. M. P. Montagu	Grand Junior Warden.
Richard Eve	Grand Master Overseer.
Thomas Cubitt	Grand Senior Overseer.
Charles Horsley	Grand Junior Overseer.
Rev. A. A. Bagshaw	Grand Chaplains.
Rev. Dr. Ace	
Frederic Davison (re-elected) ...	Grand Treasurer.
H. C. Levander	Grand Registrar of Marks.
Frederick Binckes	Grand Secretary.
Donald M. Dewar	Grand Assist. Secretary.
Dr. Ramsay	Grand Senior Deacons.
James Lewis Thomas	
Frank Richardson	Grand Junior Deacons.
Charles Jacques	
Stephen Barton Wilson	Grand Supt. of Works.
Robert Berridge	Grand Director of Ceremonies.
George Smith	Grand Assist. Dir. of Cer.
Captain Ritchie	Grand Sword Bearer.
Charles Sparkes	Grand Standard Bearer.
Professor E. M. Lott	Grand Organist.
Edward Diggle	Grand Inner Guard.
C. T. Speight...	Grand Tyler.

GRAND STEWARDS.

Bros. Collins, Sidney Jones, Thomas Armstrong, John Barker, Edward Margrett, Robert Spice, Thomas Pulley, George Harrison, George Brownlow, John Syer, and W. White Booth.

The Acting-Grand Master then announced that Lord Skelmersdale had appointed the following brethren as members of the General Board:—Bros. Rev. G. R. Portal President, Thos. Meggy, S. Rosenthal, S. C. Dibdin, C. F. Matier, Thomas Cubitt, and Robert Berridge, and the following five additional members were elected by Grand Lodge, viz.:—Bros. Alfred Williams, T. J. Sabine, W. Roebuck, T. C. Watts, and O. H. Pearson. The usual good wishes having been exchanged, Lodge was closed in ample form.

At the conclusion of business, the brethren adjourned to the Banqueting Hall, where a sumptuous banquet was provided by Bro. Alfred Best, in his usual style of excellence. Bro. the Rev. G. R. Portal P.G.M. was the genial president, the vice-chairs being filled by Bros. Frederick Binckes and Thomas Cubitt; and after the well served *menu* had been discussed, the customary Loyal and Mark Masonic toasts were duly honoured. In proposing the health of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, the acting G.M. said he was sure all present would regret exceedingly the absence of the M.W. Grand Master to-night. At the same time, they were aware this was no mere ordinary excuse that was being made for him, for Lord Skelmersdale had really been very ill, and was at present yachting, in order that his health might be restored. However, much as they might have rejoiced at seeing his Lordship present amongst them on that occasion, they still more rejoiced that he was taking those means which under Providence might result in bringing about that happy conclusion which all desired. Of all the Grand Masters they had had, there was none who paid greater and more accurate attention to the Order than did Lord Skelmersdale. He was not only most punctual in reading the papers that were put before him, but was equally speedy in his answers as to the disposal of the questions they contained. The toast was received with the utmost enthusiasm, as was the health of the R.W. Deputy Grand Master and the Grand Officers Present and Past, special allusion being paid to the services rendered by the Earl of Donoughmore in the settlement of the Eastern Roumelian question. In responding, Bro. Thomas Cubitt observed that he had been a Grand Officer many years, and he appreciated the honour paid him by confirmation to-day. He trusted the Grand Master would not regret the appointment he had made, and felt sure his Lordship's choice would be unanimously endorsed by the brethren. Bro. the Rev. C. R. Davy, in giving the M.W. Past Grand M.M.'s, prefaced his remarks by saying he had travelled about 120 miles to join this assembly, and he had thought to have had a pleasant and quiet evening without being called upon to say a single word. But this was a toast that would be most acceptable to all present, who knew the worth and sterling qualities of the Grand Master in the chair to-night. The toast, therefore, needed not one word from him to commend it to their readiest acceptance, for they all regarded and esteemed Bro. Portal as one who had been the resuscitator of Mark Masonry in England. Whenever and wherever he had thought of Mark Masonry his thoughts had reverted to his brother in the chair—not as the resuscitator of Mark Masonry exactly, but as the maker of it. They all knew Bro. Portal well; they knew the genial manner in which he had presided over them in the transaction of the business of Grand Lodge, and he therefore asked them to join with him heartily in drinking the toast which he had the honour to submit to them. The toast was most spiritedly received, and in acknowledging the compliment so heartily paid him, Bro. Portal said he begged to return his best thanks on his own behalf, and for the Past Grand Masters whose names had been associated with the toast. He was sure they would all, upon reflection, agree with him that the great success which had attended this degree was in a great measure owing to the circumstance that at critical moments of its history they had been able to secure the services of such distinguished men for Grand Masters. For instance, when the degree was first of all launched, and when, as Bro. Binckes, their Excellent Grand Secretary would remember, certain influential brethren in the Craft in Grand Lodge—whose influence even now was not to be surpassed—did the best they could to prevent its being worked in England at all, if they had not secured the attachment of Lord Leigh, the personal friend of the Earl of Zetland—then Grand Master of England—as their first Grand Master, they could hardly have hoped to make a fair advance. Lord Carnarvon being Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England, was of great service when he assumed the Mastership of their degree, for it shut the mouths of those who were trying to make out that the movement was in opposition to the Craft Grand Lodge. Brethren naturally asked how this could be when its present Grand Master was also Deputy Grand Master of the Craft? And so when Lord Skelmersdale was elected as their chief in succession, as an intimate friend and Deputy of the Grand Master of the Craft, that opinion was strengthened in the minds of the brethren at large. Again, from time to time, as other Grand Masters succeeded to the chair, the faith of the brethren was established as to the influence and importance of the Mark degree. They did well on all such occasions as the present to drink their health, and to express their sense of the services they had rendered. The success of Mark Masonry had been really wonderful, if they considered that it was only about fifteen years since they started with a Grand Mark Lodge at all. They could now boast of a roll of 247 Lodges, to which number they must add ten "immemorial" Lodges which stood, without numbers at the head of their roll. With the exception of the Craft there was no Order in Masonry making anything like the progress that the Mark was doing. Nothing gave him greater pleasure than to come amongst an assembly of Mark Masters, and whenever his services were of value to the Order they might rest assured they would be freely and thankfully rendered. Bro. Frederic Davison, in giving "Success to the Mark Benevolent Fund," said it was a toast which he was certain would be received with every demonstration of satisfaction. Their Grand Master in the chair had told them how recent had been the formation of Grand Mark Lodge, and with it had been established the Benevolent Fund. From its good management had emanated the Educational Fund, which it was quite within his province to notice, inasmuch as they had upwards of £1,000 invested on behalf of this Fund, notwithstanding which they had been able to grant the sum of £50 to the children of one brother, who had held an important position in Mark Masonry, but whose circumstances were such that his children were left in a condition of poverty. The sum of £20

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was also granted to another brother who had taken an active interest in this degree, and they had also already invested on account of the Education Fund £100, from which they had decided upon giving education free to the child of a Mark Mason. They had every satisfaction in saying that as this Fund increased they should be able to do more than they had hitherto accomplished. Seeing the position this Fund had already assumed, they were striving to do more for the children of Mark Masons; he hoped they would not consider he was at all making this toast too important in asking them to drink success to the Mark Benevolent Fund. He would associate with the toast the name of Bro. Frederick Binckes, who had done so much for the Fund, and who was so thoroughly zealous for the welfare of Mark Masonry. Bro. Binckes, who was received with applause, had no hesitation in stating that no greater compliment could have been conferred upon him than the association of his name with this toast. It had been the love of his life—in whatever position he had occupied in Freemasonry—to be an advocate of Masonic charity. Nor did he hesitate to say that many of those to whom their acting Grand Master had alluded, and who had made unkind observations with reference to the Mark degree—to the effect that in their opinion the money spent by Mark Masons in various phases of their organization had better have been devoted to the purposes of Masonic charity—he had been able to answer their objections and cavillings by saying that no body of Masons was more disposed to devote their time, attention, and means to the purposes of charity than they had done. Where was there a body who had done more than they had, by the contributions they had rendered year by year to the Craft Institutions? In addition to this, they had, during the short time of their organisation, formed their own Benevolent Fund; this was a sufficient answer to all such questionings as those to which their Acting Grand Master had alluded, viz., that they had frittered away means which might have been better disposed of. He said but for their organisation a large amount of charitable support would have been wanting, not only to the Craft Institutions, but also in the way of supplementing the grants made by Grand Lodge, and the establishment of what had now been accomplished—the assisting in the education of the sons of Mark Masons. Whatever that might be from any individual standpoint, he said the secret of this educational branch that had been commenced, and what they hoped would be further accomplished, was entirely due to the distinguished brother who was now presiding over this assembly. It was Bro. Portal's own suggestion, made a few years ago, and not at first favourably received, but growing gradually in the estimation of those who were charged with the administration of their affairs. It was at length brought before Grand Lodge, approved by them, and established; but to no one in the world was the credit due, whatever the result—he believed it would be one that would reflect credit on them and give satisfaction to every contributor—more than to Bro. Portal. As to charity generally, it was such an enormously wide subject that one could hardly venture to say a word in connection with it, Let any one contrast, or compare—he cared not which word was employed—Mark Masonry now with what it was twenty years ago. At that time it was thought they were a body of men banded together simply as a party of conspirators to upset the Grand Lodge of England, or to organise a rival body calculated to do an enormous amount of mischief. They had now been for twenty years in successful organisation, and he ventured to say that their only feeling towards Grand Lodge was that if the Craft was in danger she had no handmaid upon whom she could so thoroughly rely, no bond of union so truly hers as the Mark Grand Lodge of England—and for this simple reason,—while they talked about unrecognised degrees, apart from pure and essential Masonry, there was not a single degree inculcated in Grand Lodge which they did not also inculcate. They had no sectarian difficulties, but ran in parallel lines with those of the Craft. And though those parallel lines might never meet exactly, because they were so large and important a body that Grand Lodge could not absorb them even if she so wished—and they would take good care she did not, because they had their own interests to maintain—still at the same time whenever the Craft Grand Lodge of England should be imperilled and want a champion to defend her, she might rely upon the Mark Grand Lodge as her best and staunchest supporter. As to charity, he might remark that they had funded property amounting, during their comparatively short organisation, to over £1000, in addition to which they could supplement any grants that were made by Grand Lodge of England, as they had done to-day. A brother might have been a comparatively idle Craft Mason, but on joining the Mark he might see certain things thoroughly germane to his feelings, but which were wanting, in his opinion, in the Craft. Thus he might have become a most earnest and zealous brother in the Mark degree, attaining to distinguished position after doing arduous service; and if the Craft chose to say, "Your services have been such as only to warrant us in voting you a grant of £10," the Mark Grand Lodge might say, "in recognition of services you have rendered us, we are enabled to supplement that grant by £50." Even on this ground alone the Fund deserved support; and he was happy to say it was receiving substantial and increasing support. Bro. Binckes then alluded to the Festival which is to take place at the Alexandra Palace on the 2nd of July, and which he anticipated would be the most successful ever held in connection with the Fund. Lord Arthur Hill had consented to preside, and he hoped that he would be encouraged by the Stewards being not only liberal in the amount of their subscriptions, but that they would also give *éclat* to the proceedings by their personal attendance. Of all the Grand Masters they had had, the greatest credit was due to the distinguished brother who occupied the chair at this festive gathering. He could remember at the time when Bro. Portal occupied the position of Grand Registrar of Marks, the many interviews they had, and the kindly way in which he did him (the speaker) the honour of consulting him upon matters connected with the Mark degree. At that time they little thought Mark Masonry would become the important body it was now. For himself, he was sure he could never have formulated such an idea. They are no longer a tolerated body, but a recognised, representative body, all over the world, barring one little district north of the Tweed, which he hoped would come to a sense of its duty soon, and come with pleasure, pride and gratification into the household of Mark Masonry. The toast of the Visitors was the last on the official list, but one or two complimentary ones were added and received treatment at able hands. During the evening a capital selection of vocal music was performed by Bro. J. Stedman's choir boys, Masters Manning, Dunster, Payne and Probert, assisted by Bros. Hodges, Stedman and R. De Lacy, under the direction of Bro. Professor E. M. Lott Grand M. Organist. All the pieces were charmingly sustained, and a word of especial praise must be accorded to Bro. Stedman's fine rendering of Dibdin's "Tom Bowling," which elicited the heartiest admiration of all present.

A full report of the consecration of the Alfred Lodge of Mark Master Masons, No. 247, which took place at Oxford on Thursday the 5th instant, will appear in our next issue.

Chief Inspector William Harris, of the Executive Department, Scotland Yard, has been promoted by Sir Edmund Henderson, K.C.B., to the rank of Superintendent of the S., or Hampstead Division, of Metropolitan Police.

The Summer Festival of the Domatic Lodge will take place at the Star and Garter Hotel, Richmond Hill, on Friday, the 27th June next. A banquet will be provided at 4.30, after which there will be a ball and concert.

ROSE CROIX, &c.

Jamaica Chapter Rose Croix.—Installation meeting, held on St. George's Day, 23rd April 1879, at the Sussex Masonic Hall, 57 Hanover-street, Kingston. Ill. Bro. Captain W. Portlock Dadson 32° Most Worshipful Sovereign in the chair. Bro. Louis Townsend, of Seville Lodge, No. 530, was ballotted for, and received the degree of a Prince Rose Croix. E. Bro. Thomas Nicholson, 1st West India Regiment, was elected as a joining member, and E. Bro. J. W. Whitbourne as an honorary member. Bro. Colonel Niven, 1st West India Regt., was proposed as a candidate for Exaltation, and E. Bro. Commander A. W. Warry, R.N., late of the Rose of Sharon Chapter, as a joining member. The ceremony of Installation was duly performed by Ill. Bro. Capt. W. Portlock Dadson 32° P.M. W.S. the M.W. Sov. Elect. E. Bro. W. Rastrick Lee being presented by the Grand Marshall, Ill. Bro. C. W. Steer 30°, after which the M.W.S. appointed and installed his officers for the ensuing year:—E. Bro. Henry Garsia H. Prelate, Illustrious Bro. C. W. Steer 30° 1st Genl., E. Bro. W. Lee Mudon 2nd Genl., E. Bro. C. H. Davis Treasurer, E. Bro. H. H. Jones G. Marshal, E. Bro. John Harris Raphael, E. Bro. Thomas Allen, M.D., Capt. Guard, Ill. Bro. Captain Portlock Dadson 32° Recorder, E. Bro. G. H. Rees Chamberlain, E. Bro. James Tompsett Almoner, E. Bro. W. Andrews 1st Lt. of Gd., E. Bro. W. S. Magnus 2nd Lt. of Gd., E. Bro. B. Mortimer Dias 1st Herald, E. Bro. C. W. Tait 2nd Herald, E. Bro. G. J. Sargeant Dir. Cerem., Bro. Albert Da Costa Equerry. The third point having been given, the Chapter was closed and the brethren adjourned to the annual banquet, where the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. Among those present (in addition to the list of officers) were E. Bros. R. S. Haughton P.M. W.S., A. B. Campbell, M.D., Augustus Abrahams, A. G. Ffrench, E. Bolivar Wolfe, and as Visitor Commander Warry, R.N., late of the Rose of Sharon Chapter at Malta.

Hilda Chapter Rose Croix.—The regular meeting of this Chapter was held at the Queen's Hotel, York, on Wednesday, the 28th ult., the following members being present: Bros. Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett 30° M.W.S., W. H. Marwood 31° P.S., T. B. Whytehead H.P., J. S. Cumberland 1st Gen., Rev. W. C. Lukis 2nd Gen., M. Millington G.M., A. T. B. Turner R., T. M. Richey Herald, L. Murphy, &c. P. Pearson and H. Jackson Equerries. The report of the By-laws Committee was read and adopted, and Bro. Major T. B. Shaw-Hellier (4th Royal Irish Dragoon Guards), previously accepted, was received into the Order. The members met at supper at the close of the proceedings and passed a pleasant evening. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded by the Chapter to Bro. J. Hanley (4th Dragoon Guards) for his very valuable gift of an old Masonic engraving of the "Scald Miserable Masons."

Venerable Order of St. Lawrence, Ebor Lodge.—A meeting of this Lodge was held at York, on Monday, 26th ult., Bro. G. Simpson W.M. presiding, with Bros. J. S. Cumberland S.W., T. B. Whytehead P.M. as J.W., M. Millington S.D., T. Humphries I.G., W. P. Husband K. of G., P. Pearson Tyler, and several other members. Bros. E. J. de Salis and G. H. Simpson were installed members of the Order, and it was resolved that the Lodge should issue a *pro tem* certificate to its members, pending the completion of the contemplated Council of Side Degrees in London.

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"WHICH IS CORRECT?"

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I am very glad that Bro. Stevens has resumed his task of inviting critisism as to the merits of certain different renderings in our ritual as inculcated by different Preceptors, and, as you kindly admitted into your columns my humble contributions towards a settlement of certain disputed points submitted by him about two years back, I shall be glad to play a part, as then, in the controversy, in the hope that I may lend my poor aid towards obtaining that more complete uniformity which Bro. Stevens rightly considers of so much importance.

Without further preface I submit that in the question propounded last week whether it should be *Mosaic* or *Masonic* pavement, there cannot be the shadow of a shade of doubt that the former is correct, and for the following reasons:—

(a.) It is a *Mosaic* pavement which is represented in our Lodges by the carpet of black and white squares.

(b.) A *Mosaic* pavement has a special significance; a *Masonic* pavement would have none. There is but one kind of pavement which merits to be described as *Mosaic*, and hence the speciality of its symbolism; but every pavement that has ever been laid is *Masonic* in the sense of having been laid by Masons' hands. To show the absurdity of using *Masonic* instead of *Mosaic*, I will content myself with pointing out that in such case one Lodge might prefer a pavement of common bricks; another, one of ordinary paving stones; a third, a few square yards of asphalte; while yet another, being more ambitious of distinction, might prefer a few slabs of marble, coloured or plain according to taste. The effect of all this would be the complete destruction of that uniformity, which is rightly deemed of so much consequence.

(c.) But it will be said that as all kinds of pavement are *Masonic*, and as *Mosaic* is one kind, therefore a *Mosaic* pavement is a *Masonic* pavement, and, therefore, it is immaterial whether it is described as *Masonic*, which is the generic term, or *Mosaic*, which is the individual term. To which I reply in all good faith: "Mr. Logician, you are going too fast for my humble understanding. If it is immaterial which is used, then why use either? It is enough that this pavement is one of the ornaments of a *Masonic* Lodge: that of itself constitutes it a *Masonic* pavement. On the other hand, if it is material in this, as in other instances, that care be taken to use the words which will express a particular meaning,—those and none other,—then, I say, *Mosaic* a million times over, rather than *Masonic*.

(d.) *Le Pavé Mosaique* was one of the ornaments of a Masonic Lodge, according to the French ritual—second degree of that rite; whether it remains so now, since the important change in the constitutions of French Masonry, I am not in a position to state. Its symbolical meaning is said to be "*l'union intime qui règne entre les MM.·.*"

I think the foregoing will be accepted as sufficient reasons by those who are in the habit of thinking these matters over. Just imagine, Sir, if you can depress your Editorial mind to the requisite condition of utter vacuity—I say, just try and picture to yourself the absurdity of regarding a few ordinary paving stones—with or without mortar—or a few bricks, a piece of asphalte, or a few slabs of marble—coloured or plain—as emblematical of the "chequered" existence of man; now rejoicing in prosperity, now under the ban of adversity. If, however, further reasons are needed by any brother for determining in his own mind "Which is correct—*Mosaic* or *Masonic?*" I refer him to the *Royal Masonic Encyclopædia*, by Bro. Kenneth Mackenzie, p 498; to Bro. Rev. A. F. A. Woodford's *Cyclopædia*, p 493; to Mackey's *Lexicon of Freemasonry*, p 220; to Coppin's *Handbook of Freemasonry*, p 263; and Oliver's *Signs and Symbols*, p 287. But a few lines from the latter author will, perhaps, be better than a thousand references, and as I cannot resist the all-powerful temptation to reproduce them, here they are, as a clinching argument for using *Mosaic* and not *Masonic*. The reverend author begins the passage thus: "Cast your eyes downwards, and contemplate the pavement on which you tread. It is *Mosaic*,"—it is I who have italicised the word to give it due emphasis—"chequered with black and white, emblematical of good and evil fortune; like the life of man, sometimes favoured by prosperity, sometimes bending before the blasts of adversity," &c., &c.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Faithfully and fraternally yours,

Q.

London, 29th May 1879.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Your advertising columns of this week will contain an announcement of the intended publication, at a very moderate price, of the correspondence "in extenso," on the subject of "Uniformity of Masonic Ritual and Observance." The work will include letters and articles, with notes and memoranda of considerable interest to members of the Order generally, and will doubtless be of particular utility to W.M.'s of Lodges, and to all who advocate the perfection and uniformity of our Masonic work. It can be ready for the press in the course of this month, but I shall not put it into the hands of the printer unless I see my way clear as to the cost of publication. There should be five hundred subscribers, at two shillings per copy, before the work, which will be somewhat voluminous, can cover expense of production. It, therefore, now rests with my brother Masons to determine whether or not it shall be prepared. Those desirous of subscribing for one or more copies should send application (by letter or post card) to me at once, and to these the book will be forwarded (post free), without delay, on publication.

Surely, with 1800 Lodges, and the many thousands of brethren connected therewith, there should be no difficulty in obtaining the number of subscribers named for a first edition, if there is *really* that general interest felt in the subject which has been, as far as I have had opportunities of knowing, so generally expressed. Probably I may be disappointed, for I am told that, as a rule, Masonic publications do not receive that amount of support which, considering the immense numbers amongst whom they might be expected to circulate, their promoters might very reasonably anticipate. Hence the greater necessity for my assuring myself against loss (gain I do not seek), by requiring a subscription list before publication. May I ask the assistance of my personal friends and Secretaries of Lodges and Lodges of Instruction, towards the end in view?

I am looking forward to discussion on some of the examples of difference in the teachings of Preceptors which I have already noticed in former letters. In the work proposed to be published these will be collected and further discussed. For the present I refrain from adding to their number, not from want of ample material, but desiring to ascertain how far the brethren generally may be earnest in their desire to support the endeavours of myself and others in seeking that "which is correct."

Yours truly and fraternally,

JAMES STEVENS, P.M. P.Z.

112 High-street, Clapham, S.W.

P.S.—"A NEW SUBSCRIBER" refers to the two very first questions in our Masonic Catechism, or Sections, as receiving different answers from different Preceptors and their pupils. Thus:—

Q. As Free and Accepted Masons how did you and I first meet?

A. { Preceptor No. 1.—On the *Level*.
" " 2.—On the *Square*.

Q. And how hope to part?

A. { Preceptor No. 1.—On the *Square*.
" " 2.—On the *Level*.

Which is correct? "Rob Morris" (the Rev. Dr. Robert Morris, LL.D., of Kentucky), no mean authority in matters Masonic, commences one of his most beautiful poems thus—

"We meet upon the *Level*,
And we part upon the *Square*;"

And on the ground of equality one with another as Masons, I certainly favour his rendering as preferable to that in common use amongst us in our Lodges of Instruction.

I purpose introducing the above named poem, with others, in the work to which this letter refers.

J. S.

CRUCIAL TESTS OF FITNESS FOR THE BROTHERHOOD.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The subject matter of my letter has been exercising my mind lately as to how I could express myself so as to avoid unnecessarily hurting any one's feelings. If I succeed, I shall be delighted; if, unfortunately, I offend, I apologise beforehand, assuring that no offence is meant, and that I allude to no one personally, or in particular.

Imprimis,—I am a Mason of nearly six-and-twenty years standing, and have had experience, both here and in the colonies, which I hope gives me some license to speak. One great fault of brethren is that they oftentimes bring forward candidates without sufficient knowledge of their relative fitness or resources; they also often induce some other brother (who knows less, or nothing at all, about the intended initiate) to second their proposal. I have been dreadfully pained to listen to the want of education so often exhibited. How frequently do we find that candidates cannot pronounce the words dictated to them, to say nothing of being totally ignorant of their meaning.

Now, in my opinion, these are not the class of men for whom Masonry was intended, however worthy they may be in themselves; but I know of many such. The brother without education, no less than the brother without means, ought never to have been admitted into the Craft. In the first place, it is most painful to his audience, and should be so to himself; and in the second he ought never to have joined an institution if he could not do something more towards it than pay his entrance fee and yearly subscription. The evidence afforded by the official lists of the candidates for our Boys' and Girls' Schools, which state the number of years each has paid his subscription, and what each has done for that Institution, too plainly discloses how little the majority of the Fathers have done in the cause of Charity. The proposer of every candidate should be intimately acquainted with his *protege*; should know whether he has the necessary means, and likewise the inclination to contribute towards our noble Institutions. Again, the proposer often thinks that when he has once proposed his candidate, he has nothing more to do with him, but can leave him to his own resources to learn what is required. That,

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again, is a very great error, and shows want of *self*-respect; respect for the W.M. and the Lodge generally, and still greater want of respect for him who has been declared a fit and proper person to be introduced into a Lodge. I venture to suggest a few questions which should be put to every one desirous of entering our ranks. Do you understand what Freemasonry is? This should be explained sufficiently to convince the candidate that Freemasonry is something more than mere words, something more than a hollow sound without a meaning. Are you of independent means; that is, have you not only sufficient to pay your entrance fee and annual subscription, but can you spare something towards helping those brethren who have been, or are less fortunate than yourself? Granted that you have the means, have you the inclination to give in the cause of *Charity*? I venture to think that these questions satisfactorily answered, together with a knowledge of the candidates, would go far to exclude those for whom Freemasonry was never intended, and admit those only who are fairly educated, and have means; men whose heart is in the right place, and will be not only a credit to themselves, but to the Craft in general.

Yours fraternally,

AUGUSTIN.

THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—As an *indoor* occupation on Monday last, the weather depriving me, as it did many others, of the pleasure of *outdoor* exercise, I tested the positions occupied by the respective candidates for the House and Audit Committees in the last published list of Subscribers, in order to see what each candidate had done for the particular Institution of which he solicited the suffrages of the General Committee in support of his election. I take their names in the order published in your issue of Saturday last. For the House Committee there were 16, and for the Audit Committee 11 candidates.

For the House Committee:—

		Polled	Has Votes	Has served Stewardships
1	Bro. Long	125	3	1
2	„ Letchworth	123	13	2
3	„ Rucker	118	39	4
4	„ Nunn	117	17	3
5	„ Peters	115	3	2
6	„ Smith	111	19	5
7	„ Mather	107	19	5
8	„ White	103	15	3
9	„ Hope	95	3	1
10	„ Dubois	94	7	3
11	„ Tattershall	91	3	1
12	„ Richardson	84	3	1
13	„ Hammerton	78	10	1
14	„ Cox	76	39	5
15	„ Mason	18	17	4
16	„ Wheeler	18	15	1

For the Audit Committee:—

1	Bro. Dicketts	137	11	3
2	„ Lovander	127	12	3
3	„ Webster	122	15	3
4	„ Roebuck	119	3	1
5	„ Chancellor	116	15	3
6	„ Bailey	112	4	1
7	„ Kingston	106	4	1
8	„ Venn	91	7	2
9	„ Cutbush	49	3	1
10	„ Berridge	31	7	2
11	„ Levy	27	3	2

Of the foregoing, Bros. Rucker and Cox are Vice-Patrons; Bros. Letchworth, Peters, Smith, Mather, Webster, Chancellor and Wheeler are Vice-Presidents, the address of the latter being published as "unknown;" and Bros. Smith and White have been subscribers for ten consecutive years and upwards. The remainder are Life Governors.

Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

INVESTIGATOR.

4th June 1879.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Your correspondent "H." would lead your readers to believe that the cost of maintaining and educating 195 girls in our Masonic School amounted last year to £78 10s per head; but his last letter proves nothing but his want of candour, or incompetency to deal with a very plain statement of account.

He acknowledges having extracted his figures from the accounts last published, and which I have before me at this moment—the accuracy of which are certified by five well-known true and trusty brethren. From this it appears that the total amount of cash to be accounted for is £20,202 17s 1d, and from this amount "H." has deducted only the £4,000 loan repaid, and £885 9s balance in hand, leaving it to be inferred that the remaining £15,317 8s 1d is the expenditure *for the year*, whereas the first four items of the account, viz. "New Buildings," "Furniture for ditto," "Purchase of Land," "Laying out Grounds," amount to £6,675 18s 6d.

The absurdity of treating this as an *annual* expense would, I think, be manifest to the girls themselves, or at least to those of them who have attained to the use of decimals. The auditors' report shows "ordinary expenditure" £7,085 6s 11d, or £36 6s 8d per head. To this I would add the cost of insurance £17 17s 6d, which would augment the expenditure by nearly 2s per head, but after a careful examination I cannot discern anything in the statement of account which justifies "H.'s" assertion or insinuation that £78 10s per annum has been expended upon each girl.

I am, Dear Sir, yours faithfully,

A. E. G.

ANTIENT AND PRIMITIVE RITE OF MASONRY.

(MEMPHIS AND MIZRAIM.)

Bulls Head Chambers, Market Place,
Manchester, 31st May 1879.

ILLUSTRIOUS BRETHREN,— As considerable delay has taken place in the arrangements of the Order, it may be necessary to explain it as arising from the illness of the Treasurer General (Ill. Bro. Leather, 33°), and two Principal Officers of the Rite. The Order has to lament the death, on the 8th January last, of the worthy and Illustrious Bro. Captain Charles Scott, R.N., J.P., of Strathroy, 33°, Supreme Grand Inspector General, also on the day following, Illustrious Bro. Herbert Irwin, of Bristol, 32°.

Due to these, and other untoward events, the Order has not added very considerably to its members, but has been proceeding slowly in its organization. With the dues which the Sovereign Sanctuary have obtained, it has printed 4 volumes of its own, and paid the costs of certificates and similar items, hence the Illustrious brethren will see that in the hands of our Treasurer General, the Order's Funds have been carefully used. These printed books are:—1, Constitutions,—2, Public Ceremonials,—3, History (5s 6d),—4, Ritual of Senate, (part 2) 5s. Also Chapter, Senate, Council and Mystic Temple Bye-Laws (6d each). Translations have been made of several of the works of the Illustrious Bro. Jacques Et. Marconis, 33-96°, late Grand Master of the Order; the most pressing needs of the Rite are the printing of the remaining rituals in 6 to 8 books, which will be proceeded with as the Sovereign Sanctuary is in possession of funds from the reception of candidates and other sources. The Library has also acquired several most valuable additions.

The S.G.M. and Sov. have sanctioned the conferment of the corresponding grades of the Rite of Mizraim upon our brothers, and the ritual will form a separate book.

The Mystic Temple, 32°, of Canada, has elected as Sovereign Grand Master, Illustrious Bro. George Canning Longley, 33°, with whom we are in fraternal relations. The opposition which was at one time offered to our Rite by similar Associations, has been withdrawn by all the leading magnates of such opposing Masonic bodies, and notably by Bro. General Albert Pike, who may be considered the leading authority of all the Supreme Councils of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite.

Fraternally yours,

BERBY BOWMAN LARREY, 33-95°,

Grand Chancellor General, Sublime Dai and
Grand Master of Light for the Province of Lancashire.

THE LATE BRO. CHAS. H. PULHAM W.M. OF UNA LODGE No. 773, NEW YORK.

THE soul of this worthy and highly esteemed brother quitted its earthly tenement for the Grand Lodge above on Tuesday, the 13th ult. The event has cast a gloom and a very saddening influence over our American brethren, as well as many friends at Warrington and Frome, by all of whom the deceased was regarded with affection. His upright walk in life, dignified courtesy, and gentlemanly bearing, combined to render him also a general favourite. Bro. Pulham was originally educated, by his father, for the Church; but this idea being abandoned, he adopted the profession of a teacher, and was for some years with a brother well known to our readers, Bro. John Bowes, of Warrington. After leaving Warrington, he accepted a Mastership at Storeham College, Sussex. In 1870, Bro. Pulham emigrated to America, and embarked in the profession of journalism, first in connection with the *New York Express*, and afterwards with the *Times*, of which paper he was the city editor for nearly seven years, and till his death. In 1877, our brother was elected President, of the Press Club, a position both of honour and responsibility. The *New York Times* thus refers to the deceased:—"As a journalist he was distinguished by a keen appreciation of news, untiring energy, and marked executive ability. In his personal relations Mr. Pulham illustrated the best traits of the old English stock from which he sprang. Honourable, manly, and genial, he made friends readily, and retained them tenaciously. His tastes ran in natural history studies, but his duties left him little time to pursue them." His Masonic career is one which specially concerns us. After filling various offices in the Una Lodge, he was, in December last, unanimously elected its Worshipful Master, and in that position fully maintained its popularity. In the Lodge he earnestly exhorted his brethren ever to remember that Freemasonry is a beautiful system of morality, veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols, and that the most apparently trivial incidents in the ceremonies had their deep and hidden meanings. Masonry, he was wont to say, is not a mere matter of secret ceremonies, it is something far higher and holier than these. A man may have attained to the highest honours the Craft can bestow, and be perfectly up in all its lore and working, and yet be as far from being a Freemason as he was before his initiation. The rites and ceremonies of Freemasonry are essential to its existence—they form the outworks whereby its treasures are, as they ought to be, guarded from the unworthy, and therefore cannot, under any circumstances be dispensed with; but Masonry exists in the heart, and is composed of brotherly love, relief and

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truth, and that heavenly consummation of all virtues, charity, so beautifully explained in the volume of the sacred law, as "bearing all things, hoping all things, believing all things, enduring all things, thinking no evil," and it is to the practice of this virtue that our Masonic efforts should ever tend, not only in its common acceptation of pecuniary relief, but as embracing true brotherly love to the full extent inculcated in the sacred writings. Initiation alone never did nor never can make a man a true Mason; it gives the key, but the mere possession of the key does not constitute ownership of the treasure; it sows the seed, but unless the soil be good and carefully cultivated, fruit will not be produced; it opens the portal, but unless the road be traversed the goal cannot be attained; it lays the foundation, but without labour the superstructure cannot be raised.

Bro. Pulham died of consumption, although the American doctors assured him recently that he had a "sound pair of English lungs." He had been ailing since Christmas last, but had resumed his editorial duties early in May. He was found dead in his bed on the 13th ult. Alluding to this fact, there are some lines in the *New York Mail*, of which the following is the closing verse:—

"Unlike the common fate of men,
He died alone—yet not alone,
For ministering angels took him then
Before his Lord and Master's throne."

His funeral took place on the 15th instant, from St. Paul's Chapel, Broadway. For an hour before the service the "casket" containing the body remained in the vestibule of the church, and the lid being thrown back, such of his friends as desired to take a last look at his features were permitted to do so. A large number of journalists, brethren of the "Mystic Tie," official personages, and others, assembled on the occasion, the first named numbering at least two hundred. Among the floral decorations with which the "casket" was covered was a large scroll of white camellias, roses, lilies of the valley, white carnations, and spirea; the ends of the floral rod from which the scroll depended were of pansies. On the face of the scroll were the words "Well done." This was a tribute from the editorial staff of the *Times*. A conspicuous emblem was a broken column of white carnations, twined with smilax and rose-buds, sent by and bearing the initials of the New York Press Club. A floral star and wreath, enclosing Masonic emblems, bore the name of the Una Lodge. Besides this there were a pillow of white flowers, crossed by a quill pen, wreaths and bouquets from other friends. On the lid of the "casket" lay the Masonic apron and jewels of the dead Master. The service was that of the Protestant Episcopal Church, which was rendered chorally. As a last and tribute of respect our brother was interred, in Greenwood Cemetery, with Masonic rites, according to ancient custom. The ceremony was impressively performed by W. Bro. J. Wallace McWhinnie, the W.M. of Montgomery Lodge, assisted by the Officers and Brethren f the Una Lodge.

PRINCESS'S THEATRE.

An adaptation of the French play "L'Assommoir," by Mr. Charles Reade, under the appropriate title "Drink," was introduced on Monday, the 2nd inst., at the Princess's Theatre, by Mr. Walter Gooch. The principal character in this story of misery and temptation is a hatter named Lantier, who has brought to Paris, from her native village, a pretty girl named Gervaise. As soon as she arrives in that city she realises the old story that men are deceivers; her fickle husband deserts her for the showy Virginie; she is, however, able to earn a subsistence as a laundress, and while thus engaged she meets her rival, who exults over her conquest of Lantier. The two quarrel, and this leads to a conflict in which Virginie suffers to the extent of having a few pails of water thrown over her. As a consequence, from henceforth Gervaise has two enemies to contend against, Virginie and Lantier, for the despicable hatter, after abandoning the woman for whom he had neglected Gervaise, again pursues the latter. Gervaise now marries a plumber named Coupeau, thinking her husband Lantier is dead; Virginie also finds a husband in Poisson, a retired soldier. All goes well with the two couples until an occasion arrives when the plumber is repairing the roof of M. Poisson's house. Virginie knows that the scaffolding upon which Coupeau is at work is dangerous, she, however, purposely neglects to tell him so, the consequence is that the unfortunate plumber falls to the ground. Although he is not killed, he is so severely injured that for several months he is unable to work, during that time he gets into habits of indolence, and, still worse, contracts the taste for "drink;" he becomes a frequent visitor to the "Assommoir," a public-house where a number of workmen of the district congregate, he soon falls into worse habits, until the little money the once happy family had accumulated against a rainy day becomes entirely exhausted. Coupeau, when it is almost too late, signs the pledge; but on an early opportunity Virginie and Lantier set a trap for him, and on his again entering L'Assommoir he is soon in a state of drunkenness; Gervaise, proceeding to fetch him home, in a moment of desperation, is likewise tempted to drink. Time goes on, and Coupeau becomes an inmate of a hospital, where, through the plotting of Virginie, he is again induced to revert to his baneful habit, the result being a dreadful death from *delirium tremens*. We must congratulate the actors on the way in which they performed their parts. Miss Amy Roselle shows her winsome ways in the *rôle* of Gervaise, as does Miss Ada Murray in that of Virginie. Mr. Redmund takes the part of the lazy Lantier, and Mr. Charles Warner that of Coupeau. The piece thus far has met with perfect success, and we wish Mr. Walter Gooch and his assistants a continuance of prosperity. The scenery is very effective, and the general get up most creditable.

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 Four Old Lodges: Founders of Modern Freemasonry and their Descendants. A Record of the Progress of the Craft in England, and of the Career of every Regular Lodge down to the Union of 1813. With an authentic compilation of Descriptive Lists for Historic Reference. By ROBERT FREKE GOULD, late 31st Regiment, Barrister-at-Law. London: Spencer's Masonic Depôt, opposite Freemasons' Hall. 1879.

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THAT after the lapse of over sixty years the solemn pact entered into at the Union of 1813 should be in the slightest degree disturbed is not only unlikely, but to be deprecated. But this need not deter us from a consideration of what might have been under certain conditions which have not been fulfilled as to the position now of our surviving Time Immemorial Lodges as distinguished from what it actually is. By the Act of Union referred to the admitted Time Immemorial Lodges stand Nos. 2 and 4 respectively on the roll of Grand Lodge, and Bro. Gould has shown that No. 12 is, in truth, the direct representative of original No. 3 of the Four Old Lodges. In the very earliest days of modern Freemasonry a dispute arose in old Lodge No. 3. Some of its members asked for and obtained a Warrant from the Grand Lodge, which it appears to have been throughout admitted they had no need to have done. By this act they forfeited their high position, and became a Warranted Lodge instead of a Time Immemorial one. Again, all the original Lodges appear to have acquiesced in the transactions of Grand Lodge. Once they had succeeded in procuring an ordinance to the effect that the ancient landmarks—or as many, perhaps, may prefer to describe them, the fundamental principles of Freemasonry—should under no circumstances be disturbed, they seem to have pursued the even tenour of their way without troubling themselves seriously about their peculiar privileges. One Lodge allowed itself to die out; another, as we have shown, virtually resigned its position, and obtained a Warrant of reconstitution from Grand Lodge; while a third was expunged from the roll, and would undoubtedly have ceased to be, but for the influence of Past Grand Master Payne, who succeeded in having it restored to its pride of place. The remaining one of the four—original Lodge No. 1—did, some sixty years after the establishment of Grand Lodge, take offence at the treatment accorded it. It seceded, and established itself as the Grand Lodge of England south of the Trent; but in a little more than ten years the schism was healed, and the seceding Lodge of Antiquity, which had received no sympathy from its fellow Time Immemorial—original No. 4—resumed its old position on the roll of Grand Lodge [Moderns]. But though in 1790 the errant Lodge was permitted to resume its privileges and again occupied its old position, and though its Master and Wardens again took their seats in Grand Lodge as they had done prior to the schism of 1779, there does not appear to have been any definition of what those privileges were. The priority of the Lodge on the roll was accepted. It had no warrant, for it needed none, but in all other respects it was a subordinate of Grand Lodge, though, as we have seen throughout, it was one of the Lodges which constituted that body. It certainly was a great pity the Grand Stewards' Lodge should have been placed at the head of the Roll of the Grand Lodge [Moderns] without a number, when its constitution only dated from 1735, and a still greater pity that when so excellent an opportunity of repairing an act of injustice to original Lodges Nos. 1 and 4 presented itself, as it did present itself at the time of the Union, it was not taken advantage of, and those two Time Immemorial Lodges were not placed at the head of the roll of the United Grand Lodge, and without numbers. This omission was no doubt due to a mere oversight, caused by the general anxiety which at the time prevailed among both moderns and ancients to re-unite the two great sections of English Freemasonry. This was a most laudable desire, and at this remote period of time, whatever we may think of the impolicy which dictated the arrangement, we cannot expect or desire that it should in any way be disturbed. Antiquity and the Royal Somerset House and Inverness, even if they were at the bottom of the list of Lodges instead of where they are, would always have connected with them associations which belong to no other Lodge, so that if they have not priority of rank, they stand in priority of estimation over all other Lodges.

As regards the causes which led to the great schism of last century, we consider Bro. Gould is right in his estimate of them, especially in the stress he lays on the irregular conduct of Grand Lodge in granting special privileges to the Grand Stewards' Lodge. One point, however, he does not appear to have noticed, or rather, he does not seem to have taken sufficient account of it, namely, that it was not the original Lodges, yet existing when the said schism which culminated in the establishment of the Grand Lodge of the so-called Ancients was in progress, which seceded; nor when some years later the Lodge of Antiquity seceded, did it dream of joining itself to the so-called Ancients. It established itself as a separate Grand Lodge in alliance with the Grand Lodge of *all* England at York. This is important, as showing that though the Ancient Lodges may have arrogated to themselves the character, they were not so esteemed by the original Lodges acting from Time Immemorial; which is the strongest argument against the assumed superiority of the later constituted Grand Lodge. Another point—to which Bro. Gould does refer—is, that the "Ancients" were even greater innovators than the "Moderns" from whom they had seceded. It is to them we are indebted for the one and only departure from the simpler "modern" ritual which was adopted at the Union, namely, the recognition of the Royal Arch as part of the Third Degree. We owe it to them also that Past Masters are permitted to

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sit in Grand Lodge. No doubt the cause we have already alluded to, namely, the universal desire existing on both sides to determine the schism, will account for the Moderns acceding to these further innovations, though we must not omit to mention that the Moderns likewise had their Royal Arch Chapter, which, however, was not officially recognised by Grand Lodge. Among the other matters touched upon in Part III. the degrees of Masonry, and the antiquity of our old Lodges as compared with those of Scotland, are mentioned. We need not, however, do more than refer to them.

The Appendix contains the various important lists of Lodges, beginning with that of 1725-29, the earliest list [1723], appended to the Book of Constitutions published in that year, appearing in the body of the work. Then follow in order those of 1730-2, 1736-9, 1740-55, 1756-69, 1770-80, 1781-91, and 1792-1813. The value of these lies in the fact that it is possible to trace the earlier 1813 Lodges back to 1725, and as there is no difficulty in tracing our earlier 1879 Lodges to 1813 we can, in fact, by the aid of these Lists, trace directly all our earlier Lodges to the period of their constitution. Time Immemorial Lodges do not, of course, require to be so traced. Here then we have for the first time, and in a complete and connected form, a portion of the materials absolutely necessary if we would wish to see written an authentic history of the Craft; and for these lists alone, and the care taken in tracing back the numbers in 1813 to the list in 1725, we are indebted to the earnest labours of Bro. Gould.

We have very little to add to the foregoing remarks. As a compilation of official materials for the history of Freemasonry which has yet to be written, this work on the "Four Old Lodges" is invaluable, as we have pointed out already. Of the labour that was of necessity bestowed on it we have likewise spoken in terms of well-merited eulogy. One thing, however, has struck us in the composition of the work, which, in our humble judgment, might have been less noticeable. The matter throughout is arranged rather as a series of notes, or may we venture to say as a synopsis, only somewhat fuller than synopses usually are. This in no wise detracts from the value of the work, but it makes it a less easy task to read it. Bro. Gould is aware that a layman, how interested soever he might be in the solution of knotty legal problems, must find it rather difficult to persevere in reading legal reports with all their technicalities left in their native dryness to be digested, if possible; whereas, if the reports were built up into a connected narrative, and, at the same time, relieved of those technicalities, or rather with those technicalities explained in the vulgar tongue, no doubt would exist that the narrative would find many interested readers. Similarly, this volume might, in our opinion, have been made more attractive reading without, at the same time, detracting one jot from its intrinsic value. However, it is possible that Bro. Gould, in preparing his work, has preferred giving it its present form in order that it might retain its distinctive character as a work of valuable reference, and in such case, of course, we do not press our objection to the mere form in which it is presented. We are content with knowing and affirming that having regard to the apathy which exists generally among Masons in reference to the history of our Craft, it will probably be a long time before this history of "The Four Old Lodges" finds a companion work of equal value. With this remark, and our congratulations to Bro. Gould on the successful termination of his labours, we bring this notice to a close.

We disclaim all responsibility for the "statement of the cost of several Educational Charities in the Metropolis," which the *Globe* and *Echo* have kindly, but erroneously, attributed to us. The figures were communicated in a letter written by an esteemed correspondent, who signed himself "H." While not pretending to be infallible, we should certainly have avoided the capital error of including the sum of money expended last year in erecting and furnishing the additional premises rendered necessary when the Court of Governors resolved on increasing the number of pupils from one hundred and fifty to two hundred, in the normal expenditure of our Masonic Girls' School. Attention is drawn to this error in a letter we publish elsewhere in this week's number, nor do we think even the veriest tyro in statistics would have been betrayed into the mistake of which our correspondent "H." has been guilty. A mere glance at "H.'s" analysis of his own statement shows that of the £78 10s per head of expenditure which he sets down to our Girls' School, the total under the heads of the cost for "provisions," "clothing," and "salaries and wages," is under £30; while "every other expenditure" figures at a fraction over £48 15s. Our Institution is not building new premises every year, and if "H." is desirous of instituting a comparison between it and other similar Institutions, he ought, in common fairness, to have selected a year in which there had been no extraordinary expenditure. As it is, the report for the year in question shows an "ordinary expenditure," amounting to over £7,085, being at the rate per girl of about £36 6s 8d, while the "other expenditure," which is incurred for salaries and pensions to retired or deceased Officers, pianos, interest to bankers, law charges, &c., is £1,556, or about £13 per girl. Taking these two together, we find the average annual cost per girl in the School is under £50. And, if there were twice two hundred girls in the School, this average would be greatly reduced, as the expenditure for salaries and wages would not be proportionately increased. Indeed the Office expenses would not need to be increased at all, while the educational staff, though it would require strengthening, would not have to be doubled. Under any circumstances, it is unjust to the authorities to set down £6,676 expended in new buildings, furniture, and the purchase of land as part of the regular School expenditure for the year in which it was incurred.

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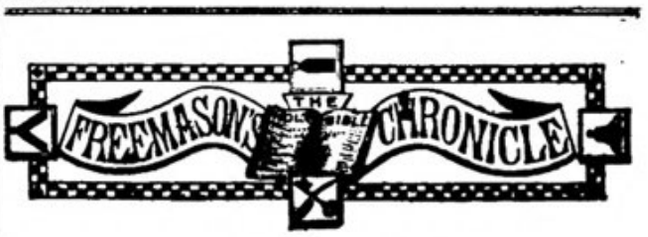
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Bro. H. Sadler was then summoned, and on approaching the G.M. in the chair, was invested with the collar and apron of Grand Tyler amidst the applause of Grand Lodge. The announcement being then made that the next business was the election of Masters and Past Masters to serve on the Board of General Purposes, Bro. James Stevens inquired whether the distribution of lists of the brethren nominated for election was sanctioned by the Board of General Purposes, or any section of Grand Lodge; and he condemned the practice as one calculated to bias the votes of the brethren. Bro. Monckton informed him that, while he, as a member of Grand Lodge, knew that such a course had been followed on former occasions, the Board had no such knowledge either formerly or at present. Bro. Hutton said there was a good precedent for the custom in the principle followed by the Bank of England. Bro. Raynham Stewart thought that, to obviate a result which was produced last year, when more votes were polled than there were brethren in Grand Lodge, a polling paper should be handed to every brother when he signed the list and received his pass of admission to Grand Lodge. The subject then dropped, and the election took place. The Grand Master, in the chair, announced that Bro. R. F. Gould had presented to Grand Lodge a book styled "The Four Old Lodges." He had looked at the book, and believed that it was a volume which would be of great service to the Craft, and a valuable addition to the library of Grand Lodge. On the motion of the G.M. in the chair, seconded by Bro. S. Rawson, a vote of thanks for the presentation was passed to Bro. Gould. After the grants recommended by the Lodge of Benevolence had been confirmed, the Reports of the Board of General Purposes, and Colonial Board were adopted, and the annual grant of £70 for coals during the winter months for the inmates of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution at Croydon was made. Bro. J. M. Clabon afterwards drew the attention of the brethren to the notice of motion which stood in his name; "That, considering the large amount which has been accumulated from the surplus income of the Fund of Benevolence, it is not expedient to continue the accumulation of the whole of that surplus," and he reminded them that in 1868 when the accumulated fund amounted to £20,000. A committee which was then appointed, recommended that one-third of the annual surplus should still be accumulated, and the other two-thirds should be applied to apprenticing or otherwise advancing in life the sons and daughters of Freemasons on their leaving the Masonic Boys' and Girls' Schools. Grand Lodge, however, thought that the time had not arrived for discontinuing the accumulation of the surplus. In 1873 the Fund amounted to nearly £40,000, and the subject of dealing with the annual surplus was again brought forward. Grand Lodge on that occasion adhered to its former, opinion. The fund now amounted to £50,000, and he put his motion forward as a tentative one to ascertain the opinion of Grand Lodge as to whether it thought the time had come to stop the accumulation. If not stopped at £50,000, it might not stop at £100,000, and the brethren might go on locking it up like a miser. He did not propose to bring his motion on now, because after consultation with some high authorities he had come to the conclusion that his motion was not in regular form, and that it ought to have been more specific, and to involve a direct and immediate alteration of the Constitutions relating to the Fund of Benevolence. At a future time he hoped to bring the subject forward again. After a few words from Bro. James Mason, the Grand Master in the chair informed Grand Lodge that the Prince of Wales had commanded him to announce that he had appointed Bro. Monckton President of the Board of General Purposes, and Bro. John Anthony Rucker President of the Colonial Board. Grand Lodge was then closed. It was nearly midnight when the scrutineers of votes announced the result of the election.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF NORTH AND EAST RIDINGS OF YORKSHIRE.

THE annual meeting was held on Thursday, 29th ult., in the Freemasons' Hall, Osborne-street Hull, upon the invitation of the Humber Chapter, No. 57. M.E. Comp. J. P. Bell M.D., J.P., Grand Superintendent, presided; a large number of the members of the Order were present. The usual business of the Province was transacted, and a donation of 25 guineas was voted to the Masonic Benevolent Institution for aged Freemasons and widows of Freemasons at the ensuing Festival, at which the Earl of Zetland, the Provincial Grand Master, has consented to preside. The following companions were appointed Provincial Grand Officers:—W. H. Porritt, Londesboro', H., Joseph Todd, Zetland, J., M. C. Peck, Minerva, S.E., Dr. Ivor Murray, Denison, S.N., H. Toozes, Humber, Prin. S., C. T. Ganderton, Humber, 1st Asst. S., W. Sidman, Kingston, 2nd Asst. S., R. W. Hollon, Zetland, Treasurer, R. Watson, Dundas, Registrar, H. Onslow Piercy, Londesboro', S.B., R. Boggett, Humber, Standard B., Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, Zetland, D.C., G. D. Storry, Humber, Org., J. Ward, Zetland, I.J., F. J. Lambert, Kingston, O. Jan. At the conclusion of the business of the Provincial Chapter, the Companions adjourned to the banqueting-hall, where an excellent collation was served, and the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given.

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INSTALLATION OF LORD ARTHUR W. HILL, P.G.R.C.

A CEREMONY of an interesting and imposing character took place on Tuesday in the Masonic Rooms, Newry, when Lord Arthur W. Hill P.G.R.C. was installed into the office of Grand Master of Freemasonry in the Province of Down. The ceremony was presided over by the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master of the Masonic Order in Ireland, Brother Robert William Sheckleton, Q.C. Lord Arthur W. Hill, who is exceedingly popular among his Masonic brethren, was inducted into the "mystic craft" in Lodge No. 66, known as "The Star of Kilwarlin," a number of years ago. This Lodge, which meets in the Freemasons' Hall, Hillsborough, was the Lodge with which the fourth and fifth Marquises of Downshire were connected—in fact, it may be said that it owes its existence and present prosperity in a great measure to the family of Downshire, who presented them with the hall in which they now meet, free of rental. Lord Arthur Hill is Past Master of this Lodge, and is also King of the Royal Arch Chapter attached to it.

Colonel William B. Forde, D.L., P.P.G.M., has for the last twenty-eight years occupied the position of Provincial Grand Master of the Province of Down, a Province which, we believe, contains no less than forty-six Freemasons' Lodges. This Grand Lodge meets alternately in Newry, Downpatrick, Banbridge, and Newtonards once in each three months, the usual Quarterly Convention being held on Tuesday in the town of Newry. The hour appointed for the meeting, two p.m., having arrived, a large number of brethren from all parts of the Province of Down, Antrim, Armagh, &c., assembled in the Masonic Rooms, where a Provincial Grand Lodge was opened in the usual form. The chair was taken by Right Worshipful Bro. Robert W. Sheckleton, Q.C., Deputy Grand Master of Ireland, who was deputed by his Grace the Duke of Abercorn, K.G., Grand Master of the Masonic Order in this country, to perform the ceremony of installation. The chair of the Past Master was filled by Right Worshipful Brother Colonel William Brownlowe Forde, D.L., Past Provincial Grand Master. The Lodge-room was elegantly fitted up for the occasion, and, together with the appearance of the brethren, who were all dressed in Masonic costume, gave an air of grandeur to the meeting. The various offices of the Provincial Grand Lodge were occupied by the following brethren:—V. W. Bros. Rev. John P. Brown, B.A., Provincial Grand Senior Warden; William Parr, Provincial Grand Junior Warden; George Henry Whiteside, Provincial Grand Treasurer; Edward S. Finnegan, Provincial Grand Secretary; W. Bros. Rev. John P. Brown, B.A., Provincial Grand Chaplain; E. W. Thompson, Provincial Grand Senior Deacon; John R. M'Connell, Provincial Grand Junior Deacon; Robert M'Calmont, F.C.S., Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies; Andrew M'Clelland, George Dickson, Provincial Grand Stewards; and Robert Whiteside, Provincial Grand Inner Guard.

The Provincial Grand Lodge having been opened, the minutes of the last regular convention were read and confirmed, after which the Deputy Grand Master announced from the chair that the special business of the meeting then convened was to instal into the office of Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of the Freemasons of Down their worthy and highly-esteemed Brother Lord Arthur William Hill, for whose induction into that exalted position a patent had been granted by his Grace the Duke of Abercorn, Grand Master of Irish Freemasons. He concluded by requesting that Lord Arthur W. Hill should be presented in due form for installation. A procession was then formed, and marshalled by W. Brother Robert M'Calmont, Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies, in the following order:—First came the two Provincial Grand Deacons, bearing their wands of office; next came three Senior Past Masters, bearing upon cushions of blue velvet the furniture of the Lodge, together with certain Masonic paraphernalia:—The Holy Bible, compasses and square, the three great lights, the Book of Constitutions of the Grand Masonic body in Ireland, the bye-laws of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Down, and charter of constitution of the Provincial Grand Lodge, together with the jewels of office and other badges or insignia of the Provincial Grand Master Elect. Next came Lord Arthur W. Hill, beside whom, as his supporter, was Colonel William B. Forde, P.P.G.M. The Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies came next in order, supported by two of the Provincial Grand Lodge Stewards, with white wands. The procession traversed the Lodge-room three times, during which appropriate music was introduced, and, stopping, in front of the dais, Bro. Colonel W. B. Forde presented to the Deputy Grand Master Bro. Lord Arthur William Hill for installation. The patent granted by his Grace the Duke of Abercorn was here read by the Provincial Grand Secretary, after which the customary charges were delivered to the candidate for installation, at the close of which a prayer was offered by the Provincial Grand Chaplain. Lord Arthur W. Hill then took upon himself the customary vows of office, and was immediately afterwards presented by Bro. Colonel W. B. Forde, the Past Provincial Grand Master, with the jewels and other insignia of the rank to which he had been elevated. This having been done, the Deputy Grand Master, in solemn form, inducted the Grand Master elect into the "Oriental Chair." The Director of Ceremonies then proclaimed aloud Right Worshipful Bro. Lord Arthur William Hill, Provincial Grand Master of the Order of Free and Accepted Masonry in the Province of Down. A salute, with the grand honours of Freemasonry, was next given, which terminated the ceremonial of installation.

The ordinary routine business of the Grand Lodge having been disposed of, Bro. William Parr moved:—"That a committee of the Provincial Grand Lodge be appointed to prepare an appropriate address, which will be presented to Bro. Colonel W. B. Forde P.P.G.M., at a banquet to be held in Banbridge on the second Tuesday in August next."

The motion was seconded by Bro. Joseph Bell, and was carried by acclamation, after which the Provincial Grand Lodge was closed in due and ancient form.

At 3.30 o'clock p.m. the brethren adjourned to a banquet which was given in honour of Bro. Lord Arthur W. Hill, by the members of Lodges Nos. 18, 23, and 77, the three Lodges meeting in the town of Newry. The banquet, which was served in excellent style, was held in the Victoria Hotel, Hill-street. There were a very large number of guests assembled.

Among the other Lodges represented were:—7, 18, 22, 23, 35, 77, 66, 70, 79, 80, 86, 145, 170, 172, 336, 367, 372, 447, 556, 697, 1,009, 223, 272, 88, 154.

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INSTALLATION MEETING OF THE CRYSTAL PALACE LODGE, No. 742.

THIS Lodge, which celebrated its twenty-first anniversary, and so may be said to have attained its majority, on Thursday evening, has, as our readers are aware, recently returned to the quarters whence it derives its title, having for some time past been in the habit of meeting at Kew, whither it had migrated after the retirement from the Crystal Palace of Messrs. Bertram and Roberts. The reason for this migration was the impossibility of finding the necessary accommodation at the Sydenham Palace, and now that Messrs. Bertram and Roberts have once again resumed their position there, it was only in the order of things that the Lodge should return to its first love, and be once more under the influence of the energetic firm with whom it has once already been associated. Under these circumstances it will not be surprising that it should be our pleasant task on this occasion to chronicle a signal success. Lodge was opened by Bro. Charles D. Hume, the W.M., who was supported by the following Officers:—Bro. H. Speedy W.M. elect S.W., Dick E. Radclyffe J.W., T. Foxall P.M. Treas., W. Land P.M. Sec., J. Blundell S.D., F. Eyre I.G., G. Coles D.C., Seymour Smith Orgt., J. W. Lassam Steward, J. Woodstock Tyler. The ordinary preliminary business having been disposed of, the ballot was brought into requisition, first on behalf of Bros. Henry Finch P.M., William Bertram and Thomas Wildash (all former members of the Crystal Palace Lodge) who now sought re-admission to its ranks, and next on behalf of Messrs. John Newcomb, Edward Upton, John Kay, Philip Hoseus and Carl Hummler, who desired to be initiated to the benefits of Freemasonry under its guidance. In each case the ballot was favourable, and three, the latter named gentlemen, being in attendance, they were initiated into the order by the W.M., who performed the ceremony in a most perfect manner. The next business on the programme was the submission of the Auditors' Report, which was in every way satisfactory. As Bro. Land, the worthy Secretary of the Lodge, stated later on in the evening, he had made it a point of honour, having regard to the fact that this would be the day on which the Lodge entered on the twenty-second year of its existence, to see if he could not get the accounts, both *pro* and *con*, in complete order; and he was in a position to announce not only that the Lodge had paid its debts, but likewise that all the sums due to it had been received. This we consider an unprecedented state of things, and one in which it is our duty, as well as a great pleasure, to offer the Lodge our heartiest congratulations. Even in the best regulated Lodges it will happen that there are some small accounts outstanding of moneys due to or by them, but here there was nothing of the kind, and not only so, but a small balance to the good, both on the General and the Benevolent Funds. Even the Grand Lodge dues for the current year have been paid in anticipation, or the balance on the former would have been considerable. As the Lodge is known to play a conspicuous part in connection with the anniversary Festivals of our different Institutions we experience all the greater pleasure in noting these apparently, yet by no means uninteresting, trifling circumstances. Bro. Henry Speedy, the W.M. elect, was now introduced and received at the hands of his predecessor the benefits of installation. In due course, he invested the Officers for the year, the following being the brethren appointed to the respective offices:—Bros. Radclyffe S.W., Blundell J.W., Foxall Treas., Land Sec., F. Orme S.D. (this brother being unavoidably absent, Bro. H. T. Thompson P.M. received the collar in his behalf), Coles J.D., E. Ayres I.G., F. A. Pullen D.C., Seymour Smith Organist, Lassam Steward, Woodstock Tyler. The remaining portion of the ceremony of installation having been given, and one proposition for joining having been handed in, the Worshipful Master proceeded to close his Lodge. On rising for the second time the W.M. announced that he had, for his first duty in his position as W.M. of the Crystal Palace Lodge, to present the I.P.M. with a jewel which had been voted by the Lodge. He was sure no one was more deserving of such a token than their I.P.M., who had during his term of office been an ornament to the Lodge. To-night the W.M. said he had performed the duties of Installing Master in a way that reflected great credit on this, his mother, Lodge. Bro. Hume desired to express his heartful thanks for the jewel which had been presented to him. He assured the brethren that he made use of no idle compliment when he said that he highly appreciated it, and he very much regretted that he had not been called upon more frequently during his year of office to perform the various ceremonies. He believed that among Masons it was recognised it was the hope of reward that sweetened labour: for himself he must admit he had looked forward to some reward for his exertions, not in the nature of a jewel, but rather in the form of hearty good wishes from every member of the Crystal Palace Lodge. After the congratulations of the visiting brethren, the W.M. closed the Lodge, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet hall, where a most enjoyable repast was prepared by Bros. Bertram and Roberts. This was thoroughly discussed, the Worshipful Master then gave the usual toasts. In introducing that of the initiates, he thought the brethren could not do less than drink their health in a bumper. He hoped the gentlemen who had joined Freemasonry that evening would never have occasion to regret their connection with the Craft or the Crystal Palace Lodge. Each of the initiates replied; they would ever look upon this as a great day in their career, and hoped they might prove themselves worthy of the honour that had been paid them. In proposing the toast of the Visitors, the W.M. said it was one that had always been especially honoured in the Crystal Palace Lodge. They had seldom met in the building in which they were then assembled without as large a gathering of visitors as they had on the present occasion. Bro. J. T. Jones P.M. 181, P.P.G. Chaplain Middlesex, was the first to reply—he did so with varied feelings. He was then present as a visitor, but had pleasure in calling to mind the period, now fourteen or fifteen years back, when he sought admission to the Crystal Palace Lodge as a joining member. He experienced feelings of pleasure at seeing so many around him who were members at that time, and pain at beholding so many vacant places. Still in so long a time as that to which he referred it could not be expected but that many would disappear from an assemblage such as a Masonic Lodge. One face especially he missed, that of the founder of the Lodge—he was a brother who fulfilled the duties of every position in life in such a way as could not but ensure his being universally beloved. He also referred to their late esteemed friend, Bro. Palmer, and he hoped that those present might, as Masons, be able to look back, as he could have done, and declare that they had done their duty. By so doing they would prepare themselves for the Grand Lodge above. He considered that Freemasonry had done great good in many ways, and felt sure of one fact—that Freemasonry had never done any harm to any one who had joined its ranks, but rather had taught them many useful lessons. He concluded by wishing prosperity to the Crystal Palace Lodge, and tendering the welcome of the brethren on its return to its old quarters. One other visitor also replied. Bro. Hume now assumed the gavel, and proposed the health of the W.M. He felt it was unnecessary to mention that his position was an awkward one, in fact he considered any position was so on the first occasion one was called upon to fulfil it. Their Worshipful Master had been suffering from a severe illness, and it was only by great exertion that he had been enabled to attend the Lodge. He felt sure the brethren would one and all unite with him in wishing him prosperity during his year of office, and long life and happiness hereafter. They would, no doubt, also join in hoping that he might soon be restored to his accustomed good health. This toast met with a most hearty reception, and was followed by a song, on the conclusion of which the W.M. tendered his heartiest thanks for the kind way in which he had been supported during the day. He next proposed the health of the P.M.'s, a toast which he hoped would be honoured by the brethren in a most hearty manner. He was extremely gratified to see so many members around him who had passed the chair of the Crystal Palace Lodge, and hoped they would be enabled to attend on many future occasions. Bro. Hume replied on behalf of the Past Masters, of whom there were nine present. He thanked the members for the hearty reception they had accorded the toast, and on behalf of himself and the other Past Masters tendered the heartiest good wishes to the present Master, his Officers, and the members of the Lodge generally. The Past Masters were always ready to do anything in their power for the good of the Lodge. The toast of the Treasurer and Secretary was the next on the list, and in proposing it the W.M. complimented the Lodge on having such painstaking and zealous brethren to fill those offices. Bro. Treasurer briefly replied, and was followed by Bro. Land, whose remarks having already been referred to, we do not think it necessary here to reproduce. "Success to the Masonic Charities" was the next toast the brethren were called upon to drink, and this they did most heartily. Bro. J. Terry Sec. R.M.B.I., in his reply referred to the labours of the S.W. (Bro. Dick Radclyffe), who he stated was indefatigable in his labours for the Charities of the Order. During the past year the Lodge had been ably represented at the Festivals of the Charities, two Stewards having taken up lists which reflected credit on the Lodge of which they were members. He also saw around the table, either as members or visitors, very many who had in one way or another earned the thanks of the Craft for their advocacy of the claims of the Charities. The toast of the Officers was now proposed. The W.M. felt sure that the remarks of Bro. Terry, with regard to the exertions of the S.W., Bro. Radclyffe, were both well deserved and highly complimentary. That brother had certainly endeavoured to do his duty as regarded those noble institutions which it was the pleasure of Freemasons to support, and he hoped that Bro. Dick Radclyffe would long be enabled to use his exertions for the good of the Craft. As regarded the other officers, he felt that very few words were necessary to secure them meeting a hearty reception at the hands of the members, one and all were too well known to warrant any distrust that they would be found wanting in the proper discharge of their duties. Bro. Radcliffe replied; he thanked the members for their hearty acceptation of the toast. He had no doubt that many brethren considered him a great nuisance when he so pertinaciously pushed forward the sale of his tickets; but to such he would say, he was only endeavouring to do good; he was only pleading the cause of those who were unable to plead for themselves, and was but trying to be of service to such of his friends as were unfortunately compelled to solicit aid from those more favourably placed. On behalf of the Officers, he desired to thank the Master for having appointed them to the various positions, and also for the kind words he had used in proposing their health. The Tyler was summoned, and he proposed the usual closing toast. Some amusement was caused at the banquet table by the jokes of some of the brethren on the peculiarities of the menu, which, as one brother remarked, must have been prepared by a genius of the culinary art, who, though an adept at the concoction of the various dishes, was hardly "Frenchified" enough to warrant his promotion to the head of the kitchen, or he would certainly never have permitted the "Potages" to be described as *Tortue Fausse* and *Clear Spring*, or have "*Poissoned*" us with *Filets de Sôle à la Horly*, followed by conventional *Whitebait*. By the time, however, we had reached the "Entremêts" with *Tourte de Groseille* and *Orange Pudding* we had come to the conclusion that the way in which the mysteries of cookery had been exercised would pardon any little variation from the accustomed rut of English Menus. And who knows but that it may be a step in the way of providing names to the various dishes which may be easily understood by the most "cockney" brother who may take part in one of our English banquets. Among the Visitors were Bros. James Salmon P.M. 425, 1477 P.P.S.G.D. Cheshire, R. Bradley P. Prov. G. Sec. Berks and Bucks, J. T. Jones P.M. 181, P.P.G. Chaplain Middlesex, E. Salaman 224, A. J. Manning P.M. 1472, E. J. Briggs 1472, H. Dobbs 1287, H. J.

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Westmore 217, H. Banbory 217, H. P. Speedy 1381, J. Welton P.M. 209, F. Frampton P.M. 87, G. L. Watkin 737, J. C. Pratt 957, J. W. Burgess P.M. 1325, 1264, J. Terry P.P.J.G.W. Herts, W. Morgan jun. 1385, T. Potter late 742, W. Osmond 134, S. Guest 134, H. Guest 134, H. Osborne 1351, H. Brinsmead 209, C. Higgins 657, W. J. Worthington 569.

LODGE SUPPERS.

THREE times a day the world is happy—at breakfast, dinner and supper—the only exceptions being in the cases of those persons who have nothing to eat. It may not consist with our idea of the intellectual and spiritual dignity of man, to derive his most frequent and pronounced happiness from the gratification of his appetite, but it consists with facts as they exist, and have always existed. Eating and drinking, somehow or other, fill a man with happiness, with good humour, and also not infrequently with good sense. After breakfast he is ready for business, after dinner for business or pleasure, and after supper for pleasure and sleep. Freemasonry, with its sagacious practical character, takes a man as it finds him, and finding him to be in a large sense a feeding animal, it provides for filling him with good things material, as well as good things moral and intellectual—in other words, in accordance with the traditions and usages of the Craft, the banquet or supper has ever been considered an integral part of Masonry. The wisdom of this provision is apparent, for it grows out of the nature of man. There is nothing merely fanciful or theoretical in Masonry—its purposes are all practical. It aims to mould its members into a true brotherhood, and to supply to each the means to gratify his moral, intellectual and physical wants. The Holy Bible is the fountain-head of its morality, the sciences and arts the sources of its intellectual teachings, and the banquet-table the seat of its pleasures, physical and mental. And Freemasonry has never been conspicuously prosperous, gathering together the large body of its membership at regular meetings, except when Labor and Refreshment were statedly combined. It is a great mistake to omit the supper or collation from the regular proceedings of a Lodge: it does not pay to omit it. Neither work, nor a lecture, nor even a Grand Visitation, will attract like a banquet. It may be humiliating in some respects to make the statement, but it is true. Men love to eat and drink, and to chat over it and enjoy good fellowship, and make new acquaintances. While in the Lodge they are required to be distressingly orderly, but in the banquet-hall they may talk at will, laugh until they grow fat, sing a song or make a speech, and all in the intervals of tickling their palates with toothsome solids and inspiring liquids. If the reader has not discovered it before, we inform him now, that we are pronouncedly in favour of the supper or banquet in Masonry, and for the same reason that we are in favour of supper at home in the circle of the family,—it attracts all "around the mahogany," and unites all into a loving throng.

We do not know whether King David, when he made the declaration: "Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity," had in his mind's eye a host of brethren whose minds and hearts formed, as it were, one great unit, and the contents of whose stomachs were precisely the same, because they had filled them from the same bounteous table; but we do know that disagreement at a Table-Lodge is impossible. When the stomach is full of good things, the head is empty of all bickerings, and especially when sentiment, jest and general good-fellowship accompany and follow the liquids and solids. If a serious difference of opinion should ever arise in a Lodge, let it be ordered to lie on the table—*the supper-table*—for sure are we that it will never be taken up from there. At a banquet no one wishes to taste of that dish. While there, every brother realizes that grand saying of our traditional G. Master, King Solomon: "He brought me to the banquetting-house, and his banner over me was love." When the brethren are enjoying a Lodge supper they are in the Craft's banquetting-house, the very atmosphere of which is an atmosphere of love. We breathe it with every breath, and it fills us with good thoughts, good feelings, and good humor.

One of the widest known traditions of antiquity, handed down to us in mythology, is the story of a certain banquet of the Gods in Olympia. There was a Royal Marriage in heaven, and all the deities were invited to the nuptials, except Discordia. Enraged at this slight, she who was the friend of Mars, the god of war, and the Sister of Death, and who had been dismissed by Jupiter from heaven because of her continually fomenting quarrels in the supernal household—this Discordia, at the banquet of the gods consequent upon the marriage, threw a golden apple among the guests, bearing the inscription, "to be given to the fairest." Thereupon Juno, Venus and Minerva each claimed the apple for herself. Jupiter ordered the three goddesses to Mount Ida, to submit their claims to the judgment of Paris—who decided in favour of Venus. The Trojan war followed, in the human world, when Venus naturally took the side of Paris, and her rivals, Juno and Minerva, that of his opponents, and thus did gods on both sides fight with men, and hence the ruin of Troy, and the infinite misfortunes of the Greeks. But all this occurred in an *imaginary* world, among imaginary beings. In the real world with which we have to do, no apple of discord ever appears at our banquets.

Another of the legends of Olympia, tells of a feature of the banquet of the gods that is no less unknown upon earth, and especially in Freemasonry. It horribly relates, that Tantalus, preparing to feast the gods, had boiled the mangled body of his son. The frightful banquet had begun, when the crime was detected, and the goddess of Fate drew from the cauldron the revivified body of Pelops. One shoulder only was missing—Ceres had unfortunately swallowed it! but the place of the absent limb was ingeniously supplied by an artificial one of ivory; And Tantalus was hurled to his merited doom in Tartarus. Now, Freemasons do not prey upon each other in any manner—we have heard of "roast missionary," but never of roast Freemason. Backbiting is forbidden in Masonry!

Brethren, let us rightly estimate and wisely use the banquet, for it belongs to Masonry as truly as our daily meals do to the regime of our families. There are in it the elements of sociability, conviviality and fraternity, and in its absence there is nothing else that can take its place. There is no better antidote to non-affiliation, no surer source of attraction to the entire membership of a Lodge, and no greater pacifier and harmonizer in the Masonic world, than a Lodge Supper!—*Keystone.*

ROOM AND WINDOW GARDENING.

WHATEVER may be the taste, or want of taste, among people of the present day in general matters, there can be no question that the floral decoration of rooms and windows has reached a great pitch of perfection. The wealthy classes can indulge their tastes in this direction—if it so be they have any—without the slightest hesitation. They can place about the rooms the choicest and most costly exotics which money can procure. They can have a conservatory built, and their windows fitted with expensive forneries, and Covent Garden orthe nearest florist will supply a variety of rare plants proper to each succeeding season. People of moderate means can also make their habitations lively and resplendent with colour, only they must carefully reckon the cost beforehand. Still it need not prove an extravagant taste if they go the right way to work; while even in the poorest neighbourhoods we shall find the familiar scarlet of the geranium, or a pot or two of the sweet-scented mignonette, or musk, or even a more liberal display of the better-known flowers. In some people, of course, this taste for house gardening comes naturally, but others need advice in the selection of plants. Among those who are professionally competent to offer advice, we know of none who are more competent than Messrs. Dick Radclyffe and Co., of 128 and 129 High Holborn. We have frequently had opportunities of judging of their taste and ability in floriculture and floral decoration. We have visited many a Lodge on state occasions when the banquet room has borne the aspect almost of a magnificent conservatory. Thus their new circular on Window Gardening, with a copy of which we have recently been favoured, in no way surprises us. It was in the order of things that the designs it contains should exhibit the rarest forms of taste, and that they should be sufficiently varied in character to suit people of all classes, from the most opulent down to those able to afford only a modest dwelling. But all our readers may not have enjoyed the same opportunities that we have. It may have been their misfortune not to have attended Lodges which had been transformed momentarily into a kind of paradise under the guiding genius of Radclyffe and Co., and it is these people whom we advise to go and judge for themselves what that eminent firm of florists are capable of doing in the way of floral decorations. To those who have money and to spare we need not trouble ourselves to offer any suggestion as to the character and extent of their purchases. Indeed, it would be an impertinence on our part if we ever dreamt of doing so. But to those who are obliged to think before they purchase, and who may be under the erroneous impression that window gardening is an expensive hobby, we say—if you would see for yourselves how pretty the exterior of a house may be made by a few flowers—creepers, or in pots—take a turn, as we once happened to do, in some of the streets about Barnsbury and other less pretentious neighbourhoods, and you will see that by the judicious outlay of a few shillings the dulness of common bricks or compo may be relieved, and especially during the next four or five months, where even in this country we look to have occasional glimpses of sunshine; and when you have seen and certified the truth of this, by the best of all mediums, your own eyesight, then go and take Messrs. Dick Radclyffe and Co. into your counsel, and we make bold to say you will be delighted.

SPEAK WELL OF EACH OTHER.

By J. J. Reynolds.

IT is just as well to say a good word for your neighbour when you can as to be continually showing up his faults. Much more can be gained by an occasional word of kindness than by a cold statement of facts. If your neighbour is not exactly what you think he should be, you should remember that he, too, has opinions which are as likely to bear weight as yours; that you have faults as well as he, and that all our faults deserve some consideration, even from our enemies. Do unto others as you would have others do unto you is a good thing to bear in mind. If your neighbour is fond of some amusement which you think is not up to your ideas of strict decorum, so long as it does not interfere with you individually, you should respect it as being a pleasure to him and harmless to you. This habit of gossiping about what this one has done, or is going to do, is not in conformity with good breeding or peace. The gossiper is a person to be shunned, as being dangerous; should be looked upon as one who to-day acts as our friend, and to-morrow our enemy. Before you give your confidence to any person you should know who that person is. It has been said that the wise man hears, but never repeats. Would that we were all wise in that respect. There would then be less bickering and less quarrelling among friends. But we are not all wise. It is not in nature to be so, and I suppose nature is the best judge of the matter; but nevertheless it would be pleasant if we could all live amicably together and love one another, or in other words, "love our neighbours as ourselves." We have often read of the beauties and glories of nature, but surely there could be nothing more beautiful or glorious than to see love, harmony, and good will among ourselves. Instead of showing up the faults of others let us strive to model our lives so that we may be the example which our faulty friends might copy. Let us try to so conduct ourselves that our lives may be the beacon-light of happiness to those who follow us, and when our time comes, that we may rest ourselves quietly, and depart with the comforting thought that we did our best, and therefore deserve the good wishes of all right-minded persons.—*Masonic Newspaper* (New York).

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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SATURDAY, 7th JUNE.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
1634—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction. Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.
R. A. 975—Rose of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge

149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham.
615—St. John and St. Paul, Pier Hotel, Erith, Kent
1323—Amherst, King's Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent.
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester.

MONDAY, 9th JUNE.

45—Strong Man, Sportsman, City-road, at 8. (Instruction.)
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.)
1260—John Harvey, Albion Hall, London Wall, E.C., at 7.30. (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.)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8. (Inst.)
1635—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)

75—Love and Honour, Royal Hotel, Falmouth.
104—St. John, Ashton House, Greek-street, Stockport.
151—Albany, Masonic Hall, Newport, I.W.
240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields.
292—Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
296—Royal Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
297—Witham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln.
481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle.
589—Druid's Love and Liberality, Masonic Hall, Redruth.
665—Montague, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis.
731—Independence, Masonic Chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester.
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
797—Hanley, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth.
837—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury.
893—Meridian, National School Room, Millbrook, Cornwall.
1021—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Custom House Buildings, Barrow-in-Furness.
1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham.
1221—Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds.
1350—Fermor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1436—Sandgate, Masonic Hall, Sandgate.
1440—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury.
1474—Israel, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham.
1502—Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds.
1611—Eboracum, Queen's Hotel, Micklegate, York
1618—Handyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea.
M. M. 171—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham.
K. T.—Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.

TUESDAY, 10th JUNE.

55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7. (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
141—Faith, 2 Westminster-chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
167—St. John, Holly Bush Tavern, Hampstead.
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney. (Instruction.)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8. (Instruction.)
1158—Southern Star, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1319—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1360—Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, Battersea Park, at 8. (Instruction.)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1471—Islington, Three Bucks, 23 Gresham-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30. (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-st.-rd., at 8. (In.)
1604—Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30. (Inst.)
R. C.—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

93—Social, Freemasons' Hall, Norwich.
131—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro.
178—Antiquity, Royal Hotel, Wigan.
184—United Chatham of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Kent.
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
272—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston.
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-st., Newc.-on-Tyne. (Instr.)
446—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax.
473—Faithful, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.
508—Belvidere, Star Hotel, Maidstone.
510—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard.
603—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Cleckheaton.
626—Lansdowne of Unity, Town Hall, Chippenham.
650—Star in the East, Pier Hotel, Harwich.
696—St. Bartholomew, Anchor Hotel, Wednesbury.
726—Staffordshire Knot, North Western Hotel, Stafford.
629—Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup.
903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport.
1250—Gilbert Greenhall, Masonic Rooms, Sankey-street, Warrington.
1325—Stanley, 214 Gt. Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
1414—Knole, Masonic Hall, Sevenoaks.
1465—Ockenden, Talbot Hotel, Cuckfield, Sussex.
1509—Madoc, Queen's Hotel, Portmadoc.
1522—Olicana, Crescent Hotel, Ilkley.
1545—Baildon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baildon.
1593—Royal Naval College, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.
1713—Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton, Liverpool.
R. A. 43—Fortitude, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham.
R. A. 265—Judea, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley.
R. A. 789—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds.
R. A. 991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumberland.
M. M. 153—Dover and Cinque Ports, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover.
R. C.—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, 11th JUNE.

Committee, Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, 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, Green Dragon, 2 Maddox-street, W., at 7.45. (Inst.)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E., at 7.30. (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. at 8. (Instruction.)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8. (Instruction.)
1044—Wandsworth, Spread Eagle, Wandsworth. (Instruction.)
1260—John Harvey, Freemason's Hall, W.C.
1278—Burdett Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8. (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-road, Holloway, at 8. (Instruction.)
1305—St. Marylebone, Eyre Arms, St. John's Wood.
1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-street, Wapping.
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8. (Instruction.)
1558—Duke of Connaught, Class Room, Sutherland Chapel, Walworth, at 8. (In.)
R. A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8. (Instruction.)
R. C.—Grand Metropolitan, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

54—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham-street, Rochdale.
146—Antiquity, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton.
191—St. John, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire.
204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
225—St. Luke, Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich.
281—Fortitude, Athenæum, Lancaster.
288—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Todmorden.
363—Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth.
483—Sympathy, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend.
567—Unity, Globe Hotel, Warwick.
666—Benevolence, Private Room, Prince Town, Dartmoor, Devon.
750—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton.
758—Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
795—St. John, Ray Mead Hotel, Maidenhead.
851—Worthing of Friendship, Steyne Hotel, Worthing.
852—Zetland, Albert Hotel, New Bailey-street, Salford.
854—Albert, Duke of York Inn, Shaw, near Oldham.
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury.
1018—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
1331—Fletcher, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
1080—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Church-street, Tamworth.
1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1101—Grey Friars, Masonic Hall, Reading.
1209—Lewises, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate.
1248—Denison, Grand Hotel, Scarborough.
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
1342—Walker, Hope and Anchor Inn, Byker, Newcastle.
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool.
1398—Baldwin, The Castle, Dalton-in-Furness.
1403—West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk.
1424—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham.
1434—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham.
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, at 7. (Instruction.)
1547—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1562—Llanidloes, Trewythen Arms, Llanidloes, North Wales.
1643—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne.
R. A. 77—Hermes, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend
R. A. 86—Lebanon, Masonic Hall, Prescot.
R. A. 387—Moravian, Masonic Hall, Shipley.
R. A. 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
R. A. 709—Invicta, Bank-street Hall, Ashford.
M. M. 56—Temperance, Masonic Hall, Todmorden.
M. M. 174—Athel, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham.
M. M. 193—St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, The Parade, Berwick.

THURSDAY, 12th JUNE.

8—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8. (Instruction.)
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction.)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8. (Instruction.)
211—St. Michael, George, Australian Avenue, Barbican, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8. (Instruction.)
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1340—Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars, E.C., at 7.
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.)

35—Medina, 85 High-street, Cowes.
97—Palatine, Masonic Hall, Toward-road, Sunderland.
139—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
333—Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston.
339—Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Cumberland.
477—Mersey, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
546—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Caroline-street, Longton, Stafford.
732—Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton.
739—Temperance, Masonic Room, New-street, Birmingham.
784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal.
786—Croxteth United Service, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
945—Abbey, Abbey Council Chamber, Abingdon, Berks.
991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumberland.
1035—Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.
1055—Derby, Knowsley's Hotel, Cheetham, Lancashire.
1098—St. George, Private Room, Temperance Hotel, Tredegar, Mon.
1144—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne.
1145—Equality, Red Lion Hotel, Accrington.
1147—St. David, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1204—Royd, Imperial Hotel, Malvern, Worcestershire.
1273—St. Michael, Free Church School-rooms, Sittingbourne.
1369—Bala, Plasgoch Hotel, Bala.
1416—Falcon, Masonic Hall, Castle Yard, Thirsk.
1429—Albert Edward Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Newport, Mon.
1583—Corbet, Corbet Arms, Towyn.
1697—Hospitality, Royal Hotel, Waterfoot, near Manchester.
1782—Machen, Swan Hotel, Coleshill.
R. A. 163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
R. A. 275—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, South-parade, Huddersfield
R. A. 296—Strength, Green Man Hotel, Bacup.

FRIDAY, 13th JUNE.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
786—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. 8. (Inst.)
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.)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1288—Finsbury Park M.M., Earl Russell, Isledon-road, N. at 8. (Instruction.)
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1642—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 8.0. (Inst.)
London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-street, E.C., at 6.
R. A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8. (Inst.)
R. A. 1471—North London, Crown and Woolpack, St. John-st.-rd., at 8. (Inst.)

36—Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary-street, Cardiff.
64—Fortitude, Queen's Hotel, Manchester.
458—Aire and Calder, Private Rooms, Ouse-street, Goole.
526—Honour, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton.
602—Dartmouth, Dartmouth Hotel, West Bromwich.
697—United, George Hotel, Colchester.
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
815—Blair, Town Hall, Stretford-road, Hulme.
1001—Harrogate and Claro, Masonic Rooms, Parliament-street, Harrogate.
1087—Beaudesert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard.
1536—United Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead.
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7.
R. A. 406—De Sussex, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle.
K. T.—Faith, Leaders-buildings, King-street, Wigan.

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SATURDAY, 14th JUNE.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
1607—Loyalty, Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill, N.
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.

1291—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester.
1415—Campbell, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court.
1584—Loyalty and Charity, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge.
1637—Unity, De Burgh Hotel, West Drayton, Middlesex.
K. T.—Faith, Masonic Rooms, 20 King-street, Wigan.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Vitruvian Lodge of Instruction, No. 87.—A meeting was held on 29th May, at the White Hart, College-street, Lambeth. Present—Bros. H. Brown W.M., J. Skirving S.W., Chalkley J.W., G. Isaac Treas., J. G. Bond Sec., C. Birch S.D., C. Nott J.D., W. Watterton I.G.; Bros. Stuart, Ball, Taylor, &c. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of former Lodge were read and confirmed; ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. Bro. Isaac candidate. Bro. Taylor answered the usual questions, was entrusted, and passed to the degree of a F.C. The Lodge was resumed, and the third and fourth sections of the first lecture were worked.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—Held at Bro. Fysh's, the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, on Saturday, the 31st ult. Present:—Bros. Slaiter W.M., McDowell S.W., J. Millington J.W., Fenner Sec., J. A. Powell Acting Preceptor (in the absence of Bro. Pearcy, who is suffering from a severe illness), Byng S.D., Varley I.G., Ross, Garrod, Trewinnard, Parkes, and Hallam. All formalities having been complied with, Bro. Fenner proved his efficiency, and was duly passed to the second degree, after which Bro. Powell worked the first and second, Bro. Hallam the third and fourth sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was closed down. Bro. McDowell was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The sum of £1 1s was, on the proposition of Bro. Garrod, seconded by Bro. Trewinnard, voted out of the Lodge funds towards the relief of the widow and family of a deceased Brother; this was supplemented by the personal contributions of the brethren present. Lodge was then closed and adjourned.

High Cross Lodge of Instruction, No. 754.—Held at the Coach and Horses, Tottenham, on Thursday, 29th May. Present—Bros. J. H. Thompson W.M., Tegg S.W., Taverner J.W., Oxley S.D., Driscoll J.D., Peach I.G., Garrod Secretary, and a good muster of the brethren. The Lodge was opened in ancient form, and the minutes of the last Lodge meeting read and confirmed. The Lodge was then advanced, and the ceremony of installation was rehearsed in a most able manner by Bro. J. H. Thompson P.M. On resuming to the first degree, several matters came before the Lodge, amongst them was the case of the family of a late brother, who were in great distress, and the sum of two guineas was voted out of the Lodge funds on their behalf; to this was added about three guineas in the shape of donations from the brethren present, making about five guineas for this most distressing case. Bro. A. G. Fidler was unanimously elected a member of the Lodge, and Bro. George Tegg to be W.M. for next Lodge meeting. The Lodge was then closed in peace and harmony.

Lodge of Repose, No. 802.—A meeting of this Lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, Derby, on Friday, 30th May. Present:—Bros. Heathcote W.M., Steele S.W., Manton Secretary, Ball J.D., T. Cox P.P.S.G.W., Pipes P.P.J.G.D. J.W., Butterfield S.D., G. Pipes P.G.O. The Lodge was opened with prayer, at 7.30 p.m.; the preliminaries were soon disposed of, and Bros. Smith, Close, and Waller, candidates for the second degree, having proved their proficiency, were entrusted, and retired for preparation. The Lodge was advanced, and the brethren re-admitted and passed as Fellow Craftsmen, in ancient and solemn form, by the W.M. Bros. Kerry and E. Smith were then presented as candidates for the third degree; proving their efficiency, they were entrusted. On their retiring, the Lodge was further advanced; the brethren being readmitted, were raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason, in a very impressive manner by Bro. Cox P.M. and P.P.S.G.W. Business being ended, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren, by command of the W.M., adjourned to the banqueting-room, Bro. Steele catering, and, as usual, giving every one the greatest satisfaction. Grace having been said, the W.M. gave the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts, which received a hearty response. In proposing them, the W.M. observed that as Englishmen everywhere were proud of the Queen as head of the State, so they, as Masons, were proud of the Prince of Wales as the supreme ruler of the Craft. Between the toasts and speeches Bros. Ball, Belfield, and Close favoured the company with some excellent songs, accompanied by the P.G.O. This Lodge happily possesses among its ranks a number of good singers, and our report would be incomplete where we to omit mention of the duet by Bros. Manton and Johnson; these brethren possess musical talent of no mean order, but it is only on special occasions we have the pleasure of hearing them. We must now say a word or two of praise in reference to the W.M. This Lodge, we are informed, has "reposed" for years past, but this year the brethren were fortunate enough to elect Bro. W. Heathcote, an energetic, indefatigable, and efficient Master, who had recently passed the chair in the Hartington (1085)—a Lodge in which the brethren are noted for their assiduity and correctness of working. He at once went heartily to work, broke through the conventional system of electing officers by seniority, and selected only those who promised to attend to their duties. As a ruler of the Craft, he is everything that can be desired; kind and generous, but he will accept no excuse from a brother for neglecting his work. We look forward to the Repose, under his judicious management, becoming one of the best Lodges in the Province.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—At the weekly meeting on Tuesday, at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston. Bros. Carr W.M., Polak S.W., Clark J.W., Forss S.D., Christian J.D., Williams I.G., Dallas Secretary, Smyth Treasurer; P.M. Wallington Preceptor; Bros. Forss, Christian, Williams and others. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Hand as candidate. The Lodge was called from labour to refreshment, and after resuming duties, Bro. Dallas worked the first, second and fourth sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Hand was elected a member. Bro. Polak was appointed W.M. for next Tuesday evening.

Whittington Lodge of Instruction, No. 862.—A meeting was held on Wednesday, 4th June, at Bro. Hyde's, Red Lion, Poppins Court, Fleet Street. Present—Bros. E. Abell W.M., Marston S.W., Tate J.W., Hallam J.D., Brown I.G.; Past Master Bro. Long Preceptor; Lardner, Collinson, Hyde, and others. The ceremony of initiation was ably performed by the W.M., and the sections of the first lecture worked by the brethren, the questions being put by Bro. Hallam, who is appointed to work the Fifteen Sections in this Lodge on Wednesday, the 25th of June, at seven o'clock.

Lodge of Montefiore, No. 1017.—A meeting of this Lodge, in lieu of the regular meeting, which falls on a Jewish Festival, was held on Monday, 2nd June, at the Masonic Hall, Café Royal, Air Street, Regent Street, under the presidency of the W.M. Bro. J. Lazarus. Bros. L. Salomon S.W., S. V. Abrahams P.M. as J.W., L. Jacobs Treas., E. P. Albert P.G.P. Sec., E. Ellis S.D., M. Levy J.D., J. Syer I.G., W. Mann W.S., P. E. Van Noorden Org. P.M.'s S. V. Abrahams, Grunebaum, H. Gulliford I.P.M., and a numerous assemblage of brethren. Among the Visitors were Bros. S. Rosenthal P.P.S.G.W. Middlesex, C. Coote P.M. 205, A. P. Cohen 205, J. A. Gartley 205, J. Stevens P.M. 1426, Camoyans, M. Weil, Harris 1602, S. Davis 188, Wilks 1305, M. Hart P.M. 185, D. Hart 185, J. A. Gartley 205, B. Lyons W.M. 1227, Strauss 188, A. Rowley W.M. 1602, Lenzberg 188, Saber 1502, Ellastein 1602, Phal 1614, S. Godden 862, A. Abrahams 205, Penet 145, Grofstephan 348, De Sante 188, and H. M. Levy P.M. 188. The Lodge was opened and the minutes were confirmed. A ballot was taken for the admission of Mr. L. A. Lazarus (son of the W.M.) a minor and a Lewis. The Dispensation was read from H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M. signifying his approval. The ballot being unanimous in his favour, he was duly initiated into the Order by the W.M., who performed the duty in a perfect and impressive manner. Bro. C. Camoyans, of a Lodge at Cadiz, was unanimously elected a joining member. Bros. Weil 1602, Harris 1602, Gartley 205, and Cohen 205 having satisfactorily answered the questions, were by the courtesy of the W.M. passed to the second degree, and Bro. A. Davis of No. 188 was raised to the third degree. All these ceremonies were performed in excellent style by the W.M. A letter of apology was read from Bro. the Rev. R. J. Simpson P.G.C., regretting his inability to attend. Hearty good wishes were given by the numerous Visitors, and Lodge was closed, until October. The brethren, fifty in number, now sat down to a sumptuous banquet and dessert provided by Bro. Nicols and superintended by Bro. Silver. The wines and viands were of first-rate quality, and the table was beautifully decorated. Buttonholes also were provided for each brother present. The W.M proposed the Toast of the Queen and the Craft. The National Anthem was given, Miss Pattie Laverne singing the solo verses. The W.M. proposed the toasts of the M.W.G.M. the Prince of Wales, the Pro G.M., the Deputy G.M. and the rest of the Grand Officers. With the latter toast he would couple the name of Bro. E. P. Albert, who suitably replied. The W.M. said that a natural anxiety must exist in the breast of every one initiated into Freemasonry; he had now to impress upon the candidate the importance of his obligation. When he entered the Lodge that evening he scarcely felt equal to the occasion; he felt he had a special task set out for him, which as a parent he felt the great importance of. In initiating his son, he trusted he had discharged his duties as a Mason, and he was sure the son would fulfil his duties. He well knew the brethren would receive their newly-made brother cordially, and he sincerely hoped they would never regret admitting him into the Order. Bro. L. A. Lazarus thanked the brethren sincerely for the way in which the toast was given and received. As the W.M. had kindly spoken of him, as he progressed in the Order, he hoped to follow in the footsteps of his father; this he could safely do, knowing how highly he had been esteemed in Freemasonry. Bro. H. Gulliford I.P.M. then rose: As Deputy Gavel Holder, it needed very little for him to say in praise of the W.M., who had now completed half his term of office; the members could mark that half with the white stone. Bro. Lazarus must feel proud in initiating his son, and seeing such a numerous assemblage of visitors and brethren present on the occasion. Their W.M. had not lost a son, yet had gained a brother, who he knew would be a credit to the Craft. He was sure all would honour the toast. The W.M., in a brief but appropriate manner, responded. In respect of what had been said of his working during the past half year, he was gratified to feel it had merited their approbation; he would strive to make the remaining half equally acceptable. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Visitors; he felt it a pleasure to see so many present—several of them distinguished in the Craft—and as they were so numerous, he would call on one to respond, viz., Bro. James Stevens P.M. 1426, who in an excellent speech acknowledged the compliment, and referred in terms of praise to the admirable way in which the proceedings had been conducted throughout. The toast of the P.M.'s was next honoured, and Bro. S. V. Abrahams returned thanks. The W.M. then proposed the

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health of the Officers of the Lodge; he complimented the Senior and Junior Wardens for the able manner they had discharged their duties; he was sure they would meet their just reward in eventually occupying the chair. The S.D. and J.D. had also discharged their duties to the satisfaction of every brother; the same remark applied to the Junior Officers, and he hoped the lay members would drink to their health with all the enthusiasm such a toast deserved. Bro. L. Salomons S.W. responded, and he was followed by Bro. E. Ellis. The Tyler's toast was given, and the brethren separated. Great credit is due to the W.M. for the musical treat afforded the brethren. The arrangements were under the direction of Bro. P. E. Van Noorden, Organist to the Lodge, and this brother had engaged the services of Miss Pattie Laverne, Madame Shindberg, Miss Julia Sydney, Madame Augusta Gerlé, Bro. Frank Elmore, Signor L. Leoni, and A. Rawlings

Friars Lodge of Instruction, No. 1349. — At Bro. Pavitt's, Liverpool Arms, Barking-road, on Tuesday. Bros. Andrews W.M., Pavitt S.W., Lloyd J.W., Johnson S.D., Wiltshire J.D., Rawe I.G., Shepherd W.M. 1349 Preceptor, Worsley Soc.; also Bros. Brown, Sadler, Spencer, White and McKay. The Lodge was opened in due form, and minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was beautifully rehearsed by the W.M., the Preceptor acting as candidate. Bro. Worsley worked the first four sections, assisted by the brethren. Bro. McKay, of Lodge Emulation, No. 1100, was duly elected a member. Bro. Pavitt S.W. was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his Officers in rotation. It being holiday week, Bro. Musto and several of the regular attendants were out of town, this, added to its being such a wet evening, resulted in a very slack attendance.

Sir Hugh Myddelton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1602. —Held its weekly meeting at Bro. C. J. G. Woods, Crown and Woolpack, St. John Street Road, on Tuesday, the 3rd instant. Present—Bros. Pelikan W.M., Crosbie S.W., Powell J.W., Stock acting Preceptor, Osborne Secretary, Moses S.D., Corke J.D., J. Millington I.G.; also Bros. Jacobs, Fenner, Isaac, Wood, Dickinson, Trewinnard, Greene, Coombs, and Hirst. All preliminaries were observed, and the ceremony of initiation rehearsed, Bro. Dickinson being the candidate. The W.M. worked the first, Bro. Stock the second, Bro. Fenner the third, and the W.M. the fourth sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Dickinson, of the Royal Standard Lodge, was elected a member. Bro. Crosbie was appointed to preside at the next meeting, after which Lodge was closed, and adjourned.

Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611.—On Monday, 26th ult., a meeting of emergency of this Lodge was held at York, the W.M. Bro. J. S. Cumberland presiding, supported by the whole of his officers and many brethren and visitors, including Bro. W. Watson P.M. (Leeds). Some preliminary business having been transacted, a Lodge of Instruction was formed, and the ceremony of initiation was worked by Bro. C. G. Padel S.W., who was congratulated upon his excellent form. Bro. T. B. Whytehead I.P.M. then read a paper upon "The Masonic Lodge and its Symbolism," for which he received the thanks of the brethren. The W.M. having resumed the chair, the Lodge was closed, and the members adjourned to refreshment.

Tredegar Lodge of Instruction, No. 1625.—The working of the Fifteen Sections at this Lodge on Monday, 26th inst., was the occasion of a splendid meeting of brethren of the East End to support their esteemed Bro. Barnes P.M. through his duties in the chair. It must have been most gratifying to Bro. Barnes to receive the assistance of so many prominent good workers, which ensured an excellent rendering of the entire work. Our brother was supported by the following brethren:—Bros. P. M. Hogg S.W., Huggett I.P.M. 1625 J.W., B. Cundick P.M. I.P.M. The sections were worked by the following brethren: First Lecture—Bros. Kendall, Macdonald, West, A. Ellis, Hogg, Andrews, Candick; Second Lecture—Rawley, Musto, Moss, Webb, Stephens; Third Lecture—Myers, Taylor, J. J. Berry. Bro. Allison, the Hon. Sec., had a large amount of work to perform, as about thirteen new members joined the Lodge on this occasion. Of the brethren announced to work two were unable to attend, and Bros. Moss and Stephens kindly filled their places, giving the sections they undertook most ably, and eliciting praise from the brethren present. Of the manner in which Bro. Barnes acquitted himself of his onerous duties very little need be said, but the Lodge unanimously passed a cordial vote of thanks to him to be recorded upon the minutes, for the able manner in which he had conducted the business of the evening. Votes of thanks to the working brethren having been carried, and thanks returned for the mark of approbation, Lodge was closed and adjourned, and a most instructive and successful meeting, calculated to increase the good working of this Lodge, was brought to a close.

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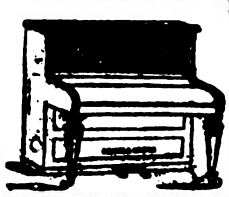
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DUE care as to the admission of visitors, lest by neglect any unqualified person should gain admission to our assemblies, and the brethren be thereby innocently led to violate their obligation, is enjoined upon certain officers in Lodge at the time they receive their collars; and it is a function to which they pledge fidelity, so long as the honours and responsibilities of office are entrusted to their keeping. It is merely to correct certain little shortcomings in the execution of this most important trust that we would present to those whom it might concern a few hints as to the caution which it is imperatively necessary should be observed in order that the sacred precincts of our Lodges should not be invaded by those who are not entitled to participate in the mysteries and privileges of our Order. Now, the insinuation is frequently hurled at us, with a contemptuous curl of the lip—indeed it is the favourite weapon wielded by ignorant opponents—that Freemasonry is a "secret society;" and the deduction they draw from this is that therefore it must, perforce, be the conservatory of every conceivable form of wrong-doing! We confess we trace but little logic in the argument which, after all said and done, must be *ex parte*, seeing that the objectors to our system know no more about it than did the boy who cut open the bellows to ascertain "where the wind came from." But, whilst we can afford to be charitable towards those who regard our Institution in a dog-in-the-manger spirit, we have the satisfaction of knowing that amongst the cardinal principles which Freemasons solemnly pledge themselves to uphold and promulgate are those synonomous with the Apostolic injunction—"Fear God; honour the king; love the brotherhood." Further, we vow to abstain from even the appearance of disloyalty to any State in which we may for the time be located, and which affords us its protection, and more especially to the Sovereign of our native country whence we derived our birth and infant nurture. If it be "secret" to draw a *cordon sanitaire* around our vows of fealty to God and country—to guard safely the practice of the "purest principles of piety and virtue," of compassion towards the distressed, the father-less and the widow—then we say the Order is emphatically a secret society, jealous to preserve the highest and holiest laws, both human and divine. To argue that, because some few are unmindful of their obligations, self-imposed, the system must therefore necessarily be bad, is as abject and impotent as that which is often so unscrupulously flung at religion itself. There are black sheep in every flock; but

> "Angels are bright still,
> Although the brightest fell."

But, regarded in another aspect, Freemasonry is no more "secret" than any other society or combination of men whose qualifications for membership are the payment of certain fees, and a guarantee before admission of the candidates' respectability, and moral and social worth. These are among the precautions adopted by all well-regulated institutions—even by the humblest Mechanics' Institutes, or Young Men's Christian Associations, for that matter; destroy this principle, and you get rid altogether of the very fundamental basis upon which every good society is organised. Where is the man bold enough to assert that an institution of any sort could be held together even if the payment of fees and the conditions which constitute membership were entirely abolished? Only in a far higher and nobler sense does Freemasonry differ from the various other societies by which it is surrounded; and it is not necessary for our present purpose to enter into any further explanation of the subject. Our object is to point out that, the privileges of membership having been secured by a certain number of individuals, they have a right to expect that those "vested interests," so to speak, shall be religiously guarded against invasion by those who are not similarly entitled. We venture to believe that in a vast majority of cases such is the result, and that seldom in the memory of even the oldest Mason has the dreaded alarm, "It rains!" resounded through any Lodge-room. Still we are painfully aware from experience that there are times and seasons when due care is not exercised in the admission of strangers, so as to prevent the consternation which would naturally ensue from such a catastrophe. It is the boast of a Freemason that, having been once admitted within the pale of the Craft, he is at liberty to claim admission to any Lodge, in any part of the habitable globe, provided he can satisfy the duly authorised guardians of the sanctity of the Order that he is "one of us." This universality of Freemasonry is one of the features of cosmopolitanism which commends it to our confidence and respect; but there is another side to the question which demands equal, if not greater attention. For instance, a visitor is desirous of witnessing the interior working of a Lodge, and he thereupon presents himself, "properly prepared," and willing to prove that he is legitimately entitled to mingle with the brethren, in whatever quarter of the globe they might assemble. He is in not a few cases received with the ready grasp of the hand, and the effusion of welcome which characterises the heart of the brethren of the mystic tie, and he passes into the Lodge room, disappointed at the loose sentinelship which is placed before the door, and vexed at having had no opportunity of proving himself worthy of the unbounded confidence which has been manifested towards him. Not long ago we visited a Lodge precisely under these circumstances. The brethren were in the best of spirits, and glad indeed to welcome any visitors who appeared, but not a word of enquiry was passed as to who vouched for the stranger, or whether he was "one of us" or not. The business proceeded, and as it was not the duty of the visitor to utter a syllable or to participate in any way during the evening, it was just possible that the veriest cowan, possessed of the requisite bounce and self-possession, might have sat out the whole meeting, provided he had a quick perception, and "copied the examples" readily. We could speak of other instances of a similar kind that have been related to us, particularly in London Lodges, where, upon the bare assertion, and even without signing the attendance book, strangers have been passed into the Lodge, and "no questions asked." It may be urged that never has a stranger, unacquainted with Masonic usages, been found with sufficient temerity to elbow his way into a Lodge, or that the presence of an unwelcome guest has disturbed the harmony of our meetings. But that does not destroy the possibility of such a *contretemps*. For all that we know such a perilous adventure might have been accomplished, or at all events due measures have not been adopted to thwart such an audacity. And why? Simply because what is everybody's business is nobody's business, and the officers to whom this function is specially entrusted are either too lethargic or too busily engaged at the moment to notice the entrance of a stranger. It is too painful to contemplate the dismay which would ensue from the discovery of an intruder who may possibly have gained from indiscreet brethren sufficient of our signs to enable

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him to run the gauntlet of the earlier stages of our working. In the words of Mr. Weller sen., applied to our subject, it might be doubtful whether it "would be worth his while to go through so much to learn so little;" but we can imagine the confusion which would cover the officers of a Lodge who might be tripped in such a dereliction of their duty. Our point is, that having been invested with the safe guarding of the honour and privacy of their Lodge, the officers whose especial responsibility it is to maintain the purity and sanctity of its assemblies should most religiously persevere in the fulfilment of that duty which is represented by their jewels of office. In every case it would be more satisfactory to their own consciences; to subject the intending visitor to the proper test would be to impress upon him the correctness and proficiency of those with whom he desired to mingle; and on all hands it would lend a completeness to the aspect in which he would view all the proceedings of the evening, and of the business in which he had been permitted to assist. If a Mason's privileges are great, so are his responsibilities; if his rights are worth preserving at all, it is only just that they should be guarded well. And, therefore, in every case when a visitor claims admission, as he might do confidently to any Lodge, those precautionary regulations which are prescribed in our formula should ever be rigidly enforced, as much for the satisfaction of the visitor himself as for that of the brethren who are only too happy to welcome fresh faces to a participation of their labours and pleasure. We need not fear anything that the outer world may say by way of taunt as to our being a "secret" society. In that sense, so is the Stock Exchange or any of our aristocratic clubs. But it is as unjust as it is impolitic to expose the legitimate members of our Order to even the remotest shadow of a chance of the usurpation of their privileges, and yet such is the case when the laxity we have depicted is winked at or permitted. There is no more sacred or solemn trust in connection with our Institution than that which is vested in the Officers whose duty is comprised in the sentence with which we commence this article; and as faithful stewards of the inviolable sanctity of our Lodges it behoves them to look well to it, and to see that such a thing as the machinations of the cowan is placed beyond the range of possibility. That certain disregard has been evidenced in this respect must be our apology, if, indeed, any is needed, for our thus reverting to the subject; and our hope is, that as a word to the wise is sufficient, our brethren will give heed to the weak points in their armour, where such may be found to exist, and that our sentinels will brace themselves fully up to the serious and solemn obligations they have undertaken, to be careful as to the admission of Visitors, "lest by neglect any unqualified person might gain admission to our assemblies, and the brethren be thereby innocently led to violate their obligation."

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF CORNWALL.

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THE annual Provincial Grand Lodge of Cornwall and General Communication of the Freemasons of that Province was held on Tuesday at Fowey. The attendance of brethren was very numerous. Among the officers present were R.W. Bro. the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe P.G.M., W. Bros. Colonel Peard P.P.G.S.W. D.P.G.M. *pro tem*, J. F. Penrose P.G.S.W., Sir Charles B. G. Sawle Bart. P.P.G.S.W. P.G.J.W. *pro tem*, the Rev. F. J. Wintle Rector of Beer Ferris, and the Hon. and Rev. J. T. Boscawen Rector of Lamorran P.G. Chaps., W. Tweedy P.G. Treas., T. B. Williams P.G. Reg., E. T. Carlyon P.G. Sec., John Crang P.G.S.D., E. M. Cock P.G.J.D., W. Tonkin P.G.S. Wks., J. Hugill P.G.D.C., J. C. R. Crewes P.G.A.D.C., R. R. Rodd P.P.G.S.W., T. Chirgwin P.P.G.S.W., J. C. Stephens P.P.G.J.W., T. Geach P.P.G.J.W., E. D. Anderton P.P.G.J.W., Geo. Kerswill P.P.G.J.W., A. A. Davis P.P.G.J.W., the Rev. W. H. Bloxsome Rector of Mawgan P.P.G. Chap., Dr. E. J. Treffry P.P.G. Chap., the Rev. A. H. Ferris Vicar of Charlestown P.P.G. Chap., the Rev. E. S. T. Daunt Vicar of St. Stephens-by-Launceston, Emra Holmes P.P.G. Reg. Suffolk, J. P. Smith P.P.G.S.D., W. F. Newman P.P.G.S.D., W. Bickford P.P.G.S.D., J. Cardew P.P.G.S.D., J. H. Levin P.P.G.S.D., H. Bale P.P.G. Sup. Wks., E. Aitken-Davies P.P.G. Sup. Wks. (Devon), R. A. Courtney P.P.G.D.C., W. Guy P.P.G.D.C., R. John P.P.G.D.C., C. Cooper P.P.G.A.D.C. (Devon), J. W. Chegwidden P.P.G.D.C., J. B. Kerswill P.P.G.D.S.B., W. E. Michell P.P.G.S.B., C. Truscott jun. P.P.G.S.B., R. H. Heath P.P.G.O., A. J. White P.P.G.O., George Barnes P.P.G. Purs., W. Rooks P.G.A. Purs., T. Hawken P.G. St., John Stephens P.P.G. St., W. N. Abbott P.P.G. St., R. Coath P.G. St., John Dennis P.P.G. St., P. Giles P.P.G. St., J. Q. James P.G. St., W. Lean P.P.G. Tyler, C. Thorpe P.M. 1151, W. Loye P.M. 496, H. S. Hill W.M. 223, J. Jeffery P.M. 318, W. Rowe I.P.M. 330, T. Heath W.M. 1136, J. W. Collins P.M. 1136, George Darke P.M. 1136, J. H. Sampson W.M. 131, F. Bugle-hole I.P.M. 510, W. Nettle W.M. 510, E. S. Angrove P.M. 589, H. Tilly P.M. 75, J. E. Bishop P.M. 970, F. Parkyn P.M. 856, T. Hicks P.M. 1529, John Creber P.M. 1164, J. Crossman P.M. 970, I. Daw P.M. 970, A. E. Lobbetdge P.M. 159, E. Seathbury P.M. 856, J. Burt P.M. 856, T. Michell P.M. 1006, J. Hooper P.M. 699, N. H. Laneb P.M. 977, C. Parsons W.M. 789, W. Mason P.M. 496, J. Olver P.M. 1,138, C. Stevens W.M. 1,138, W. Harris P.M. 1,138, W. H. L. Clark W.M. 1,071, W. F. Sharp P.M. 331, R. Adams W.M. 330, A. C. Sandoe P.M. 330, W. H. Kinsman I.P.M. 121, W. Giles P.M. 496, A. B. Cheves W.M. 893, W. Cawse P.M. 893, J. Tregaskis W.M. 1,151, W. Bartlett P.M. 856, W. J. Harris P.M. 893, J. T. Brooking P.M. 1,071, F. S. Hawke W.M. 1,164, J. H. Ferris W.M. 331, A. F. McMath P.M. 852 Ireland, A. Percy Davis W.M. 917, W. F. Creber P.M. 1,164, R. H. Shapcott P.M. 970, H. De Legh P.M. 856, J. G. Henwood W.M. 970, W. P. Smith I.P.M. 856, H. H. Trevithick W.M. 450, A. J. White P.M. 856, W. H. Collins P.M. 856, J. Polkinghorne P.M. 1,151, P. B. Clemens P.M. 954, S. Sara W.M. 967, Jno. Richards W.M. 557, T. J. Smith P.M. 496, T. H. Lukes P.M. 496, E. Edwards P.M. 131, J. T. Williams I.P.M. 557. Brothers G. Cassell S.W. 1,136, G. W. Spear J.W. 1,136, W. Stevens S.D. 1136, O. Colmer J.W. 510, Millyard S.W. 1544, W. Bailey J.W. 1544, C. Farell P.S.W. 496, J. Pryor J.W. 1006, R. Rodda J.W. 589, J. Eslick S.D. 699, W. Andrew S.D. 789, R. Martyn S.W. 1528, H. Martin S.W. 1138, R. Vercoe J.W. 330, A. Luke J.W. 977, A. B. Hutchings S.W. 893, J. S. Rundle S.W. 1151, J. Harris S.W. 510, J. Lovell jun. J.W. 121, A. O. Michell S.W. 121, R. Pearce S.W. 1071, J. Pearce J.W. 1071, J. Gatty I.G. 330, R. Q. Betty I.G. 1164, F. John S.W. 1164, R. Steer S.D. 1164, G. Bray I.G. 1529, W. Quick Past S.D. 450, T. Crapp J.D. 1529, C. Kemp S.D. 1151, J. Bassett 116, R. E. Pearce Sec. 1151, F. Smelling S.D. 1829, W. Stephens J.D. 1135, R. Parker S.W. 557, W. C. Cuddeford 156, S. R. Hayes 105, &c., &c.

The Grand Lodge first assembled at Lostwithiel, where a Masonic Lodge, the St. Matthew's, was established in 1861. In unison with the general body of the Masonic Lodges in England, the St. Matthew's has entertained a desire to possess its own private Lodge rooms, and that wish has at length been gratified by obtaining permission to convert part of the old Duchy Palace, recently occupied as Duchy offices, which are now removed elsewhere, into the requisite suite of rooms. The Duchy Palace is a venerable edifice, full of interest to the archæologist. It is supposed to have been erected about the middle of the thirteenth century as a residence for the earls and dukes of Cornwall who, for the convenience offered by the river Fowey, then spelt Foy-hud, moved there from Restormel Castle, which had been their previous abode, another interesting ruin still standing on an adjacent hill. The walls of the part of the palace appropriated have been thoroughly repaired. In places where they were built with earth-mortar the work has been pulled down and rebuilt in blue lias lime. The rest of the exterior has been repointed, and the buttresses which were much disfigured repaired, and in some cases rebuilt. A porch has been built on the east elevation for the entrance to the rooms. A fine pointed arch of Pentewan stone, and its door, that stood on the south end of the palace, have been removed to form part of the entrance porch. A new staircase has been built where the original stone steps stood; but the width of the stairs has been reduced to allow of a candidates' room being built on the north side. The principal apartment obtained by the conversion being in Lodge-room, of dimensions in excess of the wants of the Lodge, it has been divided into two rooms by a moveable partition. The outer apartment thus obtained has been appropriated to the use of country brethren for the writing of letters, &c. Beneath the rooms are large vaults in the basement. The strength of the old building is shown by the footings, which are in courses nine feet wide, and the ground floor is laid on an arch five feet thick at the springing, and three feet thick at the corner. In order to get more light one of the old windows, which had long since been blocked up, has been reopened and glazed with coloured glass in Masonic designs. New principals have been put to the roof. A fine piece of carving, on the north elevation, of the ancient arms of Cornwall, in Pentewan stone, has also gone under a process of restoration. The architect of the restoration has been W. Bro. W. P. Smith P.M. of the St. Matthew's Lodge, who has been ably supported by an efficient Building Committee of the brethren. The dedication of this converted part of the palace to the purposes of Masonry was the cause of the brethren first assembling at Lostwithiel. After a breakfast at the Talbot Hotel, of which over 100 of the brethren partook, the Provincial Grand Lodge walked in procession to the Duchy Palace, where the dedication was very impressively performed by the R.W. Bro. the P.G.M., supported by his Officers. The musical portion of the service was rendered by a choir of Bros. Hooking, Kistler, Sims, and Rodda, under the direction of Bro. R. H. Heath P.P.G.O.

The Secretary of the Lodge, in explaining to the P.G.M. the manner in which the Lodge had at length obtained the present building the R.W. Bro. was called upon to dedicate, stated that the minutes of the Lodge showed that from the very first meeting of the Lodge after its consecration an arrangement with the Duchy had been attempted to be carried out to rent the Duchy Palace. The negotiations had, however, failed until now, when with the generous offer of assistance made by the P.G.M., his earnest appeals at provincial meetings, coupled with the energy and perseverance of the I.P.M. Bro. Smith, the object had been obtained. The gross value of the work was about £600, towards which sixty mortgage debentures of £5 each had been issued; about £260 had been raised by voluntary contributions from the brethren and a few friends, and with a grant from the Lodge funds a debt on the building of about £40 had been left. In obtaining that ancient and interesting building the Lodge had not practically increased its expenses. The sixty debentures had been taken by the brethren at the low rate of 3 per cent. per annum, and with rent received for the commodious vaults underneath the rooms the Lodge was in about the same position

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financially as when at the hotel, whilst the fact of having such a noble Lodge was inducing many to join the Order who would not have done so had the Lodge continued to meet at the hotel. The ultimate trust of the building after the debt was removed was vested in his lordship as P.G.M. for the Province.

At the close of the dedication, the brethren proceeded in procession to the railway station, and were conveyed by a special train to Fowey. There the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge was opened by the R.W. the P.G.M. at the Working Men's Institute, a handsome and convenient building, recently erected by the townsfolk on the Town Quay, much to the credit of Fowey. The arrangements for the reception of the Grand Lodge were carried out by the local Lodge of that port, the Fowey No. 977. The P.G.M. said he felt sure of the sympathy and great regret felt by the brethren with him at the sad loss of their D.P.G.M., Sir F. M. Williams, and he suggested that a vote of condolence should be conveyed to Lady Williams at the sad event. A unanimous expression of the heartfelt approval of the brethren of his Lordship's suggestion was exhibited. The P.M.G. also stated that the portrait of their late P.G.M., Mr. Augustus Smith, presented by them to Mr. Dorrien-Smith as a memorial of the respect in which his uncle had been held by the brethren of the Province, had reached that gentleman, and he read two letters from Mr. Dorrien-Smith, acknowledging the kindness and expressing his gratification at the kind remembrance in which the memory of his uncle was held by the brethren.

The P.G. Treasurer reported a balance in hand of £104 10s 6d, about the same sum as was in hand at the close of the previous year. The Secretary's report stated the number of Lodges in the Province to be twenty-eight. During the past year the number of initiations had been 110, joining members 33, members from previous year 1497, total 1640; against for 1871—number of initiations 149, joining members 47, members 1480, total 1676; decrease during the year 36. During the past year the returns of the attendance of P.M.'s of the various Lodges eligible for office had come in much better than heretofore, but three Lodges had omitted to fulfil that duty, the performance of which was essential in order to allow the merits of any brethren of the Lodges to come before the P.G.M. Both reports were received and adopted.

The brethren then proceeded in procession, with bands playing, and banners displayed, to Fowey Church to attend divine service. That noble edifice, a fine specimen of the decorated Gothic rebuilt in 1466, and recently restored at an expense of £5,000 was crowded. W. Bro. the Hon. and Rev. J. T. Boscawen preached from John xiii. 35. The discourse was an eloquent dissertation on brotherly love. At the close of the service there was a collection of £13 2s 4d. From the church the brethren returned in procession to the institute, where business was resumed.

The report of the Cornwall Masonic Annuity and Benevolent Fund shewed donations and subscriptions for 1879 £149 17s, against £164 4s 6d for 1878, a decrease of £14 7s 6d, which principally arose from the decease of the late D.P.G.M., Sir F. M. Williams, who was a liberal contributor. Balance in hand, up to 31st December 1878, £165 10s 9d, receipts from interest on stock and bonds £58 14s 7d, total £374 5s 4d, outlay £208 1s 3d, balance in hand £166 4s 1d. During the past year there had been four annuitants, each receiving £20 a year, and two children in receipt of educational grants of £15 a year each. One of the latter now ceased to be paid, the time for which the payment was voted having expired. Petitions for relief had been received from a brother of the Phœnix Lodge, Truro, and a brother of the Cornubia Lodge, Hayle. Also a petition for an educational grant to a child of Bro. Thomas Barrett deceased, formerly of St. Anne Lodge, Looe. The voting on each of those petitions took place that day. Since the last annual meeting the capital account had increased £96 18s 1d. By the lamented death of the R.W. Bro. Sir F. M. Williams, Bart., the number of Trustees was reduced to three, and under rule 6 of the Lodge bye-laws it was necessary to appoint additional Trustees at that meeting.

The report was received and adopted, and W. Bro. Sir Charles Graves Sawle, Bart., was elected a trustee of the fund.

The annual report from Bro. W. J. Hughan Past S.G.D. and P.P.G. Sec., respecting his management of the votes for the London Masonic Charities on behalf of the Province, was read. Bro. Hughan was unable to attend. The failure in obtaining the election of the candidate from Fowey to the Girls' School, it stated, had arisen from the Boys' votes not being exchangeable on the day of election, an unusual circumstance. It was, however, hoped that the Province would be successful in October. It recommended votes of twenty guineas each to the Girls' School, and Aged Freemasons' Institution. Bro. Hughan concluded by submitting the resignation of his office of managing the votes. After services of ten years, he said, he should esteem it a favour to be relieved.

The report was received and adopted. The resignation of Bro. Hughan was unanimously disapproved of, and the matter was left with the P.G.M. to endeavour to reconcile that brother to a further service.

The voting on the proposed grants resulted in a vote of £15 per annum for five years to the son of Bro. Barrett, and £10 to a brother of No. 331.

W. Bro. Emra Holmes brought forward his proposition to appoint a committee to solicit subscriptions towards the erection of the proposed Truro Cathedral; Devon to be invited to assist, and the money to be expended in some feature of the Cathedral to be a lasting memorial of the Freemasons of Devon and Cornwall. He shewed that similar steps had been carried out by the Freemasons in several other provinces. W. Bro. John Thomas rose to propose an amendment, and there appearing to be sufficient opposition to the measure to lead to a long discussion, at the recommendation of the P.G.M. the matter was for the present postponed. Bro. Holmes gave notice that he should revive the proposition at the next annual meeting, and hoped, for the credit of the province, that it would be continued to be urged until it was carried. On the proposition of Bro. T. Geach, £50 was voted to the assistance of a worthy brother, P.P.S.G.W., now nearly 80 years of age, who had been reduced to straitened circumstances. Twenty guineas each were voted to the Masonic Girls' School and to the Aged Freemasons' Institution. Twenty-five guineas were voted to the "Cornwall Masonic Annuity and Benevolent Fund," and the following Officers appointed to the management of the Fund for the ensuing year:—W. Bros. W. Tweedy Treas., T. Chirgwin Sec., J. C. R. Crewes Assist. Sec., Wilson L. Fox No. 75, and G. S. Bray 599, auditors.

W. Bro. W. Tweedy was unanimously re-elected as the Prov. G. Treasurer. The P.G.M. invested the following brethren as his Officers for the ensuing year:—R.W. Bro. Col. J. W. Peard D.P.G.M.; W. Bros. T. Hawken 330 S.W., A Elford 977 J.W., the Hon. and Rev. J. T. Boscawen 699 and the Rev. E. S. T. Dannt Chaplains, W. Tweedy 331 Treasurer, H. Tilly 75 Reg., E. T. Carlyon 331 Secretary, R. A. Courtney 510 S.D., Jno. Dennis 330 J.D., W. P. Smith 857 Sup. of Works, W. Rowe 330 D.C., J. Jeffery jun. 318 Assist. D.C., T. B. Williams 977 S.B., James Lovell 121 Org., H. Trembath 318 G. Purs., W. Rooks 131 Assist. Purs., J. Bishop 970, H. H. Kidd 856, W. Cawse 893, E. S. Angrove 129, E. Edwards 131 and J. Hooper 699 Stewards, Beale P.G. Tyler. W. Bros. J. F. Childs, T. Chirgwin, W. Tweedy, E. T. Carlyon and F. Harvey were appointed the Committee of Relief. The collection at church was distributed—1-5th to Vicar's Charities, 2-5ths to the local Cottage Hospital, and 2-5ths to the Cornwall Masonic Annuity Fund.

A resolution was unanimously carried that, "The Prov. Grand Lodge of Cornwall, at this, their first meeting after the death of their respected D.P.G.M. Sir F. M. Williams, Bart., desire to express their deep regret inspired by that event, and their sincere sympathy with Lady Williams in her sad bereavement. The Prov. Grand Lodge also express a hope that a copy of the resolution may be communicated to her ladyship."

In the evening a large number of the brethren dined together at the Town Hall. The P.G.M. presided.

BOROUGH OF PORTSMOUTH FREEMASONS' HALL AND CLUB COMPANY LIMITED.

THIS company, incorporated on the 17th April last, promises to be the most successful undertaking in which the Freemasons of Portsmouth have ever embarked. The nominal Capital is £3,000, in six hundred shares of £5 each. £2 per share is paid on allotment, and the remainder is to be paid in calls of £1 each, at intervals of not less than one month. This capital, with judicious management, should be sufficient to carry out the main object of the undertaking, *i.e.*, to provide suitable accommodation for the several Masonic Lodges in Portsmouth, at a fair rental, so as to make the company commercially successful, by paying a moderate dividend to the shareholders. The Lodge rooms will be available for the accommodation of Lodges in April next; and from the large and increasing support given to the company by the members of the Craft in the borough, irrespective of the Lodges to which they belong, it bids fair to prove a lucrative investment, and strengthen the fraternal feeling already existing between the several Lodges in this locality. Some years since, a joint committee was appointed to consider a scheme for building a hall in which the several Lodges could meet, but it was considered impracticable, and the idea was abandoned. Had a company been formed at that time in the same manner as the present venture, we doubt not that a considerable sum of money would have been saved by the Lodges, and the Masonic Charitable Institutions correspondingly benefited. The premises to be built at No. 79 Commercial-road, Landport, for the accommodation of the Masonic Club about to be formed will form a handsome building, in keeping with the fine officers of the Gas Company, at the corner of the block of buildings. Accommodation will also be provided in this building for the Borough of Portsmouth Chamber of Commerce, and there will be an entrance to the Lodge rooms in the rear. The foundation stone of this building will be laid in the course of a few weeks by the Worshipful the Mayor (W. D. King, Esq.) The desirability of forming a Masonic Club for the Freemasons of the borough has been long apparent, and it is believed that it will prove the most successful part of the undertaking. Considerable credit is due to the directorate, for the judicious and economical manner in which this company has been promoted; and especially to the Chairman (the Mayor), and the Vice-Chairman (Mr. Councillor G. T. Cunningham) who have been indefatigable in their exertions to make the company a success. Some 400 shares have been taken in the short space of six weeks, and the remaining 200 will doubtless be quickly disposed of. Those Freemasons who wish to identify themselves with the company, should apply at an early date to the Secretary, Mr. E. S. Main, St. Clair-terrace, Buckland, for the remaining shares.—*Portsmouth Times.*

The Most Worshipful Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales will review the Norfolk Artillery Militia at Yarmouth, on Wednesday, 18th June, instead of Thursday, 19th, as arranged in the first instance. The Prince will arrive at Yarmouth on the evening of the 17th from Norwich, and his Royal Highness will receive an address from the Mayor and Town Council. He will then proceed at once to Shadingfield Lodge, and will afterwards mess with the officers of the Norfolk Artillery Militia. His Royal Highness will leave Yarmouth by an early train on the morning of Thursday, the 19th.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Outward Infirmities.—Before the discovery of these remedies, many cases of sores, ulcers, &c., were pronounced to be hopelessly incurable, because the treatment pursued tended to destroy the strength it was incompetent to preserve, and to exasperate the symptoms it was inadequate to remove. Holloway's Pills exert the most wholesome powers over the unhealthy flesh or skin, without debarring the patient from fresh air and exercise, and thus the constitutional vigour is husbanded while the most malignant ulcers, abscesses, and skin diseases are in process of cure. Both Ointment and Pills make the blood richer and purer, instead of permitting it to fall into that poor and watery state so fatal to many labouring under chronic ulcerations.

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CRUCIAL TESTS OF FITNESS FOR THE BROTHERHOOD.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I am greatly afraid that Bro. "AUGUSTIN" has undertaken a task which is beyond his strength, notwithstanding his lengthened experience of six and-twenty years as a Mason, "both here and in the Colonies." The Constitutions prescribe certain qualifications for candidates for initiation into our mysteries. Distinguished brethren, like Bro. John Hervey, for instance, are constantly impressing on our Lodges the necessity there is for the exercise of due caution in the proposal of candidates. I have also seen in your columns, and elsewhere, articles bearing on the same subject, and inculcating views similar to those enunciated by Bro. Hervey. Bro. "AUGUSTIN" seems desirous of going beyond the Constitutions, the distinguished Craftsmen of whom I have cited one, and the Masonic press. He not only recommends caution, but prescribes the directions that such caution should take, and with all due respect I take leave to state that, were I not a Mason, but anxious to become one, I should resent as inquisitorial, if not impertinent, the kind of preliminary examination he thinks I should undergo. The Constitutions require that a candidate should be "in reputable circumstances." The chances are that in seeking to be made a Mason, I can ask the assistance of a friend who knows me for such, to propose me, and another friend to second me, or failing *two* Masonic friends, a friend of my kind friend fulfils that duty. In fact these two brothers publicly vouch for the reputability of my circumstances, and the result is my election. But if those brethren, possessing such knowledge, and being prepared to avouch it in open Lodge, should venture to question me as to my means; whether, in addition to paying my initiation fee and annual subscription, I was able, and, if so, inclined to contribute to our charitable institutions, I should, if I succeeded in keeping my temper, quietly tell him to mind his own business. He could judge for himself from the knowledge he possessed—or supposing him to be comparatively a stranger, from the inquiries it would be his duty to make—as to my character and antecedents, whether I was a fit and proper person to be admitted into the brotherhood. With that knowledge, or the result of those inquiries, he would be obliged to rest contented, presuming him at least to be a fit and proper person to propose a man "in reputable circumstances" as a candidate for admission into Freemasonry. It is enough that I satisfy him, directly or indirectly, that I habitually fulfil my duties in the station of life in which I am placed, and that I contract no obligations I am not prepared or not likely to carry it out. He dare not venture to inquire further as to what I may be able or inclined to do at some future time. This would be tantamount to his prescribing a condition not warranted by the Constitutions, and moreover would initiate a system in direct antagonism to the true spirit of Masonic charity, namely that a Mason shall assist his brother, provided it be not detrimental to himself or his family. Again, at the time of my initiation my means may have been such that an annual subscription (say) of three, five, or ten guineas may have been comparatively a trifle, and I may also have had a guinea or two to spare towards aiding those in less favourable circumstances than myself. But eight or ten years afterwards I may not be as well off. I may have married in the interim and have a little family about me. The income from my trade or profession may have fallen off, or I may have lost money by the failure of some bank, and though I continue paying my subscription I find that what was once regarded as a trifle has become a burden, and the one or two guineas towards our institutions are no longer forthcoming. Am I a less worthy brother by reason of this increase in my expenditure or this diminution in my income? I answer emphatically, No! And if I were the brother whose position I have been imagining, I should with a clear conscience affirm that, though neither a Life Governor nor even a a Life Subscriber to either of our Charities, I had done my duty as a Mason.

There is another point to be considered. When the Masonic body became more numerous, the number of distressed brethren necessarily became greater. Hence were established, firstly, in 1788, the Girls' School; then in 1798 our Boys' School; in 1842 our Benevolent Fund for Freemasons; and in 1849 the Widows' Fund. They are the natural and legitimate result of the growth of Freemasonry. But to use a familiar figure of speech, Bro. "AUGUSTIN" has put the cart before the horse, and by insisting that every initiate must have the means and inclination to subscribe to these Institutions, he virtually lays it down that Freemasonry was established for the purpose of supporting them, whereas it is they which have been established in order the better to fulfil the designs of Freemasonry. This is tantamount to saying that Freemasonry is neither more nor less than a large benefit society—a view I must certainly, yet respectfully, decline to endorse. That greater caution should be exercised in the proposal of candidates is admitted on all hands, but it is utterly subversive of the principles of Freemasonry, when it is proposed that a "crucial test" for a candidate's fitness for admission shall be the length of his purse and his inclination to open it for certain purposes. The very fact of his allowing there are "brethren who have been more or less fortunate" than himself or myself shows the inacceptability of his proposal. If mere means were a test of fitness there would be few, if any, "poor and distressed Masons," and consequently there would be little, if any, need for our noble Charitable Institutions.

Again, as to the educational test. It is undoubtedly painful to hear a brother murdering the Queen's English, as the saying is. I often look about me to see if I can pick up the H.'s which Bro. A.B.C. so plentifully drops in his after-dinner speeches, or in the fulfilment of his Lodge duties. I as often marvel at the seemingly inexhaustible supply he has of that ill-used letter, and the facility with which he introduces them in places where I should prefer seeing them "conspicuous by their absence." But I know he is a very good fellow, and will not say anything ill-natured of a living soul behind his back. A bird has whispered me that when Bro. X.Y.Z. was laid up with fever, those luscious grapes, that strength-giving wine and cordial which did so much to revive his strength, came by a circumbendibus from Bro. A.B.C.'s establishment, or at his cost; and if he has a guinea or a five-pound note to spare for one of our Festivals, that he gives at once without ostentation. Therefore, in spite of his "want of education so often exhibited," I greet him most cordially wherever I meet him, and at the same time I cannot help thinking I should enjoy the society of Bro. D.E.F., who can write Latin and Greek verse by the yard, to say nothing of his knowledge of the Gulf Stream, and the respect he entertains for the Equator and the North Pole, if he bore a stronger Masonic resemblance to Bro. A.B.C. Let me point out to Bro. "AUGUSTIN" that an uneducated man may possess a rare store of knowledge, and be, in truth, a far worthier candidate for Masonic initiation than a Senior Wrangler of Cambridge, or a first-class *in literis humanioribus* of Oxford. To impose on candidates for admission to our brotherhood an educational test, as is done in the case of Civil Service candidates, would be opposed to the true principles of Freemasonry. What, in case of such a test, would become of our boasted universality, or of the assertion we take pride in making, namely, that the Masonic body is composed of men of all grades and conditions, provided they are free, of full age, their own master, in reputable circumstances at the time of their initiation, and are able to subscribe their name to a particular form of declaration? I am sure we need have no fear about the future of Freemasonry if proposers will take proper care these conditions are satisfied.

I remain, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

TRUE TEST.

ELECTION OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL COMMITTEES.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—What is the use of your correspondent "INVESTIGATOR" worrying himself about the merits of the various candidates who were nominated for the House and Audit Committees? Does he for one moment suppose that such *trifles* as past exertions will avail anything, or that reward will be offered to those who exert themselves for the good of others. No. Unless he has long since concluded that elections, whether Masonic, parochial or any other, are carried more by personal interest than by merit, I am afraid he must be very young, or had little experience.

Yours fraternally,

A. H.

THE PRESTONIAN LECTURE.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—At the risk of being charged with being troublesome, I once more beg to call the attention of my brother Masons to the subject of the Prestonian Lecture, and I feel somewhat surprised that no brother of the Lodge of Antiquity has in any way responded to the queries contained in my former communications, as I should have been led to believe that they would have been anxious to afford some information. I will, Sir, in the first place repeat the statement which is conveyed in the *Freemasons' Calendar* (issued by authority of the Grand Lodge) amongst the "Remarkable occurrences in Masonry" which contains the following paragraph—"Brother William Preston, of the Lodge of Antiquity, author of the "Illustrations of Masonry," bequeathed amongst other Masonic gifts £500 Consols to the Fund of Benevolence and £300 Consols for the Prestonian Lecture, 1819." This statement is repeated in the *Masonic Calendar* year after year, and therefore I again ask who is responsible for the bequest of the donor being carried out, and as this Lecture has not been delivered for many years—the last time I believe by Bro. Henry George Warren—I venture to ask in whose hands the accruing interest of the funded property is placed and to what purpose (if any) it is applied. In former years this Lecture was frequently given, but the recital of it is now a matter of history, and I should really like to know why this Masonic legacy, left by Bro. Preston for the benefit of future Masons, has been allowed to die out, little or nothing of it being known as to the former existence of such a thing by the present generation of Masons. On the 27th of October 1858, the Lodge of Antiquity assembled at Freemasons' Hall, at which the W.M. Bro. Colonel Western presided, when there was a great attendance of its members and visitors to hear the Prestonian Lecture delivered by Bro. Thiselton, a worthy and talented Freemason, but previously to his doing so Bro. W. P. Scott, M.P., addressed the brethren as to the origin of the Prestonian Lecture, the principal parts of which, for the information of young Masons, it may not be out of place here to repeat. He said—"The founder of this Lecture is widely known in the Masonic world as the author of the most popular of Masonic publications. The 'Illustrations of Masonry' has passed through many editions, annotated by later writers, who have added a continuation of the History of the Order from the time at which Bro. Preston's narrative stops. According to the traditions of the Lodge of Antiquity, of which that distinguished brother was a Past Master, he bestowed constant labour for many years on the compilation of that lecture which now bears his name,

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seeking information wherever he thought it would be found, assisted by zealous and intelligent brethren, and sparing no pains to collect all that was remembered of the ancient forms of illustration and explanation. He died in the belief that he had left behind him a complete and orthodox formulary. To preserve it from oblivion, he, by his will, devoted a portion of his moderate means to the establishment of an annual lecture, to be delivered according to the system which he had so carefully elaborated. Among his survivors in the Lodge of Antiquity were several who had either assisted him in his valuable labours or profited by his personal instruction. To one of these, Bro. Stephen Jones, a Past Master of the Lodge, and an early editor of Bro. Preston's book, the office of *Prestonian Lecturer* was first entrusted by His Royal Highness the Duke of Sussex, then Grand Master and Master of the Lodge of Antiquity. Bro. Jones was annually reappointed to this office for several years, and subsequently Bro. Laurence Thompson, the last surviving pupil of Preston, and well known to the older members of the London fraternity as an ardent Mason, was nominated, and continuously until his death delivered the lecture once in each year. In order to discharge suitably the honourable duty devolving on the Prestonian Lecturer, great care has always been taken to observe not only the arrangement, but the very words so far as they can be ascertained. The arrangement is preserved in the "Syllabus" long since printed by the Lodge of Antiquity, and hitherto followed in the lecture. The "Syllabus" is adapted to the method of question and answer, but the lecture is delivered uninterrupted by interrogations, the prescribed answers being turned into a continuous discourse. The words are taken from notes collected a quarter of a century ago from the works of Bro. Meyrick, the first Grand Registrar of the United Grand Lodge, Bro. Buckhardt, whom senior brethren remember for Masonic learning, and Bro. Laurence Thompson, all members of the Lodge of Antiquity, who derived their knowledge from Preston himself. Verbal differences from other systems now practised are obvious, but not such as to derogate from substantial uniformity, or to suggest any doubt of their common origin. Whatever opinions may be formed as to the relative merits of the systems, it must be remembered that the lecture now to be delivered is restricted, by the nature of its foundation, to the very system which Preston has transmitted to us. Its simplicity and occasional quaintness are due to its antiquity, and there is every reason to believe that it prescribes, as nearly as may be, the language in which the early fathers of the Craft in England were wont to give and receive Masonic instruction. Skilful Masons will detect some differences of ritual from the forms now practised, this lecture having been compiled long before the existence of that Lodge of Reconciliation which in 1813 regulated the uniformity of working. In all respects the method practised in the Lodge of Antiquity ever since the foundation of the lecture is followed, as affording the surest warrant of adherence to the will of the founder."

Such were the views of our brethren of former times, showing the estimation in which the labour and researches of Bro. Preston were held, and if they were valuable then—when Masonry was carried on in very circumscribed dimensions, how much more useful might the promulgation of them be at the present time, when the Craft numbers thousands in comparison with the hundreds to whom Bro. Preston's rich legacy was bequeathed, as a bright and shining light to others who might seek to emulate his useful example. Therefore, Dear Sir and Brother, may I again ask, if this lecture has fallen into desuetude, who is to blame; and to what, if any, purpose is the accumulating fund applied?

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

P.M. 177 AND 1158.

9th June 1879.

FREEMASONRY AND ITS CHARITIES.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In proposing that subscribers should have intelligible accounts and clear balance sheets, I neither expected my communications to meet with universal approval, nor desired that the present system should be undefended; but I think I may fairly claim that adverse criticism should embrace the leading points of the correspondence, and not be limited to the summary of *facts*, tabulated from published records of contemporaneous Institutions. The numbers and amounts of each school are those of the authorities,* and should have served as an illustration only of what I have throughout urged, *the necessity of a better system of rendering the accounts of our schools*. If the extracts have failed to answer this purpose, they have certainly been successful in illustrating the old adage, "comparisons are odious."

I am not aware that I have, at any time, stated that the year's outlay was expended upon the *maintenance and education* of 195 children; on the contrary, at page 234 (No. 229) this amount was divided into ordinary expenditure, £7,085, and extraordinary expenditure £8,232; but I there questioned, as I continue to do, the policy and the charity of turning away 70 per cent. of the applicants for whose benefit the funds have been subscribed, whilst *less than one-half the amount* was devoted to *support and education*, for which the money was collected. The fact remains that no more than 195 children have received the benefits of the Institution during the period in which the sum mentioned has been expended.

You refer to the erecting and furnishing of additional premises. As these charges represent outlay on *capital* account, the responsibility for any mistake must rest with those who have charged such items to the same account as working expenditure. These extensions should only be executed, if at all, with funds provided specially by those who may desire to contribute to such expenses, and ought not to be charged against subscriptions collected for *maintenance and education*. Children cannot be fed on bricks and mortar. Land purchases will not clothe, nor furniture educate them.

Assuming that all interested in the Charities desire the attainment of the same result—the greatest good to the greatest number—I have been guilty of making, what seems at present, an unwelcome suggestion, that the accounts should be properly stated, under the advice of practical accountants, so that committees and subscribers may readily see, what amounts have been, and are being, expended on capital account, and what are the legitimate working expenses. With this information before us, I am confident we should nearly all be agreed that the time had arrived to place a limit on the capital outlay. The principal opposition to this desirable change would speedily be left to "vested interests," and to the very few remaining adherents to that exploded parochial principle described by the late Charles Dickens as, the rule for relieving sick families with slices of cheese.

Let me add an expression of regret that the form of the quotation in other journals of a portion of my last communication should have occasioned any feelings of annoyance, and remain,

Yours truly and fraternally,

H.

10th June 1879.

* The expenses of St. Anne's Asylum include the cost of sixty additional London scholars not on the establishment.

An error unaccountably crept into our editorial paragraph pointing to the unfairness of "H.'s" analysis of certain figures which showed, comparatively, the expenditure per head incurred annually by sundry Metropolitan Charitable Institutions, among which the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls showed to great disadvantage. The "other" expenditure was correctly stated on the authority of the last Report as £1,556. This, we said, gave an average per Girl of £13, whereas it should have been £8. Thus the total amount for "ordinary" and "other" expenditure is over £44—about on a level with the Boys' School, and not just "under £50," as we said in the paragraph in question. The difference is considerable, and hence our haste to rectify the mistake.—[Editor FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.]

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The statement of your correspondent "H.," in your issue of 31st ult., certainly struck me as rather strange, and on the first impulse I remarked that it could not be correct. When, however, I saw the figures reproduced in *The Globe*, apparently as an official statement of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, I looked upon the matter more in the shape of a perversion of the scanty materials I was already aware were supplied by the School balance sheet. The letter of your correspondent "A. E. G.," together with the editorial remarks in your last number, confirm this latter opinion of mine, and I now look upon the matter as an attempt to lead to a better system of showing the various receipts and expenditures by subdividing "capital account" from "ordinary expenses," &c., I feel sure this could easily be done by the officials, and would prove more satisfactory to men who look upon such questions in a purely business way.

"A. E. G." makes a bold statement at the beginning of his letter, to the effect that "H." shows incompetency to deal with a very plain statement of account, and then, later on, himself makes an omission of £1,538 5s 2d in his account of the payments; that is, he gives the total expenditure, after deducting repayment of loan and balance in hand, as £15,317 8s 1d; apportioning £6,675 18s 6d to extraordinary expenditure, £7,085 6s 11d to ordinary, and £17 17s 6d to insurance. Where is the balance, £1,538 5s 2d? Personally I am aware it is made up of sundry payments which I consider should be included in the "ordinary expenditure," but it is not every subscriber who has the means of checking the balance sheet for himself.

Those who live in glass houses should be careful how they throw stones.

Yours respectfully,

A LIFE GOVERNOR.

9th June 1879.

"WHICH IS CORRECT?"

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In fulfilment of the promise contained in the letter which you were kind enough to insert last week, I pursue the task of answering, *seriatim*, to the best of my ability, the questions propounded by Bro. James Stevens, P.M., P.Z.

I am inclined to think "*newly* obligated" brother is preferable to "*duly* obligated." The words are addressed in each case to one who has just previously contracted a *new* obligation, and who, in that particular respect, is distinguished from the other brethren around him. It admits him for the first time to an equality with those others; he is a *new* brother in that degree. On the other hand, the word *duly* appears to be somewhat of a redundancy. I have a right to assume that where a fresh obligation is imposed on a candidate it is *duly* done—that is, in the manner prescribed by law or usage. Were the formalities of the obligation dispensed with, or improperly followed, it would be invalid. Therefore, it is unnecessary, though I readily admit it gives greater emphasis to the expression, to speak of a "*duly* obligated" brother, when "obligated" brother is sufficient. Moreover, "*newly* obligated" conveys a sense of peculiar interest to my mind. It reminds him to whom the words are ad-

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dressed that he has contracted a fresh obligation in addition to those by which he had been previously bound, and that, as I have before suggested, he is now, for the first time in his life, promoted to take a place with his brethren in that degree.

As regards the second question, "In the Porchway entrance," or "at the Porch or entrance," the difference in the two versions is apparently of little importance—to the extent at least that the intended sense of the passage will remain, whichever is used. I incline, however, to use the former, for the reason that there were more entrances to the Temple than one, and the use of the expression "in the Porchway entrance" makes it clear which of them was indicated. It also agrees with Lightfoot's version, as quoted by Coppin in his *Handbook of Freemasonry*, that the pillars in question stood one on either side of the door or entrance, and *within* the Porch, not in front of it. On the other hand, it must be remembered that the terms "porch" and "entrance" are not interchangeable in the sense in which the latter is commonly used. The "Porch" was a part of the Temple proper; it was the same breadth as the rest of the building—that is, twenty cubits or thirty feet, and was ten cubits or fifteen feet deep—that is, from front to rear. At its entrance it had a gate of brass, on either side of which stood the pillars in question—namely, one to the right and the other to the left. This gate would be the "Porchway entrance," while the porch itself would be rather a portico, such as the philosophers in the olden days were in the habit of perambulating when engaged in inculcating to their disciples the points of their particular philosophy. Those of your readers who are interested in these discussions will do well to refer to the fortieth chapter of Ezekiel, where they will find mention made of the "porch of the gate," in vv. 7, 8, 9, 15, &c., &c., and in verse 48 the "porch of the house"—that is, of the Temple proper—as I have before described it. At p 159 of Dr. Oliver's *Signs and Symbols*, he observes that "Solomon set up two Pillars at the entrance of the Porch of the Temple," which strengthens my belief that "Porchway entrance" is the more correct of the two. If another version is needed, I would suggest "at the gate *or* entrance to the Porch of the Temple."

As regards the third question which is correct—"South, North, and East?" or "South, West, and East?" there is a great divergence of opinion as among Masons in different countries, but in England it seems to me, on the authority of Dr. Oliver, that we must prefer the former to the latter. In his *Freemason's Treasury* occurs the following passage:—

"A similar divergence from uniformity will be found in describing the places where the above-mentioned instruments"—your readers will know what are referred to—"were supposed to have been used with such terrible effect. In the primitive lectures—*i.e.*, those which were used after the Revision in 1717, for the subject was never ventilated before that date—they were called 'The three principal entrances to the temple; but subsequently it was thought expedient to particularise these entrances; and the passage was altered at first to the 'east, west, and south doors;' and at the Union in 1813 the version became 'north, south, and east entrances.' In the United States they say that the first attack was made at the south door, the second at the west door, and finally at the east. In Scotland the arrangement is east, south, and west. In France it was originally south, north, and east, but now west, south, and east."

According to this the weight of evidence would appear to be against us; but later on the worthy writer explains why, in his opinion, the change was made at the Union.

"It will be by no means difficult to understand why the arrangement was altered at the Union, because it is clear that the members of the Lodge of Reconciliation favoured the idea that the true gates of the Temple were meant; for under any other supposition it may not be easy to account for the hypothesis that the work of the three Tyrians commenced at the north door, because the east, according to the evidence of Professor Lee in Hebrew and English Lexicon, was the most accessible from the *Sanctum Sanctorum*."

As to "A New Subscriber's" question which is correct? namely, whether Masons meet first on the Square, and part on the Level, or *vice versâ*, I agree with Bro. Stevens as to meeting on the Level and parting on the Square, not only because Bro. Dr. Robert Morris, Past Grand Master of Kentucky, favours this version; but likewise because it appears to me to be far more expressive. It seems to indicate that whatever distinction, in respect of social rank, may exist between brethren outside the Lodge, they meet as Masons on the level of perfect equality. They hope to part upon the square, that is, with the determination to act fairly and squarely towards each other. There is, it is true, no objection to the simple proposition that brethren meet for the first time as Masons "on the square," that is, with the resolution I have just referred to; but the statement that they hope to part "on the level," that is, on a footing of perfect equality, leaves it open for the student to infer that the first meeting of brethren as Masons was not on such a footing. This, of course, is opposed to one of the fundamental principles of Freemasonry. Hence I give my vote in favour of the version in less common use among us.

Before closing these remarks, I trust you will permit me to supplement my remarks on "*Mosaic*" being preferable to "*Masonic*," by the following excerpt from Dr. Ashe's *Masonic Manual*, with notes by Oliver, and re-edited by Bro. Rev. J. Edmund Cox, D.D.:—

"As the steps of man are attended by various and uncertain incidents of life, as our days are chequered with a strange contrariety of events, and our passage through this existence, though sometimes blessed with prosperous circumstances, yet often beset by a multitude of perils, hence is the Lodge furnished with *Mosaic* work, to remind us of the precariousness of our state on earth.

"To-day our feet tread in prosperity, to-morrow we totter on the uneven paths of weakness, temptation, and adversity. Whilst this emblem is before us, we are instructed to boast of nothing, to have compassion, and give aid to those who are in adversity, to walk uprightly and with humility; for such is our existence that there is no station in life in which pride can be stably founded: all men are similar by nature; yet some are born to more elevated positions than others; but when in the grave all are upon a level—death destroying all distinctions.

"Whilst we tread on the *Mosaic* work, let our ideas return to the original which it copies; and let every Mason act as the dictates of reason prompt him, to live in brotherly, love, faith, hope, and charity."

A very similar explanation of the meaning of the *Mosaic* pavement will be found at pp 123-4 of Oliver's Edition of Hutchinson's *Spirit of Freemasonry*.

I remain, Dear Sir and Brother,
Faithfully and fraternally yours,
Q.

OFFICERS' COLUMNS.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The brethren here are very anxious to be enlightened by you, or some other equally competent authority, as to what is the particular column by which each of the principal Officers of a Lodge is represented. In Grand Lodge reports of Masonic processions, I observe that the Grand Master is always accompanied by the Ionic Pillar. Bro. Woodford, in Kenning's Cyclopedia, also says that the Ionic Pillar represents the W.M., while Mackay gives him the Corinthian.

Two of the Lodges here have lately received Wardens' Columns from one of the oldest and best Masonic furnishing houses in London. In one set the Junior Warden's emblem is on the Corinthian, and in the other on the Doric column, while in an illustrated catalogue, just received from another house, I see that in Lodge Covent Garden, No. 1614, the W.M.'s pedestal is supported by Corinthian pillars, so that there seems to be as little attention paid to uniformity in the furnishing of Lodges at head quarters as at the Antipodes. I think you will agree with me that this is a matter deserving of more attention than it seems to receive.

Yours fraternally,
M.

Auckland, New Zealand, 28th April 1879.

SYDNEY EXHIBITION.

AS the time for this Exhibition to be held approaches, the greatest interest is being expressed in whatever is connected even with its minutest arrangements, and there is a genuine hope, in this country at all events, that it will prove a great success. That it will redound to the credit of our great Australian colony of New South Wales there is no manner of doubt whatever, and all is being done by our English manufacturers to secure this result. Among those who have taken a deep interest in its success may be mentioned the well-known firm of distillers, Messrs. Greenlees Brothers, of Campbeltown, Argyleshire, and 1 Gresham Buildings, E.C., who will send a case of their whiskies, the contents of which will be of the finest quality, while the case itself will be a marvel of excellence. This latter will be in the "Scotch Baronial" style, massive and well proportioned, and distinguished by that severity of detail which characterizes the Gothic of the period. It is thirteen feet high and measures ten feet by ten, and if we add that it has been designed and manufactured by Messrs. Walker and Sons, of 119 Bunhill-row, E.C., we feel that we shall have done all that is necessary to impress our readers as favourably with the case as in the few words of well-merited praise in respect of Messrs. Greenlees Brothers we have done for the contents. While on the subject of the Exhibition, we may state that Messrs. Walker and Sons will also figure among the exhibitors, and that the specimens of the furniture they will send will include—(1.) A suite of drawing-room furniture, in rosewood—style, old English, and very effective, as well as quite in keeping with the character of the design; (2.) A dining-room suite, in walnut, of Queen Anne's time, designed by Mr. R. Davy, one of the artists employed by the firm, and very massive in its treatment; (3.) Suite of morning room, in walnut, of "Adam's" style, designed by Mr. F. Turner, another artist of the firm, and giving evidence how easily a style conspicuous by its luxuriousness may be adapted to the requirements of persons of moderate means. We will content ourselves with adding that, having noted particularly some of this firm's mediæval furniture, we should be glad to see some of their chairs in our Lodges. They would greatly enhance the appearance of the Lodge room.

Among the contents of the Messrs. Greenlees' case should be mentioned a working model of a "Pot Still," in silver, indicating the process of distillation, and also some handsome casks, fitted with Ure's patent recording taps, which register the amount of spirits or wine drawn from the cask.

The consecration of the Marquis of Dalhousie Chapter, No. 1159, will take place at the Masonic Hall, 33 Golden Square, London, on Thursday next, at 4.30 p.m. The Principals designate are Comps. H. Trueman Wood Z., Charles Cheston H., Peter Lund Simmonds J. The consecration ceremony will be performed by Comp. Lieut.-Col. Shadwell H. Clerke P.G.P.S., assisted by Comp. H. D. Sandeman, P.G. Supt. Bengal, as H., Rev. John S. Brownrigg P.G.A.S. as J., and R. W. H. Giddy P.Z. as Dir. of Cer. After the business of the day has been concluded, the Comps. will adjourn to the Café Royal, Regent Street, for banquet.

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COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

THE monthly meeting of the General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was held on Saturday last, in the Board-room, Freemasons' Hall. There were present Bros. William Roebuck in the chair, S. Rosenthal, H. W. Hunt, Joyce Murray, Robert B. Webster, A. E. Gladwell, A. J. Duff Filer, W. F. C. Moutrie, Richard Morris Head Master, Donald M. Dewar, C. F. Matier, H. Massey, G. J. Palmer, Geo. C. Gillard, W. Paas, and F. Binckes Secretary. After the minutes had been read and confirmed, the chairman gave notice of motion to raise the salary of the Head Master £50 a year, and drew the brethren's attention to the fact that under Dr. Morris the School had been more successful at the Cambridge Local Examinations than any other similar Institution. The number of boys in the school had largely increased since the time Dr. Morris was first appointed, and his labours had been consequently increased in proportion; it was thought right that his salary should receive some addition. Five boys were placed on the list for the October election, and Bro. Binckes announced that as no other brethren had been nominated for the House and Audit Committees than those who served last year, the old Committees were re-elected. After granting two outfits to former pupils of the Institution, who have obtained situations, the committee adjourned.

COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

THE Committee of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution met on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall, when there were present—Bros. Lieut.-Col. John Creaton Grand Treasurer (in the chair), R. W. Stewart, R. H. Girard, J. Percy Leith, C. G. Dilley, T. Goode, J. A. Farnfield, C. J. Perceval, A. H. Tattershall, T. Cubitt, L. Stean, J. G. Stevens, J. Kench, J. Newton, Jabez Hogg, J. M. Case, Col. Somerville Burney, J. H. Leggott, S. Rawson, W. Hilton, W. Stephens, C. F. Hogard, and Jas. Terry (Secretary). After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, Bro. Terry reported the death of two male and one female annuitants, and submitted to the Committee a return of the successful candidates at the election on the 16th ult. There was no further business before the Committee but the authorisation of the Chairman to sign cheques, and this having been given, the brethren separated.

DR. BARNARDO'S HOME FOR DESTITUTE CHILDREN.

THE Annual Summer Fête in connection with this Charity will take place on Wednesday next, at the Village Home, Barkingside, Ilford, Essex. The Right Hon. the Lord Chancellor will take the chair at three o'clock, and it is expected will be supported by H.R.H. the Duchess and Duke of Teck, the Countess Cairns, the American Minister, the Earl and Countess of Aberdeen, and many others. During the afternoon a bazaar, in aid of the funds of the institution, will be opened in the grounds, and will remain open until the following evening. Various entertainments will be provided by the committee; amongst others items we may mention, that 600 of the children, under the leadership of Mr. Proudman, will sing various pieces, and that the band of the Boys' Home and the Holdfast Hand Bell ringers will play selections of music during the afternoon. There are trains from Liverpool-street (G.E.R.) to Ilford at 1.10, 1.30, 2.0, 3.5, &c., at which station carriages will be in attendance to convey guests to the Home. Special return tickets for the entire journey (1st class 3s, 2nd class 2s 6d) may be obtained beforehand from the Hon. Director, Thos. J. Barnardo, 18 Stepney Causeway, E. We hope that some of our readers may find it convenient to attend the meeting, or in some other way help the committee in their endeavours to provide for the poorest of our East End street Arabs.

The Prov. G. Master of Berks and Bucks, Sir Daniel Gooch, Bart., M.P., has fixed Thursday, the 26th day of June, as the day on which to hold the annual meeting of Prov. G. Lodge, which on this occasion will meet at the County Hall, Abingdon. Prov. G. Lodge will be opened at 1.30, and a banquet will follow at 3 o'clock, at the Council Chamber. Tickets for same (7s 6d) can be procured of Bro. Belcher, Abingdon, and certain of the Prov. Grand Stewards. As is usual on these occasions, the Great Western Railway Company offer special facilities to visitors from various parts of their system.

The annual meeting of the Prov. G. Lodge of Norths and Hunts was held on Thursday, at Wellingborough. In the absence of His Grace the Duke of Manchester, Prov. G. Master, Bro. Butler Wilkins, the Deputy G. Master of the Province, presided, and conferred the Offices for the year. A full report will appear in our next.

The lessees of the Alexandra Palace have granted the use of their cricket ground for a match between "Our Boys" and the "Grocers' Company's School," on Friday, the 20th instant (first day of the Horse Show).

THE GILBERT GREENALL LODGE, No. 1250, WARRINGTON.

THE tenth annual festival of this flourishing Lodge was held on Tuesday last, and there was a goodly gathering of brethren present to celebrate the advent of the new Master, Bro. T. H. Sutton, to the chair. Bro. D. W. Finney P.M. Prov. Grand Steward W.M. took the chair shortly after three o'clock, and the Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last regular meeting read and confirmed. The following brethren were present:—Bros. T. H. Sutton J.W. and W.M. elect, J. Knight, J. H. Galloway Treasurer, S. Wallhead Secretary, Hoult, Domville, Woods P.M., W. Taylor, Green, P. J. Edelsten P.M., W. Pollitt P.M., Jenkins, T. O. Speakman, H. Hind, J. Farrington, J. Baird, J. H. Potter, A. Potter, R. Brierley P.M., J. Hannah, J. R. Jones, J. Jones, J. Smethurst, G. Cropper, G. Fairhurst, J. O'Brien, W. Richardson P.M., H. Houghton, G. Mackey, Hawkins P.M., W. Bolton, A. W. Brundritt, A. G. Webster, J. W. Tonge, D. Hooley, R. Heaton, J. Carrey, W. Reid, G. Auckland, and J. Barlow. Visitors—Bros. H. S. Alpass Prov. Grand Secretary, Dr. John Bowes P.M. P.P.G.J.W. Cumb. and West., J. Pothall P.M. 148, A. Crawford 148, A. E. Ogden W.M. 680, J. R. Young W.M. 148, J. R. Tomlinson P.M. 368, E. C. Cooper Prov. G.S.B., T. Jones 241, W. Bradford 965, W. Leigh W.M. 941, C. E. Hindley S.W. 148. The ceremony of Installation was then proceeded with, the Installing Officer being the retiring W.M. Bro. Sutton was presented by Bros. Edelsten P.M. and W. Woods P.M., and the following brethren were appointed respectively to the offices of S.W., J.W., and I.G. *pro tem* viz.:—R. Brierley P.M., W. Richardson P.M., and Edelsten P.M. In due course a Board of Installed Masters was opened, and Bro. Sutton admitted and installed into the chair of K. S., according to ancient custom. The Board of Installed Masters was then closed, and the rest of the brethren admitted by seniority, and saluted the new W.M. in Masonic form. The following Officers were then invested by Bro. Sutton, viz.:—J. H. Galloway S.W., S. Wallhead J.W., W. Richardson P.M. Treas., D. W. Finney P.M. Sec., T. Hutchinson S.D., G. Cropper J.D., W. Taylor I.G., J. Jones and J. Farrington Stewards, and T. Domville Tyler. The addresses were delivered by the I.M., and at the close of the ceremony, Bro. Richardson rose to propose that the best thanks be given to Bro. D. W. Finney for his services as Installing Master. This was seconded by the W.M., and carried by acclamation, and ordered to be entered upon the minutes. Bro. Finney replied; if the brethren were pleased, he was satisfied. We should not omit to state that before the brethren separated a very handsome P.M.'s jewel was presented to the retiring Master for his services and conduct in the chair during the past twelve months. After some further routine business, the Lodge was duly and solemnly closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Lion Hotel to banquet. Here Bro. Sutton W.M. presided, and was ably supported by most of the above-named brethren, with others. Many good things were provided by the worthy purveyors of the Lion, to which good things, we need scarcely say, most ample justice was done. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to with more than ordinary eloquence. In proposing the health of the W.M. Bro. Alpass took occasion to enforce the duty of Masonic Charity, among other sound and good advice, and we trust, and indeed we feel sure, the good seed thus cast upon the waters will take root downwards, and bear fruit upwards. Our good Bro. Dr. Bowes, too, was happy in his reply for the neighbouring Provinces. After a most successful and happy gathering, the Tyler's toast brought the proceedings of the day to a close, and the brethren separated in perfect harmony, about ten o'clock.

Ancient Ebor Preceptory, No. 101.—The regular meeting of this Preceptory was held at the Masonic Hall, York, on Tuesday. Present—E. Sir Knights J. S. Cumberland E.P., T. B. Whytehead P.E.P. and Reg., and Sir Kts. W. T. Orde-Powlett Constable, G. Simpson Marshall, G. H. Simpson, M. Millington, Turner, L. Murphy, &c. The business was the consideration of the report of the by-laws committee, which was in substance adopted. Comp. Major Shaw Hellier (4th Dragoon Guards) was proposed by the Registrar as a candidate, and the Preceptory was closed. A Priory of Malta was then opened, and the Prior's chair having been assumed by E. Sir Kt. T. B. Whytehead, the degree was conferred on Sir Kts. Millington and Turner.

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The Provincial Grand Lodge will be closed at 3.0, and the Brethren will attend Divine Service in the Parish Church, where, by kind permission of the Rev. L. J Bernays, Rector of Stanmore, a Sermon will be preached by one of the Provincial Grand Chaplains.

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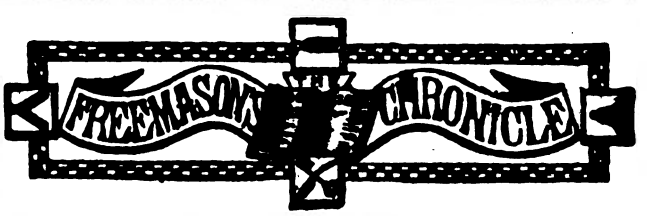
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CONSECRATION OF THE ALFRED LODGE OF MARK MASTERS, No. 247, AT OXFORD.

FOLLOWING immediately upon the most numerously attended and important meeting of the Grand Mark Lodge, held in London, on the 3rd inst., the Consecration of its latest daughter Lodge, the Alfred, No. 247, in the ancient university city of Oxford, on the 5th, was an event of considerable moment to the Order of Mark Masonry. The entire proceedings connected therewith evidenced the fervency and zeal with which the brethren of that most attractive degree "mark well" their appreciation of its merits, and the earnest lessons of brotherly affection and goodfellowship which abound throughout its ceremonies. It is less than a year ago that the Leopold Lodge of Mark Masters, No. 235, was consecrated at Reading, and in that brief space of time, under the able Mastership of Bro. Edward Margrett, Grand Steward, it has become one of the best working Lodges in the Provinces. Under the auspices of that Lodge the Alfred has been established at Oxford, and the Reading and Oxford brethren together provided such an entertainment for

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their numerous distinguished visitors and press representatives invited to the consecration, as in all our experience, which is certainly not slight, we have never before met with. We should be wanting in our duty to our readers if we failed to particularise the devoted efforts of our good brethren to make this occasion one which it should be difficult to forget by any individual recipient of their unbounded hospitality, which extended from the moment of the departure of the Grand Officers' saloon carriage from Paddington, on the first summer's morning of the year 1879, to the evening of the following day. With but one stoppage on the entire journey, for the purpose of receiving the Reading contingent, the train reached the classic "city of pinnacles and groves" long before noon. The conveyances provided at the railway station soon deposited the guests at the hostelry of the Roebuck, where Bro. W. Park and his amiable wife took them over and attended to their creature comforts. A brief rest, a prompt visit to the Masonic Hall for inspection of its admirable proportions and undoubted fitness for Masonic ceremonial, and then Bro. Margrett claimed his prerogative as "guide, philosopher and friend" to "skirmish" through as many of the colleges, and to as many points of interest as the shortness of the interval at his disposal would admit of. Short as that was, however, it sufficed, thanks to the admirable "bump of locality" possessed by our worthy brother, and his indubitable powers as a skilful and rapid skirmisher, to enable him to present many noteworthy objects to his attentive followers, and of these probably that which appealed most strongly to them as Freemasons was the picturesque school's tower and gateway, the facade of which exhibits the five orders of architecture, proceeding upwards from Tuscan to Composite. A repast, which was called a luncheon, but had the unmistakeable characteristics of a sumptuous dinner, awaited the travellers on their return to the Roebuck, after which the serious business of the day was entered upon in good earnest. Having adjourned to the Masonic Hall, in Alfred-street, the brethren promptly assembled, and a Mark Master Masons' Lodge was opened by Bro. Thomas Jell Pulley P.M. 235, Grand Steward, supported by, amongst others, the M.W. Bro. G. R. Portal P.G.M. of England, &c., the V.W. Bro. F. Binckes P.G.S.W. and G.S., the V.W. Bros. James Stevens P.G.J.O., &c. and Rev. J. H. Jukes P.G.C.; the W. Bros. T. Benham P.G.S.D., Robert Berridge G.D.C., D. M. Dewar G. Assist. Secretary, Edward Margrett G. Steward, F. W. Ansell P.P.G.S.W., C. Park P.P.G.S.D. and J. Jenkin P.P.G.S.B., J. M. Dormer, J. T. Stransom, W. Park, J. F. Hughes, C. Stephens, W. Hickin, A. Welch, W. Bailey, R. Bracher, H. O. Crane, W. Hinckley, G. Westall, H. Ayres, C. R. Honey (Chaplain), R. 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Pulley and Margrett carried out the duties of W.M., the number of candidates advanced necessitating a division of labour; and these brethren, ably assisted by the Officers of the Leopold Lodge, performed the beautiful ceremony in the most perfect manner, to the equal surprise and delight of the visitors, who thus had an opportunity of observing how even so young a Lodge could uphold the honour and interests of the Order by devoted attention to its ritual. To each and all, including Chaplain and Organist, the strongest expression of praise and satisfaction is due. The anthems and chants used on this occasion were those of Bro. G. F. Taylor, of Reading. The foregoing ceremony having been completed, the Past Grand Master Bro. Portal and Officers of Grand Lodge were saluted in due form, and the gavel was handed to Bro. Portal, who transferred it to the V.W. Bro. F. Binckes as Consecrating Officer. Bro. Stevens P.G.J.O. officiated as G.S.W., Bro. Margrett as G.J.W., Bro. Berridge as G.D.C. and Bro. Dewar as G.I.G. The ceremony of consecration was then proceeded with, the musical service being delightfully rendered by Bros. W. M. Crane, A. Rowley and H. E. Knowles, of New College, J. S. Hodgson, of Magdalen, and J. Jenkin and W. R. Bowden. The Oration was delivered by the M.W. P.G.M. Bro. Portal, who in a most impressive manner directed the attention of the brethren to the duties inculcated in the Mark degree; and, tracing the progress of Masonic work through the several Craft degrees, urged upon his hearers the benefits of patience and perseverance to secure that reward for their labours which would surely attend their well-directed efforts. He felt assured that such work as they had that day accomplished would be weighed, measured, and rewarded to their ultimate benefit, and referring to peculiar circumstances which surrounded the new Lodge in the City of Oxford, counselled them to preserve the utmost harmony with their sister Lodges in the University. In the very hall in which they were now assembled he had seen Masonic light, more years ago than he cared just now to remember, but during all those years, in the course of which he had been installed into the chair of the Apollo Lodge, it had ever been a great happiness to him to note the progress which had been made in Freemasonry, and to recognise his association with brethren whose names had passed into tradition, but whose labours would never be forgotten. He offered an earnest tribute of respect to the memory of such members of the Order as our late lamented Bros. Spiers and Thomas, whose good works had crowned the edifice of Freemasonry in that city with the splendour of their admirable qualifications; and, congratulating the members of the Alfred Lodge upon the favourable nature of the day's proceedings, concluded an address, which received most earnest attention, by recommending them to ever bear in mind the importance of Mark Masonry, and the admirable lessons which it teaches, and which have hitherto been so well appreciated by all who belong to the Order. The consecration then followed with all its solemn accompaniments, and the Lodge was duly constituted and dedicated to Mark Masonry. The installation of the W.M. designate, Bro. F. W. Ansell P.M. No. 340 (Craft) P.P.G.S.W., was the next ceremony performed by Bro. Binckes, in his customary perfect manner, and the Officers of the Alfred Lodge, No. 247, were then invested in the following order, viz.:—Bros. C. Park S.W., J. Jenkin J.W., T. J. Pulley I.P.M., W. G. Emberlin M.O., J. Reade S.O., H. Birch J.O., F. R. Hall Reg. M., J. J. Hughes S.D., A. Rowley J.D., W. Park Treasurer, J. M. Dormer Secretary, W. R. Bowden Organist, A. Wheeler I.G., G. H. Osmond and J. Seary Stewards, and Norwood Tyler. On the proposition of the W.M., Bro. H.R.H. Prince Leopold was elected first honorary member of the Lodge. A vote of thanks having been passed in recognition of the services of Bros. Portal and Binckes; those brethren, together with Bros. James Stevens, Robert Berridge, D. M. Dewar, T. Benham, Rev. J. H. Jukes and Edward Margrett were unanimously elected honorary members. This compliment to Grand Mark Lodge was acknowledged by Bro. Portal. Bro. Reginald Bird Deputy P.G.M. was also elected an honorary member. A ballot was taken for several joining members; a committee was formed for preparing Bye-laws; several candidates for advancement were proposed; the charity-box circulated, and produced a good contribution as a foundation for the Benevolent Fund; and the business of the Lodge terminated with an enthusiastic and well deserved acknowledgment of the services of the Leopold Lodge, in respect of which no words of ours could possibly express too favourable an opinion. The brethren then separated for a short interval, and soon after 5 p.m. again met in the large dining saloon in the same building, where a "right royal" banquet was served in full University style. To the great regret of all present the P.G.M. Bro. Portal, and Bros. Honey and Jukes Chaplains, were compelled to leave on the cloth being cleared, having important business connected with ecclesiastical work in the city. The W.M. Bro. Ansell proposed The Queen and Mark Masonry, and the toast having been received most loyally, was followed by the "National Anthem." The Most Worshipful Grand M.M.M. Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, and the Past Grand Masters was the next toast, in giving which the W.M. expressed the regret felt by all members of the Order for his Lordship's recent illness, and their hopes for his speedy convalescence. The W.M. also referred to the many services of the P.G.M.'s, and especially to those of the M.W. Bro. Portal, "to whom in connection with the proceedings of this day the Leopold Lodge must ever be indebted." In proposing the next toast, the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand M.M.M. Bro. the Earl of Donoughmore, and Grand Officers Present and Past, the W.M. acknowledged the compliment paid to the Lodge by the presence of so many distinguished brethren who had cheerfully undertaken the journey from London in order to give *éclat* to the consecration of the Lodge, and to show their respect for its promoters and Officers. The thanks voted in the Lodge he now desired to supplement by a further expression of his sense of the services they had rendered, and this he now tendered on behalf of his Officers and the members of the new Lodge. The V.W. Brother James Stevens P.G.J.O. responded, at the request of his brother Grand Officers, and after testifying to the excellence of the work in Lodge, and the courtesy of the members of both the Leopold and Alfred Lodges, said that he considered whatever of obligation there might be as between hosts and guests, it certainly rested upon the latter in recognition of the hearty reception which had been accorded to them. After a glee had been admirably sung by the musical brethren, the W.M. said: "Brethren, I regret to say that I shall have to depart from the order in which the toasts are set out on your programme, as I must study the convenience of the worthy brother who has so ably discharged the most important ceremony of the day. I mean, of course, the Consecrating Officer, the V.W. Bro. F. Binckes Past Grand Warden and Grand Secretary. Bro. Binckes must return to London this evening, and it should be our duty, as well as pleasure, to 'speed his parting' as we have 'welcomed his coming.' The services he has rendered to us to-day I need not now recapitulate. It will suffice to say that his name will be indelibly associated with the future of this Lodge as its Consecrating Officer and first Installing Master, and I now ask you to drink to his health and prosperity." The toast was most cordially received, and Bro. Binckes at once responded, thanking the W.M.'s of both Lodges, the W. Bro. Pulley, and all concerned in the reception of the Grand Officers, for the perfect arrangements which had been made on their behalf, and regretting that he could not extend his visit over the following day, so as to share in the further pleasures which had been designed for himself and colleagues. He desired to express his appreciation of the Masonic work he had witnessed, and the "creature comforts" he had enjoyed. His position in the Order necessarily afforded him many opportunities for visiting, and he was constrained to say that on no occasion had he received from the brethren a more hearty and genial welcome. The services he had rendered, although necessary and above depreciation, were amply rewarded by the fraternal affection which had been exhibited, and the honour done himself and other Grand Officers by their election as honorary members, and the whole proceedings would justify himself and them in fixing the date of the consecration of the Alfred Lodge in their memories as a "red letter day." It gave intense gratification to the heads of the Order to serve Mark Masonry by such discharge of duties, the fulfilment of which ever produces love and zeal amongst the brethren, and meets with due appreciation and the return of kindness for labour rendered. They were not here by a "spasm," but, if needed, were always ready to act up to their obligations in the service of the Order. He thanked the members of both Lodges then present for their compliments, and concluded by proposing the health of the Worshipful Master of the Alfred Lodge, No. 247, and in doing so,

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observed that he paid no idle compliment, or offered any empty eulogy when he referred to the excellent qualifications of W. Bro. Ansell for the first Mastership of the Lodge. He was certain that if the Province had been canvassed throughout no better could have been found for that position. The Mastership of a Mark Masons' Lodge is not a mere question of honour, but requires great and varied qualifications, ability, tact and social and moral distinction; and as he had said at Northampton, so he said here, he would never willingly have a young inexperienced man as a W.M. of any Lodge. In this instance he was proud to say he could, without the least flattery, speak of Bro. Ansell as possessing every qualification the brethren could desire, and he called upon them to drink his health as their W.M. Bro. Ansell, in returning thanks, briefly acknowledged the assistance he had received from the other founders of the Lodge, and assured the brethren that no effort should be spared on his part in promoting its welfare and prosperity. He proposed the health of the W.M., Officers and Brethren of the Leopold Lodge, No. 235, to which toast the Worshipful Master Brother Edward Margrett replied, regretting that having to return that evening to Reading, he could not more fully express his feelings of satisfaction with the success of the endeavours of his Lodge to be of assistance to the Alfred Lodge on this occasion. He felt sure that rivalry between the two Lodges was impossible, and he hoped that the interchange of visits would be frequent. Bros. Binckes and Margrett here bade the brethren farewell, and left for their railway journey. Song, Bro. Crane, "Good bye, Sweetheart, good bye!" Recitation, Bro. Stevens, "Masons' Vows." Toast, "The Honorary Members;" responded to by the W. Bro. R. Berridge G.D.C. Toast, "The Mark Benevolent Fund," proposed by W. Bro. T. J. Pulley, who, in brief terms, explained the nature and object of the fund, and more particularly of the educational branch thereof, recently brought into operation. The G. Assist. Sec., W. Bro. Dewar responded, and, following in the lead of another well-known advocate of charitable efforts, threw out an appeal for a Steward at the ensuing Festival of the "Mark Benevolent," whereupon the W.M. and Bro. C. Park rose simultaneously to offer their services in that capacity. A few fraternal observations resulted in the decision that the W.M. should be the Steward this year, with five guineas on his list from Bro. Park, while Bro. Park would act next year, doubtless with a similar contribution from the W.M. The musical brethren were again called into requisition, and after one or two excellent glees, the W.M. proposed, "The Visiting Brethren," to which W. Bro. Benham W.M. No. 54, Aldershot, made excellent response. The I.P.M. W. Bro. Pulley, in responding to the toast in his honour, thoroughly endorsed all the enthusiastic remarks of former speakers, and felt assured that greater mutual happiness had not been enjoyed in Masonry by all associated with the day's proceedings than had that day been experienced by them. For the Masonic Press, Bro. James (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE) responded, and returned thanks for all the courtesies and kindnesses of which he had been the recipient. "The Officers," "The Stewards," "The Advancees," were toasts which followed rapidly, and found able respondents; more glees were sung, and at length the Tyler received his summons, and, "sorry to part, but hoping to meet again," the brethren drank to the final toast, and dispersed. A highly successful meeting had been brought to a happy conclusion, and Oxford brethren reached their homes at a reasonably early hour. The London guests—well, the inner parlour of the Roebuck, and the hostess thereof, can tell how happy and pleasant an hour was spent therein in recalling the events of the day, and how the liberality of the morning found repetition before the midnight hour sent each worthy brother to seek "tired nature's sweet restorer." On the following morning, the 6th, after a short stroll before breakfast, the W.M., S.W., and Stewards of the Alfred Lodge waited upon their guests, and accompanied them through as much of the city as could be traversed in a morning's walk. Then were pointed out the wonders of the several Colleges, the Sheldonian Theatre, the Martyr's Memorial (typical of, at least, two Masonic virtues, Faith in the person of Ridley, Hope and submission in that of Latimer), the College Gardens, Addison's Walk, Keble College, and other noteworthy places. A slight luncheon with the Senior Warden, a "stirrup cup" with the host and hostess of the Roebuck, and, amidst the hearty salutations of the Oxonians, Master, Warden, Stewards, and members of No. 247, the Londoners embarked on board the screw yacht "Galatea," Bro. G. Westall M.O. 247 Captain and Owner, and, casting off from Salter's boat yard at "high twelve," commenced a pleasant voyage to Reading. To fully describe the pleasurable journey on that delightful summer day, the hilarity of the pleased travellers, the generous provision of the skipper and our worthy Bro. Pulley, the frequent utterances of the "Cuckoo," the stay at Abingdon, the second lunch at the "Ship" at Warmington, and the general delight which each guest experienced throughout the entire distance, would require more space than is at our disposal. It will suffice to say that at Reading a still further reception by Master and Officers of the Leopold Lodge, awaited the Grand Officers, and in the interval between arrival there and departure by the 9.18 train a continuance of the same generous hospitality was experienced. And when at the station hands were thrust forth from the carriage windows to give the last parting grip of fraternal affection and regard, it is very questionable which of the two parties were most to be envied, those who had given, or those who had received. Well might all have said, in the words of a lately published poem*:—

"'Tis time to part; the fleeting hours
Too soon have sped their course along;
Yet surely we have tipped their wings
With golden mirth, and silv'ry song.
Old Time, upon his labouring course
Might pause to gaze on scenes so bright
And hours like these. But, no, he's past,
And we must part—Good night! Good night!"

* "Songs of the Edinburgh Angling Club, 1879."

As in previous years, we take an early opportunity of drawing the attention of our readers to that admirably-conducted Royal Mail Steam Service between Glasgow and the Highlands which has been so deservedly patronised by the British public. The proprietors were Messrs. D. Hutcheson and Co.; the proprietor is Mr. David MacBrayne, and the latter, though reaping all the benefit of his predecessors' experience, is showing, by his own energy and enterprise, that this service cannot do otherwise than go on prospering under his auspices. A few hours instead of, as formerly, several days, now suffices to take the weary Londoner to Glasgow, and once there he will find a Royal Mail Steamer—the Columba, the Iona, the Chevalier, or other—ready at seven a.m. to start for Oban, *viâ* the Crinan Canal, and later in the season *viâ* Lochawe, every day in the week, except Sundays; for Islay every day, with the same exception; for Inverness, &c., &c., on every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday; the return journeys being correspondingly arranged. There will also, as the season advances, be arranged a series of excursions to well-known localities in the Highlands, and as there is no part of the world so deservedly popular with tourists on account of its scenery as the Highlands of Scotland, we are certain they will extend to Mr. MacBrayne the patronage he has so handsomely laid himself out to deserve: A prospectus, with full particulars of the service, and a map showing the different routes, may be had of Messrs. Chatto and Windus, publishers, of 74 Piccadilly; or by post from the proprietor himself, Mr. MacBrayne, of 119 High Street, Glasgow.

We note with pleasure that a Committee of gentlemen has been formed for the purpose of raising and presenting a testimonial to Bro. Tarling, who has lately retired from the Chief Inspectorship of the T. Division of the Metropolitan Police Force. Bro. Tarling's service had endured for seven and twenty years, during fifteen of which he was stationed at Brentford. By his straightforward conduct and strict attention to his duties, by his unflagging zeal, and by the firm but kindly manner in which he fulfilled those duties, he had won for himself the respect of the whole neighbourhood, as well as of the Division of the Force he had latterly presided over. It is in recognition of these valuable services, extending over so many years, that the proposed testimonial is about to be raised, and considering that, in scanning the names of the Committee, we find it composed of gentlemen hailing not only from Brentford, the Head-quarters of the Division, but likewise from Isleworth, Kew, Hounslow, Twickenham, Hanwell, and, in short, from all the neighbourhood round about—we have no manner of doubt that when their labours are complete, it will turn out that the testimonial is one in every way worthy both of the donors and the recipient. We may mention that among the members of the Committee will be found Bros. J. C. Roe, of Turnham Green, Gomm sen., of New Brentford, Stanbury, of the Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, Acworth, of Isleworth, and Cumbers, of Chiswick.

In our last week's issue we inserted an appeal from the brethren of St. John, New Brunswick, for contributions of goods, &c., for a grand fair to raise funds for a new Masonic Temple, to replace that destroyed in the disastrous fire of 1877, which burnt nearly the whole of their city. We shall be pleased to learn that the Masons of this country have responded to this appeal in such a way as to evince that the old country takes an interest in the doings of their Transatlantic brethren. Contributions should be sent to Bro. E. R. Kimpton, 3 Summer-row, Birmingham, or we shall have pleasure in putting them in the right course if left at our office.

The ceremonies of Consecration and Installation will be rehearsed in the Star Lodge of Instruction No. 1275, at the Marquis of Granby, New Cross-road, on Saturday, 14th June, by Bro. James Terry P.G.J.W. Herts, P.M. 228, 1278, 1366, &c. Lodge will be opened at seven o'clock precisely. Brethren are requested to appear in full Craft clothing.

Bro. H. Cavendish, the courteous and genial chairman of the Royal Music Hall, Holborn, announces that his benefit will take place on the 26th inst., on which occasion, in addition to the talented company of the establishment several well-known celebrities in the profession have volunteered their services.

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NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.—At Bro. Spurgin's, The Sportsman, City-road, on Monday, the 9th inst. Present—Bros. McMillan W.M., Willison S.W., Halle J.W., Fenner Sec., Isaac acting Preceptor, Kidder S.D., Parkinson I.G; also Bro. Patrick. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Patrick acting as candidate. Bro. Fenner worked the first and third sections of the lecture. Bro. Patrick, of Upton Lodge No. 1227, was elected a member, after which Lodge was closed.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—The brethren met at Bro. Fysh's, the Jolly Farmers, on Saturday the 7th inst., under the able presidency of Bro. J. A. Powell, assisted by Bros. McMillan S.W., C. Lorkin J.W., Fenner Sec., Hallam acting Preceptor, Brasted S.D., J. Lorkin J.D., Carr I.G., also Bros. Stock, Ross, Cuthbertson, Fidler, Brand, Fysh, Davis, and Giller. After preliminaries the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Fidler candidate. Bro. Hallam worked the first, fourth, fifth, and sixth sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. McMillan was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week.

St. Michael's Lodge of Instruction, No. 211.—A meeting was held on Thursday, at the George Tavern, Australian-avenue, Barbican. Present—Bros. W. Radcliffe W.M., Dr. Waters S.W., Usher Bach J.W., W. W. Morgan Sec., W. E. Young S.D., A. Withers J.D., F. J. Hentsch I.G.; Past Master Bro. G. King Preceptor; Greenwood, Jaques, &c. Business—Lodge opened and minutes were confirmed. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremonies of initiation and passing, Bros. Jaques and Greenwood candidates respectively. The first section of the second lecture was worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. Dr. Waters was elected to preside at the next meeting, when Bro. Preceptor King has kindly consented to rehearse the installation ceremony. The Charity Association in connection with this Lodge of Instruction is making steady progress.

Yarborough Lodge, No. 554.—The brethren of this Lodge, who were only released from their Masonic labour for the season last month, responded to a summons for an emergency meeting on the 5th inst., at the Green Dragon, Stepney, E. Lodge was opened in due form by the W.M. Bro. J. Hansen Thorn, assisted by Bros. T. S. Taylor S.W., E. W. Walter J.W., W. Cross J.D., J. Lineker I.G., J. Taylor D.C., J. R. Shingfield W.S., C. T. Speight Tyler. There were also present Past Masters Bros. H. Cotter I.P.M., G. W. Verry Secretary, J. G. Stevens, J. J. Berry, &c. and many brethren and visitors. The circular convening the meeting having been read, Bros. W. Sparks and W. Howes were tested, and having proved themselves deserving, were entrusted, and afterwards raised to the degree of M.M. Bro. C. Allen next proved himself efficient, and was passed to the F.C. degree. The brethren next elected, by ballot, Messrs. F. S. Allen, S. Allen and R. Lines as eligible candidates for Freemasonry, and those gentlemen were duly initiated into the first mysteries of the Order. We have had an opportunity of seeing Bro. Thorn's working previously, and must congratulate him upon so successful a discharge of his onerous duties, the initiation ceremony being especially well rendered. Praise is also due to the Officers for their share in the work, which, although lasting over three hours, was not marred by any slips. Bro. P.M. Berry rendered good service in the Deacon's duties. The business for which the meeting was summoned having been performed, Lodge was closed in due form, and adjourned. The W.M. having invited the brethren to partake of some refreshment, they repaired to the banqueting-room, where, after paying due attention to the good cheer prepared by Bro. Walter, a very agreeable evening was spent. The W.M., taking advantage of this being an off-night, wisely contented himself by only giving a few of the usual toasts, thereby allowing time for some excellent songs and recitations. Among the latter may be mentioned "The Soldier's Pardon," from Bro. Keeble; "The Bonfire on Craig Gowan," from Bro. Lineker; and one by Bro. J. G. Stevens, from Hood's Oddities. The songs of the following brethren also were much enjoyed:—Bro. Lines, "Sally in our Alley;" Bro. Sparks, "When other Lips;" the W.M.'s rendering of Molloy's "Vagabond;" Bro. Speight's "Entered Apprentice Song;" Bro. J. J. Berry, "Happy we've been altogether," &c. Having observed how efficiently Bro. Seddon Organist accompanied the ceremonies in the Lodge, we could but regret the absence of his able accompaniment to enhance the musical efforts of the brethren. During post prandial proceedings, Bro. Shingfield earned the thanks of the brethren by his untiring discharge of his duties as Steward. Among the Visitors were Bros. H. Taylor S.W. 1421, Biggs J.D. 1421, Keeble 174, Carrociero I.G. 1806, G. H. Stephens, &c.

Doric Lodge of Instruction, No. 933.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Friday, 6th June, at the Duke's Head, Whitechapel-road. Present—Bros. Waterer W.M., Friedeberg S.W., Green J.W., Stephens S.D., Slaiter J.D., McDonald I.G., C. H. Webb acting Preceptor, W. Musto Hon. Sec., Burr, Johns, &c. Lodge was opened in due form, and, the minutes of previous meeting confirmed, the W.M. worked the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Musto candidate. Bro. Stephens then worked the 4th, 5th, 6th, and 7th sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren in all but the 7th, in which Bro. P.M. Webb alone assisted. After usual formalities, Bro. Friedeberg was elected to the chair for the ensuing week, and Lodge was closed and adjourned.

Lord Warden Lodge, No. No. 1096.—This Lodge held its usual meeting on Friday, the 6th inst. There were present—Bro. John Leggett W.M., E. Kirby I.P.M. and Treas., J. B. Harrisson P.M. Prov. Grand Chap., A. H. Des Barres P.M., T. Ayling P.M. Prov. G.D.C., T. J. Usher P.M. P.P.G.R. Secretary, F. R. England as S.W., John Carpenter J.W., W. Carterfield S.D., W. Ryder J.D., F. Haalip I.G., G. Rivers Steward, W. T. Pritchard, A. C. Green, S. Willey, Geo. Band, and S. Holgate Tyler. Visiting Bro. Crutchley Domatic 177. Lodge opened, minutes were read and confirmed. Bro. Kirby I.P.M., in an eloquent and impressive manner, gave the whole of the lecture in the first degree. A brother was proposed as joining member. Lodge closed, and the brethren spent a most enjoyable hour together.

Grey Friars Lodge, No. 1101.—This Lodge held its monthly meeting on Wednesday, 11th June, at the Masonic Hall, Reading. Present—Bros. William George Flanagan W.M., J. Early Danks S.W., E. Margrett P.M. acting J.W., William P. Ivey P.M. Sec., E. J. Blackwell S.D., R. C. Prickett acting J.D., John H. Hawkes Steward, E. J. Pulley acting I.G., W. Hemmings Tyler; Past Master Bro. A. Welch I.P.M. Members—Bros. Hunt, Bailey, Ravenscroft. Business—The Lodge was opened, and minutes of last regular Lodge were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Bro. Watkins 1101 as joining member, and for Mr. Albert Wheatley for initiation; both were unanimously elected. Bro. Margrett P.M. nominated, and Bro. Danks S.W. seconded, Bro. Stransom as Treas. for the ensuing year. Both the brethren spoke in eulogistic terms of Bro. Stransom's good management of the finances of the Lodge. Bro. Hunt announced that this would be the last time he should meet the members of the Grey Friars Lodge, as before the next meeting he would be on his way to Australia. He thanked the brethren for the kindness and courtesy he had received, and although he should be on the other side of the globe, he would never forget the brotherly feeling that had been extended towards him in his mother Lodge. The Secretary, as the senior member of the Lodge, expressed his and the members' regret at losing Bro. Hunt, and assured him he would carry with him to the Antipodes the hearty good wishes of every member for his prosperity. Bro. Bailey proposed, and Bro. Pulley seconded, Bro. Arthur V. Beeton, No. 204, Past Sec., as a joining member. The W.M. stated that he had an interview with Bro. Oades W.M. of 414, and it was arranged that the increased rent of the hall, &c., should commence from Christmas last. The labours of the evening being ended, the Lodge was closed according to ancient form, and adjourned till the second Wednesday in October next.

Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611.—On Monday evening there was a good muster of brethren and visitors of this Lodge at the Queen's Hotel, York, the following being present:—Bros. J. S. Cumberland W.M., T. B. Whytehead I.P.M., C. G. Padel S.W., J. T. Seller J.W., G. Balmford P.M. Treas., J. Kay Sec., T. Humphries Assist. Sec., M. Millington S.D., W. P. Husband as J.D., G. Simpson M.C., A. T. B. Turner Assist. M.C., G. H. Simpson Org., J. Blenkin I.G., P. Pearson Tyler, J. E. Wilkinson, R. Ware, H. Jackson, C. Blackstone, Abbey, Atkinson, Girling, Yorke, &c. Visitors—Bros. J. W. Walson W.M. (Palatine 97), R. Hudson P.M. (Fenwick 1389), W. Bentley W.M. (Fenwick 1389), F. Maddison P.M. (Fenwick 1389), Prov. G.S.D. Durham, H. Tomkinson (1389) and 97), J. B. Somerset (St. Patrick's 295), H. A. Lewis (St. Patrick 295), J. Sampson (York 236), &c. The business consisted in passing Bro. Dyson to the degree of Fellow Craft, and raising Bro. Briggs to the third degree, the ceremonies being ably performed by the W.M., assisted by the I.P.M. The W.M. then presented to the Lodge, on behalf of the author, a large and elaborate plan of Ancient Roman Eboracum and Mediæval and Modern York, for which valuable and interesting gift the thanks of the brethren were accorded. Bro. T. B. Whytehead then presented, on behalf of the W. Bro. A. M. Broadley, and the brethren of the Ancient Carthage Lodge, No. 1717, a copy of the Constitutions done into Italian for the use of the brethren at Tunis, and it was ordered that a letter of thanks be forwarded to the donors. A committee, consisting of the W.M. and Officers of the Lodge, was appointed to make preparations for the reception of Provincial Grand Lodge in the autumn, and after hearty good wishes the Lodge was closed, the W.M. announcing that in future he purposed calling monthly emergency Lodges for instruction purposes.

West Smithfield Lodge of Instruction, No. 1623.—This young and flourishing Lodge met to work the Sections on Monday, the 9th inst., at the New Market Hotel, Snow-hill, E.C. It was the third time the Sections had been worked here in their entirety, and on the last occasion they were worked by Bro. Stephens, who with Bro. Lardner, who was the W.M. on this occasion, are fellow-initiates of the mother Lodge. It reflects great credit on the Instruction Lodge and its worthy Preceptor, Bro. Pennefather P.M., that two young Masons should be able to acquit themselves so efficiently, and that in connection with their own Lodge. Bro. H. J. Lardner was supported by Bros. G. H. Stephens S.W., W. Stuart P.M. J.W, W. Pennefather I.P.M., E. Mallet Secretary, J. Jackson S.D., Whadcoat J.D., Tremear I.G., and a numerous assemblage of brethren. Lodge was opened in due form, and all formalities having been observed, the Fifteen Sections were worked by the following brethren. Bros. Stephens, Pennefather, Tilling, Cox, Moss, Rumbold, Stephens, Jackson, Martin, Tate, Davis, Davison, Brown, Stuart, Davis. Lodge was resumed, and Bro. Stephens elected to the chair for the ensuing meeting. A vote of thanks was then passed, and ordered to be recorded on the minutes, to the W.M. for his excellent conduct of the business of the evening. A vote of thanks was also tendered to the brethren who so ably worked the Sections, including a recognition of the services of Bros. G. H. Stephens in the S.W., and W. Stuart P.M. in the J.W. chairs. Bros. Hallam, Whadcoat, Davis, Martin, Dickinson, Cox, and Tremear were duly elected members, and after expressions of good will from the visiting brethren, Lodge was closed.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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SATURDAY, 14th JUNE.

196—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
1607—Loyalty, Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill, N.
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.

1391—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester.
1415—Campbell, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court.
1684—Loyalty and Charity, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge.
1637—Unity, Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore
K. T.—Faith, Masonic Rooms, 20 King-street, Wigan.

MONDAY, 16th JUNE.

45—Strong Man, Sportsman, City-road, at 8. (Instruction.)
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.)
1260—John Hervey, Albion Hall, London Wall, E.C., at 7.30. (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.)
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.)

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. Cuthbergs, Masonic Hall, Wimborne.
623—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
925—Bedford, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
934—Merit, Derby Hotel, Whitefield.
1030—Egerton, George Hotel, Wellington Road, Heaton Norris, near Stockport.
1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland.
1141—Mid Sussex, Assembly Rooms, Horsham.
1170—St. George, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
1199—Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congresbury.
1208—Corinthian, Royal Hotel, Pier, Dover.
1238—Gooch, Albany Hotel, Twickenham.
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction.)
1502—Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
R. A. 139—Paradise, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
R. A. 345—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Blackburn.
R. A. 482—St. James, New Inn, Handsworth.
R. A. 779—St. Augustine, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
M. M. 141—Skelmersdale, Pitt and Nelson Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne.

TUESDAY, 17th JUNE.

Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7. (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Lendenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
141—Faith, 3 Westminster-chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney. (Instruction.)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8. (Instruction.)
1339—Stockwell, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell.
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1360—Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, Battersea Park, at 8. (Instruction.)
1420—Earl Spencer, Swan Hotel, Battersea Old Bridge, S.W.
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1471—Islington, Three Bucks, 23 Gresham-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1507—Metropolitan, 269 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8. (In.)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30. (Inst.)
R. A. 933—Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
R. A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction.)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30.

213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich.
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30. (Instruction)
248—True Loveand Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon.
418—Menturia, Mechanics' Institute, Hanley.
453—Frederick of Unity, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon.
667—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1006—Tregullow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrier, Cornwall.
1052—Callender, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
1276—Warren, Stanley Arms Hotel, Seacombe, Cheshire.
1325—Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1427—Percy, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle.
1470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable.
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 8. (Instruction.)
1534—Concord, George Hotel, Prestwich.
1551—Charity, Masonic Hall, New-street. Birmingham.
1570—Prince Arthur, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool.
1764—Eleanor Cross, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton.
R. A. 419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton.

WEDNESDAY, 18th JUNE.

Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, W.C. 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.)
228—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8. (In.)
538—La Tolerance, Green Dragon, 3 Maddox-street, W., at 7.45. (Inst.)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E., at 7.30. (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. at 8. (Instruction.)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8. (Instruction.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8. (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-road, Holloway, at 8. (Instruction.)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8. (Instruction.)
1558—Duke of Connaught, Class Room, Sutherland Chapel, Walworth, at 8. (In.)
R. A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8. (Instruction.)
R. C.—St Andrew, Cafe Royal, Regent-street, W.

20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham.
121—Mount Sinai, Public-buildings, Penzance.
200—Old Globe, Private Rooms, Globe-street, Scarborough.
221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton.
325—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford.
581—Faith, Drover's Inn, Openshaw.
591—Buckingham, George Hotel, Aylesbury.
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction.)
633—Yarborough, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
779—Ferrers and Ivanhoe, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
874—Holmesdale, Royal Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells.
969—Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Workington.
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction.)
1019—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.
1040—Sykes, Masonic Hall, Driffield, Yorks.
1086—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.
1161—De Grey and Ripon, Denmark Hotel, Lloyd-street, Greenheys, Manchester
1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. Germains, Cornwall.
1301—Brighouse, Masonic Room, Bradford-road, Brighouse.
1337—Anchor, Masonic Rooms, Durham House, Northallerton.
1353—Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster.
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1443—Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon.
1501—Wycombe, Town Hall, High Wycombe.
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull.
1634—Starkie, Railway Hotel, Ramsbottom.
R. A. 258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike.
R. A. 591—Buckingham, George Hotel, Aylesbury.

THURSDAY, 19th JUNE. [ooding

House Committee, Girls' School, at 4.
3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8. (Instruction.)
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction.)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8. (Instruction.)
211—St. Michael, George, Australian Avenue, Barbican, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8. (Instruction.)
1227—Upton, Spotted Dog, Upton, E.
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, E.C. at 6.30. (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. 1159—Marquis of Dalhousie, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-sq., 4.30 (Consec.)
M. M.—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-road, Dalston, at 8.30. (Inst.)

56—Howard, High-street, Arundel.
98—St. Martin, Town Hall, Bursiem.
100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor Hotel, Quay, Great Yarmouth.
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
268—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, George-street, Ashton-under-Lyne.
343—Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Starkie-street, Preston.
345—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Church-street, Blackburn.
367—Probity and Freedom, Red Lion Inn, Smallbridge.
523—John of Gaunt, Freemasons' Hall, Halford-street, Leicester.
600—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
1011—Richmond, Crown Hotel, Blackfriars-street, Salford.
1042—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds.
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction.
1299—Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, near Liverpool.
1320—Blackheath, Green Man, Blackheath.
1327—King Harold, Britannia Hotel, Waltham New Town.
1332—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon.
1612—West Middlesex, Feathers Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
R. A. 63—St. Mary, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge.
R. A. 1385—Gladsmuir, Red Lion, Barnet
K. T.—William de la More, Town Hall, Bootle.

FRIDAY, 20th 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. (Instruction.)
766—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. 8. (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.)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1288—Finsbury Park M.M., Earl Russell, Isledon-road, N. at 8. (Instruction.)
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1642—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 8.0. (Inst.)
London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-street, E.C., at 6.
R. A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8. (Inst.)
R. A. 1471—North London, Crown and Woolpack, St. John-st.-rd., at 8. (Inst.)
M. M. 101—Macdonald, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.

152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
347—Noah's Ark, Wagon and Horses Hotel, Tipton.
516—Phœnix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket.
541—De Loraine, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
993—Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Levenshulme.
1096—Lord Warden, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal.
1311—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds.
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
1644—Alma Mater, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7.
R. A. 61—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax.
R. A. 403—Hertford, Shire Hall, Hertford.
R. A. 521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.
R. A. 837—Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon.
R. A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, at 5.30.
R. C.—White Rose of York, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.

SATURDAY, 21st JUNE.

196—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)
1641—Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.

R. A. 908—Affability, Station House Hotel, Bottoms, Stanafield

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Derwent Lodge, No. 40.—A meeting was held on Monday, 9th inst., at the Castle Hotel, Hastings. Present—Bros. W. Glenister W.M., F. Rossiter S.W., A. Wells J.W., Geo. Wellerd Treas., T. H. Cole P.P.G.A.D.C. Sussex and P.M. 40 Sec., Capt. Hennek S.D., G. M. Williams J.D., Dr. Trollope P.P.G.S.W. Sussex D.C., F. Cooper I.G., J. Attersell Tyler. Past Masters Bros. Rev. E. F. Cave Browne Cave P.P.G. Chaplain Sussex, C. Duke P.P.G.I.G. Sussex and P.M. 40, C.M. Morris, J. Dorman, and a numerous attendance of the members. Visitors—Bros. Biggs P.P.G.S.W. of Wilts and P.P.G. Sec. of Berks and Bucks, T. O'Connor 352, J. Fisher 1,184, J. Garrod 754, &c. The Lodge was opened punctually at seven o'clock; the minutes of last Lodge meeting having been confirmed, and other preliminaries duly observed, the Lodge was advanced to the third degree, and Bros. Nash and Hudson were raised by the W.M. in a most able and impressive manner. The Lodge was closed in the third and second degrees; the names of two gentlemen were given in as candidates

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for Freemasonry; and the Lodge was closed in ancient form. The brethren adjourned for refreshment, which was served up in excellent style by the host, Bro. Gaze. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts followed. The health of the W.M. was proposed in eulogistic terms, and he, in replying, said that since he had had the honour to preside over the Derwent Lodge, it was at all times his desire to preserve order; he was pleased to say he was ably assisted in that duty by his officers. He earnestly impressed upon the brethren the necessity of silence out of the Lodge in respect to Masonic matters, the discussion of which led to a great deal of harm. He next gave the health of the Visitors, coupling with it the names of Bros. Biggs and Garrod. It always gave him great pleasure to see visitors around him. Bro. Biggs was well known to them, as one of the most earnest and energetic of Masons, and one who had distinguished himself not only in this county but in others. Bro. Garrod he had also known for some time, and was pleased to see in the Masonic Papers his name frequently mentioned in connection with the Charities. Bro. Biggs, in replying, said it gave him great pleasure to be once more a visitor at the Lodge. He had watched its career from an early date, and it had always been one of the foremost in the Province. The present W.M. not only discharged his own duties in a masterly manner, but was able, if necessary, to instruct his officers. Bro. Garrod, after expressing a well-merited compliment on the admirable working, stated he was pleased to find they had in connection with their Lodge a Charitable Association. He hoped every Lodge that had not already formed such a fund would follow the example. Other toasts followed, several excellent songs were sung, and a very pleasant evening was spent, the brethren dispersing at a reasonable hour.

Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, No. 65.—At Bro. Maidwell's,, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, 10th June. Present—Bros. Moss W.M., Daniel S.W., Valentine J.W.; Bros. Maidwell, Roberts, Holland, Gladwell. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed. Bro. Roberts answered the questions leading to the third, was entrusted, and duly raised to the sublime degree. The Lodge was closed in the third and second degrees. Bro. Daniel was elected W.M. for the ensuing Tuesday, 17th June, when P.M. Brown, of the mother Lodge, will draw his ballot for Life Memberships of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. We hope he will be well supported.

St. John's Lodge, No. 167.—This Lodge held its regular meeting on Tuesday, the 10th instant, at the Holly Bush Tavern, Hampstead. Bros. John Yeoman W.M., Muller S.W., C. Davis J.W., J. R. Thompson P.M. Secretary, Eldridge P.M. as S.D., J. G. Humphrey I.G., Steedman P.M. Tyler; P.M.'s J. T. Rowe, H. Hollis, T. A. Adams P.G.P., J. M. Jackson, Davis, and Bros. States, Sanker, Sandell, Cattermole, Paul Storr, Gianelli, J. Potter, E. Storr, Robinson, &c. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. Bro. G. Sandell was passed to the second degree by Bro. Hollis P.M. The W.M. then resumed the chair, and Bro. Edwin Storr having satisfactorily answered the necessary questions, was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason, perfectly and impressively. The W.M. gave the Traditional History. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren sat down to a very excellent and substantial dinner, provided by the worthy host, Bro. Froud. After grace had been said the Worshipful Master proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. The Worshipful Master felt a pride in proposing the toast of the Grand Officers, and considered he was specially honoured in being able to associate with the toast the name of one whom they all respect—an old and valued P.M., who had occupied the position of Grand Pursuivant. He referred to Bro. T. A. Adams, who he hoped would be spared for many years to be among them. Bro. T. A. Adams P.G.P., in his reply, referred to his long connection with the Lodge, he having been a member for twenty-seven years. The Lodge had during that term progressed in every respect, and must continue to do so as long as it is worked as ably as at present; it had greatly increased in numbers. When he was Master he remembered they did not number more than twelve; then there was but little working, but now it was very different, for their working was equal to any he had witnessed in the Craft. The W.M. proposed the toast of the Visitors. They had brethren present whom they were proud to see; one was a distinguished brother from America, another, Bro. H. M. Levy, known to many present in connection with the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE; he would be pleased to associate their names with the toast. Bros. Slater, Davis, and H. M. Levy responded; the latter felt it a great pleasure to hear that the various matters touched upon in the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE were so freely discussed, and apparently with so much satisfaction to the members. He, as well as the other Visitors, complimented the Lodge on having so excellent a W.M. and Officers. Bro. Rowe I.P.M. felt it a great pleasure to propose the health of the W.M.; he might say few Lodges could boast of a better one. Bro. Yeoman is not only a good working Mason, but his genial presidency had endeared him to them all. The W.M., in replying, thanked Bro. Rowe and the brethren for their hearty reception of the toast; his heart and soul was in Freemasonry. The manner he he was spoken of would incite him to do all he could for the St. John's Lodge, and he hoped when he left the chair he should have the cordial approbation of every member; his great aim was for the benefit of the Lodge. The Tyler's toast was given, and the brethren separated early. The W.M., Bros. P. Storr, Slater, and E. Storr favoured with some excellent recitations and songs. The Visitors were W. Slater No. 2, John Davis 872, Cull J.W. 1416, and H. M. Levy P.M. 188.

Devonshire Lodge, No. 625.—The regular monthly meeting of this Lodge was held at the Norfolk Hotel, Glossop, on Wednesday, 4th June. Present—Bros. J. Collier W.M., T. Dearnaley I.P.M., D. A. Davis S.W., Wright Booth J.W., W. Thorpe Treasurer, S. Collier Secretary, T. Dearnaley P.M. as S.D., W. Swire as I.G., W. Fielding Tyler; Bros. Jas. Merry P.M., J. Pollett, S. Mather, S. Robinson, E. Williams, J. Hallam, C. Greaves, S. Rowbotham, M. Walton, H. Patchett, C. Davies, W. H. Irlam, Dr. Andrew, G. Barlow, Walter Fielding, J. Cooper (Steward). Visitors—Bros. S. Whitehead P.M. 654 P.P.G.J.D., J. Barrowby P.M. 654 P.P.G.R., T. Drew P.M. 172 P.P.G.O., J. H. Jackson W.M. 654, Jas. Whitehead S.W. 654, A. Sturgeon 77. The Lodge was opened in due form, at 6.30 p.m., the minutes of the last regular meeting were confirmed. Bros. Greaves and Rowbotham having proved their proficency for the second degree were prepared. The Lodge was opened in the second, and the brethren passed in ancient form by the W.M. Bro. E. Williams was then presented as a candidate for the third, and proving efficient, was entrusted. The Lodge was raised, the candidate re-admitted, and admitted to the privileges of a Master Mason. Both ceremonies were performed in an excellent and impressive manner by the W.M. It was unanimously resolved that a picnic to Chatsworth be arranged to take place the last week in the month, and a Committee were appointed to make satisfactory arrangements. After some other preliminary business, hearty good wishes were expressed, and the Lodge closed in due form at 9 p.m. The brethren adjourned to the banquetting-room, and after partaking of an excellent supper, the W.M. proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts with musical honours. Bro. Davis S.W., in proposing the health of the W.M., rejoiced in the privilege of doing so. The W.M. and himself had worked side by side for many years, he could bear testimony to the zeal and assiduity with which the W.M. undertook the duties—it was no easy task to do so much work as had been done in one night—and the brethren would endorse his opinion that the W.M. had performed his task in excellent style. He asked the brethren to drink most cordially the health of the W.M. After a song from Bro. Fielding, the W.M. briefly thanked the brethren for the cordial manner in which they had drunk his health; he did not think himself worthy of the eulogium expressed by the S.W.; owing to being rather unwell he did not feel in form, but had presided to the best of his ability; it had ever been his study to further the interest of the Craft. He had served all the minor offices, and considered it as a great privilege to preside over so numerous and truly Masonic a body of members. It was his opinion that every brother desirous of attaining high office should first go through inferior duties, and thus become fully acquainted with every office. He thanked the brethren most heartily for their good feeling, and hoped to prove himself worthy of the honourable position. Bro. Booth J.W., in proposing the health of the Visitors, could assure them that the Lodge was not wanting in hospitality. The members were always pleased to see visiting brethren amongst them. They considered themselves fortunate on the present occasion in having the presence of several Provincial Grand Officers, and trusted to see them again. Song by Bro. Dr. Andrew. Bros. Whitehead, Barrowby and Jackson responded, and expressed their pleasure in visiting the Devonshire Lodge, and also to bear testimony to the excellent working of the Officers. They hoped good feeling would continue among the neighbouring Lodges, and trusted all would remain good friends, and show that, although in a remote part of the Province, they were not wanting in charitable and other Masonic work. Bro. Whitehead P.P.G.J.D., in feeling terms, proposed the health of the S.W., J.W. and other Officers. He had never seen better Officers during his Masonic career, which proved that the Lodge would prosper. He hoped to see them again. Song by Bro. Hodgson. Bros. Davis S.W. and W. Booth J.W. responded. Bro. T. Drew P.P.G.O. favoured with a song, accompanying himself on the piano. After several other toasts were given and responded to, the Tyler was summoned to give the last, and a pleasant evening was brought to a close.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—Held its weekly meeting on Tuesday, at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall Road, Dalston. Present—Bros. Polak W.M., Clark S.W., Forss J.W., Wardell S.D., J. Lorkin J.D., Smyth Treas. I.G., Dallas Sec., P.M. Wallington Preceptor; Christian, Morgan, Carr, Weige, and others. Bro. Morgan answered the necessary questions, and the Lodge being advanced, the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. The Lodge was closed to the first degree, and called from labour to refreshment. After resuming, Bro. J. Lorkin worked the second and fourth sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Greenwood, of Lodge 1623, was elected a member. Bro. Clark will preside next Tuesday evening.

Whittington Lodge of Instruction, No. 862.—A meeting was held on Wednesday, 11th June, at Bro. Hyde's, Red Lion, Poppins-court, Fleet-street. Present—Bros. Marston W.M., Hallam S.W., Brown J.W., Lardner S.D., Vizzard J.D., Pate I.G., Past Master Bro. Long Preceptor, Abell, Hyde, and others. The ceremony of passing was performed by the W.M. in his best manner, Bro. Vizzard acting as candidate. The whole of the lecture was then worked by the brethren, the questions being put by Bros. Hallam and Lardner, the first named of whom will work the Fifteen Sections in this Lodge on Wednesday, the 25th instant, at seven o'clock. Bro. Hallam was also appointed W.M. for next meeting, and the Lodge was closed.

Amherst Lodge, No. 1223.—The fourth meeting of this influential Lodge for the present session was held on Saturday, the 7th inst., at the King's Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent. Present:—Bros. William C. Banks W.M., C. J. Dodd S.W., R. Durtnell P.M. Treasurer, J. H. Jewell P.M. P.G.O. Kent Secretary, Smalman Smith S.D., Thomas J. Baker J.D., S. Lavis D.C., Alfred S. Owen I.G., H. L. Hall Steward, R. B. Newsome P.M. P.P.G.S.B. Kent, Edward J. Dodd P.M., P. M. Hadley, T. Cressell, John Waller, John Morgan; Visitors—Bros. John G. Horsey J.W. Sackville No. 1619,

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and James W. Lambert P.M. 142. The Lodge was opened with solemn prayer at 3.30 p.m. The Secretary informed the brethren that the W.M. had placed in his hands, as a present to and for the use of the Lodge, a very handsome pair of compasses. A vote of thanks for the same was passed, and duly recorded upon the minutes. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Mr. Charles Edward Birch and Mr. Thomas Fishenden, which proved unanimous in both cases. Bro. John Morgan was then entrusted; the Lodge was opened in the second, when he was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. The Lodge was then resumed to the first, when Mr. C. E. Birch was regularly initiated into Freemasonry. Both ceremonies were rendered in a very impressive manner; indeed, the greatest credit is due to the Master and Officers of this Lodge for the painstaking manner in which the work is performed. There were three other candidates on the summons for initiation, who were unavoidably prevented from attending, as also was the J.W., whose chair was taken by Bro. P.M. Newsome. A notice of motion for the removal of the Lodge was given by P.M. Dodd, after which the Lodge was closed in perfect harmony, and the brethren adjourned to a substantial banquet, at which the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. A most enjoyable evening closed the proceedings of the day.

Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction, No. 1298.—A meeting was held on 6th inst., at the Alwyne Castle, Canonbury. Present—Bros. Chant W.M., Mendelsohn S.W., Rowley J.W., G. H. Hunter Secretary *pro tem*, Ager S.D., Boas J.D., Cull Preceptor, Williams I.G., and other members whose names were duly entered in the attendance book. The business comprised the rehearsal of the initiation ceremony, and the working, by the Preceptor, of the first, second, third, and fourth sections of the first Lecture.

Lodge of Asaph, No. 1319.—This Lodge, which is confined to members of the musical and theatrical profession, met on Monday, 9th June, at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street. Present—Bros. G. Buckland W.M., E. Swanborough S.W., Wellard J.W., C. Coote P.M. Treasurer, E. S. Jones P.M. Secretary, H. Cox S.D., J. Maclean as J.D., Delevante as I.G., C. Tinney Org., Gilbert P.G.T. Middlesex Tyler; Past Masters C. Coote, James Weaver Tinney, Jekyll, Frewin, &c.; Bros. L. Brough, Hitchins, Clifford, Baker, Smith, Temple, Emery, Hemming, Percy, Fogarty, Burgess, Kent, Humphrey, McKay, Carter, H. Ashley, Henson, Chamberlain, &c. Visitors—Bros. J. R. Paulton, Low 1589, H. Parry 1679, Mercer 1609, Simon Dramatic (Glasgow), R. P. Emery 167, and H. M. Levy P.M. 188. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. Ballots were taken for the admission of Messrs. G. Griffiths, G. J. Taylor, and R. D. Albertson (Globe Theatre), which were unanimously in their favour, and the two latter gentlemen being in attendance were duly initiated into the Order, the W.M. performing the ceremony perfectly and impressively, in such a way as was most pleasurable, each officer being proficient. Bro. H. Parry, Crusaders Lodge No. 1677, was elected a joining member. A sum of twenty guineas was voted from the funds of the Lodge to the widow of a brother who died on Friday last, he but one week since having been relieved with a sum of ten guineas. Bro. C. Coote P.M. proposed, and Bro. J. Maclean seconded, that a letter of condolence be sent to the widow of the late Bro. John Caulfield, which was unanimously carried. A letter couched in feeling and graceful terms was read from Bro. H. Marsh (Henry Marston, the celebrated tragedian), thanking the W.M. and brethren for their kindness in the Lodge, and their support in securing his election to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Several propositions for initiation and joining were handed in to the Secretary, and a notice of motion respecting an alteration of the Bye-Laws connected with Charity, for which this Lodge is to be highly commended, was given by Bro. James Weaver P.P.G. Org. Middlesex, and then Lodge was closed until the first Monday in July.

Friars Lodge of Instruction, No. 1349.—Held at Bro. Pavitt's, the Liverpool Arms, Barking-road, E., Tuesday, 10th inst. Present—Bros. Pavitt W.M., Lloyd S.W., Johnson J.W., Smith S.D., Holloway J.D., Spencer I.G., Worsley Sec., P.M. Musto Preceptor; also Bros. McDonald, Glasspool, Andrews, Barker, Rawe, White, Sadler, Watkins, Campbell, and Anderson. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Glasspool having answered the necessary questions, the Lodge was opened in the second, and the ceremony was rehearsed, Bro. Glasspool being the candidate. The first, second, and third sections of the lecture were worked by the Secretary, and the fourth by Bro. Smith. Bro. Andrews kindly assisted as Preceptor in the first three sections, when, Bro. Musto arriving, he assumed his regular position as regards the fourth. On the Lodge being closed down, Bros. Glasspool 898, and Anderson 554, were unanimously elected members. Bro. Lloyd S.W. was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week. We are pleased to see several of the old members of the Cheshire Cheese attending this new Lodge. The working is pleasing to all, and no noise is heard while the ceremony and sections are being worked. There are good attendances, as may be seen. We wish the brethren and their Lodge every success.

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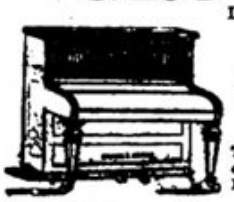
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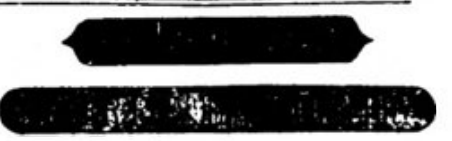
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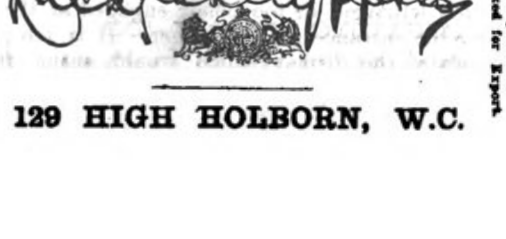
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THE EARL OF ROSSLYN, K.T.

IT is no ordinary member of the great Masonic brotherhood who has kindly undertaken to preside on Wednesday next at the Eighty-first Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. On the contrary, the Earl of Rosslyn, K.T., Her Majesty's Lord High Commissioner to the Church of Scotland, can boast a Masonic pedigree such as it is given to few even of the most distinguished Craftsmen to be able to point to. Into the merits of the question whether the Sinclairs from whom his Lordship is lineally descended were or were not hereditary Grand Master Masons of Scotland, in consequence of an alleged warrant, issued by James II. of that country, constituting the Earl of Orkney of that time and his successors as such; or hereditary patrons under the well-known Roslin charters of—according to Bro. Murray Lyon, to whom we are indebted for most of these particulars—1600-1 and 1628, as granted by the Masons themselves, it is not our intention, nor have we space, to enter. Let it suffice that among the ancestors of his Lordship is that William Sinclair who, by the resignation in 1736 of whatever Masonic rights he possessed, prepared the way for the constitution in the same year of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. A part of the family name of St. Clair-Erskine sufficiently indicates this. But his Lordship has inherited a further claim upon our respect. His grandfather, the second Earl of Rosslyn, was Depute Grand Master of Scotland in 1808, and Grand Master Mason 1810-11, besides which he held the office of Provincial Grand Master of Fifeshire for the period of thirty-six years ending in 1837. But while we attach due importance to his hereditary claims, we infinitely prefer taking him on his own merits, which are both many in number and considerable in respect of their importance. He has, in fact, walked honourably in the footsteps of his ancestors, and though a man of only middle age, has filled or fills the majority of those positions of dignity, which it has been in the power of his Scottish brethren to bestow; and not only has he filled or does he fill them, but he is among the foremost of the Scottish Masons who have helped to elevate the tone and character of the Craft north of the Tweed. A brief sketch of his Masonic career will show this.

Francis Robert St. Clair-Erskine, fourth Earl of Rosslyn, Knight of the ancient and honourable Order of the Thistle, and Her Majesty's Lord High Commissioner to the Church of Scotland, was born in the year 1833. He was initiated in the Lodge Kirkcaldy, No. 72, in the year 1851, and subsequently became its R.W.M. Some time afterwards he filled a similar position in one of our English Lodges at Malta, and so highly were his services appreciated in this capacity that the brethren presented him with an elegant collar and jewel. He was called to office in the Grand Lodge of Scotland as Senior Grand Deacon in 1853, and in the year following he filled the office of Junior Grand Warden. In 1855 he was elected Substitute Grand Master, a post he held for eleven consecutive years. Moreover, it was in the year of his election to this high position that his lordship presented to Grand Lodge a magnificent camel's hair altar-cloth, which he had brought from the Temple at Mecca, and which bears several Mahometan devices. In 1866, on the death of his father, he succeeded to the title and estates. In 1869 he became Depute Grand Master, and in that capacity entertained, in the month of August, about six hundred brethren with their wives, daughters, and sweethearts, at his domain of Roslin, near Edinburgh; there being present, besides the Grand Master, Past Grand Master, and various Masonic dignitaries, the Countess of Rosslyn and many other ladies of distinction. In 1870, on the retirement from the Masonic throne of the Right Hon. Fox Maule, eleventh Earl of Dalhousie—better known among us as Lord Panmure—the Earl of Rosslyn was chosen as his successor, and he had hardly entered on the duties of his office when he announced his intention of doing all in his power to promote charitable institutions in connection with Scottish Freemasonry. The "Fund of Scottish Masonic Benevolence" fell short of its object, and Grand Lodge was unfortunately hampered by a serious amount of debt, amounting at the time to which Bro. Lyon refers to over £13,000. Accordingly, his lordship submitted various proposals to this end, the principle of which was warmly approved by Grand Lodge, and the seed thus sown, especially as it has been so carefully watched over and cherished by his lordship's successor, the present Grand Master Mason of Scotland, will, no doubt, in time produce the desired result. The chief events of his Grand Mastership, which lasted to the close of 1873, deserve to be recorded. In May 1871, he visited the Lodge of St. Andrew, Kilmarnock, No. 126, on the occasion of its centenary celebration; when he was supported by, amongst other distinguished brethren, Past Grand Master Mason the Earl of Dalhousie, and Colonel Mure of Caldwell, Prov. Grand Master of Ayrshire. In the course of the same month his lordship made a visitation to the Provincial Grand Lodge of Haddingtonshire or East Lothian, and installed Major Hope of Luffness as its Grand Master. The jubilee communication of the Lodge Celtic of Edinburgh and Leith, No. 291, held in November, was honoured with his presence, and in the same year he presided at the annual festival of the Lodges in the Province of Glasgow, among the principal guests being Sir Michael R. Shaw-Stewart, Bart., M.P., then Depute Grand Master, and now Grand Master Mason; Bro. W. Montgomerie Neilson of Queenshill, Prov. Grand Master of Glasgow; the Lord Provost of Glasgow, the Sheriff of Lanarkshire, &c. During his visit he was made a member, by honorary affiliation, of the Lodge of St. Mark, No. 102, of Glasgow. At its February Communication in 1872, Grand Lodge for the first time recognised the Past Master's Ceremonial of Installation, not, as Bro. Lyon points out, for the purpose of introducing a new degree in Freemasonry, but with a view to authorising the ritual of Installed Masters as used in England, and so removing the disqualification which had before stood in the way of Scottish Past Masters being present at the installation of Masters in English Lodges. In the summer of this year he expressed a wish that he should not again be nominated for re-election to the Grand Mastership, but in deference to the wishes of the brethren, as conveyed to him in a requisition signed by between six and seven thousand Craftsmen, his lordship consented to serve if re-elected, and he was re-elected accordingly. In October 1872, he laid the foundation of the Watt Institute, Edinburgh, and in honour of the occasion was entertained at a banquet presided over by Lord Ardmillan. His lordship, in addition to being Immediate Past Grand Master Mason, is the representative of the Grand Lodge of Scotland at our English Grand Lodge, and is likewise a member by honorary affiliation of Lodge No. 1 of Edinburgh (St. Mary's Chapel). He is an *ex-officio* member of the Fund of Scottish Masonic Benevolence, and one of the Trustees of Grand Lodge. He is Past First Grand Principal, and as such, a member of the Supreme Committee of the Supreme Grand

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Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland, Deputy Grand Master and T. of the Royal Order of Scotland, Preceptor of the Chapter General of the Religious and Military Order of the Temple for Scotland, V. P. Lieut. Gr. Commander of the Supreme Council for Scotland of the 33° of the A. and A. Rite, and representative at the said Council of the Supreme Council for the Northern Jurisdiction of the United States. It will also no doubt be in the recollection of our readers that his lordship, in the absence through domestic affliction of the Grand Master Mason of Scotland, headed the deputation from that country which was present at the installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as M.W. Grand Master of England, that he attended the banquet which followed, and which may indeed be considered to have been a part of that auspicious event, and that he returned thanks, in his capacity of chief representative of such deputation, for the Masons of Scotland.

Such, in brief, has been the career of the distinguished brother who will preside on Wednesday next at the Boys' Festival. Considering that he is an English as well as a Scotch Mason, and having regard to the deep interest he has evinced in the Charitable Institutions of what we must describe as more immediately his own section of the Craft universal, we take leave to congratulate Bro. Binckes on having enlisted the support of one so distinguished. We trust that English Craftsmen generally will show their sense of Lord Rosslyn's kindness in accepting the onerous and by no means enviable task of presiding at one of their Festivals by supporting him loyally. If possible, let the result exceed anything that has been done before, on the one hand out of compliment to his lordship, and on the other because the money is so sorely needed.

NORTHS AND HUNTS.

EXCEPTION has recently been taken to a statement of ours in our analysis of the last Subscription List on the ground that Northamptonshire and Hunts was among the absentee Provinces, whereas it was, in truth, a contributory. We must, however, be permitted to point out that the only materials that are available for making our analysis are the particulars, officially supplied us, of the subscriptions announced at the Festival. These particulars, which are furnished for publication in our columns take the form of a list of the amounts of the several Stewards' Lists. They are arranged under headings—"London" and the Provinces, which have sent up Stewards, in alphabetical order. It would be *ultra vires* on our part if we took upon ourselves to make the slightest alteration either in the names or amounts, except in cases where it was clear that an error had accidentally been allowed to creep in. Now a reference to the List of Contributions to the last Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, which appeared in the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE for 17th May last will show that the Province of Northamptonshire and Hunts was not included. If, as we have some grounds for surmising, and as, indeed, not unfrequently happens, a Steward hailing from London or elsewhere sought and received contributions or promises to contribute from Lodges or brethren in this Province, and included them in his list, that must be known to the officials of the School, and the amounts would of course be credited to the Lodges or brethren so contributing in the next published list of Governors, &c., of the School. But unless we also had been informed of this, we could not venture on taking cognizance of it. We repeat that we can only deal with the names and figures before us; if we went beyond this, we should be continually in hot water. However, our analysis of Festival lists are not, as a rule, intended to convey strictures on unrepresented Lodges and Provinces. We have always made it a point to offer such reason as seemed to us most probable for a Lodge or Province not being included in a particular list. They supported the Benevolent at its last Festival, or they are reserving all their strength this year for the Boys or the Girls. It is only when we have found Festival after Festival and year after year passing by and that a Lodge or Province makes no sign that it takes the slightest interest in our great Central Charitable Institutions, it is only in such cases as these, when we feel there must be laxity somewhere, that we make bold to chide the Lodge or Province which has been so regularly conspicuous by its absence. As regards Northamptonshire and Hunts it has been our duty—a duty, we say unreservedly, that we have fulfilled with a great deal of pleasure—on several occasions to note its contributions to this or that Institution, and to show that we bear in mind what has been done during the last five years, and therefore that we should only have been committing a grievous wrong had we even for a single instant thought of casting a slur on its fair fame, we append a list of its contributions to the different Charities since January 1875:—

1875	R.M.B.I. Lodge 360 (Pomfret)	£15	5 0
,,	R.M.I.B Province	113	8 0
1876	R.M.B.I ,,	121	0 0
1877	R.M.I.G. ,,	105	0 0
1878*	R.M.B.I. ,,	300	0 0
1879	,, ,,	50	0 0
,, †	R.M.I.G. ,,	31	10 0
,, †	R.M.B.I. (1880) ,,	10	10 0
		£746	13 0

Thus, Northamptonshire and Hunts in the last five years—the current year being of course included—has raised a total towards the Charities of £746 13s, giving an average per year of as nearly as possible £150; or, if the amount had been equally distributed among the three Institutions almost enough to have constituted the Province a Vice-President of each, that is, on the assumption it had all been sent up in the name and on behalf of the Province. We feel certain that after this explanation our brethren of Norths. and Hunts will acquit us, not only of having been guilty of any inaccuracy in our last analysis, but likewise of having conceived the intention of wittingly causing them any annoyance.

* On this occasion the Duke of Manchester, Grand Master of the Province, was the chairman of the Festival.

† These amounts have come to our knowledge since the time we made our analysis. The latter of the two was raised at the recent meeting at Wellingborough of the Provincial Grand Lodge, and is intended to form the nucleus of a subscription towards the Festival of the R.M. Benevolent Institution in 1880.

AN HOUR AMONGST THE "OLD PEOPLE."

"WHERE *is* this Benevolent Institution of ours, that we hear so much about?" enquired a young friend of mine who had just caught the enthusiasm which fires the newly-initiated; and for the life of me I could hardly say exactly where. I expect, like many more of my brethren, I had been content to hear and read all about the substantial benefits towards which we had subscribed our little mite—to know that the Institution is ably and economically managed, and that it would far extend its sphere of usefulness, if it had the means. I had pictured to myself a stately and superb edifice, where "want and age sit smiling at the gate," and was quite satisfied to believe that those who had, through "unforeseen circumstances of calamity and misfortune," been compelled to throw themselves upon the bounty of the brethren were tenderly cared for, and the autumn of their lives made happy through the instrumentality of the great principles of brotherly love, relief and truth.

My provincial friend, however, was not to be put off in any such fashion. A sturdy north countryman, with a big heart, and a big pocket too, had come up to "see the sights o' town," and paramount amongst these was the Benevolent Institution on whose behalf he had promised his Lodge to become a Steward for next year.

It was "somewhere down Croydon way," a brother told me; and accordingly Croydon-ward we turned our attention. Down across the emerald meadows, beyond the din and the bustle of great London; past smiling gardens and lawns, skirting the clumps and wooded knolls that are just now speckled with the blossom of the chestnut, and powdered with scented may, a pleasant half-hour's ride from London-bridge brought us to the bustling station at New Croydon. A more charming spot could nowhere be found, even in the very heart of the country, for the recent showers had freshened Dame Nature, so that she looked quite young and blooming, and as natty as though she had just been turned out of the proverbial band-box.

Nearing the station we had noticed, as of course most observant travellers along that much frequented "iron road" have done, a handsome building in the Tudor style of architecture, before which staid old ladies and gentlemen were sauntering contentedly, amidst a perfect parterre of flower-beds, enjoying a bath of glorious sunshine in this bright "leafy month of June." It was very little trouble to find the place, for everybody hereabouts knows the Masonic "alms-houses;" and after about three-quarters of a mile walk, past the handsome and well-appointed villas which grace this favourite suburb of the metropolis, we came upon the object of our visit.

Whatever opinons we might have formed beforehand of the style and character of our Old People's home, I must confess the sight of it far surpassed my most sanguine anticipations. A settled air of quiet and refinement pervaded the whole scene, as our aged brethren and sisters paced the trim terraced walks, or lounged upon convenient seats placed here and there for their accommodation. Song-birds innumerable warbled in joyous unison with the happiness and con-

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tentment that reigned around, and their music was in keeping with the brightness of the flowers, the luxuriance of the trees, and the subdued spirit of rest which seemed to have settled upon this spot, hallowed to the hearts of the brethren of the "mystic tie."

"Upon my word, old fellow, this is a *magnificent* place," exclaimed my enthusiastic companion; "If there is one spot on God's earth to which I should like to retire to spend my declining years, here it is." And, truly, this is the sentiment which must be inspired in the mind of any one who takes an interest in this noble branch of our Masonic Charities, and who visits it, as we did, for the first time. The only wonder is that the brethren do not more generally and personally acquaint themselves, as some have done, with the good work in progress at East Croydon. Not only would they be more emphatic in its praise, as they point to it in answer to the oft-repeated question as to what Masonry does, but they would be stimulated to a far more intense and practical determination to enlarge the basis of its beneficent work in every conceivable way.

We have dropped down, as Artemus Ward would say, quite "promiscuous like"—uninvited, and thus come upon the place in its sober normal aspect, without any furbishing up or excitement,—such as may be supposed to precede a formal visit of the Stewards, or even the House Committee. We therefore see the House and its residents in their normal condition, and are able to speak of the place as it may ordinarily be found.

At the principal entrance door stands a venerable brother, whose snowy beard rivals in its whiteness the steps from which he smilingly bids us welcome, as he beckons us along the neatly gravelled walks. Nor is any formal introduction needed to the oldest living Mason in the kingdom, who for nearly eighteen years has ruled discreetly and well as the Superintendent of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Bro. Norris, though verging on ninety years of age, "carries himself," to say the least, "remarkably well." Clear-headed, well-informed, sparkling with anecdote, and possessed of a perspicuity which many a much younger man might envy, you are immediately at home in his companionship. He is not so young, or so nimble on his "pins," as he used to be; but still there is an intelligence beaming on his open countenance that sets you at once at ease with him. In the course of our *tête-a-tête* he informed us with unaffected freedom that he was the oldest Mason in the country—about a month or so older than the venerable Sir Moses Montefiore, whom I had hitherto regarded as our oldest brother—having been initiated as far back as March 1812. With the aid of an estimable daughter who plays the *rôle* of matron, he has, as I have already stated, superintended the Institution now for nearly eighteen years; and may his shadow never grow less, say I.

Bless you, what changes he has witnessed in that time, living hale and hearty amidst the many vicissitudes which have befallen his large and happy family! He may be almost likened to the brook in the song, which says—

> "Men may come, and men may go,
> But I go on for ever."

When first, by fortuitous circumstances, Bro. Norris was instated there as Superintendent, the Benevolent Institution occupied but a comparatively insignificant place amongst the noble Charities which are the pride and boast of English Freemasonry. Thanks to our excellent Bro. Terry, who, as the brethren well know, is indefatigable, both in season and out of season, in its behalf—surrounding himself with such an earnest and hearty following—the home at Croydon has reared its head far above most of the great benevolent institutions which are among the landmarks of Britain's greatness. The establishment of a House Committee has been one great outcome of his exertions, and by which the machinery of the interior economy of the Institution has been developed and perfected.

But let us take a stroll around the place, and try to picture it as it now stands. Entering by the canopied doorway we are struck by the speck and span cleanliness everywhere apparent, the apple-pie order in which everything is found. Ascending the broad staircase, in the centre of the pile, we are ushered into the hall, where the House Committee sit in conclave and devise their schemes for the comfort and happiness of the "residents." A spacious vaulted chamber, with panelled ceiling, and cornices pierced in quatrefoil, with walls painted a delicate blue, and through its stained glass windows the sun rays shine as with a "dim religious light." In the quarries of the windows are the mystic symbols, blended with the initials of the founders and others who have taken an active interest in the Institution, and the light falls softly on the many pictures which adorn the sides of the cosy and luxurious apartment.

At one end of the room is an oil painting of the venerable Dr. Crucifix, who may be ranked amongst the founders of the building, and who smiles mutely from the canvas upon such a development of his early conception as probably he little dreamt of in his philosophy. Amongst the pictures also were pointed out a couple of capitally executed crayons, representing the exterior and interior of the Institution, from the pencil of Bro. T. J. Kilpin who, having outlived his profession as an architect, is now amongst the members who repose in their latter days upon the well-earned bounty of their fellow Craftsmen. Adjoining the hall is a small but compact library, from which the residents have the privilege of drawing books suited to their tastes and inclinations; and in the ante-rooms are lavatories and other convenient offices.

Turn we now to the "homes" of the dear old people, and hear from their own lips the story of their peace and happiness, and the overflowing of their gratitude for the blessings they enjoy under the benign influences of our Order. With hearty freedom they invite you to come and see and admire the exquisite neatness and perfect comfort of their domiciles. And before we go farther, let us inform those who are not already aware of the fact that two rooms "with the use of a kitchen," are allotted to every resident—our aged brethren having in addition an annuity of £40, and every widow £32, a year. These good people have all of them "seen better days," and, as a rule, bring their own furniture and household gods with which to make themselves at home in their new abodes. But, in case they have not sufficient of their own, the society grants them a table, a bedstead, and four chairs by way of "housewarming;" though these accessories are scarcely ever needed.

Accepting a couple of hearty invitations to "come inside," we may describe them as a sample of the rest, and these for comfort and convenience left nothing to be desired. The front apartment, overlooking the beautiful gardens, is used as the sitting-room, and on the walls we were pointed out, with a glow of pride and satisfaction, the treasured reminiscences of our departed brethren in the Craft, and which their relicts regard as the credentials by which they were helped to gain the haven of their present rest. Comfortably, and even luxuriously, furnished are some of these rooms, whilst "my lady's chamber" presented an appearance of comfort and ease absolutely perfect and unique. The domestic arrangements are settled upon the principle of mutual help: and it is almost past belief—from a cynical point of view—that never during Bro. Norris's long reign as Superintendent has a word of angry altercation been heard amongst the ladies who occupy these suites of apartments! In the case of a married couple being admitted, and the husband dying, the widow is allowed three years' residence pending her own election, which invariably happens before the time has expired. Indeed, when once a needy brother or widow is admitted within the sheltering portals of this Institution it is regarded as a *life* interest, and from the moment of taking up their quarters here all care or anxiety for the future takes to itself wings and flies away. Such an event as any one leaving the Institution on account of separation of husband and wife by the death of either of them is unknown in the history of the Institution. All the good ladies whom it was our pleasure to interview, and who were profuse in their courteous acknowledgements of our visit, were the very picture of health, happiness and contentment; and it made the heart light to receive the expressions of their gratitude for the blessings which had been thus secured to them through their connection with the Craft.

A word must be said for the comfortable-looking old widowers who are jogging along the downhill of life in this snug retreat. It may be very easy and natural for the opposite sex to minister to their own personal requirements in the way of making beds and the manufacture of puddings. But how do our brethren adapt themselves to those household duties to which in their days of affluence they must have been strangers? Splendidly, sir. They take to it most naturally; and if there is any accidental dilemma in matters of culinary importance, the "ministering angel" appears in the person of a friendly and compassionate widow, who lends her sisterly aid in the most delicate and sisterly way imaginable. One jolly old fellow, a ship's carpenter, can manipulate his "duff" or wash his own shirt in masterly fashion; and does it, too. Another old gent we saw was "not going to dine at home to-day," but having received a polite invitation from a widow neighbour, was going to share the frugal meal and an hour's agreeable chat at her residence. Thus the etiquette and the amenities of society are exemplified by respectable old age, and the picture is a pleasant one to gaze upon.

We could dwell with satisfaction upon the scenes which arrest the attention of the visitor to this retreat, at every step, but the train does not wait, and it would be unwise to tire the reader. Let those who would learn more, and profit by it, do as I have done—see for themselves, and hear from the lips of the grateful recipients of our aid the story of their happiness, comfort and peace. Let them read for themselves eloquent sermons in the flowers which peer through every pane of those cosy apartments, where age and want are cared for so tenderly—in the peaceful countenances of those men and women who have been raised to new hope and life by the instrumentality of our Order. Even for this alone it is worth while belonging to the ancient and honourable Institution of Freemasonry, which in this, as in thousands of other instances proves the value of that Charity which is twice blessed—in him who gives equally with him who receives.

MEETING OF THE LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

THE Lodge of Benevolence met on Wednesday evening, at the Freemasons' Hall, Bros. Joshua Nunn, James Brett, and J. M. Pulteney Montagu occupying the three presiding Officers' chairs. The other brethren present were Bros. Rawson, Cottebrune, Case, Perryman, Atkins, Hogard, Christian, Garrod, Griffiths Smith, S. Burnley, Alfred Withers, Hammond, Moore, Britten, Deane, Dairey, Hamilton, Burt, Haigh, Dawson, Larlham, Matthews, Grant, Tanner, Stahn, Watts, Holden, Edmonstone, Koch, Freeman, Squirrell, Potter, Hilton, Harman, Hobson, Fountain, Walters, F. Smith, and Parkhouse. After the confirmation of the recommendations made at the last meeting, the brethren made grants to the amount of £635, to twenty-four new cases, and deferred the consideration of the remaining six on the list.

The new work on which Canon Farrar has for some years past been engaged will be ready for publication next month. It will be entitled "The Life and Work of St. Paul," and will be published by Messrs. Cassell, Petter & Galpin, in two volumes, uniform with the Library Edition of Canon Farrar's "Life of Christ."

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PROV. G. LODGE OF NORTHAMPTONSHIRE AND HUNTINGDONSHIRE.

THE annual meeting of this Grand Lodge was held on Thursday, 12th inst., at Wellingborough. The Wentworth Lodge, No. 737, being on this occasion the entertaining Lodge. Previous to the opening of the Provincial Grand Lodge, a meeting of the Board of Benevolence and Charity Organisation Committee was held at the Hind Hotel. The brethren having assembled at the Corn Exchange, Lodge was duly opened, and on the Provincial Grand Officers being announced they were received in due form. Bro. Butler Wilkins, the Deputy Grand Master of the Province, assumed the chair, appointing Bro. E Cox P.P.S.G.W. to act as Deputy Prov. G. Master. The acting P.G.M. announced that he had received a letter from His Grace the Duke of Manchester, the Provincial Grand Master, stating that he was unable to be present, and requesting him to express to the brethren of the Province his regret thereat. The minutes of the last meeting were confirmed, and the roll of Lodges called over by the Secretary; representatives from each of the Lodges of the Province answering to the call. The following brethren were then appointed the Officers for the ensuing year:—J. H. Hale W.M. Wentworth Lodge 737 S.W., H. Norton W.M. Merit Lodge 466 J.W., Rev. S. J. W. Sanders Pomfret Lodge 360 Chaplain, Rev. S. Wathen Wigg Eleanor Cross Lodge 1764 Assist. Chaplain, H. J. Mann S.W. Socrates Lodge 373 Registrar, Henry Pank S.D. St. Peters Lodge 442 S.D., W. H. Parker W.M. Pomfret Lodge 360 J.D., E. Hale W.M. Perseverance Lodge 455 Superintendent of Works, R. H. Griffin St. Peter's Lodge 442 Director of Ceremonies, T. W. Tustin Fidelity Lodge 445 Sd. Bearer, J. D. Witherspoon Cricheley Lodge 607 Pursuivant, H. Hill S.D. Eleanor Cross Lodge 1764 Organist. In appointing Bro. Wigg as Assist. Chaplain of the Province, the R.W. Acting Prov. Grand Master considered the appointment would reflect credit, not only on Bro. Wigg, but also on the Province. He referred to the oration delivered by that brother on the occasion of the consecration of the Eleanor Cross Lodge, and considered that Bro. Wigg had thereby established his claim to preferment. Bro. F. G. Buckle of St. Peter's Lodge, No. 442, having been appointed as Prov. G. Secretary for a term of three years, it was only necessary to again proclaim him as such, on doing which the Acting Grand Master expressed the pleasure he experienced in conferring the honour on so distinguished a brother for another year. The Deputy Grand Master hoped that the appointments he had been directed to make would meet with the approval of the members of the various Lodges concerned. The following brethren were then nominated by the Lodges to serve as Stewards for the year:—Bros. G. Ellard, Pomfret, A. F. Cox, St. Peters, Frank, Fidelity, Ireton, Perseverance, Slimm, Wentworth, H. Brown, Eleanor Cross. The Director of Ceremonies announced that the appointment of Assistant having been placed in his hands, he had great pleasure in calling on the Worshipful Master of the Eleanor Cross Lodge to nominate one of his members for that position. Accordingly, Bro. Atkins, on behalf of the Master, recommended Bro. G. Ellard for the office, and that brother was accordingly appointed, Bro. Atkins thanking the Provincial Grand Lodge for the honour that had been conferred on him. The annual statement of account, which showed the Province to be in a most flourishing condition financially, was passed, and then, on the proposition of Bro. Cox, Bro. Richard Howes, of the Fidelity Lodge, was re-elected to discharge the duties of Treasurer, an office he had filled with the greatest satisfaction to the Province for several years past. In acknowledging this further mark of favour, Bro. Howes expressed his hope that the Province would continue to prosper in the future as it had during the past year, and so be the means of making his annual statement as Treasurer satisfactory to the members of the Provincial Grand Lodge. The next matter that required the attention of the brethren was the Treasurer's statement of accounts for the past year; these, the acting P.G.M. stated, had been most carefully examined by the Board of Benevolence at their meeting that day, and were, on being put to the members, unanimously adopted. The minutes of the Board of Benevolence of the Province were then read and accepted. Among the grants were sums of £5 5s in aid of the restoration of the west front of St. Albans Abbey, £21 to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and £15 and £20 respectively to a brother, and the widow of a brother who were in distressed circumstances. Bro. Cox hoped that should there be any candidate from the Province at the coming elections for either of the Charities, the members generally would assist in carrying the case, and so prove that the Province was united in this respect. On these grants, with several minor payments, being confirmed, Bro. E. Cox tendered, on behalf of the Committees of the various Charities, his heartiest thanks for this and the previous support rendered by the brethren of the Province. The money which had to be raised for the Charities was, he said, a very large amount, and only could be got together by the exertions of the Secretaries of the Charities, with the assistance of very many kind, hard working friends throughout the country. If the Province wished to be successful with their candidates for the benefits of the Charities, it was necessary they should acquire more votes, which could only be done by more systematic support. The Prov. G. Secretary referred to a circular he had received from the Boys' School, announcing that the Festival of that Institution would shortly take place, and asking for the support of the Craft on behalf of the boys of deceased brethren, who were, unfortunately, obliged to claim the assistance of their fellows. Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Hind Hotel to a banquet, which was served by the host in first rate style, the whole of the appointments and the ample supply deserving especial praise. At its conclusion, and after grace had been said, the Acting Prov. Grand Master proposed the usual loyal toasts. Before giving that of the Queen he announced that the Prov. G. Master had expressed his wish to hold the next meeting of Grand Lodge at Kettering, and the brethren of Perseverance Lodge having signified their readiness to entertain Grand Lodge, it might be assumed that the next gathering would take place in that town. After the toasts of "The Queen" had been honoured the National Anthem was sung, and then the toast of "The G. Master" was given, followed by "God bless the Prince of Wales." The Acting Prov. G. Master next proposed "The health of the Prov. G. Master and the rest of the Grand Officers," referring in a few well chosen words to their continued activity in the cause of Freemasonry. Bro. T. Cook P.M. 737, proposed "The health of the Provincial Grand Master the Duke of Manchester, the Deputy P.G.M. and the rest of P. Grand Officers Past and Present." He did so with great pleasure, but was exceedingly sorry that his Grace was unable to be present. All respected the Prov. G.M., whether as a Mason, a gentleman, or a neighbour. They had, however, a very good Deputy in Bro. Butler Wilkins, who was in every respect worthy of the position he occupied. Bro. Wilkins, in his reply, again expressed the regret of the Duke at being absent. He could easily understand the disappointment the brethren must feel, but he hoped they would not for that cause look any lighter on the reception they had met at the hands of the brethren of Wellingborough. He reminded them that such a disappointment might befall all or any of them, and therefore they should show to their hosts that the exertions made were in themselves appreciated. He likewise sympathised with the new Officers, and was exceedingly sorry they did not receive their honours at the hands of the Prov. G.M. personally; he was aware that compliments given by deputy were shorn of a great part of their lustre. He was gratified at being able to state that during the year peace and harmony had prevailed throughout the Province. In one part —Northampton—they had had an addition to their roll, which promised to become a most successful Lodge. The sympathy of the Province was due to the members of the Fidelity Lodge, who had, during the past year, lost their Master; and he felt that if any proof was needed of the merit of that deceased brother, the regret expressed at his death would supply it. Bro. E. Cox proposed "Success to the Masonic Charities," and compared the support given by other Provinces with that of their own. He considered that every Province should at least contribute a sum to the funds of the Institutions equal to the benefits they received therefrom. No brother around him, he felt sure, wished to receive more than they gave, yet such was what had been done by the Province; he would like to see this reversed. They must remember that the Charities cost a very large amount to keep up, and could not continue without the universal assistance of the Craft. He hoped that the representative of the Benevolent Institution (Bro. Terry) who was there among them would have as much cause to rejoice over the liberality of the brethren on the present occasion as he did after that of the last meeting of Prov. G. Lodge. Bro. Cox continued, urging the brethren to assist in helping Bro. Southam to repay the votes he had borrowed to assist the candidature of his nephew at the last October election. Bro. Terry forcibly replied, detailing the requirements of the various Institutions which relied on Freemasons for their support, and urging the brethren to do all in their power to assist the various Committees in keeping up the efficiency of those Charities. The name of a Steward from the Province for the 1880 Festival of the Benevolent Institution was given, and the result of a collection among the brethren announced as £10 10s, which amount will be placed to the credit of the Province on the above named list. Bro. T. M. Percival P.M. 455 proposed the toast of the Visitors. This he considered one which required very few words from the introducer. If it were not the custom of the Craft generally, it certainly was the rule in the Province of which he was a member to use every effort to make any guest who might attend their meetings as comfortable as possible; he hoped those present had enjoyed themselves. Bro. W. W. Morgan jun. replied. Bro. John Green gave "the Treas. and Sec. of the Province." These two brethren he said were a great honour to the Province, and he hoped would be among them in their respective capacities for many years to come. Bro. Howes, in his reply, tendered his thanks; he could assure the brethren that so long as he was able, and had the honour of being elegible, they would never be without a Treasurer at their meetings to present the statement and collect their fees. Bro. Buckle also replied to the toast, he would always make an effort to conduct the affairs of the Province satisfactorily. The W.M. and brethren of the Entertaining Lodge were deservedly complimented by the Acting Prov. G. Master for the exertions they had made to render the visit to Wellingborough successful. We certainly consider that the arrangements of the day—whether as regards the trains, the comfort of Prov. G. Lodge, or the conduct of the banquet—merited the heartiest thanks of those who took part in the proceedings. The health of the Ladies, and the Tyler's toast concluded the business.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Essex is summoned for Wednesday, 2nd July, to meet at the Shire Hall, Chelmsford, at one o'clock. The special business to be transacted on that occasion is the installation of the newly-appointed Master of the Province, Bro. the Rt. Hon. Lord Tenterden, K.C.B., after which the usual business of the Provincial Grand Lodge will be proceeded with. It is expected that the Rt. Hon. Lord Carnarvon Pro G.M. of England will preside, and induct Lord Tenterden into the chair. A banquet at the Corn Exchange will follow, at 4 o'clock. Tickets for same, to include wine and dessert, can be had—10s 6d each.

We have pleasure in reminding our readers that the Summer Festival of the Domatic Lodge is fixed for Friday next, at the Star and Garter, Richmond. We hope our friends of 177 may have a fine day; in such a case we can safely predict an enjoyable meeting, but even should the outdoor pleasures be marred, the indoor accommodation provided is ample to ensure enjoyment.

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In Memoriam.

THE LATE BROTHER CHARLES H. PULHAM, W.M. UNA LODGE No. 773, NEW YORK.

IT was our melancholy duty to place on record, in our issue a fortnight since, the death of the above highly esteemed brother. Since then the following truly fraternal address has been forwarded from New York to the parents of the deceased, who are resident at Frome, Somersetshire:—

Una Lodge No. 773 F. and A.M.

Livingston Room, Masonic Temple,

Twenty-third-street, and Sixth Avenue,

New York, 16th May 1879.

Mr. and Mrs. William Pulham.

Dear Friends,—The members of Una Lodge No. 773 F. and A.M., of which your son, Worshipful Brother Charles H. Pulham, was the honoured and beloved Master at the time of his decease, desire to express to you a world of sympathy in this your hour of trial and bereavement. By the death of your son Masonry has lost an earnest and untiring advocate; society "a gentleman by nature," a warm-hearted and loving friend, and the Press a zealous and indefatigable labourer. By his kind and affable nature he gained many friends, who keenly feel his loss, and while life lasts will ever keep a place in their heart's affection dedicated to his memory, for

"To know him was to love him."

"He has passed to his final rest,
And his slumbers are peaceful and sweet;
The Christian's light did guide him aright,
And he dwells at his Saviour's feet."

Very truly and sincerely yours,

JOHN O'MOTT, Acting Master,
DANIEL B. HOPKINS, Junior Warden,
WM. N. PENNEY, Past Master,
HENRY S. VAN FLEET,
GEORGE BARTHOLOMEW,
} Committee.

Attest MARION H. GOWDY, Secretary.

ON Saturday last, the 14th inst., the remains of our esteemed Bro. Adolphus C. Burrell P.M. 1446 were interred in Paddington Cemetery, Willesden-lane. Amongst those present we noticed the following brethren, viz.:—Bros. W. Ough P.M. 1446 P.G.P., E. Farwig W.M. 180, B. Swallow P.M. 382 and 1563 P.P.G.J.D. Middlesex, W. Maxsted 180, A. Souttar, Honeyman P.M. 1238, T. Palsford P.M. 1158, J. Detraz 145, C. Rose 1446, T. Cull J.W. 1446, W. T. Morphew W.M. 1585, J. B. Docker J.W. 1687, Irinth 1507, Mucklow, T. A. Hammond 1563, H. Stewart 780, E. J. Scott P.M. 749, &c. &c.

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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How to Avoid the Doctor. Being plain and practical remarks for General Readers on the Causes, Prevention, and Rational Treatment of Disease. By J. R. GREENWAY, M.D., L.R.C.S., L.S.A., Lond.; L.R.C.P., Ed. Formerly Assistant Physician Aberdeen Royal Asylum, Surgeon Superintendent Australian Emigration Service, and Surgeon General Royal Mail Service. Tunbridge Wells: W. Nash, Library and Post Office, Royal Parade; St. John Colbran, Royal Library; W. Nye, Grosvenor Gallery.

WE always welcome works of this description. They are intended to be, and when, as in this instance, they are written by men of large and varied experience, are of the greatest service to the public. It is within almost every one's knowledge that at some period or other of his lifetime he has escaped a serious bout of illness because he had learnt, directly or indirectly, and so had been in a position to apply practically, certain preventive measures, by which a serious and perhaps a fatal disease had been scotched in its very inception. The man who can tell with accuracy that certain symptoms are indicative of the earlier stages of a certain illness can summon medical aid with a view to checking it altogether, or if that be impossible, to alleviating it in its progress and making it less acute. And if to this knowledge of symptoms he is in a position to add that of the necessary preventive or remedial measures, he not only saves his health but his pocket likewise. Not that we grudge a medical man his fees, for none earn them more honourably. As in accordance with the familiar saying, a stitch in time saves nine, so a dose of simple medicine will oftentimes prevent a long, tedious, and trying illness. It is in this that lies the value of this work, which, as its title states, contains "plain and practical" suggestions, such as an ordinary reader may benefit by, as to the "causes, prevention, and rational treatment" of the commonest forms of disease. After a brief history of the Healing Art, Dr. Greenway gives certain general rules for the preservation of health, laying especial stress on Diet, Dress and Clothing, Exercise, and Sleep, as contributing thereto. His next section is devoted to a variety of considerations for the Prevention of Disease. We may consider the third part or section entitled "The Structural View of Man," as following naturally in order, seeing that no one is so likely to prevent, or will so thoroughly succeed in preventing, disease as he who understands the organic functions of the body, and the food and drink necessary to sustain it in health. This section may also be considered as an introduction to that which follows "on the Restoration of Health," for as those who understand the composition, &c. of the body are the best able to prevent it getting out of order, so, when it is out of order, are they the best able to restore it to its normal condition. Then follow remarks on Nursing the Sick, on Epidemic Disease, the Classification of Diseases, and Diseases in general, with brief notes on what to do when a casualty or emergency overtakes us. The remainder of the work is general in its character, and deals with medicinal waters and baths, bathing, domestic remedies, extracts, foods, meats, and jellies for invalids, with a list, alphabetically arranged, of "Health Resorts and Climates." Thus everything we associate with the causes, prevention, and treatment of disease finds a place in the pages of Dr. Greenway's little volume. We must not forget to make special notice of the various tabular statements it contains, those showing the "Digestibility of different kinds of Food," according to Dr. Beaumont's observations, and of "Food Equivalents," being especially valuable. We are glad to have had this opportunity of offering these remarks in testimony of what, in our humble, non-professional judgment, is calculated to be of essential service to the whole community; and we do this with all the greater pleasure because Dr. Greenway is one of us, and it is always the more gratifying to be able to speak in terms of well-deserved praise of a member of one's own Craft.

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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ELECTION OF GIRLS' SCHOOL COMMITTEES.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I by no means agree either with "INVESTIGATOR" or "A. H." in their strictures, implied or direct, on the recent election of members to serve on these Committees. I deny *in toto* that the fact of a brother having served so many Stewardships, or constituted himself a Vice-Patron, Vice-President, or Life Governor, is any test of his fitness to fulfil certain important duties, such as are required of those who serve on the House or Audit Committees. This will be the case, no doubt, when all other things are equal. But to leave one to infer it as your opinion that Bro. A. B. C. is better qualified to serve on the House Committee than Bro. D. E. F., because the former has served four Stewardships and is a Vice-President, while the latter has served only one Stewardship and is only a Life Governor, is a proposition too monstrous to be entertained for a single moment. The duties of the House Committee include the meeting and taking counsel together for the purpose of regulating, to the best of their ability, the internal economy of the School. The duties of an Audit Committee require a knowledge of figures, perfect freedom from all bias in favour of or against the officials who have been charged with the expenditure of moneys, and a resolution to see not only that the moneys expended are supported by vouchers, but also that they have been duly authorised, and are rightly appropriated under the different heads of service. What, may I ask, has length of purse to do with fitness for a position on either or both of these Committees? What we want is the service of good men and true, who will do their duty strictly and with perfect impartiality; and if I consider Bro. D. E. F., who is but a Life Governor, answers this description better than Bro. A. B. C., who is a Vice-Patron, I am perfectly justified in casting my vote for him. Indeed, as I hope I should do in all cases, according to my conscience, I should be under moral compulsion to prefer the claims to my support of the former over the latter. I am perfectly well aware that inside as well as outside Freemasonry personal influence and popularity will exercise weight, but I know that Masons are merely men, and until I find them to be angels I must, like a sensible man, make due allowance for the exercise of such influence.

Yours fraternally,

COMMON SENSE.

THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—What are we coming to? Elections take place for children into the Masonic Schools twice in each year. As regularly as the elections come, so do demands for a scrutiny. In fact, so much is the liability on the part of the scrutineers to err recognised, that the rules by which the Institutions are governed contemplate a return not consistent with facts, and the success is ensured of candidates erroneously returned as having been elected in addition to those in whose favour a majority of votes was polled. An election for House and Audit Committees takes place, and "INVESTIGATOR" amuses himself by analysing the position of the various candidates on the list of subscribers to the Girls' School. This is supplemented by a letter from "A. H."—a letter both caustic and severe in its terms—suggesting that past exertions avail nothing, and that reward is not offered to those who exert themselves for the good of others. What is your correspondent's desire? A scrutiny? If so, then clamour is futile. The election being a thing of the past, the victors should be permitted to verify

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the anticipations which have been formed by the Craft generally, that the infusion of new blood into the Committees will work wonders in the administration of affairs. The saying, "that there is as good fish in the sea as was ever drawn from it," is a truism, and doubtless those members, whose qualifications are now on the *minor* will speedily increase them to the *major* scale, and so evince their good feeling towards the Institution, in favour of which their services have been placed at the General Committee's disposal. I take it for granted that each brother nominated was duly qualified to become a candidate, and that the selection by the General Committee was not confined to those who either possessed a multiple of votes or had served an excess of Stewardships. If this latter view prevailed, the Special Committees might be composed of brethren whose arrangements might possibly be of such a nature as to preclude them from keeping the many appointments which would follow their election, but if both a readiness to give, and a willingness to rigidly perform the duties pertaining to the coveted office be united in the same candidate, the possessor should be welcomed as an acquisition to the Board. On the other hand, I am bound to concede that it is only reasonable to expect that those members, by whose contributions the Institution has been greatly enriched, should feel an anxiety in its internal management, and also a jealousy at the elevation of such as have been more chary of their donations.

Yours fraternally,

L. F.

18th June 1879.

"WHICH IS CORRECT?"

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—As to which is correct whether Masons meet on the level and part on the square, I consider there can be very little doubt. When we meet in Lodge we do so on a level of equality, as in the Lodge we are all on a level as brethren, no matter what rank or distinction in life we may hold; but there I opine the level or equality ends, for though we are still brethren, the G.A.O.T.U. has assigned to each of us a different station in life, therefore I say the level on which we meet within the Lodge terminates at its close. But we can all, no matter who or what we are, part on the square, that is to say, with the full determination of acting towards one another on the square, doing as we would be done by, a maxim I think no one will dispute holds good on all occasions, and is a duty incumbent upon all to observe.

Apologising for troubling you with my ideas on this point,

I remain, yours fraternally,

F. K. S., P.M. AND P.Z.

HOSPITAL LIBRARIES.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

SIR,—I think every one who has ever been in a hospital ward will agree with me that hardly a greater boon could be conferred on the suffering inmates than the establishment of a lending library for their use. The gift of a little book to some suffering one has often induced a look of gratitude that has lived in our memory for days afterwards, and it appears to me that the establishment of a series of permanent libraries in our London hospitals should be an easy and a pleasant duty. I will give, as a first donation, a hundred volumes of my own publications, and I have no doubt the London publishers will respond most liberally from their wealth of literature; but my object in writing is to ask those of your readers who have readable books, for which they have no further use, to send them to me, and so form the nucleus of a system that will, I trust, become prodigious in its proportions. Those who cannot send books will perhaps help us in pecuniary donations towards the same object, and I shall be happy to receive and acknowledge all such. I shall be glad if donors will kindly send all parcels to my address, carriage paid, advising me by post-card of their despatch. Cheques and P.O.O. should be crossed London and County Bank.

Yours very truly,

F. E. LONGLEY.

39 Warwick Lane, London, E.C.

The Consecration of the Clapham Lodge, No. 1818, will take place on Tuesday next, at the Alexandra Hotel, Clapham Common, at three o'clock precisely. The Ceremonies of the day will be performed by Bro. James Terry P.P.J.G.W. Herts, &c., assisted by Rev. R. J. Simpson P.G. Chaplain, and W. Clarke P.G.D.C. Suffolk as Director of Ceremonies. The Officers designate are Bros. Louis Hirsch W.M., Dr. Charles T. Pearce S.W., and Archibald Fairlie J.W. Among the founders may also be mentioned Bros. Robert F. Fairlie, William Worrell, Alfred Pocock, William C. Hale, and R. Clay Sudlow. The musical arrangements have been entrusted to Bro. F. H. Cozens. We expect a very pleasant meeting, and hope that the Lodge will prove as great a success as its inauguration seems to portend.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

IT might have been thought that the annual distribution of prizes announced for Wednesday would be interesting only to the boys entitled to receive the rewards of merit, provided either by the Institution, the House Committee, or private donors, and awarded by the Examiners; but on glancing at the programme of the day, it was evident that the Masters and Boys had determined to try if they could not entertain those who should favour the School with their company on the occasion, and right well they succeeded. Lovers of choral music need wish for nothing sweeter than the rendering of Pinsuti's "Spring Song," Lemmen's "Drops of Rain," or Barnby's "Sweet and Low," which formed part of the contributions of the choir; admirers of three-part songs must have been delighted with the trios by Swallow, Steddy, and Allinson; the first named also very effectively singing as a solo "Roaming at the break of day," and, with Steddy, fairly enchanting the company by Sullivan's duet "Sweethearts." The pianoforte playing of Stansfield, Carter, and Dunaway elicited hearty applause, and the instrumental band discoursed sweet music to willing listeners. The greatest interest seemed, however, to be evinced in the desire to see how "Our Boys" would acquit themselves on the stage, and here again a most unqualified success must be recorded. We do not know whether P. Heaviside or H. J. Wellington aspire to becoming the Charles Matthews or the Toole of the future, but we may well doubt if either of those artistes could have displayed greater dramatic talent at so early an age. As Mr. Tittums in Maddison Morton's "Steeplechase," and in the part of Tim Bolus in Williams's well known farce "My turn next," P. Heaviside kept the audience in one continual roar of laughter. He was admirably supported by H. J. Wellington in the respective parts of Dr. Clipper and Farmer Wheatear. Special reference is also due to J. Hazeland for a capital make up and excellent conception as Alderman Slowcoach and Mr. Taraxacum Twitters, and if we do not allude individually to the efforts of the remaining characters, it is only because the demands upon our space prevent us saying more than that all did well. We heartily congratulate Dr. Morris and his assistants on this signal proof that almost unprecedented success in educational work—as evidenced by the result of the last Cambridge Local Examination—is not incompatible with the development of more than ordinary powers of mutual entertainment. The effects of so pleasant a reunion must be to stimulate the boys to increased exertions, and cannot be lost upon the visitors, but

> "Make those subscribe who ne'er subscribed before,
> And make the old subscribers still give more."

The chair on this occasion was occupied by the president of the Board of Stewards of the coming Festival, Bro. the Rt. Hon. Lord Henniker, who in due course, distributed the various prizes which had been awarded to the pupils, of which the following is a list:—

The silver medal for good conduct, presented by the Institution—Charles Sage. The Canonbury Gold Medal, presented by Bro. Edward Cox, Vice-Patron, P.M. No. 657—Frank Allinson. The Silver Watch and Chain for general good conduct, presented by the Supreme Council 33° to a pupil on leaving the Institution—John Innes Hazeland.

General prizes presented by the Institution. First Class—Scripture:—E. Ralling and T. H. Wellington. Classics:—C. Sage, P. Heaviside, and J. Hazeland. Mathematics:—P. Heaviside and E. L. Price. French, German:—W. Davenport and A. Pearson. English:—E. L. Ralling and W. Davenport. General Improvement:—W. Evans, E. Price and F. C. Gates. Second Class.—Classics:—W. Cole. Mathematics:—J. Buttrey. French, German:—J. S. Francis and H. Williams. English:—J. S. Francis. Third Class. — Latin:—S. Woodhouse. Mathematics: — W. Meacock. French:—A. J. Green and G. Dawson. English: A. C. Featherstone. Fourth Class.—Latin: — A. Routledge. Mathematics:—E. Browning. French:—R. Duff. English:—W. Pow. Fifth Class.—Arithmetic:—C. E. Stone. Latin, French, English:—E. Taylor. Sixth Class.—Latin:—R. Riley. French:—P. Gedge. English, Arithmetic:—T. Hall.

Special Prizes presented by the House Committee.—Writing:—A. Pearson and C. Stead. Dictation:—J. Hazeland and E. L. Price. History:—H. Brook and W. Davenport. Geography:—H. J. Wellington and C. Sage. Mental Arithmetic:—E. Price and H. Fenemore. General Attention to Studies:—E. L. Ralling and H. Pinson. General Proficiency:—P. Heaviside and C. Sage. Efficiency as Monitor:—W. Evans and A. Pearson. Proficiency in Drill:—A. G. E. Hibberd and H. Wood.

Presented by Private Donors.—By Bro. Rev. Dr. Morris—Attention to Studies:—H. J. Wellington. Proficiency in French and German:—G. Tanner and H. N. Tayler. Elocution:—J. Hazeland. Perseverance:—T. Taylor and R. Chandler. By Mr. E. V. Gardner:—Mechanics:—A. Nutt. By Bro. Edgar Bowyer, Vice-President of Institution, P.M.:—Drawing:—J. Hazeland. By Mr. Sylvester. Drawing Master. Drawing—Freehand:—T. Harding and D. Dove, Painting:—A. Pearson. Shading:—H. Brook. Architecture:—A. Parker. Improvement:—W. Jackson. By Mr. Holmes, Musical Instructor:—Music (Piano)—Stansfield, Dunaway, and Carter.

This part of the proceedings being completed, Bro. Right. Hon. Lord Henniker expressed the pleasure he had experienced at the entertainment thus far. He was extremely gratified at the success of the Boys at the Cambridge Local Examination, and as an incentive to future exertions offered an annual prize of £5 to the boy who passed that Examination the best. Bro. Edgar Bowyer expressed his desire that his prize should in future be presented for Book-Keeping, instead of Drawing; Bro. Meggy still further advocated the importance of this branch of study, and offered a second prize for

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Book-Keeping, which we hope will be an inducement for the Boys to persevere with this, in our opinion, the most important part of commercial education.

The usual cold collation was provided for the guests, and various entertainments were arranged in order to make enjoyment as easy as possible. The meeting throughout was most successful.

BRO. DICK RADCLYFFE'S DRAWING.

We hereby Certify that at the Drawing of Numbers in Bro. Dick Radclyffe's Ballot for Life Governorships in the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, held this day, Fourteen Prizes (£5 5s each) were balloted for, when the following were declared the winning numbers:—

Prize No.	Ticket No.	From books supplied to—	
7	550	John Bertram	Crouch End.
5	3013	C. Stephens	Woodley Hill, Reading.
1	4206	F. Eyre	67 Tooley-street.
10	4386	C. A. Walter	Warwick-rd., Kensington.
8	5304	Young	344 Oxford-street.
6	5307	Hill	2 Princes-street, E.C.
2	5605	Swift*	Black Lion, Mold.
3	6122	H.R.H. Prince Leopold	
4	9911	W. Hopekirk	Crystal Palace.
13	12779	G. Bigley	65 St. Augustine's-rd, N.W.
9	13296	Jacoby	Nottingham.
14	15681	H. M. Levy	24 Southampton-row, W.C.
11	16283	F. Binckes	Freemasons' Hall.
12	17861	W. Carter	Canterbury.

Signed—Bros. F. BINCKES P.G.S.
„ J. CONSTABLE P.M. 185.
„ J. O. CARTER P.M. 209.
„ G. W. DIXON P.M. 865.
„ R. ROBERTS P.M. 742.
„ DICK RADCLYFFE, J.D. 209.
„ W. W. MORGAN, Sec. 211.

19th June, 1879.

Brother Radclyffe may be congratulated on having thus completed the labour he had undertaken. We are aware that the result of his efforts in behalf of the Benevolent Institution and the Boys' School has not, by a long way, reached his expectations, but we are not singular in the opinion that by the zeal and untiring energy he has exhibited he has brought prominently under notice the merits of our Charitable Institutions. He has distributed good seed broadcast; doubtless, in the fullness of time, it will produce an abundant harvest.

* The amount of this prize will be devoted to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

DR. BARNARDO'S HOME.

ON Wednesday, the 18th inst., the annual fête was held at the Village House for Orphan and Destitute Girls, Barkingside, Ilford. Every convenience had been made for visitors, special trains being provided from Liverpool-street, on the Great Eastern Railway. On arriving at Ilford, we found waggonettes and vehicles of all descriptions waiting to convey the guests to the Home. The houses on the route were decorated with flags and banners; triumphal arches, decked with evergreens, and bearing inscriptions of all kinds, commanded attention on the way. The country folks seemed to consider it a holiday, and greeted us on all sides, and after half an hour's pleasant ride (though perhaps some found it rather dusty), we found ourselves at the pretty little village. Our attention was now drawn to a large marquee, where boys and girls from the Home at Stepney Causeway were singing, in a style that merited praise for several of their songs. The "Sleighing Song," and "O, hush thee, my Baby," deserve especial commendation. A selection of music was played at intervals by the Holdfast Handbell Ringers. The Princess Mary (Duchess of Teck) then formally opened three new cottage homes, named respectively, "Hyacinth," "Eaton," and "Beehive." Her Royal Highness then proceeded to lay the foundation stones of two others, while the Countess of Aberdeen laid that of a third; these will in all make thirty, and will complete the original scheme of the village, which when finished, will accommodate not less than six hundred children. Each cottage presents accommodation for twenty children, with a "Mother" at their head. We visited several of those already occupied, and found all to be in the best order, and their respective families as happy as could be expected by the most sanguine. We were also glad to see that the residents have a Steam Laundry, with every convenience desired; in connection with this feature is an artesian well, three hundred feet in depth. The promoters hope, before long, to be able to open a Mission Hall, which has been rendered absolutely necessary by the absence of any suitable place of worship in the neighbourhood where the children can assemble on Sundays. It is also desirable to have a common kitchen, which will serve as a School for Cookery; and last, but not least, a swimming bath. The total amount already expended upon the land and buildings has been £30,500, and for fittings and furniture £3,500, making a total of £34,000; an amount which, considering the character of the buildings, and the general extent and appearance of the Institution, proves that Dr. Barnardo has gone to work economically; his aim has been to train girls for domestic service. Before concluding, we must not forget to mention that it is the most destitute candidates who are considered the most eligible, not by *votes*, as is the general plan adopted by similar institutions. A large bazaar was open during the day in the grounds, in aid of the funds, and we trust the sum realised met the anticipations of its projectors.

Wellington Lodge of Instruction.—The Fifteen Sections were worked at a meeting of this Lodge of Instruction, held on Monday, the 16th inst., at the Lodge House, White Swan Hotel, High-street, Deptford, when there was a numerous attendance of brethren, chiefly members of Lodges in the vicinity. Bro. J. G. Milbourn, of the Union Waterloo Lodge, No. 13, occupied the chair of W.M., the remaining offices being filled by Bro. J. J. Hutchings J.W. 147, S.D. 1531 as S.W., S. P. Catterson J.W. 548 as J.W., Fieldson S.D. 548 as S.D., Martin 879 as J.D., Price 1255 as I.G. The Lodge having been opened, the sections appertaining to the first degree were worked as follows:—The first by Bro. Waterman W.M. 147; the second by Bro. Gibson 1531, Hon. Sec. to the Lodge of Instruction; the third by the J.W.; the fourth by the S.W.; the fifth by the W.M., the questions being put by the S.W.; the sixth and seventh by the J.D. After a brief adjournment from labour to refreshment, the Lodge was opened in the second and third degrees; being resumed in the second degree, the first section of the lecture was worked by Bro. Tuck 834 and 1531; the second by the S.W.; the third by Bro. Waterman; the fourth by the J.D.; and the fifth by Bro. Speight P.M. and Sec. 147. On the resumption of the Lodge in the third degree the remaining sections were worked—the first by Bro. Tuck, the second by Bro. Griffin P.M. 933, P.Z. 933 and 79, J.W. 1531, the Preceptor and Treasurer of the Lodge of Instruction. The labours of the evening being thus terminated, the Lodge was resumed in the first degree, and in due time closed, after a unanimous vote of thanks had been accorded to Bro. Milbourn for his kindness in undertaking to preside, and as an acknowledgment of the ability displayed by him in discharging the duties of the office.

THE THEATRES, &c.

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HAYMARKET.—At 7.45, THE LIFE OF AN ACTRESS, and the MARIONETTES.

STRAND.—At 7.15, RUTH'S ROMANCE. At 8.0, MADAME FAVART.

GAIETY.—COMEDIE FRANCAISE.

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LYCEUM.—LADY OF LYONS, HAMLET, or LOUIS XI., &c.

PRINCESS'S.—At 7.45, DRINK.

COURT.—At 7.45, COUSIN DICK. At 8.15, THE LADIES' BATTLE, &c.

OPERA COMIQUE.—At 7.45, CUPS AND SAUCERS. At 8.30 H.M.S. PINAFORE, &c.

ROYALTY.—At 7.20, FARCE. At 8.0, NICETTE, At 9.0, CRUTCH AND TOOTHPICK.

CRITERION.—At 7.30, MEG'S DIVERSION. At 9.0, TRUTH.

IMPERIAL.—At 7.40, SHE STOOPS TO CONQUER. At 9.45, LADY OF LYONS.

ALHAMBRA.—At 7.40, FARCE. At 8.15, VENICE.

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The Provincial Grand Lodge will be closed at 3.0, and the Brethren will attend Divine Service in the Parish Church, where, by kind permission of the Rev. L. J. Bernays, Rector of Stanmore, a Sermon will be preached by one of the Provincial Grand Chaplains.

The Banquet will be held at the Institute at 4.30. Tickets, One Guinea each, may be obtained before the 28th instant, from the Provincial Grand Secretary, or on the day of meeting from the Provincial Grand Stewards.

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A PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE will be holden at the SHIRE HALL, CHELMSFORD, on WEDNESDAY, 2nd day of July next, at One o'clock, for the purpose of Installing the R.W. Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Tenterden, K.C.B., as Provincial Grand Master for the Province of Essex, and for General Business.

The Most Worshipful the Pro Grand Master of England, Bro. the Right Hon. Lord CARNARVON, will preside.

The Grand Lodge will be opened punctually at Half-past One o'clock. The Treasurer's Accounts will be Audited at Half-past Twelve o'clock precisely.

By command of the R.W. P.G.M.,

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ENGLISH MASONRY IN TUNIS.

THE closing of the various English Masonic bodies in the city of Tunis for the summer months received additional *éclat* from the presence of the Chevalier Edward Rosenbusch P.D.D.G.M. of Malta, &c., and several Malta brethren. The visit of Bro. Rosenbusch gave unqualified pleasure to all members of the Craft in Tunis, as it was entirely owing to his exertions that the "Ancient Carthage Lodge" was founded in 1877, there being at that time only three English Masons in the country. A special meeting of the Lodge to receive him was held on the 25th May. Present—W. Bro. A. M. Broadley D.D.G.M. W.M., Bros. J. H. Stevens (Acting British Consul General) S.W., Dr. Perini J.W., G. Gardelle Acting Sec., Cavaliere A. Blanch Treas., Professor Souiller Interpreter, Professor V. C. Clement D. of C., G. Pentecost S.D., P. M. Paleologo J.D., A. Bokobsa Assist. D. of C., M. Le Gallais I.G., Commander Bridger, R.N., Org., J. Eymon Tyler. P.M.'s Sulema and Mugnaini, and a numerous attendance of members, including the Chevalier Tulin de la Tunisie, Imperial German Consul. Visitors—Bros. Professor H. Stilon J.W. 515, A. Tagliaferro I.G. 515, and many Italian Masons. W. Bro. Rosenbusch was received with Grand Honours on his entrance into the Lodge. The W.M. addressed the assembled brethren and informed them that they now had the pleasure to see amongst them the founder of their Lodge, and paid a high eulogium to the Masonic character of W. Bro. Rosenbusch. The P.D.D.G.M. replied that no words of his could suffice to express his satisfaction at the extreme beauty of the arrangements of the Lodge, its influence and progress, and the harmony existing amongst its hundred members. He had certainly aided in laying the foundation stone, and his friend and successor as D.D.G.M. Bro. Broadley had indeed built up a Grand Masonic edifice on that foundation. He exhorted the members to persevere in their endeavours to carry out the work which had been begun so satisfactorily. The Lodge being duly raised, Bros. Bya and Bigneance received at the hands of the W.M. the sublime degree of M.M. The Lodge was lowered, and an adjournment took place, after which the W.M. initiated, in English, Messrs. William Pariente and Vincent Borg (who had been elected at a previous meeting) into the mysteries of Freemasonry. The Lodge was then closed. On Monday, the 26th May, a meeting of the R.A. Chapter, "Ancient Carthage," took place. Present.—E. Comps. A. M. Broadley Z., Dr. Mugnaini H., Baron Castellnuovo J.; Comps. J. H. Stevens E., G. Pentecost N., Dr. Perini P.S., P. M. Paleologo S.S., J. B. Bourepaux J.S., Clement Registrar, A. Blanch Treas., Commander Bridger, R.N., Org., and Eymon Janitor. Comps. Chevalier E. Rosenbusch P.D.D.G.M., Curletto, Barsottie, They and others. A ballot was taken and proved favourable for the following Master Masons:—Bros. Professor Stilon J.W. 515, A. Tagliaferro I.G. 515, V. Finzi and N. Paleologo of 1717. The candidates, being present, were exalted to the sublime degree of the H.R.A. Comp. Chevalier Rosenbusch paid a high compliment to the M.E.Z. on the working of the Chapter in Italian, and the beauty of its appointment and furniture. The proceedings were closed by the charitable collection, and the Chapter adjourned till the month of October. On the evening of the 31st May, the installation meeting of the Kingston Mark Lodge No. 222 was held, and was followed by a banquet. Present—W. Bro. A. M. Broadley W.M.M., Bros. Pentecost S.W., Perini J.W., Paleologo M.O., Gardelle S.O., Le Gallais J.O., Clement D. of C., Souiller Secretary and Treasurer (acting), Stevens R.M., Finzi S.D., Bokobsa J.D., Bridger Organist, and Eymon Tyler; Bros. E. Rosenbusch and other members. The minutes of the last meeting being duly confirmed, Bro. G. Pentecost was presented in the east, and duly installed by W. Bro. Broadley into the chair of A. The W.M. then made the following appointments, I.P.M. W. Bro. A. M. Broadley (P.G.M. designate), Dr. A. Perini S.W., Professor Souiller J.W., Professor Clement Sec., P. M. Paleologo M.O., E. Gardelle S.O., M. Le Gallais J.O., Enriques R.M., L. Curletto D. of C., Finzi S.D., Bokobsa J.D., Bourepaux and N. Paleologo Stewards, Commander Bridger, R.N., Org., and Barsottie I.G. Bros. Blanch and Eymon were re-elected Treasurer and Tyler. The W.M. Bro. Pentecost returned thanks for the honour done him by the brethren, and said he hopod with the aid and support of his I.P.M. to maintain the interests of the Mark Degree in North Africa. On the proposition of Bro. Souiller, a vote of thanks to the I.P.M., for his untiring zeal and devotion to the work of the Lodge, and his efforts to place the degree on a firm basis in Tunis, was unanimously carried. Bro. Rosenbusch added that one of the pleasurable incidents connected with his visit to Tunis was his bringing a letter from the G.M. Sec., announcing the M.W. G.M.M.M.'s consent to the forming of Malta and Tunis into a Province under the rule of Bro. Broadley. He said the working of the Mark Lodge had given him unfeigned pleasure, and he hoped to continue always an active member of No. 222. These remarks were much applauded by the brethren. Bro. Rosenbusch, whose popularity in the district is very great, has conferred a favour on the brethren of the Mark by accepting the office of P.G. Registrar. The Lodge being duly closed the brethren adjourned to a banquet, where the toasts appropriate to Mark Masonry were duly honoured. On the 7th June, the last regular meeting of the Lodge of "Ancient Carthage" before the summer recess took place; the Masonic Hall was densely crowded, the whole of the Officers being at their posts. The D.D.G.M. delivered a lecture, detailing the History of English Freemasonry from the year 1717 up to the present time, and describing its influence on European Masonry generally. He then gave an exhaustive account of the Masonic Charities, and proceeded to trace the progress of the "Ancient Carthage" Lodge since its foundation. The W.M. incidentally mentioned that during the two years he had occupied the Eastern chair he had initiated 87 candidates, passed 72, and raised 65 brethren, while 26 foreign Masons had enrolled themselves as joining members. The "Ancient Carthage" Lodge had now a considerable balance in the hands of its Treasurer, and had furnished and adorned the Masonic Hall in a manner to excite the admiration of visitors. During this period, he remarked, their work had been chiefly directed to consolidate the foundations on which the future of the Lodge was to rest. They had become Life Subscribers to the Masonic Institution for Boys, and the Lodge had published its bye-laws, both in English and Italian, as well as a translation into the latter language of the greater part of the Book of Constitutions, a copy of which had been sent to several of the leading Masons in England, and very kindly acknowledged by them, especially by Bro. Collins on behalf of H.R.H. Prince Leopold, who expressed himself deeply interested with the spread of Masonry in Tunis, and sent his fraternal greetings to the brethren. They had also relieved some of their own members who rendered assistance to many foreign brethren. One of the fruits of their labour was the foundation of the "William Kingston" Lodge at Goletta, for which the D.G.M. had granted a provincial warrant in date the 31st May. This Lodge possessed a peculiar interest, as existing on the actual site of the ancient city of Carthage, in a town, which, in the middle ages, became famous from the exploits of St. Louis of France, and still later from its occupation by Charles V., and the Knights of Malta, many of whom found an untimely grave beneath its walls. The Goletta bears the same relation to Tunis as the Piræus does to Athens, and, as its population was almost entirely European, he had great hopes of the success of the new Lodge. The W.M. then concluded his lecture by exhorting the brethren to uphold the time-honoured principles of English Freemasonry, and trusted that they would endeavour, in the foundations he had laid, to render English Masonry a permanent institution in the ancient city where they dwelt, and that if they did so he assured them they would earn the gratitude of their children and of the generations which would succeed them. At the conclusion of the address the W.M. informed the brethren that having served in that capacity for two years, he was no longer eligible for election, but he felt no anxiety as to the future of the Lodge in the hands of either of his Wardens. The S.W. Bro. Stevens (acting Brisish Consul General) proposed that a vote of thanks be recorded on the part of the Lodge to the W.M., who had worked so indefatigably during the past two years. The proposition was warmly seconded by the J.W. and Bro. Tulin de la Tunisie, Imperial German Consul General, and carried unanimously by acclamation. The Lodge was then formally adjourned till the 20th September.

Lodge of St. John and St. Paul, No. 349 E.C., Malta.—The monthly meeting of this Lodge was held on 2nd June, at the Masonic Hall, Valetta. Present—The W.M. Bro. Coffee, several P.M.'s and a large number of brethren. Lodge having been opened in due form in the first degree, Bros. Noyes, Chapman and Freeman were entrusted. Mr. Thomas Steele being in attendance and duly prepared was initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry. Lodge was advanced, and Bros. Noyes, Chapman, and Freeman were passed. Lodge was closed to the first degree. The newly initiated brother then re-entered; two brethren were proposed as joining members, some routine business transacted, and Lodge was closed in ancient form, the brethren adjourning to the refreshment room, where the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and duly honoured.

At a meeting of the Society of Antiquarians of London, held at Burlington House, on the 12th inst., under the Presidency of the Earl of Carnarvon, Brother James Lewis Thomas, Past Grand Assistant Director of Ceremonies, was elected a Fellow.

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OUR GIRLS' SCHOOL EXPENDITURE.

HAVING absolved ourselves in our issue of the 7th inst., as in duty bound, from all responsibility for the figures previously furnished to us by our correspondent "H.," we take an early opportunity of demonstrating more particularly to our readers the utter fallacy of the charge he appeared to bring against the authorities of our Girls' School—namely, that the cost of their management was unduly heavy in comparison with that of other similar Institutions in the metropolis. To this end we have collated in Table A, from the Reports for the last six years, the items of "ordinary" and "other" expenditure, and then taking the number of girls borne on the strength of the establishment in each year, we have determined the annual average cost per girl. We have omitted all expenditure relating to new buildings, furniture, purchase of land, &c., &c., for the obvious reason that this is not proper to the year in which it is incurred, but must be spread over a period of years, and it would not be easy to determine offhand the number of years over which it should be spread. We have in Table B taken the principal items of "ordinary" expenditure—namely, those for Provisions, Clothing, and Salaries and Wages—and reckoned the average per girl per annum first separately and then together; and we have further noted any special items in the "ordinary" or "other" expenditure which may have unduly increased one or the other. When our readers note these accumulations of figures and calculations of averages, we have reason to believe they will be satisfied with the management of the School.

Table A.

Year	No. of Pupils.	Ordinary Expenditure	Average per Girl	Other Expenditure	Average per Girl
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1874	140	4772 6 8	36 1 9	386 7 0	2 15 2
1875	148	5042 2 5	34 1 4	420 5 10	2 16 9
1876	155	5572 9 0	35 19 0	492 2 2	3 3 6
1877	164	5870 13 7	35 15 11	783 12 8	4 15 6
1878	195	7085 6 11	36 6 8	1556 2 8	8 0 0

Table B.

Year.	No. of Pupils.	Provisions Total.	Provisions Average.	Clothing Total.	Clothing Average.	Salary and Wages Total.	Salary and Wages Average.	Total Average.
1873	118	£1,503 13 3	£12 14 10	£495 19 5	£4 4 0	£1,878 6 8	£7 8 10	£24 7 8
1874	140	1,495 0 10	10 13 7	595 2 6	4 5 0	1,065 6 3	7 12 2	22 10 9
1875	148	1,569 17 5	10 12 1	612 14 4	4 2 9	1,142 18 10	7 14 5	22 9 3
1876	155	1,717 18 0	11 1 8	773 9 11	5 0 0	1,255 0 0	8 2 0	24 3 8
1877	164	1,896 14 4	11 11 3	919 3 10	6 12 1	1,369 18 4	8 7 0	25 10 4
1878	195	2,186 14 3	11 4 3	1,196 18 4	6 2 6	1,717 5 8	8 16 1	26 1 9

Taking Table A and the "other" expenditure noted therein we find that in 1873 of the £703 6s 9d so expended, no less than £592 was absorbed in "Seven years' policy on £25,000" (£120); commission and pension to late secretary (£312); gratuities to the late clerk, the collector, and the secretary (£160). In 1874 of the £386 7s expended, pension and income tax, late Secretary, took £201 10s; grants for invalid girls £43 16s 8d, funeral of late cook £18 10s 6d; altogether £264 17s 2d. In 1875 there were included in the £420 5s 10d, Pension to late Secretary, £200; Gratuity to Assistant Governess, £15 15s; Stewards' visit, £23 7s; Grants to invalid Girls, £37 8s; Funeral of late Gardener, £8 18s 6d; total, £285 18s 6d. In 1876 the £492 2s 2d included Pension of the late Secretary, £200; Gratuity to late Assistant Governess, £52 10s; Stewards' visit and gratuities to workmen, £42 2s 9d; Grants to invalid Girls, £36 10s; "Votes of Thanks" to Stewards for three years, £71 0s 6d; or together, £402 2s 6d. In 1877 of the £783 12s 8d, "Laundry Expenses during Building of New Laundry" required £73 17s 7d; gratuity to Senior Clerk, £26 5s; Pension to late Secretary, £200; ditto to late Collector (three quarters), £112 10s; Stewards' visit and gratuities to workmen, £32 1s; Grants to invalid Girls, £18 10s; Pianos and Music, £132 1s 4d; "Votes of Thanks" to Stewards, £33 2s; Special Nurse and Infirmary Expenses, £46 2s 8d; making together, £674 9s 7d. In 1878 the "other" Expenditure amounted to £1,556 2s 8d; but the large increase is easy of explanation:—"Laundry Expenses during Building of New Laundry" amounted to £85 17s 7d; Gratuity to Junior Clerk, £20; Pension to late Secretary (five quarters), £250; ditto late Collector (five quarters), £187 10s; Pianos and Music, £226 7s 3d; "Votes of Thanks" to Stewards, £29 15s; "Interest to Bankers," £123 5s 11d; "Insurance (Royal Exchange)," £17 17s 6d; "Solicitor's Charges," £163 17s; "Salary of deceased Secretary," paid to Mrs. Little (two quarters), £250; "Election of Secretary," £30 1s; or, together, £1,384 12s 1d.

Turning to the ordinary expenditure in Table A, of which we have given only three heads of service in Table B, we find the other principal items included:—

In 1873:—Coals, Gas, &c. £259 6s; Furniture and House Linen, £126 14s 5d; House Utensils, &c., £92 6s 6d; Painting and General Repairs, £123 11s 7d; Drugs, &c., £40; Laundry Expenses, £57 12s; School Stationery and Books, £69 11s 5d; Tithes and Taxes, £76 14s 7d; Office Expenses, Rent, &c., £38; Stationery, Advertisements, Books, Postage, &c., £235 10s; Election Expenses, £43 5s 2d; Commission to Collector £191 12s 9d.

In 1874:—House Utensils, &c., £130 9s 6d; Furniture and House Linen, £272 9s 7d; Coals, &c., £197 7s; Painting and General Repairs, £84 18s 7d; Drugs, &c., £40; Laundry, £42 4s; School Stationery and Books, £40; Tithes and Taxes, £176 10s; Office Expenses, £38; Stationery, Printing, Postage, &c., £213 5s 8d; Election Expenses, £71 2s 5d; Collector, £180 1s.

In 1875:—House Utensils, &c., £291 4s 10d; Furniture, &c., £48 18s; Coals, &c., £260 2s 4d; Painting, &c., £137 0s 4d; Drugs, &c., £55; Laundry, £35 10s; School Stationery, &c., £54 17s 9d; Tithes and Taxes, £141 18s 4d; Office, £38; Stationery, Books, Postage, &c., £251 16s 6d; Election Expenses, £42 3s 3d; Collector, £204 11s 6d.

In 1876:—House Utensils, &c., £215 17s 6d; Furniture, &c., £120 12s 10d; Coals, Gas, &c., £244 8s 6d; Painting and General Repairs, £121 2s 4d; Drugs, &c., £60; Laundry, £16; School Stationery, &c., £74 16s 9d; Tithes and Taxes, £135 8s 4d; Office Expenses, £38; Stationery, &c., £242 14s 3d; Advertisements, £75 7s 8d; Election Expenses, £24 14s; Collector, £254 18s 8d.

In 1877:—House Utensils, £207 2s 4d; Furniture, &c., £28 16s 9d; Coals, &c., £260 5s 9d; Painting and General Repairs, £227 13s 6d; Drugs, &c., £60; Laundry, £31 5s; School Stationery, &c., £93 14s 7d; Tithes and Taxes, £139 8s 3d; Office Expenses, £38; Stationery, Books, Postages, 288 16s 1d; Advertisements, £59 5s; Election Expenses, £30 8s 8d; Collector's Poundage, Christmas Quarter 1876, £54 8s 6d.

In 1878:—House Utensils, &c., £203 13s 3d; Furniture and Linen, £166 0s 6d; Coals, &c., £380 5s 11d; Painting and General Repairs, £204 12s 7d; Drugs, &c., £60; School Stationery, &c., £77 1s; Tithes and Taxes, £203 10s; Official Expenses, £38; Stationery, Books, Postage, &c., £314 9s 5d; Advertisements, £62 18s 10d; Election Expenses, £29 8s 6d.

Table C.

Year	No. of Pupils	SALARIES Office	SALARIES School	SALARIES Total	Average per Girl
1873	118	£ 390 16 8	£ 487 10 0	£ 878 6 8	£ 7 8 10
1874	140	500 0 0	565 6 3	1065 6 3	7 12 2
1875	148	500 0 0	642 18 10	1142 18 10	7 14 5
1876	155	617 10 0	637 10 0	1255 0 0	8 2 0
1877	164	692 10 0	677 8 4	1369 18 4	8 7 0
1878	195	663 6 8	1053 19 0	1717 5 8	8 16 1

If, now, we average (Table C.) the amount for Salaries

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and Wages for the years in question under "Office" and "School;" we shall satisfy our readers that, as we previously suggested, the expenditure under this head has not increased commensurately with the increase in the number of pupils.

If, however, we take into consideration that the late collector was a member of the "Office" staff, but received not salary, but a commission in the shape of poundage, we find that, including the amounts so paid him, the salaries and wages for 1873 amounted to £1069 19s 5d, giving an average per girl of £9 1s 4d; in 1874 to £1245 7s 3d, giving an average of £8 17s 10d; in 1875, to £1347 10s 4d, giving the average of £9 2s 1d; in 1876, to £1509 18s 3d, being at an average of £9 14s 9d; and in 1877 to £1454 6s 10d, being at an average of £8 13s 8d; while in 1878, with an "Office" staff of Secretary and two clerks, the amount is only £1717 5s 8d (School staff included), giving the aggregate of £8 16s 1d. In other words, if we exclude the collector, the increase in the number of pupils has been 77 in these six years, namely, from 118 to 195, while the average per girl has increased from £7 8s 10d to £8 16s 1d, or by £1 7s 3d. That is, the rate of increase in the former case is about 65 per cent.; in the latter under 20 per cent. On the other hand, if we include the collector, there is a reduction from £9 1s 4d in 1873 to £8 16s 1d in 1878, that is, of 5s 3d, or a little under 3 per cent.

Many, of course, will argue, and we readily admit there is great force in the argument, that just as when a man buys goods in any quantity, he pays for them at a lower average than if he bought a single piece; so, when the number of pupils is increased, the average per pupil of educational cost should be diminished. Thus a teacher in charge of one hundred pupils at a salary of £100 per annum would take under his care two hundred for, we will say, £175 per annum, consequently the average—excluding collector—should have shown not an increase, but a decrease. But there are other matters to be taken into account. In 1873 the educational Staff included a Head Governess, *two* Assistant Governesses, three Teachers, three Pupil Teachers, and a Drawing Mistress (non-resident). Now, there are a Head Governess, *five* Assistant Governesses, two Teachers, three Pupil Teachers, and a Drawing Mistress with a Teacher of Cookery, both non-resident. Then in the case of the Governess, Assistant Governesses, and Teachers, who were in 1873, and are still on the Staff, as their services have become more valuable, so their emoluments have increased. The hope of reward sweeteneth labour, and though honourable men and women will always conscientiously give a just *quid pro quo*, they will exert themselves the more readily, when they have before them the prospect of an improving remuneration. Again, a glance at the Reports for 1873 and 1878 will be sufficient to show that the course of study has been considerably enlarged. Under these circumstances, we deem it a subject for congratulation that the increased average cost per girl under "Salaries and Wages" is less than one-third of the increase in the number of pupils. This feeling is enhanced when we call to mind that in 1873 the invested moneys were £28,500 Government Stock, while last year they had reached £39,000, in spite of new buildings, purchase of land, &c., &c., which represent in fact an important increase of capital.

LODGE RE-IMBURSEMENTS.

FROM THE "FREEMASONS' REPOSITORY."

IN some localities a good deal of interest has gathered about the question as to what is the duty of Lodges in the matter of affording the necessary aid to sojourning brethren in distress. And in the discussion of this broad subject of Lodge responsibility a second question has presented itself, viz.: Shall a Lodge incurring expenses in behalf of a needy sojourner expect to be re-imbursed for such expenses by the Lodge in which the brother holds membership? As there is no general regulation or understanding governing in this matter, the practice of different jurisdictions exhibits a wide margin of difference. Thus in California the Grand Lodge has put itself on the record by declaring "it is the duty of a constituted Lodge under this jurisdiction, in the event of a member thereof requiring and receiving pecuniary assistance at the hands of a Lodge in a sister jurisdiction, to re-imburse the Lodge so rendering assistance, the amount thus advanced." It is also declared by the same authority that re-imbursement should be made for burial expenses under similar circumstances.

On the other side California claims that the Lodges in its jurisdiction should be repaid for any necessary expenses by them incurred for like purposes. If they extend pecuniary relief to sojourners who are members in good standing of other Lodges it is with the expectation of re-imbursement. But Ohio takes a different position, and puts the rule of its own action in the following resolution: "That the burial of a deceased brother is an exercise of a Masonic charity, which gives the Lodge dispensing such charity no claim against the Lodge of which such deceased brother was a member; the exercise of charity and brotherly kindness is a duty incumbent on all Masons, and toward every worthy member of the Fraternity, and cannot be made the foundation of a pecuniary demand." Ohio, therefore, does not *expect* re-imbursement in the case of relief extended to sojourners, albeit there is no indication in the above resolution that a Lodge in Ohio would be upheld in resisting such a claim for expenses when incurred by a Lodge in a sister jurisdiction where a different practice prevails.

In Indiana, however, the Grand Lodge has sustained one of its subordinates in refusing to re-imburse a Lodge in Nebraska for expenses incurred on account of the sickness and burial of the members of the Indiana Lodge. A sharp controversy has arisen, two very different views being taken of the case.

One of the Lodges in Montana—a small Lodge of seventeen members—recently received from a California Lodge, a bill for over nine hundred dollars, this sum having been spent in caring for the sojourning Montana brother. We do not know Montana's position on the vexed question of Lodge responsibility; but in this special case the action taken was directly opposite to that of Indiana. The feeling was that the bill presented must be paid. The first movement made was the voting of all money in the Lodge treasury toward liquidating the claim. The Lodge then raised two special assessments of four dollars on each its members, after which an appeal was made to the Grand Lodge, which voted the last dollar in its treasury to complete the payment of the bill.

Not to make further reference to special cases, nor to the different views that find favour in different localities, we have only to express our conviction that it would be vastly better for the just administration of the charities of the Craft if such varying ideas and practice could be harmonised, and some general understanding reached whereby the same usage should be adopted in all the States. The Grand Master of Nebraska suggested that the difficulty between the Lodge in Nebraska and the one in Indiana be referred to the arbitration of distinguished Masons from other jurisdictions. If his thought was followed out, the result might be the indicating of some definite plan which would meet the approval of all sections.

Whatever complications, local interests, or opposing precedents may be in the way of a settlement of this question, there are yet two underlying propositions which must be kept steadily in view. In the first place a Lodge cannot get rid of a special responsibity to care for its own members. It must follow them with a watchful love, and afford needed help, wherever they may go. This view of the case is strengthened where dues are exacted, for then it is most evident that Lodge membership and Lodge responsibility go hand in hand—that a pecular claim is imposed upon the Lodge to care for its own members. If then a foreign Lodge renders necessary pecuniary assistance to a sojourning brother should it not receive re-imbursement from the Lodge in which the brother holds membership?

But another fundamental principle is equally deserving of being remembered. Brethren in sickness and destitution must be cared for even where there is no ground for expecting a re-payment of the expenses incurred. It is the sacred duty of every Lodge to extend needed help to the worthy brothes far absent from his own Masonic home, and this aid should be given quite irrespective of the question whether or not re-imbursement will be made by the Lodge in which the sojourner has membership. The Masonic Institution is a benevolent organization in contradistinction from a "beneficial" society; hence there are larger obligations devolving upon Lodges, and upon individual Masons, than anything set forth in precise rules and outlined in definite terms of requirement.

Friars Lodge of Instruction, No. 1349.—Held at Bro. Pavitt's, Liverpool Arms, Canning-town, on Tuesday, 17th June. Bros. Lloyd W.M., Johnson S.W., Smith J.W., Holloway S.D., Barker J.D., Glasspoole I.G., Worsley Sec.; also Bros. Dunsmore, Dixon, Spencer, Sadler, White, Burr, Pavitt, Wright, Paver, Hamilton, McFarlane, &c. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. Bro. Spencer answered the questions leading to the third degree, and Bro. Barker took the chair, and worked the ceremony of raising, Bro. Spencer being the candidate. Bro. Pavitt kindly acted as Preceptor; he worked the first section of the lecture. The Lodge was then resumed to the first, when Bros. Wright 1349, and Paver, of Power Lodge, Canada 141, were elected members. Bro. Johnson was unanimously elected W.M. for this day fortnight. On Tuesday next sections only will be worked, in accordance with the bye-laws of this Lodge of Instruction, when Bro. P.M. Musto, the Preceptor, will preside. Bros. P.M. Cundick will officiate as S.W., and Shepherd W.M. of 1349 as J.W.; the working will be done by the following brethren:—Spencer, Holloway, Lloyd, Johnson, Cundick, Andrews, Musto, Barker, Pavitt, Worsley, Smith; to commence precisely at seven, finishing by 9.30. The Lodge was then closed in due form. We trust that next week the members will attend in good time. On Tuesday last the Preceptor and the W.M. of the mother Lodge were absent, attending to their Royal Arch duties.

On Wednesday morning next there will be a grand morning concert at Her Majesty's Theatre, in aid of the funds of the Great Northern Hospital, at which the principal artistes of the opera have kindly volunteered their services. We hope that their efforts will be supported by the public, and that the result will be a material addition to the funds of this deserving Institution.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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SATURDAY, 21st JUNE.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)
1641—Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.
R. A. 308—Affability, Station House Hotel, Bottoms, Stansfield

MONDAY, 23rd JUNE.

45—Strong Man, Sportsman, City-road, at 8. (Instruction.)
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.)
1260—John Hervey, Albion Hall, London Wall, E.C., at 7.30. (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.)
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.)

48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead.
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
999—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction.)

TUESDAY, 24th 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. (Instruction.)
1319—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1360—Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, Battersea Park, at 8. (Instruction.)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1471—Islington, Three Bucks, 23 Gresham-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1507—Metropolitan, 269 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8. (In.)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30. (Inst.)
1719—Evening Star, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30.
K. T.—Mount Calvary, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C.

24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle, 7.30. (In.
51—Angel, Three Cups Hotel, Colchester
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30. (Instruction)
253—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby.
299—Emulation, Bull Hotel, Dartford.
310—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle.
573—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen.
1016—Elkington, Masonic Rooms, New-street, Birmingham.
1358—Torbay, Town Hall, Paignton.
1506—Ellington, Bell Hotel, Maidenhead.
1909—Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1675—Antient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
R. A. 721—Grosvenor, Masonic-chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester.
R. A. 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
K. T.—Plains of Tabor, Swan Hotel, Colne, Lancashire.

WEDNESDAY, 25th JUNE.

Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, Alexandra Palace, at 4.30.
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.
228—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8. (In.)
538—La Tolerance, Green Dragon, 2 Maddox-street, W., at 7.45. (Inst.)
754—High Cross, Seven Sisters, Tottenham.
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E., at 7.30. (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. at 8. (Instruction.)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8. (Instruction.)
1044—Wandsworth, Spread Eagle, Wandsworth. (Instruction.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8. (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-road, Holloway, at 8. (Instruction.)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8. (Instruction.)
1558—Duke of Connaught, Class Room, Sutherland Chapel, Walworth, at 8. (In.)
R. A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8. (Instruction.)

163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
220—Harmony, Wellington Hotel, Garston, Lancashire.
304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds.
439—Scientific, Masonic Room, Bingley.
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction.)
996—Sondes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk.
1039—St. John, George Hotel, Lichfield.
1063—Townley Parker, Mosley Hotel, Beswick, near Manchester.
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby. (Instruction.)
1219—Strangeways, Empire Hotel, Strangeways, Manchester.
1284—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
1283—Ryburn, Central-buildings, Town Hall-street, Sowerby Bridge.
1302—Egerton, Stanley Arms Hotel, Stanley-street, Bury, Lancashire.
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull, at 7.0. (Instruction.)
1633—Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
R. A. 226—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough.
R. A. 805—De Tabley, Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe, Cheshire.
R. A. 1356—De Grey and Ripon, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.

THURSDAY, 26th JUNE.

General Committee, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
Provincial Grand Lodge Berks and Bucks, Abingdon, at 1.30 p.m.
3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8. (Instruction.)
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction.)
65—Prosperity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8. (Instruction.)
211—St. Michael, George, Australian Avenue, Barbican, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8. (Instruction.)
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, E.C. at 6.30. (Instruction.)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 9. (In.)
R. A. 217—Stability, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
R. A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)
R. A. 1618—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, Freemasons' Hall, Archer-street, Darlington.
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
286—Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Bacup.
348—St. John, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton.
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal.
807—Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich.
816—Royd, Spring Gardens Inn, Wardle, near Rochdale.
904—Phœnix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham.
935—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford.
966—St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek, Stafford.
1313—Fermor, Masonic Hall, Southport, Lancashire.
1325—Stanley, 214 Gt. Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
1459—Ashbury, Justice Birch Hotel, Hyde-road, West Gorton, near Manchester.
1505—Emulation, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1628—Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle.
R. A. 54—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham-street, Rochdale.
R. A. 216—Sacred Delta, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
R. A. 431—Ogle, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, North Shields.
R.A. 1096—Walton, Skelmersdale, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.
M. M. 34—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.

FRIDAY, 27th JUNE.

Summer Festival, Domatic Lodge, Star and Garter, Richmond.
Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
766—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. 8. (Inst.)
834—Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-road. (Instruction.)
902—Burgoyne, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction.)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction.)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1288—Finsbury Park M.M., Earl Russell, Isledon-road, N. at 8. (Instruction.)
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1643—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 8.0. (Inst.)
London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-street, E.C., at 6.
R. A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8. (Inst.)
R. A. 1471—North London, Crown and Woolpack, St. John-st.-rd., at 8. (Inst.)

780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1712—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle.
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7.
R. A. 242—Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster.
R. A. 680—Sefton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
R. C. 20—Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle.

SATURDAY, 28th JUNE.

Provincial Grand Lodge Middlesex, Great Stanmore, at 1.30 p.m.
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
1541—Alexandra Palace, Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill, N.
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.

308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood.
1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
1464—Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe.
1531—Chislehurst, Bull's Head Hotel, Chislehurst.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Egyptian Lodge of Instruction, No. 27.—The Hercules Tavern, 119 Leadenhall street, E.C., on Thursday evening. Bros. J. Da Silva W.M., Woodward S.W., Chapman J.W., Beedell S.D., L. Norden J.D., Maidwell I.G., Grammer Hon. Sec., Webb Preceptor. Moss, Valentine, and other brethren. Lodge was opened, and minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Maidwell answered the questions, and the W.M. efficiently rehearsed the ceremony of raising, giving the traditional history. Bro. Moss worked the first and third sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Woodward was duly elected W.M. for ensuing week. Bro. L. Norden was unanimously elected Hon. Sec. of the Lodge, in place of Bro. Grammer, who has been obliged to resign on account of other engagements.

Strong Man Lodge of Instruction No. 45.—Held at Bro. Spurgin's, the Sportsman, City-road, on Monday 16th June 1879. Present—Bros. Willison W.M., Halle S.W., J. W. Smith J.W., Tolmie Preceptor, Fenner Sec., Pelikan S.D., Hirst J.D., Lardner I.G., also Bros. Wing, Gibbs, Hallam sen., Greene, and Parkinson. Ceremonial was observed in opening. The Lodge was advanced to the third degree, and resumed to the second. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Wing. Bro. Willison proved himself an efficient F.C. and was entrusted. Lodge was resumed to the third, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Willison as candidate. The W.M. gave traditional history. Bro. Willison resumed the chair and Bro. Fenner worked the third section of the Lecture assisted by the brethren. Bro. Hallam sen. worked the seventh section of the first lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Halle was appointed to preside at next meeting.

Constitutional Lodge of Instruction, No. 55.—Held its weekly meeting on Tuesday, 17th June, at Bro. Bond's, the Bedford Hotel, Southampton Buildings, Holborn. Present:—Bros. Abell W.M., Lister S.W., Willey J.W., Dickins Sec., T. B. Dodson S.D., Cornu J.D., Soper I.G., Watts, Hallam, and several other brethren. The Lodge was opened in due form, with solemn prayer, and the minutes were read and confirmed; the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Linscott candidate. The first, second, and third sections of the Lecture were worked by Bro. Hallam. The Lodge was resumed to the first, and Bro. Lister was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

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Hermes Chapter, No. 77.—The annual Convocation of this popular Chapter took place on Wednesday, the 11th of June. The Companions met at the Old Falcon Hotel, Gravesend, at three o'clock, when the following were present:—Companions Alexander Cameron (P.Z. 180) Z., Edwin C. Woodward H., Rev. P. M. Holden (M.E.Z. No. 538) J., C. A. Cottebrune P.Z. S.E., T. W. Murphy S.N., W. C. Hall P.S., B. Swallow P.Z., E. Scott P.Z.; a fair attendance of members, and several Visitors. The Chapter was opened, and the minutes of the last Convocation were read and confirmed. The election for Officials was unanimous, and Comp. Edwin C. Woodward was installed into the first Principal's chair by Comp. Rev. P. M. Holden P.Z. The following are the Second and Third Principals and the Officers for the ensuing twelve months:—Comps. Rev. P. M. Holden H., Alexander Cameron J., C. A. Cottebrune P.Z. S.E., T. W. Murley S.N., W. C. Hall P.S., H. E. Forscutt First Asst. Soj., J. B. Doeker Second Asst. Soj., George Martin Janitor. The ballot was brought into requisition in behalf of Bro. Matthias Crook, of the Covent Garden Lodge, No. 1614, proposed by Comp. B. Swallow P.Z., and seconded by Comp. E. Scott P.Z.; and for Bro. Festa, of the Ranelagh Lodge, No. 834, for whom the same two Comps. acted as sponsors. The result was favourable, but a telegram was received from the former candidate, regretting that illness prevented his attendance. Bro. Festa was introduced, and Comp. Cameron conducted the ceremony of exaltation, much to his edification, and gaining golden opinions from all who were present. On the Chapter being closed, Comp. Skilleter provided a capital banquet, which was served in excellent fashion. The M.E.Z. Comp. Woodward, presided, and conducted the proceedings with his accustomed geniality. Amongst those present as Visitors were Comps. Belfrage, Morgan, &c.

Percy Lodge of Instruction No. 198.—At Bro. Fysh's, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, on Saturday, 14th inst. Present—Bros. McMillan W.M., C. Lorkin S.W., Brasted J.W., Fenner Sec., Hallam sen. acting Preceptor, J. Lorkin S.D., Fidler J.D., Gilham I.G., also Bros. Isaac, Gibbs, Slaiter, Ross, Hallam jun., and Hirst. All ceremonial was strictly observed. Bro. Slaiter underwent examination, was entrusted, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. Bro. C. Lorkin worked the first, Bro. Fenner the second, Bro. Hallam sen. the third, and Bro. C. Lorkin the fourth sections, assisted by the brethren. Bro. C. Lorkin was duly elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Lodge was then closed in due form, and adjourned. It may interest many of our readers to know that Bro. R. Pearcy, the esteemed Preceptor of this Lodge of Instruction, who has been suffering from a very severe illness, is now making steady progress towards recovery.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—Held its weekly meeting on Tuesday last at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston. Present:—Bros. Forss W.M., Clark S.W., J. Lorkin J.W., Smyth S.D., Williams J.D., Carr I.G., Dallas Sec., Smyth Treas., P.M. Wallington Preceptor; also Bros. C. Lorkin, Christian, Morgan, Hand, and Greenwood. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Polak answered the questions leading to the third degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. The Lodge was called from labour. On resuming its Masonic duties, Bro. C. Lorkin worked the first and third sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. The Lodge was regularly closed to the first degree, when Bro. Clark was elected W.M. for next Tuesday evening.

Star Lodge of Instruction, No. 1255.—At the Marquis of Granby, New Cross-road. The ceremonies of Consecration and Installation were rehearsed in this Lodge of Instruction on Saturday 14th June, by Bro. James Terry, P.G.J.W. Herts, P.M. 228. There was a large attendance of brethren, and a most instructive evening was spent. This Lodge of Instruction meets every Saturday evening, and we can assure those of our readers who may pay a visit that they will find competent brethren assembled here to conduct the proceedings.

Loyalty Lodge, No. 1607.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held at the Alexandra Palace, on Saturday, 14th inst. Lodge was opened by Bro. C. H. Webb W.M., supported by Bros. C. J. Perceval S.W., Bedell J.W., J. Newton P.M. Sec., E. J. Legge P.M. Treas., Knill S.D., Jones J.D., and several members. The minutes having been confirmed, Lodge was advanced, and Bros. Atrill and Frey passed, and Bros. Perceval jun., Morgan, and Gittens were raised. This completing the business part of the meeting, Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet-hall, where an excellent repast was served. At the conclusion thereof, Bro. Webb W.M. briefly proposed the usual Loyal toasts. Bro. Brown I.P.M. expressed his regret at the near approach of the time which would place him among the Past Masters pure and simple, and hoped that the brethren would therefore specially honour the toast he, in his present position, was called upon to propose, as he had but one more occasion on which he would have that honour. The W.M. was deservedly popular among the members of No. 1607, and he therefore called upon them to drink his health. This having been done most heartily, Bro. Webb expressed the great pleasure he felt at the reception he always met with at the hands of the brethren of the Loyalty Lodge; he hoped his conduct in the future would be of such a nature as to merit a continuance of their kind sentiments. He next gave the health of the Visitors; this was a toast which was looked upon as really the principal one of the evening; their efforts were ever exerted to make their guests enjoy themselves as much as was possible. Bros. Wallington P.M. 860, W. W. Morgan jun., and Thomas replied. The health of the Past Masters was next given; both had proved themselves true Masons and worthy friends. Their oldest P.M. was well known throughout the Craft for his exertions on its behalf, and from his position as first Master of the Lodge of Loyalty must ever be respected by its members. Of Bro. Brown he could only say that no one was more ready to assist in any matter than he. Bro. J. Newton, in reply, said he most heartily appreciated the expressions of esteem that had fallen from the W.M., and which had been so heartily joined in by the brethren. The memory of his connection with the Loyalty Lodge, and the kindness of its members, could never fade from his mind. It had been one of the most pleasurable occupations he had ever embarked in. Bro. Brown followed; he had, and always should use, his utmost endeavours to promote the welfare of the Lodge, which he hoped would continue to be as prosperous as it was at the present time. The W.M. said the next toast was one he gave with great satisfaction. It was the duty of every Master to honour the brethren who assisted him in the ruling of the Lodge; but in this case it was a pleasing duty. The Lodge, though in its infancy, even now bade fair to take up a good position among its fellows. This was in a great measure owing to the support of those whose duty it was to occupy the various positions of trust, and so long as brethren could be appointed who made it a pleasure to properly perform their duties, the Lodge was secure. Bro. Perceval S.W. replied. Should it be his good fortune to be elected to fill the office of W.M., he felt assured that, like the present W.M., he could rely on sure support from every member. He thanked the brethren for the hearty way in which they had responded to the call of the Officers. After other toasts and some songs, the brethren separated.

West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction. — At the meeting of this Lodge, held on the 5th instant, at the Feathers, Ealing, there were present—Bros. Seward W.M., Fisher S.W., Acworth J.W., Porter S.D., Jones J.D., Marsh I.G., Tink Brown, Stephens, Tucker Treasurer and Preceptor. The Lodge was opened and advanced in proper form to the third degree, when the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony, Bro. Tink Brown candidate. The Lodge was resumed to the first degree. Bro. Jones gave notice of his intention to call attention to bye-law No. 17, at the next meeting, and to move a resolution in regard thereto. On the motion of Bro. Preceptor, seconded by Bro. Acworth, Bro. Fisher was elected W.M. for the meeting on the 19th instant, and the Lodge was then closed in due form, with solemn prayer.

Frederick Lodge of Unity, No. 452.—The brethren of this Lodge—one of the most popular and ably conducted in the Province of Surrey—met for their Installation meeting, on Tuesday, the 17th inst. The brethren were presided over by the W.M., Bro. Charles Henry Edmands, who opened his Lodge at half-past four o'clock, supported by Bros. P.M.'s J. Walter Sugg, James Robins (Treasurer), Magnus Ohren (Secretary), Arthur Thomas Jeffery (I.P.M.); Bros. Charles Pawley, Thomas Ovenden, W. G. Davis, E. T. Zohrab, E. H. Sugg, F. A. Manning, C. M. Ohren, G. Robins, John Methven, D. W. Sugg, J. C. F. W. Rogers, D. W. Sugg, Charles George Scott, Daniel R. Wise, William George Batchelor, Joseph Steele. The Visitors were represented by Bros. Farrand Davies Evening Star Lodge, W. W. Morgan Sec. 211, W. Clouston P.M. Britannic, C. J. Pawley (late of Britannic), H. H. Davis St. Mary's Lodge, J. Pettengill Friendship Lodge. In due course, the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Ballots were taken for Mr. Gerald Palmer, proposed by the W.M., seconded by the Secretary; and for Mr. Robert George Smith, proposed by the W.M., seconded by the Treasurer; in each case the result was satisfactory. A telegram was read from the latter gentleman, who regretted his inability to be present on this occasion. Mr. Palmer was introduced, and Bro. Edmands worked the ceremony in his behalf, performing that task in a careful and impressive manner. Two brethren—Joseph Steele, of the Royal Kensington Lodge No. 1627; and William Ackland, of the St. Mary's Lodge No. 63—both proposed by Bro. P.M. Magnus Ohren, and seconded by the W.M.—were ballotted for, and accepted as joining members, and this was followed by some routine work and the collection of dues. The worthy Treasurer—who, by the way, is a model of industry—having affirmed that his children had ably responded to his "pipe," Bro. J. W. Sugg P.M. took the chair as Installing Master, and the W.M. elect, Bro. Charles Pawley S.W., was introduced for the purpose of Installation. Bro. Sugg administered the obligation, and those not qualified to assist at the Board of Installed Masters were requested to withdraw. On readmission of the brethren, the new W.M. was saluted, and he invested the following as his Officers for the year:—Bros. E. H. Sugg S.W., F. A. Manning J.W., James Robins P.M. Treas., Magnus Ohren P.M. Sec., J. C. F. W. Rogers S.D., J. Methven J.D., Charles M. Ohren I.G., Rev. D. J. Drakeford Chaplain, J. W. Sugg P.M. D.C., Edwin H. Sugg Organist., D. W. Sugg Steward, C. T. Speight P.M. (re-elected) Tyler. Bro. P.M. J. W. Sugg then proposed, "That a P.M.'s jewel be presented to Bro. Charles H. Edmands on his leaving the chair, as a mark of respect from the members." This was unanimously agreed to; the presentation was duly made, and Bro. Edmands made a suitable acknowledgment. The next business was a notice of motion by Bro. P.M. Magnus Ohren, "That the members of this Lodge having heard with deep regret that the widow of our late Bro. W. Clarke Watson (a subscribing member of this Lodge is, through the death of her husband, left in straitened circumstances, do pledge themselves to use their votes and interest to secure the admission of her youngest child (a boy of seven) into the Masonic School." And further, "That the sum of five guineas be voted from the funds of the Lodge to the Boys' School, the amount to be placed on the list of the Steward from this Lodge serving that Charity for 1880." After this had been seconded by Brother Zohrab, it was put to the meeting, and carried unanimously. Amongst other matters referred to during the evening was the loss the Lodge had sustained by the death of Past Master W. Stanley Masterman. The Secretary reported he had sent, as requested by

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the members, to the widow of their late brother, a letter of condolence, and had received an acknowledgment from Mrs. Masterman. Letters of regret were read from Gen. Brownrigg Provincial Grand Master, and from the Rev. C. Arnold P.G.C. Deputy Grand Master, regretting inability to attend, and after a proposition had been made for a joining member, Lodge was closed. The brethren then sat down and partook of a capital banquet, over which the W.M. presided. On removal of the cloth he gave the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. Speaking of Her Most Gracious Majesty, Bro. Pawley said the Queen had had many heavy trials to contend with, but in all she had exhibited a strong interest in the welfare of her subjects, and he had great pleasure in calling on the brethren to drink her health; with the toast he would couple the sentiment, Prosperity to the Craft. The health of the Most Worshipful Grand Master the Prince of Wales was next offered for the acceptance of the brethren. The Prince had carried on his duties in Freemasonry in a manner satisfactory to the Craft at large, and he (the W.M.) had equal pleasure in offering this toast for their acceptance. The W.M. next gave that of the Pro G.M., the D.G.M. and the rest of the Grand Officers. After full honour had been done to this toast, the Worshipful Master gave the one that belonged more particularly to the district in which they were assembled, namely, The Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, the Prov. Grand Wardens, and other Prov. Grand Officers Present and Past. After a song, "The Gauntlet," rendered admirably by Bro. Charles Ohren, Bro. Jeffery replied: As the reigning Prov. Grand Officer he thought this would be the last opportunity he should have of addressing them. He trusted ere he had the opportunity of meeting the brethren of the Frederick of Unity again, another of their members would have received an appointment as Prov. Grand Officer. Bro. I.P.M. Edmands proposed the health of the W.M. It was a pleasure to know the brethren would have a good Master. As he (Bro. Edmands) stood there addressing them, he, with all around him, could hear the joyous ring out of the bells; he could not say they were ringing expressly in honour of their W.M.'s advent to office, but he thought they might take it as a happy omen of the future that was in store for them. Bro. Pawley undoubtedly possessed qualities that would make him an acceptable Master, and he would therefore ask them to drink heartily to the prosperity of the Lodge under that brother's rule. After a song—"Maid of Athens"—by Bro. Zobrab, Bro. Pawley rose: He felt it a great honour they had conferred upon him in electing him as their W.M. He fully realised his own shortcomings, but assured them he would strive to uphold the dignity and best interests of the Lodge. The remaining toasts comprised the health of the initiate, Bro. Magnus Ohren favouring with the Entered Apprentice song; the Installing Master, the Visitors; to these toasts Bros. Palmer J.W., Sugg, and Clouston replied; next came the Past Masters, and this afforded Bro. Edmands an opportunity for offering a few remarks of acknowledgment for the way in which the toast had been offered. The worthy Treasurer and Secretary received their due meed of praise; and the other Officers' claims were not overlooked. Bro. Speight was then called on for the final toast, and the brethren separated, after spending a most pleasant and agreeable day.

Whittington Lodge of Instruction, No. 862.—This Lodge held a meeting on Wednesday, 18th inst., at Bro. Hyde's, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, Bro. H. R. Hallam occupying the chair, Bros. J. S. Brown as S.W., Vizzard J.W., Gush S.D., Marston J.D., Abell I.G., Long P.M. Preceptor, and others. On the Lodge being opened and advanced to the second degree, Bro. Jeapes offered himself as a candidate for raising, and, his examination proving satisfactory, the Lodge was opened in the third, and the ceremony completed in a masterly manner. The whole of the lecture was then rehearsed, with the assistance of Bro. Brown S.W., who, on the resumption of the Lodge, was elected W.M. for the 2nd July. The Lodge was then closed. The Fifteen Sections will be worked by the members of this Lodge of Instruction, at the Red Lion Hotel, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, on Wednesday, 25th June 1879, commencing at seven o'clock in the evening. Bros. H. R. Hallam S.W. 1349 W.M., Gush 1541 S.W., J. S. Brown 862 J.W. FIRST LECTURE—Bros. Pate, Gates, Drury, Abell, Long, J. S. Brown, Thompson. SECOND LECTURE—Bros. Vizzard, Marston, Tate, Kidder, Dickins. THIRD LECTURE—Bros. Welsford, T. Dodson, Gush.

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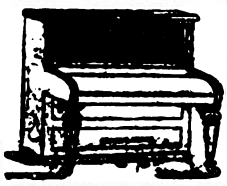
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