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BROTHERLY LOVE.

DEDICATED TO BRETHREN—FAR EAST, WEST AND SOUTH.

O'er the land and the sea, with high standard unfurl'd,
The Mason, advancing, will conquer the world!
By many an ocean on farthest shore
His standard is rooted, to float evermore;
Where voices in multitude sing of his fame,
And murmurs of gratitude herald his name;
Not spreading terror, with brand and with blade,
Not with the "Darkness that maketh afraid,"
But breathing *a word* from his Master above,
And coming in triumph of BROTHERLY LOVE!

O'er the land and the sea, with high standard unfurl'd,
The Mason, advancing, will conquer the world!
Nations for ages had hedged themselves round
As dangerous, unapproachable ground,
And, all others' excellence thrusting from sight,
Had gone on decaying and pining for Light;—
So the myriad souls they inclosed, like an Ark
Envelop'd in mystery, toil'd in the dark;
Till Progress at last made a breach in the wall,
Where strangers from far met and wrangled with all;
Here Masonry came on the wings of the Dove,
Uniting the sundered, in BROTHERLY LOVE!

O'er the land and the sea, with high standard unfurl'd,
The Mason, advancing, will conquer the world!
Islands and Continents bounded the main
With lakelet and river, mountain and plain,
Where the savage athletic roved reckless and free,
As the fish thro' the waters, the bird on the tree,

As the beast in the jungle, and cruel as they,
Irresponsible, made of his species a prey.
The armies of Progress came dauntlessly on,
The beast and the savage are tam'd or are gone;
The prairies are gilt with the ripening grain,
The smoke from the townships curls white o'er the plain,
Rich harbours and cities are fringing the sea,
And ships are the fruit of the old forest-tree;
Whilst everywhere rising, in town and in grove,
Are Masons' Halls—Temples to BROTHERLY LOVE!

O'er the land and the sea, with high standard unfurl'd,
The Mason, advancing, will conquer the world!
When rulers infuriate, marshal their strength,
And war, with its horrors, seems coming at length;
When the lips of the many are pallid with rage,
And the heart of the warrior burns to engage;
When maidens and matrons are praying for peace,
Would Masonry rise and bid Passion to cease!
But tho' nerving fast and expanding in girth,
Not yet is our Empire supreme in the earth.
The quickening progress of culture and mind,
The growth of the general weal of our kind,
Will yet loud proclaim, in the blaze of the sun,
That tho' rulers are many, THE PEOPLES ARE ONE;
Then Masons will hail their behest from above,
And preach to humanity—BROTHERLY LOVE.

Walter Spencer.

THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

IT behoves us to call the attention of our readers to the necessity for supporting this Charity. The Annual Festival will be held on Wednesday next, under the presidency of the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, Deputy G.M., and we trust the efforts of those brethren who have undertaken the arduous, and oftentimes thankless, duties of Stewards, will prove, at least, as successful as in former years. We go even further, and express a hope that, as the Craft is becoming numerically stronger every year, and has latterly risen so much higher in public estimation, the brethren will recognise the imperative necessity there is for increasing the monetary aid hitherto forthcoming in support of the funds of this Institution. There is, too, one other reason why the Festival of 1876 should be a very great success, and that is the presence in the chair of the third in rank of our Grand Officers, who now, for the first time since his appointment to the high position of Deputy Grand Master, has an opportunity of aiding, by his example and zealous advocacy, that cause which all true Masons have most at heart—the cause of Charity.

We need not dwell on the claims of this Institution to the support of the Craft. In our very first issue we drew a sketch of its origin, purpose, and progress. We pointed out then, how, from a very small beginning indeed, it had gradually increased its sphere of operations, till now it was one of the most considerable Institutions of its kind in the United Kingdom. The first election took place in May

1843, and then fifteen brethren were chosen to receive annuities, varying from £10 to £30, according to age. There are now one hundred and thirty male annuitants, each of whom is in receipt of £36 per annum, one hundred female annuitants, severally receiving £28 per annum, and sixteen widows of former annuitants in receipt of a moiety of their late husbands' annuities. Thus the number of annuitants, men and women together, has grown from fifteen men, in 1843, to two hundred and forty-six, in the year just ended. This, of course, is an eminently satisfactory picture, but it is possible to do much more than this. Clearly, therefore, more than this must be done. We say "must" advisedly. It is the duty of Freemasons to be charitable, but when not all is done that can be done, it is manifest the duty is imperfectly fulfilled, or fulfilled in a loose perfunctory sort of way. Therefore it is we shall have a right to feel disappointed if the subscription list to the Festival of Wednesday next is not greatly in excess of the lists in previous years. But while, with a due regard to all eventualities, we note the possibility that the subscriptions may not be progressively increasing in amount from year to year, we incline to the hope that as the amount in 1875 showed an increase of about £1,500 over the amount in 1874, so the sum realised by the efforts of the Stewards in 1876 will be little, if anything, short of £2,000 in excess of 1875. In such case it will be in the power of the Committee to add to the number of beneficiaries; and, as last year, owing to the liberal addition made to the funds of the Institution, they felt themselves in a position to increase the number of male annuitants from

one hundred and twenty to one hundred and thirty, and the number of females from eighty-eight to one hundred, as announced in our issue of 13th February last, so this year, if our brethren but do their duty, we ought to hear of at least an equal, if not greater, addition to the numbers.

As regards the income of the Benevolent Institution, this, taking the male and female funds together, amounted to somewhere about ten thousand pounds, while the inmates receive not far short of eight thousand pounds. Of the income, only about £2,100, including contributions from Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter to the extent of £950, is permanent, the rest being interest on invested moneys. Thus hardly less than six thousand pounds must be subscribed annually in order to maintain the Charity "only in its present state of usefulness." But while it cannot be said to be a loss to maintain this or any other institution at its normal standard of efficiency it must not be considered creditable to a body which is constantly increasing in numbers if the institutions it maintains do not increase in a corresponding ratio. Last year there were thirty-four female candidates for eighteen vacancies, and thirty-three male candidates for twenty-eight vacancies, after making due allowance for the additions, by the Committee, of twelve female and ten male annuitants. Thus sixteen female and five male candidates, all of whom had been approved as worthy of election, were doomed to disappointment. So long as we are obliged to disappoint worthy claimants on our support, so long must we labour to increase the funds of the Benevolent Institution. It will be time enough, when there are more vacancies than candidates, to direct our surplus energies into some other channel.

We must not close these brief remarks without wishing the indefatigable Secretary, Bro. Terry, all the success he himself desires. He is a genial, good soul, whose efforts it is a pleasure to record. His labours to promote the comfort of our patriarchs are hardly less appreciated by the Craft than they are by his ancient charges themselves. His uniform kindness, his unwearied, unselfish efforts on their behalf, do him honour; and knowing and appreciating these efforts as we do, in common with all other brethren, it enhances the enthusiasm with which we support a charity, when we know its management rests principally on his shoulders. In fine, let it be borne in mind, and acted upon, that *five shillings* per man all round the Order annually means, as we said on a former occasion, an income of something like £12,000. If we cannot achieve this we ought—shall we say?—to consider ourselves as only imperfectly discharging one of our most important obligations.

We append a List of the Stewards for the Anniversary Festival of 1876:—

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MASONIC PORTRAITS (No. 14.)

OUR HERCULES.

“ I prithee,
Remember I have done thee worthy service ;
Told thee no lies, made thee no mistakings, served
Without or grudge or grumblings.”

IF the history of the great Masonic Charities is ever written, the public, who regard the Fraternity as a great organization, having for its main object the cultivation of good fellowship over tables loaded with good cheer, will learn, with surprise, that the most serious work of the Order has been expended upon practical objects. Possibly, too, from such a history the world might be introduced to a number of true heroes, whose names are now buried in comparative obscurity, or are merely the household words of a few Lodges, or districts. To appreciate justly the nature of the Herculean labours which have helped to make our benevolent institutions the wonder and admiration of all who are familiar with their working, we should find it necessary to examine a vast mass of records, not merely of the institutions themselves, but of Lodges, whose members have spent time, and talent, and cash, in furthering the cause of charity. Many a brother has devoted his sole attention to this great work, without thought of fee or reward; and of the officers who have given the whole of their time to official duty, we question if any one of them has been adequately remunerated for his services. We have in truth been singularly fortunate in the selection of the gentlemen into whose hands the main direction of the Charities has fallen. Energy, enthusiasm, and a noble devotion to duty, have characterised them all, and some of them, at least, have brought talents to bear upon the work, which in any sphere of life, might have helped them to any position in the commercial world.

The brother who, in utter unconsciousness of our purpose, has ventured to cross the threshold of our studio, is one of those painstaking officials. We need not indeed affect any mystery with reference to his exact status in Masonry. He is the Secretary of the Boys' School, has signally distinguished himself in that position, and has won golden opinions from the entire Fraternity. Possessed of vast physical and mental energy, his labours have rivalled those of the classic hero whose name we have borrowed as his most fitting designation. The labours of Hercules are indeed trivial, compared with the tasks which this accomplished officer has performed. Mere brute strength, with some trifling dash of mother wit, sufficed to enable the former to fulfil his allotted tasks, but the man whose duty it is to plough a district, and sow seed which in time is to ripen into the gold of contributions, the man who is constantly compelled, in the execution of his duty, to inspire the faint hearted, to quicken the sympathies of the dull

mind, or to hasten the leaden footed; who travels in one month over as much ground as Hercules covered in the performances of his fabled works, might well envy the great hero of antiquity the singularly easy career which the fates had marked out for him. Our brother indeed has been specially gifted by Nature with those qualifications which, when combined with enthusiasm and industry, tend to make a man irresistible. His mind, we have said, is full of native vigour, and like the great spirit immortalised in Milton's wondrous verse, he has :

“ Atlantean shoulders fit to bear
The weight of mightiest monarchies.”

So gallant a fighter for the cause of charity was not trained in a day. His career has been one long battle, and he commenced life at a time when many young men are dreaming of a college career. At the early age of nineteen, he found himself in London, thrown to some extent upon his own resources, and utterly unknown in the vast modern Babylon. But there was “stuff” in our young novice, and a superabundance of that fighting element which makes the Englishman so successful in all the battles of civil or commercial life. He threw himself, with all the energy of his nature, into a quarrel in the locality in which his lot was cast, and on a question of franchise qualification, before the revising barrister, our brother defeated the experienced agent on the other side. Local mud indeed had no terrors for him; he has rendered valuable services on various boards of guardians, and has officiated as churchwarden again and again. His early start in life must have been tolerably successful, since we find him on the jury list at this period, and he was foreman of a jury at a time when the majority of men are struggling in a condition of servitude.

Masonry early attracted the attention of our brother, and in December 1851 he was initiated, in Enoch Lodge (No. 11), and filled the chair, with great credit to himself, in 1856. In 1855, he was exalted, in Mount Sinai Chapter, now No. 19. He was W.M. of the Crescent Lodge (1090) in the year 1860, and has held the same distinguished office in the Peace and Harmony, Grand Stewards, Lewis and other Lodges. He was installed K.T. in 1866, and is Secretary of the Grand Mark Lodge, a position in Masonry which few of the brethren are fated to fill. The Mark Lodges, indeed, mainly, in consequence of the energetic policy of such men as our hero, have become so influential that their recognition by the Craft cannot much longer be delayed. When he assumed this important office there were but 60 Mark Lodges in the Kingdom, whereas there are now 180. In the year 1862 our brother passed the 18°, Rosicrucian, and that of P.M.W.S., 30°, in 1864, he has served five stewardships, with distinguished ability, and now holds office as Intendant General unattached. If we were to follow him through the entire list of his honours

and distinctions, this sketch would degenerate into a mere catalogue of titles and degrees, and we therefore hasten to an event in his Masonic life which has had a marked influence upon his subsequent career. We allude to his election as Secretary of the Boys' School. This important step was obtained in the year 1861, and he has since devoted himself to his duties with such zeal and attention as leave nothing to be desired. When he took office the annual income of the institution was but £2,048, while last year the sum of £13,246 poured into its coffers. This vast increase is in a great measure owing to his exertions, which have been scarcely paralleled in the history of any charitable institution in this country. His conduct as an officer has been beyond praise, and in the performance of his duty he has never thought of his own ease or comfort. Like some brave bishop of primitive times, he is always engaged in the task of visiting some portion of his vast diocese, and in the congenial work of encouraging, counselling and fostering the faith of those who toil in the cause. But although he has given right royal service to the school he has not escaped calumny; a groundless charge, which was brought against him recently, has been triumphantly refuted, and the Committee of the Institution, with a sublime faith in their Secretary—which has been warranted by the result—nobly stood by him, and defended him against the unprovoked attacks of the aggressors. It is the fate of us all to be exposed to misrepresentation, and the great master poet tells us that those who are as pure as ice, and as chaste as snow, shall not escape the arts of the traducer. Men who are placed high above the common herd are peculiarly exposed to the attacks of envious rivals, and greatness of any kind or degree invariably brings its attendant sorrows. Our distinguished brother has known what tribulation is, he has felt the keen shaft of the detractor, but he has triumphantly passed the ordeal, and his honour shines the brighter for the trial to which it has been exposed.

But we must hasten to bring our very imperfect sketch to a conclusion. The recent recognition of his great services must be fresh in the memory of our readers. They cannot have forgotten, since so many of them were active workers, that the Craft presented to him the sum of £1,000 as a mark of its high appreciation, not merely for his official work, but for those labours of his which have tended in no slight degree to place Masonry in the grand position which it holds at the present time in the eyes of the world. Jewels and minor distinctions have been showered upon him, and we are saying much when we add that testimonials have not had the effect of blunting his enthusiasm. It often happens that the reflex action of gifts like these is injurious to those who are the happy recipients. The acknowledgment comes like a warning to the sensitive brother that his task is finished, or that he should clear the way for ambitious rivals. Happy he who receives a testimonial from his brethren, but thrice happy he who regards the gift as a mere incentive to futher exertions. The best friends of our Hercules have often expressed their regret that his voice is so seldom heard in Grand Lodge. Some of us have a lively recollection of his eloquence, of his generous heat in debate, of his plain mother English, and the fearlessness with which he expressed his opinions. It is said, indeed, that upon his election to the office of Secretary of the Boys School, it was understood that he would not take part in any debate in Grand Lodge not affecting the Charities. If this be so, we can only express our deep regret that the powers that rule us should have thought it good policy to close the mouth of a paid officer. The understanding, if it really exists, is not we imagine in the terms of his appointment, but, whether it be or not, while it remains in force it has the effect of depriving Grand Lodge of the counsels of a brother who has been gifted by Nature with a larger brain than most men can boast of. He has never in his advocacy of any cause permitted himself to be influenced by merely personal considerations, and in the memorable discussions of 1855-6, on the Canadian and other great questions, he was a prominent leader against Grand Lodge, on the Blue side.

This truly great man might have been eminent in any position in life. His wisdom in debate, his eloquence and his fearlessness, might have helped him on to fame even in the great council of the nation. Behind the "Master Marks" of genius which are so prominent in his character, he possesses social qualities which endear him to those who are included in the wide circle of his friends. He is an unassuming English gentleman, a jovial companion, and a warm and an attached colleague.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE, ARMAGH.

IN accordance with a resolution unanimously passed at the meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Armagh, held at Dundalk on 27th November last, a grand banquet will be held at the Tontien Rooms, Armagh, at 6 p.m. on Thursday the 24th instant, being the evening of the day on which the Prov. Grand Lodge is summoned to meet for labour. The banquet will be held for the purpose of celebrating the re-appointment of R.W. Bro. Maxwell C. Close, M.P., as Provincial Grand Master, and the re-nomination by him of V.W. Bro. John G. Winder, J.P. as Deputy P.G.M. In order to give as much *éclat* as possible to the occasion, the honorary secretaries to the banquet committee, Bros. Robert Turner, Past P.G.S.W., and Arthur Nelson, P.G. Organist, have issued a circular letter, copy of which has been kindly forwarded to us, to the Secretaries of the different Lodges in the Province. Therein they state that any brother may obtain tickets for himself and Masonic friends, on application to the Committee, and Lodge Secretaries are courteously invited to lend their co-operation and assistance to the Committee in their efforts to do honour to the Prov. G.M. and his Deputy. There are twenty-two Lodges in the Province, which embraces the counties of Louth, Monaghan, and Armagh, and each Lodge is requested to nominate one of its members to act as Steward at the banquet. The Honorary Secretaries request that the names of these Stewards may be returned for insertion in the programme, by the 15th, and also that the various Lodge Secretaries will forward lists of those brethren who propose to be present not later than the 14th. A form of application for tickets, the price of which is fixed at eight shillings and sixpence, accompanies the circulars. We can only express a hope that our brethren of the Province will respond in considerable numbers to the invitation, and that the banquet will prove a great success.

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF ENGLAND.

THE Quarterly Convocation of the Supreme Grand Chapter was held on Wednesday, the 2nd inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street. Comp. General Brownrigg as G.Z., S. Rawson G.H., H. Sandeman G.J., J. Hervey G.S.E., Colonel Creaton G.N.; Comps. Fenn, Nunn, Snow, Smith, Dr. Woodman, Parkinson, Coutts, Massey, Moutrie, Browse, Head, Hyde Pullen, Platt, Rucker, Glaisher, Payne, &c. The minutes of the last Quarterly Convocation were confirmed. The following Report of the Committee of General Purposes was read and adopted:—

TO THE SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF ENGLAND.

The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the Accounts from the 20th October 1875, to the 18th January 1876, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:—To Balance Grand Chapter £149 10s 7d, unappropriated account £156 5s 11d, subsequent receipts £371 19s 9d, total £677 16s 3d. By disbursements during the quarter £165 1s 4d, balance £349 9s 6d, balance in unappropriated account, £163 5s 5d, total £677 16s 3d, which balances are in the hands of Messrs. Willis, Percival & Co., bankers to the Grand Treasurer.

The Grand Chapter Committee beg to report that the Grand Scribe E. officially announced the lamented death of Companion John Savage, P.S.B., their President, which intelligence was received with very deep and sincere regret.

The Grand Scribe E. further announced that the M.E. Pro First Grand Principal had appointed Companion Lieut.-Colonel Creaton, P.S.B., President in the room of Companion Savage deceased, and Companion Robert Grey 2nd Asst. Sojourner to fill the vacancy caused in the Committee by his death.

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

1st. From Companions William Lawrence Twentyman as Z, William John Doveton as H, Richard Nathan Hubbersty as J, and ten others, for a Chapter to be attached to the Lodge of the Rock, No. 260, Trin-chinopoly, to be called "The Rock Charter," and to meet at Trin-chinopoly, Madras, East Indies.

2nd. From Companions Charles Godtschalk as Z, James Jackson Avery as H, Henry William Thomas as J, and ten others, for a Chapter to be attached to the Dundas Lodge, No. 1255, Plymouth, to be called "The Dundas Chapter," and to meet at the Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth, Devonshire.

3rd. From Companions Henry Griffiths as Z, William Henry Lloyd as H, Thomas Waite as J, and six others, for a Chapter to be attached to the Kennard Lodge, No. 1258, Pontypool, to be called "The Ken-

nard Chapter," and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Pontypool, Monmouthshire.

4th. From Companions Perceval Alleyn Nairne as Z, William Viner Bedolphe as H, James Hadland Vockins as J, and seven others, for a Chapter to be attached to the Sphinx Lodge, No. 1329, Camberwell, to be called "The Sphinx Chapter," and to meet at the "Surrey Masonic Hall," Camberwell.

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

The Committee have further to report that they have received petitions:—

5th. From Companions Richard Miles Roberts as Z, Richard William Hoskins Giddy as H, Francis Henry Samuel Orpen as J, and seven others for a Chapter to be attached to the Richard Giddy Lodge, No. 1574, Kimberley, South Africa, to be called the "The Richard Giddy Chapter," and to meet at Kimberley, South Africa.

This Petition is regular, excepting that the proposed J is not yet registered as an Installed Master.

6th. From Companions Gabriel Joshua De Cordova as Z, Osmond Dilgado as H, David Barned as J, and nine others for a Chapter to be attached to the Phoenix Lodge, No. 914, Port Royal, Jamaica, to be called "The Phoenix Chapter," and to meet at Port Royal, Jamaica.

This Petition is also regular, excepting that the Lodge recommendation is not attached thereto.

The Committee therefore recommend that, subject to the proof of the proposed J being an Installed Master in the case of No. 1574, and the recommendation of the Lodge in the case of No. 914, which have both been written for, being respectively received, that the Prayers of these Petitions be granted.

It having come under the notice of the Committee at their Meeting on the 20th October 1875, that Companion Price, who was one of the Petitioners for a Chapter to be attached to the Royal Lebanon Lodge, No. 493, Gloucester, and who had been exalted in the Foundation Chapter, No. 82, Cheltenham, as far back as the 10th October 1866, had not been registered until October 1875, the Committee directed the three Principals of the Chapter to be summoned to account for the neglect, and to produce their Books and Charter, dispensing, however, in the first instance, with the personal attendance of the Principals.

The Committee regret to say that, on an investigation of the Books and Registry Book of Grand Chapter, a most inexcusable amount of laxity appears to have prevailed in the Registration of Companions exalted in the Foundation Chapter, Companions exalted in 1865-6 and 7 not being registered until 1869; one exalted in 1863 and one exalted in 1866 were not registered until 1870; three exalted in 1859, one in 1863, and one in 1865 were not registered until 1871; and, without going through the whole list, it would almost appear that no Companion was registered until his certificate was required for some special purpose.

The Committee, therefore, to mark their sense of the great irregularities which have prevailed in the Foundation Chapter, and its total disregard of Art. 20, page 19, of the Royal Arch Regulations, Edition 1869, or Art. 64, page 21, Edition 1875, which requires a regular return from each Chapter once in every year, have inflicted a fine on the Chapter to the extent of three guineas.

The Committee hope and believe that the business of the Chapter for the last year or two has been conducted with more regularity so far as relates to the Registration of its Members.

(Signed) JOHN CREATON, President.

All the business on the agenda paper was duly transacted, after which Supreme Grand Chapter was closed.

PRESENTATION AT HULL.

A VERY gratifying testimonial of esteem and regard was presented, on Monday evening, by the brethren of Kingston Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons to Bro. James Kay, who for the last five years has most satisfactorily discharged the duties of Secretary to that Lodge. On its becoming known that Bro. Kay was about to leave Hull for York, a wish was spontaneously expressed that some tangible expression should be given by the brethren of the Lodge of their respect for his personal merits, and high appreciation which was entertained of the services he had rendered as Secretary. Accordingly, a substantial sum was subscribed, which was devoted to the purchase of a very massive and handsome timepiece and set of candelabra, and these were duly presented to Bro. Kay on Wednesday night by Bro. Simeon Moseley P.M. The timepiece was of black marble with gold numerals and hands, and richly ornamented; the candelabra being of the Venetian style, in bronze, and enriched with gold. On a plate beneath the dial of the timepiece was the following inscription: "Presented by the members of the Kingston Lodge, No. 1010, to Brother James Kay, their late Secretary, January, 1876." In making the presentation, Brother S. Moseley P.M. said, as the senior Past Master of the Lodge he had had the honour conferred upon him of asking Bro. Kay's acceptance of this testimonial. He felt sure that no lengthened remarks from him were necessary, and he would therefore discharge his duty in a few homely, yet sincere words. The brethren deeply regretted that Bro. Kay was about to sever his connection with the Lodge in which he had spent his early career as a Mason. It reflected undoubted credit upon him that, having been among them such a short period, he had shown such assiduity and zeal in his adherence to the cause that the Lodge had become essentially indebted to him for its welfare. Moreover, every member had felt and appreciated his gentlemanly and meek conduct in endeavouring to add to their comfort (applause). If they had given expression to their feelings in the little testimonial now before them, of their recognition of his worth and merits, it was not for Bro. Kay that

those feelings were fully represented by that trifling outlay of money (applause). They had been guided in a measure by the desire that their estimation of his services should be tangibly represented to his wife, his family, and his friends. If the brethren regretted—as they did regret for their own sakes—Bro. Kay's departure from amongst them, they still hoped he might be going where his worth might not only be appreciated but increased. And as Bro. Kay grows older might he learn to feel that his present efforts were puny compared to what they will become in the cause of Masonry. He trusted they might frequently see Bro. Kay amongst them in the future, and that their mutual friendships might increase (applause). Bro. Kay, in accepting the testimonial, said he scarcely knew how adequately to return thanks for the beautiful gift with which the brethren of the Kingston Lodge had just presented him. When he undertook the office of Secretary, little more than five years ago, he looked upon it as a responsible and sacred charge. He then promised that he would try to serve the Lodge faithfully and well, and to the best of his humble ability he had done so (applause). This very beautiful expression of their approval had satisfied him that, to some extent, he had succeeded in his efforts, and it was very gratifying to him that on leaving Hull he was able to take with him such a testimonial of their esteem. It would be cherished as one of his most valuable possessions, and it would be a source of lasting pride and gratitude to himself and those with whom he is connected. He should take the earliest opportunity of identifying himself with Masonry in the city of York, where he is going to reside, and where he is pleased to know Masonry is rapidly on the increase (applause). He thanked the brethren, one and all, for the uniform courtesy and kindness they had always extended to him, and concluded by saying that he should be ready and glad to afford any assistance he could to his successor in office (applause). The brethren subsequently sat down to a substantial banquet, when the customary Craft and other toasts were duly honoured.

CONSECRATION OF THE NEW CROSS LODGE, No. 1559.

THIS interesting event took place on Wednesday, at the New Cross Hall, Upper Lewisham-road. Bro. E. H. Thiellay A.G.P. Middlesex was originally the W.M. Designate, but he having lately been installed W.M. of the Lodge of Prudent Brethren, No. 145, Bro. W. B. Woodman, S.W. Designate, was chosen to fill that office.

At the time appointed the brethren assembled, and the ceremony of consecration was performed in a most praiseworthy manner by Bro. James Terry, Prov. G.D.C. Herts, P.M. 228, 1278, 1366, who had been appointed by the M.W.G.M., assisted by Bros. the Rev. Dr. Colles P.P.G.C. Oxford, Chaplain 1275 and 1538, and Frederick Walters P.P.G.P. Middlesex, P.M. 73, &c. After the consecration, Bro. W. B. Woodman was presented to the Lodge; a Board of Installed Masters, consisting of 24 W.M.'s and P.M.'s was formed, and Bro. Terry duly installed him into the chair of King Solomon. The W.M. having been saluted, the investment of officers took place: Bro. E. H. Thiellay S.W., Simmons J.W., F. Walters Treas., H. Keeble P.M. Sec., L. Beck S.D., Green J.D., Hartman I.G., Rev. Dr. Colles Chaplain, W. Kipps Org., and Church Tyler.

The tracing boards were very artistically painted by Bro. H. Frances. Bro. F. Walters then proposed that votes of thanks and honorary membership be given, and recorded on the minutes to Bro. James Terry, for his able rendering of the consecration and installation, and also to Bros. Colles and Kipps for their valuable services, and to Bros. Hubbnck and Hogg for their assistance. A special vote was also given to Bro. J. T. Sabine, and to whom also honorary membership was given. These honours having been duly acknowledged, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren sat down to a very capital banquet. During the interval of the dinner, the brethren were asked to take wine with Bro. Keeble sen., of the Phoenix Lodge, Stowmarket (the father of Bro. H. Keeble, the newly appointed Sec.), who had been 53 years a Mason, and had arrived in good health at the age of 77 years. The W.M. then proposed the usual toasts. Bro. W. Smeed P.M. 946 then proposed the toast of the W.M., and said he was a good Mason and well respected; he was sure the New Cross Lodge would prosper under his gavel.

The toast having been duly honoured, the toast of the Visitors followed. Bro. J. T. Moss P.P.G.R. Middlesex responded. He thanked them for their hospitality, and he augured a successful year of office to the W.M., who was one well calculated to fill the position. The toast of the Wardens and Officers was given, who severally responded, and the Tyler's toast followed. Altogether a very enjoyable evening was passed, Bro. Louis Beck delighting the brethren with some capital songs, in which he was accompanied by Bro. Kipps.

Among those present were Bros. J. T. Moss P.G.R. Middlesex, H. Francis P.G.S.D. Surrey, Nash P.M. 79, Hubbuck P.G.S., C. Hogg P.G.S., Griffin P.M., G. Andrews P.M. 871, Myatt P.M. 871, J. Sweasey, W. Smeed P.G.J.W. Middlesex, H. Green W.M. 1538, Chapman P.M. 147, Tison Gloster 1531, Hardman 1531, J. Wright P.M. 1158, Bethell P.M. 1337, J. I. Hyman 188, M. Hyman 188, J. White W.M. 228, H. M. Levy P.M. 188, &c.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Constant Success.—No disease is more trying to the temper, or more exhausting to the constitution, than the pain in the muscles and joints caused by exposure to wet or cold. Whenever the seat of suffering, it will only be necessary to foment the affected part with warm water, dry thoroughly, and immediately rub in Holloway's inestimable Ointment, to obtain ease. Gout, rheumatism, neuralgia, and the dolorous, are soon relieved, and ultimately cured by the use of this unequalled unguent, aided by Holloway's purifying and aperient Pills. Whenever persons subject to gout or rheumatic gout feel unusually nervous, weak, exhausted, or out of sorts, they should instantly resort to this treatment, which will avert the threatened attack.

REVIEWS.

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

MAGAZINES OF THE MONTH.

THE opening and closing articles are, perhaps, the most conspicuous features in *Blackwood*. The former deals with Army Reform, from a point of view independent of that adopted in a paper on the same subject last month. The latter is party-political, and will be admired by those of the same way of thinking. "The Dilemma" is advanced another stage. Yorke is still in England, and visits some new people, the Peevors, of Peavor and Hancke, the great Clarified Balsam people, whose hospitality is on a very grand scale, quite overwhelming, in fact, after the manner of *parvenu* families. Yorke is somewhat smitten with one of the girls, to the extent of a mild flirtation, which it will be no fault of the pater if it should not become something more serious. Teaching young ladies billiards and whist is a somewhat dangerous game, even for a Victoria Cross man to indulge in too extensively. Of the other contents the sketch of "Alphonse de Lamartine," which forms No. 10 of "A century of Great Poets," is an admirable specimen of what such a sketch should be, while the paper on the recently published volume of Mr. Thackeray's sketches, the Orphan of Pimlico and others, contains some of the most delightful reading imaginable.

We are getting on famously with the two new serials with which the new year was commenced in *Tinsleys'*. Mr. Farjeon's "Duchess of Rosemary Lane," bears out the promise of last month. Besides these, we have further "Liltings from the Lowlands," another of the "Thespian Cartes," in which the Court Theatre, its company, and the class of entertainment provided is very impartially estimated, another of the "Dreams of a German Jew," and the second of Dr. Davics's series of "Love Songs of all Nations." There is too, another of those excellent acrostics which emanate from time to time from the pen of Mrs. Baines. Accordingly we quote it, for satisfaction of our readers.

Few months so scant as this for poets' lay;
E'en March is more suggestive of a theme.
Behold the landscape oft-times clad with snow;
Reposing Nature shows no sign of life,
Unyielding yet reserving for a time:
And so a tardy season has its use.
Reluctant earth, though holding back her stores,
Yields up her treasures as the months come round.

We would suggest, however, that while, from a scenic point of view, February is perhaps the dreariest of months, the occurrence of St. Valentine's day affords the poet something very, very like a poetic theme. There are three other excellent papers which we commend to the notice of our readers. These are "Rambles on the Byways to Health," No. 1, by Mr. W. W. Fenn; "The air we Breathe," by A. E. Spencer, and W. H. Penning's, "Natural Science in the Nineteenth Century."

There is hardly a line in *Belgravia* to which exception can be taken—if we except the introduction of such a personage as Madge Templeton into the story of "Twixt Red and Green." For the life of us we cannot understand why the *demi-monde* should play so conspicuous a part in so many modern novels. The social evil may be a necessity of civilisation, but the less prominence that is given it the better, at least according to our way of thinking. Mr. Albert Statzor might, we think, have made something more than he has of so famous a subject as "The Theatre in Germany." However, Mr. Horace St. John writes well on the "Art of Luxury," and there is a well written sketch of that prince of diplomatists, "Monsieur de Talleyrand," by Mr. William Stigaud, while Mr. Percy B. St. John contributes "A Tale of the Polar Regions," bearing the title of "The Spectre Ship," and Mr. Capon a further "Peep at Domestic Life in India," in which we are treated to a description of some marvellous Indian jugglery. "Swells, Past and Present," and Mr. Talbot's exposition of "How I came to be a Manager," with a few other contributions, complete the number. Among them, by the way, is an extremely pretty "New Musical Valentine," by the author of "Lady Audley's Secret." We hope to see, in future numbers of *Belgravia*, more such graceful contributions from the same pen.

Mrs. S. Townshend Mayer's story of "Sir Hubert's Marriage," and Henry Kingsley's, "The Grange Garden," still form the *pièces de résistance* of the *St. James's*, which, under the able editorship of Mr. Mayer appears to have entered on a fresh career of prosperity. At least, the general excellence of its contents fully justify us in expressing a hope that this is the case. Anything associated with the memory of the First Napoleon will always find a numerous class of readers, and, accordingly, Part IV. of the sketches of "Napoleon at St. Helena," by one of his attendants, will be read with interest by very many. Moreover, these glimpses at his life in captivity are worth reading, not only for the occasional insight we get into his character, but because they are a good specimen of this class of writing. We fully endorse the remarks of Mr. Thomas Carlisle, in his admirable essay—if we may call it such—on "Mud Moralists." We take leave to quote the following:—

"Then"—that is, following after certain scurrilous publications—"Among the crowd of Christmas books appeared a disgraceful pamphlet—*The Coming K*—, libelling the Royal Family, and from that time each December has witnessed the emission of similar abominations. Garlanded with garbage, frolicking in filth, rolling in refuse, the teachers of this new learning would, however, have us believe

them actuated by high moral motives. They merely gambol among abominations to show all men that

'Vice is a monster of such frightful mien,
As, to be hated, needs but to be seen.'

This hypocrisy is nauseous. Railing Thersites, polluting and defaming all things, animate and inanimate, with his scurrilous tongue, is anything but a pleasant spectacle. But when Thersites pretends that his obscure vocabulary is employed for a noble object, and that he has to discharge a high moral mission by mud-throwing, the spectacle becomes doubly repulsive."

The paper concludes thus:—

"Enthusiasts in natural history declare that all creatures have their proper functions in the universe, and that the destruction of any one species must upset the equilibrium of creation. This may be so, though the disappearance of Mastodons, Ichthyosauri, and their congeners, has not, so far, acted thus destructively. Be that as it may, no reasonable person will doubt that, if the Mud Moralists followed the Dodo into the limbo set apart for creatures no longer useful, immense benefit would result to the public. His purpose may be of the loftiest, his mission noblest, his virtue immaculate, and his self-abnegation perfect. But it is hard to believe that scurrilous defamation, done into dirty doggerel, and spiced with suggestive nastiness, can have any other end in view than that of filling Sir Pandarus' pocket with dirty gains. At all events, it is absolutely certain that English literature would be greatly benefited by the summary suppression of the prurient parasites now clinging to his skirts. We are not ordinarily in favour of reviving obsolete institutions. Nevertheless, it is impossible to help, occasionally, wishing for a temporary *renaissance* of the stocks and pillory, even if the humane spirit would not tolerate cropped ears."

We are certain there is not one of our readers who does not hold similar views. Vicious attacks on the fair fame of the Royal Family will find no favour among Freemasons.

We cannot speak too highly of the domestic contributions to *Cassell's Family Magazine*. All are excellent, but, perhaps, the most useful paper of all is Mr. Payne's "How to make Tempting Food for Invalids." Readers of this periodical have already had numerous opportunities of testing, if they were so minded, the merits of Mr. Payne's sensible papers on matters culinary. Invalids too often fare indifferently at the hands of the cook, who imagines that any preparation will do for the sick room. An order from the medical man to a patient to be put on "slop" diet is generally interpreted in a literal sense, and the unfortunate invalid gets any quantity of washy stuff called beef-tea, mutton broth, gruel, &c., the one effect of which is to add dyspepsia to his other ailments. However, if the simple directions laid down by Mr. Payne for the preparation of beef-tea, mutton or chicken broths, gruel, barley-water, and toast-and-water are followed, the invalid will have reason to be thankful. It always has occurred to us that the careful preparation of any kind of food involves certainly no more trouble than the careless. It happens occasionally, indeed, that a want of care is in the end more troublesome. At all events, there is every reason why the invalid should be well treated in the matter of food. People in rude health can take care of themselves. The other papers of this class are those on "Little Accidents, and how to deal with them," "On some Minor Points of Etiquette," "Home Dressmaking," and "Domestic Service for Gentlewomen," by Mrs. Crawshaw, with the usual "Chit-chat on Dress" of "Our Paris Correspondent." A family doctor gives good advice as to "How to Preserve Eyesight and Hearing," and any who may wish to become citizens of London will learn all the various modes in the article "How to become a Freeman of the City of London." Should any of our readers be desirous of becoming "gentlemen of the long robe," let them consult Mr. Tysson's paper, "How to become a Barrister," and they will soon learn all about the mysteries of preliminary examination, eating terms, &c. The Gatherer's collection this month is a goodly one, and the serial tales maintain their interest.

The *Leisure Hour* has, as usual, a most excellent programme of contents. The first on the list is "1876: A Tale of the American War of Independence," in which the characters of Captain Devereux and Constance Delamere are admirably drawn thus far, and in which we begin already to get some inkling of the course the tale will run. Mr. E. Whymper follows suit, with an account of "Arctic Expeditions of the Nineteenth Century," which has the merit of being clearly and concisely written, not too burdened with detail. Dr. Rimbault contributes from his treasure house of musical lore an interesting article on "American National Songs," and to the Rev. Canon Rawlinson we are indebted for a very scholarly paper on "Egyptian Civilisation." The series of articles, "Concerning Shoes and Shoemakers," contains a fund of information respecting those of whom the worthy St. Crispin is held to be the tutelary deity. Besides these, we have a continuation of the account of the Rev. W. Wright's "Trip to Palmyra and the Desert," a sketch of "Duck Island, St. James's Park," with abundant information respecting its numerous inhabitants. "Antiquarian Gossip on the Months" and "Weather Proverbs" ought to find a host of readers. We quote, from the latter, the following, relating to the 3rd, 6th and 11th of this month. As to the 3rd, St. Vincent's Day, the proverb runs thus:

"Remember, on St. Vincent's Day,
If that the sun his beams display,
Be sure to mark his transient beam,
Which through the casement sheds a gleam;
For 'tis a token bright and clear
Of prosperous weather all the year."

This relates to the Sixth—"Old" St. Paul's Day:

"If St. Paul's Day be faire and cleare
It doth betide a happy yeare,
But if by chance it then should rain,
It will make deare all kinds of graine

And if ye clouds make dark ye skie,
Then neate and fowles this year shall die;
If blustering winds do blow aloft,
Then wars shall trouble ye realm full oft."

These concern Candlemas Day—February 14th N.S.—there being more proverbs relating to this than any other day in the year.

"If Candlemas Day be fair and clear,
There'll be twa winters in the year."

"As far as the sun shines in on Candlemas Day,
So far the snow will blow in afore old May."

"The hind had as lief see his wife on the bier,
As that Candlemas Day should be pleasant and clear."

The following, from the French, is in agreement with our English experience:

"A la Chandeleur
Grand froid, grand neige!
S'il fait beau l'ours sort de sa tanière
Fait trois tours,
Et rentre pour quarante jours."

The most interesting features in the *Sunday at Home*, are the second of Dr. Stoughton's series of papers on "Westminster Abbey," and the continuation of "A Jew's First Impressions of England, and First Intercourse with Christians." We must also mention, among the "Pages for the Young," a short tale of no little interest, entitled "The Young Huguenot."

THE DRAMA.

The Royal Duke's.—Miscellaneous.

WITHIN a very short space of time the Holborn has twice changed its name, to little purpose. Its career, from the commencement, with but a single exception, has been an unbroken series of misfortunes. The attempt to loosen the spell by a change of name was made by Mr. Horace Wigan, not a very long time since, and for a season the theatre was known as *The Mirror*. But whatever the mirror reflected it was certainly not success, and we have now to chronicle the assumption of a second *alias*, viz., the *ROYAL DUKE'S*. The play selected to inaugurate the new name is a semi-historical drama, by Mr. H. T. Craven, entitled *Too True*. We fear we cannot prophesy a lengthened run for this production. Unlike most other of Mr. Craven's plays, *Too True* is wanting in sustained interest. The plot is loosely constructed, and the characters generally inartistically drawn. Mr. Craven, Miss Louisa Moore, and Mr. Righton, who sustain the principal burden of the performance, do their utmost to save the play from failure, but their efforts are only partially successful. The piece will never draw, and may as well at once be withdrawn. The after piece, the ever welcome *Black Eyed Susan*, runs as merrily as of yore.

The present winter has been a fatal one for actors. George Belmore, Rogers (of the Haymarket), and the veteran Frederic Lemaitre, have made their final exits from the world, whilst Fechter has been compelled to have one of his legs amputated, and the late railway accident lost Dion Boucicault a son.

A new burlesque, *Cracked Heads*, a parody on Gilbert's *Broken Hearts*, has been produced at the Strand.

BAD EYESIGHT.—Many people complain of fatigue in the eyes, or weakness of sight; they cannot read or write for any length of time without the page becoming indistinct and the letters running into each other. These are symptoms which can be removed by attention to the general health, rest, tonics, and frequently (three or four times a day) bathing the forehead and eyes with cold water. But never neglect them. Cold bathing to the whole body every day, making a habit of it, in fact, is a grand conservation of sight. For this purpose, if the person can bear it, the shower-bath is the best. But in taking a plunge-bath, always dash a little water in the face first, then spring boldly in; don't take the water a toe at a time. When your eyes are at all weak, never work or read in the twilight, and never go out in very bright sunshine, especially if the ground is covered with snow. Out in Greenland, after shooting for five or six hours on the ice, we used always to come on board as hungry as hawks, but blind as moles. We were all right while on the snow, but the steward had to lead us to the table, and assist us in eating. In about two hours we came round again. This snow-blindness is caused in a great measure by extreme contraction of the pupil. Cold water to the eyes and a few whiffs of chloroform tend to dispel it.—By a *Family Doctor*, in "*Cassell's Family Magazine*" for February.

GREAT PUBLISHING UNDERTAKING.—The most superbly illustrated work ever yet produced on so comprehensive a scale is announced for immediate publication, under the title of "*Picturesque Europe*." It has been for several years in preparation, and will present a complete descriptive and elaborate pictorial illustration of the greater part of the European Continent, by bringing together, in a form never before attempted, representations of the numberless objects of Nature and of Art which make Great Britain and the Continent so pre-eminently picturesque. The illustrations will consist of exquisitely-engraved steel plates, and of engravings on wood, rivalling the productions on steel. All these will be absolutely new and original drawings, executed from recent sketches taken on the spot by eminent artists who have visited the various parts of Europe for the purpose. "*Picturesque Europe*" will be published in monthly parts by Messrs. Cassell, Petter and Galpin, and the first part will be published the 1st of March.

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GRAND LODGE HONOURS.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Can you inform me how I am to proceed to obtain Grand Lodge Honours?

That I am worthy, no one can deny; my failings are diffidence, and a want of that modesty which usually characterises parasites and sycophants.

I have been told that I should rise to eminence by merit, live respected, and die regretted; the first I have failed to realise, the second I hold in proud and enviable veneration, and the third is not likely to be posthumously proclaimed, as I am a bachelor, with a fortune, and a myriad of poor but deserving relatives.

I find upon analysis that many bedizened brethren are conspicuous by their inaptitude for Masonic duty, and particularly by the absence of their names from the list of subscribers to our Charities.

In the land of my adoption (America) brethren are raised according to proficiency, service, and benevolence; but, in London, it appears that intellect, merit and charity are not requisite qualifications for the council who dispense Masonic favours.

Your kind reply to my question will be esteemed.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother

Yours fraternally,

LEGITIMATE AMBITION.

Lincoln, 1st Feb. 1876.

PLURALITY.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

SIR,—Pluralism is justly condemned, whether in political or clerical circles, for two reasons, one—that the aggrandizement of the individual tends to his greater selfishness; the other—that damage is done to the community by depriving efficient persons of the opportunity, which they would otherwise have, of serving their church or their country.

But, unfortunately, the same evil which we deplore in other bodies exists likewise in the Craft, and we find brethren, doubtless of great qualifications, filling various posts in different Lodges—as, I think—to the detriment of the Craft, by the unnecessary repression of junior brethren, whose opportunity of advancement is barred by the fact that offices to which they might reasonably aspire are already filled by those who hold posts in other Lodges. I do not doubt that in some cases such state of things may be desirable—as, for instance, it may be expedient that a brother may be Master of two Lodges at one and the same time, but then a dispensation from the Grand Master must be obtained, and I think a similar dispensation should be (and indeed is far more) necessary in the case of inferior offices. I am desirous of bringing the subject, at a future time, before the Grand Lodge, but should be glad if you would allow the matter to be ventilated in your columns, that I may be enabled to gauge public opinion on the subject.

I am,

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

A PAST MASTER.

HONOUR TO WHOM HONOUR IS DUE.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

SIR,—I see that the Great City Lodge paid a fraternal visit to her sister Lodge at Westminster, such being considered to mark an era in the annals of Freemasonry. Will you allow me, on behalf of a Devon Lodge, to state that we, almost the youngest Lodge in the province, have, for more than twelve months, been in the habit of inviting the whole of the brethren of a Lodge in a neighbouring town to visit us, which they have done, *en masse*; they have reciprocated by giving us invitations in return, and we have visited them, almost all our members attending, although our two towns are twelve miles distant and we have no railway. These visits have given an opportunity of exchanging fraternal courtesies, to our mutual advantage. I saw a report of one of our visits in the "*FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE*" a few months since, and as such visits cannot fail to be beneficial concerned, I was very glad to see "*The Great City*" walking in the steps of its humble provincial sister Lodge, and hope that country Lodges especially—which the more need each other's help—will thus strengthen each other, to their benefit and to the advantage of the whole Craft.

Yours truly,

X. Y. Z.

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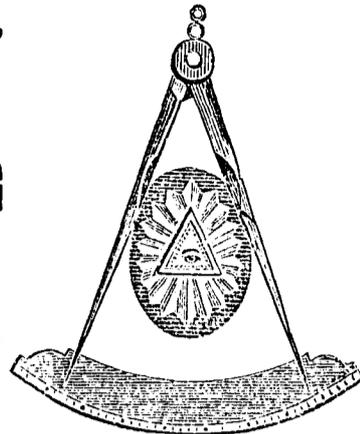
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The Right Hon. LORD SKELMERSDALE, Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Prov.
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Dinner on table at 6 o'clock p.m. punctually. Tickets 21s each.

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W.M.'s of Lodges, and Brethren intending to make Donations, are respect-
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that the same may be announced at the Dinner in the evening.

JAMES TERRY,

Honorary Secretary to the Board of Stewards.

OFFICE: 4 FREEMASONS' HALL, W.C.
2nd February 1876.

THE THEATRES, &c.

THEATRE ROYAL, COVENT GARDEN.—At 7.0, A ROLAND
FOR AN OLIVER. At 8.0, CINDERELLA. On Monday, THE MER-
CHANT OF VENICE, and CINDERELLA.

DRURY LANE.—At 7.0, THE WHITE HAT. At 7.45, WHITTINGTON
AND HIS CAT.

HAYMARKET.—ANNE BOLEYN.

LYCEUM.—LEAH, &c.

ADELPHI.—At 7.0, VANDYKE BROWN. At 7.45, PEEP O' DAY, and
MY OWN GHOST.

PRINCESS'S.—At 7.0, A HAPPY PAIR. At 8.0, RIP VAN WINKLE,
and HEAD OF A CLAN.

STRAND.—At 7.0, TWO TO ONE. At 7.40, A LESSON IN LOVE. At
9.30, ANTARCTIC.

VAUDEVILLE.—At 7.30, A WHIRLIGIG, OUR BOYS, and A FEARFUL
FOG.

GAIETY.—At 7.30, OPERETTA. At 8.0, TOTTLE'S. At 10.0, TOOLE AT
SEA. On Monday, DOMESTIC ECONOMY.

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DUKE'S.—At 7.0, TOO TRUE, BLACK EYED SUSAN, and A TEMPTING
BAIT.

GLOBE.—At 7.30, A BLIGHTED BEING. At 8.15, THE DUKE'S
DAUGHTER.

PRINCE OF WALES'S.—At 8.0, MASKS AND FACES.

COURT.—At 7.30, A MORNING CALL, BROKEN HEARTS, and A
QUIET RUBBER.

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CHARING CROSS.—At 7.30, BROUGHT TO BOOK. At 8.15, MARRIED
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OPERA COMIQUE.—At 7.15, A HORNET'S NEST. At 8.0, MADAME
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IN compliance with a requisition delivered to us, and signed by a
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Subscribers will be held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's
Inn Fields, London, W.C., on SATURDAY, 5th February 1876, at 3 o'clock p.m.
precisely, to consider the following notice of motion by C. F. Matier, Esq. :—

"That any brother not serving the office of Steward, who may collect for the
Royal Masonic Institution for Boys the sum of Fifty guineas, shall, when
that sum is completed, be made a Life Subscriber, and have one vote for
life, and should he collect a further sum of Fifty guineas, shall, on the comple-
tion thereof, receive an additional vote, and so on for every Fifty guineas he
may collect."

FREDERICK BINCKES, Secretary, R.M.I.B.

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OFFICES: 5 and 6 FREEMASONS' HALL, LONDON, W.C.
27th January 1876.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

IN compliance with a requisition, addressed to me by a Trustee of
the Institution, a Special General Court of the Governors and Subscribers
will be held at Freemasons' Hall, as above, on Saturday, 5th of February 1876,
at 4.30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the business of the General Committee shall
have been concluded, to consider a recommendation of the House Committee
under a reference made to them by the General Committee :—

"That the lease of the house and premises, known as 'Kent House,' situated
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purchased on terms agreed upon, subject to the approval of a General Court.

FREDERICK BINCKES, SECRETARY.

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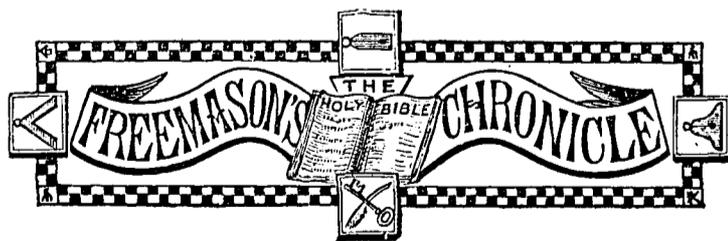
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JOHN A. LATHBURY, Secretary.



67 BARBICAN, E.C.

OUR WEEKLY BUDGET.

ON Tuesday next, the third Session of the present Par-
liament will be opened by the Queen, in person; in
attendance on whom there will, of course, be the usual
array of Grand Court Officials. Doubtless, too, in accord-
ance with past experience, we shall hear of the House of
Lords being graced with an assemblage of peeresses and
other ladies in gorgeous dress, and glittering with jewels.
The diplomatists will be certain to muster in strong force
on this occasion, for there is more than one question of
public interest on which foreigners will be anxious to be
informed. As regards the Princess of Wales, she has
already started on her way home, and is expected to reach

London on Sunday morning. She, with the Princesses Louise and Beatrice, will accompany Her Majesty when Parliament is opened, and we doubt not will be received with the enthusiasm invariably extended to the Royal Family on all public occasions. His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales has reached Gwalior, on his Indian tour, and been magnificently received. There was a grand review and sham fight of Scindiah's troops organised specially in honour of the occasion. As to the banquetting, receptions, return visits, and the like, we think we need say little. Scindiah himself must be taken as expressing the feeling of his people; and he, at the banquet given at his palace in honour of the Prince's visit, expressed himself most warmly on the occasion, declaring afterwards in open Durbar that while many Scindiahs had preceded him, not one had been so highly honoured. On Wednesday, the Prince reached Agra, and left for Jeypore yesterday.

On Wednesday, H. R. H. the Duke of Edinburgh, presided at the biennial dinner of the Dover National Sailors' Home, an institution which, during the period of its existence, has received more than four thousand wrecked seamen of all nations. There were present to support His Royal Highness the Earl Granville, Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports, the Mayor of Dover, Mr. C. L. Freshfield, one of the Borough Members, Admiral Sir W. Hall, Colonel Mackenzie, C. B., 78th Highlanders, the Rev. W. Yate, the Secretary and founder of the Sailors' Home. The usual loyal and complimentary toasts were then proposed; after which the Duke rose, and proposed in eloquent terms the toast of the evening, namely, "Prosperity to the National Sailors' Home of Dover," alluding in the course of his remarks to the splendid efforts of the Secretary and founder of the Institution, to the excellent work it had accomplished, and particularly to the service it had rendered to the shipwrecked passengers and crew of the ill-fated *Northfleet*. It is almost needless to add that the toast was received with the greatest enthusiasm—Mr. W. Yate acknowledging it appropriately. The other toasts, including that of Earl Granville, having been disposed of, the Duke vacated the Chair, and the Company dispersed.

Several Cabinet Councils have been held since our last Budget, and there have been, as usual, at the commencement of the month, a number of political articles, which have appeared in the current numbers of the monthlies. There are, too, several vacancies in the House of Commons—the elections to fill which are attracting no small amount of public attention. Among these vacancies must be mentioned that of Manchester, caused by the lamented death of Bro. Callender. No doubt the rival parties will strive their utmost to secure the vacancy, Manchester being next to London and, perhaps, we may add, Liverpool, the most important constituency in the United Kingdom.

The strike at Erith is still in progress. Both parties claim to be succeeding in the purpose they have in view. Messrs. Easton and Anderson say they are getting new hands daily, while the men out on strike appear to take a very hopeful view of the case. But, under any circumstances, it is most lamentable to note these terrible struggles between capital and labour, which, so far from having interests that are hostile to one another, must be said to be literally in the same boat. Capital will not unlikely be diverted into other channels if labour is so often in antagonism with it, and labour will not be forthcoming to a sufficient extent if capital does not hold out a kindly hand to it in its efforts to achieve, legitimately of course, a better position. We have said before that something like Courts of Arbitration should be established, as we believe is the case in France, so that all these disputes might be settled off-hand, and without creating that amount of ill-feeling between these too grand sections of the manufacturing community which there is no doubt exists, and has existed for a considerable time past.

Our readers will be sorry to hear that the health of the eminent retired judge, Sir John Coleridge, is in a state far from satisfactory to his extensive circle of friends. Lord Coleridge and other members of the family have been summoned to Sir John's residence, and by the latest advices there has been a slight improvement. But Sir John Coleridge is well advanced in years, and the statement that his health is not as it has been must doubtless have caused considerable anxiety among his friends and well-wishers.

How great soever the commercial progress we have made of late years, it is an unpleasant fact that commercial frauds increase almost in a corresponding ratio. Hardly a day passes but we find cases reported in the papers

in which either companies or individuals are proved or alleged to have been guilty of transactions which will not bear the light of day. Now it is a case of fraudulent bankruptcy, now the directors of a company are accused of utilising the securities of their clients. We noted two or three cases of this kind last week, in one of which the presiding magistrate refused bail. On Thursday the trial of the promoters of the Eupion Gas Company was commenced, at Guildhall, before the Lord Chief Justice, and at the moment of writing is still in progress. Under these circumstances we naturally abstain from offering any comment on the case; but, true or false, such repeated charges as these are an ugly sign of the times we live in. On the same day on which the commencement of the Eupion case was reported, we noticed as many as five cases of various kinds of fraud. In two out of the three tried at the Central Criminal Court convictions were obtained, the other standing adjourned. Of the two cases brought under the notice of the magistrate at the Southwark Police Court, in one the prisoner stands remanded till Tuesday next, in the other the prisoner was sentenced to six months' hard labour.

The Annual General Court of the Royal Free Hospital, Grays Inn Road, was held on Thursday, Mr. James Hopgood, chairman of the committee, presiding. The receipts from all sources during the past year amounted to a little over £7800, the balance at the bankers at the end of the year amounting to £2500. The amount of Government Stock temporarily held by the trustees, and available for general purposes, is £2166 13s 4d. It was intimated, further, that Mr. George Moore intended to found a convalescent hospital for the reception of patients from the Royal Free and St. Mary's Hospitals, and also that nearly the whole of the late Mr. Milne's estate had been realised, and, as the accounts would shortly be closed, the Hospital would come into possession of about £9000. The report having been adopted unanimously, and a vote of thanks to the Committee passed, the meeting came to an end.

Already the presidents of the two University Boating Clubs are doing their utmost towards getting together the crews for their annual contest on the Thames, which will take place this year on the 8th of April. In a week or two's time the crews, we presume, will be complete, and go into training for the grand struggle. As the race falls somewhat later this year, the visitation of "blue" fever, to which London is annually subjected, will be somewhat more prolonged.

The Alphonists have entered on what, without inclining one way or the other, we hope will prove the decisive campaign of the war which has so long raged in the North East Provinces of Spain. The telegrams from Madrid report the achievement by the Royal troops of more than one very substantial success. The London Carlist Committee announce the repulse of one attack on their lines. Which will triumph in the end it will be time enough to announce when the end has come. What most people desire is, that Spain may enjoy peace, and so have an opportunity of developing her magnificent resources. There has also been some fighting between the Turks and the insurgents, in which the latter appear to have suffered a defeat. The Austrian Consul General in Belgrade reports the situation in Serbia as menacing, and goes so far as to say that it will be extremely difficult to restrain any longer the warlike disposition of the people. It is also stated that the Prince of Montenegro gave Scheet Effendi, the Turkish envoy from Ali Pacha, a very cold reception, contenting himself with saying, in reply to the Turk's request, that he abstained from all interference, but not offering to forbid his subjects to join the insurrection. This Eastern question seems to become more serious every day. Hungary has lost one of its ablest men—Francis Deak, with whose name and fame most Englishmen are familiar. His countrymen paid him honours commensurate with his worth and the great services he had rendered to the state. His body had lain in state since Sunday, and on and around the coffin were a number of wreaths, one of which had been placed there by the Empress Elizabeth. On Thursday, the funeral took place the attendant procession comprising, besides the relatives of the deceased, several of the most notable men in Hungary. Some thousands of representatives from the different Hungarian Societies and authorities, deputations from the comitat of Zala, where Deak was born, and from Pesth, which he had represented in the Diet, together with a number of priests, Count Andrassy as representative of the Emperor, and the Hungarian minis-

ters and several magnates clad in the national costume, brilliant with gold and precious stones. Throughout the city the shops were closed, the balconies hung with black, and most of the large houses hoisted a black flag. In honouring Deak, the Hungarians have done honour to themselves.

The funeral of our late Bro. W. R. Callender, M.P. for Manchester, took place on Saturday morning, at the Churchyard of St. John's, Heaton Mersey. The procession, which was timed to leave the residence of the deceased about half-past ten, consisted of about one hundred and fifty private carriages, which contained the representatives of numerous public, political, and charitable bodies. There were present, also, a strong muster of brethren from the Lodges in Lancashire and Cheshire, who formed a double line from the gates of the churchyard to the porch of the church. No Masonic emblems were, however, displayed. The Masonic part of the procession was headed by R.W. Bro. Le Gendre N. Starkie, P.G.M. East Lancashire, there being present, according to the *Manchester Examiner and Times* of the 31st ult., representatives from the following Lodges:—Callender, Anchor and Hope, Humphrey Chetham, Trafford, Blair, Integrity, Zetland, St. George's, Caledonian, Friendship, Egerton, Harmony, Richmond, Yarborough, Unanimity, Alexandra, Newhall, Shakespeare, Architect, Faith, Marquis of Lorne, Duke of Athol, Ashbury, De Grey and Ripon, St. David's, St. John's, Virtue, Wilton, Endeavour, Milton, Wike, Bridgwater, Light, Imperial, George, Earl of Ellesmere, Kirkcaldy, and others. By command of the M.W.G.M. of Mark Masons, Grand Secretary Bro. Binckes has issued a circular letter, to the effect that all Mark Lodges shall be suitably draped with mourning, and all members thereof wear mourning for the space of six months, as a token of respect and esteem for the late Bro. Callender, who held the position of Deputy Grand Mark Master and Prov. G. Mark Master for Lancashire.

The Confidence Lodge of Instruction has voted three guineas towards the purchase of Bro. Harty's engraving of the Installation of H. R. H. the Prince of Wales as M. W. G. M. It were well if other Lodges followed the good example thus set. We would also suggest that the presentation to a retiring master of a work which records so memorable an event in Freemasonry would in very many cases be preferable to the gift of a P.M.'s jewel, however elaborate and massive the latter may be. In both cases merit would be duly honoured, but where the engraving was given, a brother's family, assuming him to be a Benedict, might be said to participate in his honours.

Bro. Louis Beck S.D. 1559 announces his annual ball for Tuesday, 8th February, at Willis's Rooms, King-street, St. James's. Bro. Jarvis is the M.C.

The 21st annual ball of our respected Bro. T. Adams P.G.P. was held on Tuesday, the 1st inst. The ball, as usual, was a success, about 250 brethren and ladies being present. The usual supper took place. Bro. W. Smith P.G.S. rose, and said:—He, as well as every one present, regretted the absence of Bro. Adams, owing to a domestic affliction, and he, as well as the numerous assembly, would drink his health and long life, and hope he would soon become reconciled to his sad bereavement. He trusted, under the circumstances, there would be no other toasts. The company then repaired to the ball room, where dancing was kept up with great spirit, Mr. Bradsell conducting the band. Bro. Jarvis was an efficient M.C. Among those present were Bros. T. Cubitt, R. W. Little, T. Ball, W. Smith, Bennett, Manders, Swallow, Michael, White, Miller, Cremer, W. C. Parsons, Scales, Stiles, Read, Keefe, Davis, Lindner, Cox, Bethel, Treadwell, Kingston, H. M. Levy, &c.

We have received a copy of the Calendar for the Province of West Yorkshire, compiled by Bro. Henry Smith, Prov. Grand Sec., and of an Annual for the Provinces of Durham and Northumberland, compiled and published by Bro. Jas. H. Coates, which we recommend to the members of the Craft. We would suggest to Bro. Smith that in future editions he should adopt the book form, retaining the distinctive features of his present issue. The Annual for

Durham, which is the third year of publication, has this year been increased by the addition of the list for the adjoining province of Northumberland, and other useful information.

FREEMASONS AS MEN.

FROM THE KEystone.

THE principles of Freemasonry are perfect, but their practical exemplification by Freemasons is sometimes imperfect. It is much pleasanter, and it sounds better, to laud the former and overlook the latter, but it is not quite right to do so. We must consider facts as they are, and not merely as they ought to be, especially if we wish to rectify them. When we admit that all Freemasons do not "act upon the square," we state a painful, but not a remarkable fact. We are none of us as good as our principles. There is no religious sect that does not possess members who both consciously and unconsciously are neglectful of its doctrines. To err is human. The spirit may be willing, but the flesh is always weak. We state the matter thus, not to extenuate the serious and intentional faults of brethren, but to place members of the Masonic fraternity upon the same level with those who espouse noble principles, but are occasionally neglectful of them in practice. A bad Mason does not prove Masonry to be a failure, any more than a bad Christian argues rotten Christianity. It is the old, old story of the variation between faith and practice—no matter how perfect the former may be, the latter will be less so. Hence the necessity of aiming very high in every case, if we would make our actions agree with our principles.

We said it was pleasanter to praise than to blame. So it is. But if there be great faults, it is right to find fault. A physician who is called to attend a patient afflicted with a serious disorder, does not tell him there is nothing the matter, and try to laugh him convalescent, but he gives him something like a true account of his case, and administers to him it may be some unpalatable medicines. In other words, he works for a cure. He may even cut off a limb to save a life. It would be an unpardonable offence—one that even the law would take cognizance of, for him to be carelessly guilty of the malpractice of allowing the limb to become gangrenous, and to poison the whole system, for want of amputation. No more have we a right to shut our eyes to the gross and inexcusable imperfections of Freemasons, and cover them with the mantle of charity. We believe in charity, but we believe also in the suspension or expulsion of those who are openly and persistently false to the principles they, under the most solemn sanctions, have promised to uphold. Hence, we do hesitate to deprecate the injurious actions of weak or vicious brethren, for two reasons—first, that such may see them in their true light, appreciate their enormity, foresee their legitimate results, and save themselves from the disgrace of exposure and expulsion, and the Craft from their ill-report; and second, that young members of the Craft, who possibly may have themselves been among the sufferers by their actions, may not lose faith in the principles of the Fraternity, or in the purity of the large body of its members.

It is true in Freemasonry as in the world, that the love of money is the root of much, if not all evil. All men are not honest. We cannot read a daily newspaper without finding in it a record of defalcations, which run from thousands to hundreds of thousands. But there should never be defalcations officially among Masons—nevertheless there are. Even Lodge Secretaries and Treasurers have, occasionally, broken the solemn obligations they were under to keep safely and unimpaired the funds confided, almost sacredly, to their keeping. And individual Masons have sometimes borrowed sums of money from young brethren, which they had no certainty of being able to return. Such things ought not to be. Let the world and the church have its defalcators, but let not those who wear the lamb skin or white leather apron sully its purity. If they cannot or will not "act upon the square," let them not wear it upon the lappel of their coats. If they cannot come into the Lodge with clean hands, free from iniquity, let them not cover them with white gloves. Would that such would see the impropriety of wearing the garb of Masons when they are not Masons in their hearts? Would that they might become, at least, non-affiliates, and we would then not say one word against that class, nor persuade them to join a Lodge.

Young Masons naturally expect and hope great things of the Craft, and have a right to do so. They consider what it undoubtedly is in its principles, and in a brother they look for the exemplification of true brotherly love. Hence, if they in any instance unfortunately do not find it, they may suffer their own love to grow cold, and become indifferent Masons, rarely attending the Lodge, and losing faith in the efficiency of its principles. This ought not to be. In the beginning their experience may have been unfortunate, but they may rest assured the body of the Craft is true to its principles. Bad Masons are the exception, not the rule. There is a power in Masonry for good, and it profits by the support of those who are in real sympathy with it. It has its mercenary members, we regret to say, but they are comparatively few in numbers. It has those, too, whose words are not as good as their bonds, and whose bonds, even, are valueless, but they are but a vulgar fraction of the fraternity. They are Masons in name, but not in truth, and Masonry itself should not be discredited with their deeds.

In this connection we would remind the reader that Masonry should never be unduly connected with business. Business is business, and should be always transacted upon business principles, and in a business-like way, even between Masons. Give a man because he is a Mason, but never lend to him on that account. Many a bad debt has arisen in this way. Masonry does not enable a man to pay a debt—that depends upon his financial ability alone. The principles we have enunciated, and the facts we have referred to, are worthy of the conscientious and careful reflection of all, and if they are painful in some aspects, they deserve the more to be considered and corrected.

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, 5th FEBRUARY.

Special General Courts, Boys' and Girls' Schools, Freemasons' Hall, at 3, and (Boys' only) 4.30.
R. A.—Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, at 8.

MONDAY, 7th FEBRUARY.

45—Strong Man, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's Square, Clerkenwell, at 8. (Instruction.)
60—Unity, London Tavern, E.C.
37—Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moors.
53—Royal Sussex, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath.
119—Sun, Square and Compasses, Freemasons' Hall, Whitehaven.
133—Harmony, Ship Hotel, Faversham.
156—Harmony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth.
199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover.
236—York, Masonic Hall, York.
338—Vitruvian, Royal Hotel, Ross, Herefordshire.
431—St. George's, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, North Shields.
441—Three Grand Principles, Red Lion Hotel, Petty Curry, Cambridge.
478—Churchill, Masonic Hall, Alfred-street, Oxford.
1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham.
1108—Wharfedale, Private Room, Boroughgate, Otley, York.
1121—St. Oswald, Wynnstay Hotel, Oswestry.
1239—Wentworth, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
1264—Neptune, Masonic Temple, 22 Hope-street, Liverpool.

TUESDAY, 8th FEBRUARY.

55—Constitutional, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Hand-court, W.C., at 7.0. (Instruction.)
860—Dalhousie, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
Metropolitan Chapter of Instruction, Jamaica Coffee House, St. Michael's-alley, Cornhill, at 6.30.
51—Angel, Three Cups Hotel, Colchester.
93—Social, Freemasons' Hall, Norwich.
294—Shakespeare, Masonic Rooms, High-street, Warwick.
892—Royal Edward, Royal Oak, Leominster.
903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport.
1138—Devon, Masonic Hall, Devon-square, Newton Abbot.
1228—Becontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone, at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1250—Gilbert Greenhall, Masonic Rooms, Sankoy-street, Warrington.
1465—Ockenden, Talbot Hotel, Cuckfield, Sussex.

WEDNESDAY, 9th FEBRUARY.

Festival Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemasons' Hall, at 5.30.
9—Albion, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, Regent-street, W.
15—Kent, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street.
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth.
193—Confidence, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havclock Tavern, Albion-road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)
290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, Huddersfield.
615—St. John and St. Paul's, Pier Hotel, Erith, Kent.
666—Benevolence, Private Room, Prince Town, Dartmoor, Devon.
851—Worthing of Friendship, Steyne Hotel, Worthing.
1008—Royal St. Edmund's, Angel Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds.
1101—Grey Friars, Masonic Hall, Reading.
1424—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham.
R.A.—350—Meribah, Grapes Inn, Stoneclough.

THURSDAY, 10th FEBRUARY.

27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C. (Instruction.)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8. (Instruction.)
531—Polish National, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
657—Canonbury, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.
860—Dalhousie, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
1260—Hervey, 152 Fulham-road, at 8. (Instruction.)
35—Medina, 85 High-street, Cowes.
139—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
216—Harmonic, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool.
330—Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Cumberland.
489—Benevolence, Masonic Hall, Bridgeland-street, Bideford, Devon.
546—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Caroline-street, Longton, Stafford.
650—Star in the East, Pier Hotel, Harwich. (Instruction.)
732—Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton.
739—Temperance, Masonic Room, New-street, Birmingham.
945—Abbey, Abbey Council Chambers, Abingdon, Berks.
991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Willington Quay-on-Tyne.
1055—Derby, Knowsley's Hotel, Cheetham, Lancashire.
1093—St. George's, Private Rooms, Temperance Hall, Tredegar, Mon.
1204—Royd's, Belle Vue Hotel, Malvern, Worcestershire.
1429—Albert Edward Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Newport, Mon.
1457—Bagshaw, Bald Faced Stag, Buckhurst-hill.
R.A.—51—Patriotic, Three Cups Hotel, Colchester.

FRIDAY, 11th FEBRUARY.

1278—Burdett Courts, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park, at 8. (Instruction.)
1507—Metropolitan, 269 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)
36—Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary-street, Cardiff.
697—United, George Hotel, Colchester.
1087—Beaudesert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard.
1299—Rock, Bedford House, Bedford Road, Rock Ferry, Cheshire.

SATURDAY, 12th FEBRUARY.

1426—Great City, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C.
R. A.—Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street.
1391—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester.

SCOTLAND.

MONDAY—20—St. John, Masonic Hall, Lesmahagow.

EDINBURGH DISTRICT.

MONDAY—29—St. Kentigern, Royal Hotel, Penicuik.
TUESDAY—1—Mary's Chapel, Waterloo Hotel, Waterloo-place.
WEDNESDAY—2—Canongate, Kilwinning, St. John's Chapel, St. John's-street.
R.A. 1—Edinburgh, Freemasons' Hall.
THURSDAY—8—Journeyman, Blackfriars-street, High-street.
FRIDAY—56—Canongate, Kilwinning, St. John's-street.

GLASGOW DISTRICT.

MONDAY—332—Union, 170 Buchanan-street.
556—Clydesdale, 106 Rose-street.
" R. A. 119—Rosslyn, 25 Robertson-street.
TUESDAY—413—Athol, 213 Buchanan-street.
" 419—Neptune, 35 James-street.
" 441—Glasgow, 22 Struthers-street.
" R. A. 69—St. Andrew, 170 Buchanan-street.
WEDNESDAY—178—Scotia, 170 Buchanan-street.
" 333—St. George, 213 Buchanan-street.
" 510—Maryhill, 167 Main-street, Maryhill.
" R. A. 113—Partick, Freemasons' Hall, Partick.
THURSDAY—R. A. 50—Glasgow, 213 Buchanan-street.
FRIDAY—78—Kilwinning, Mission Hall, Dunbarton.
" 170—Leven, St. John's, Black Bull, Renton.
" R. A. 144—St. Rollox, 62 Garngad-road.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement.—This Chapter held its weekly meeting on Tuesday, the 1st instant, at the Jamaica Coffee House, St. Michael's Alley, Cornhill, E.C. Present—Comps. Newman M.E.Z., C. Hogard H., J. Constable J., White Scribe E., Leggott Scribe N., Noehmer P.S.; also Comps. Boyd and Ramsey P.Z.'s, and Comps. Wyer, Sheffield, Morgan, Medwin, States, &c. Business—Confirmation of the minutes of the last Convocation. The ceremony of Exaltation was completely rehearsed, Comp. Sheffield candidate. The election of officers for the ensuing fortnight was then proceeded with. Comp. Noehmer was appointed M.E.Z., Hogard H., Constable J. Leggott S.N., Wyer P.S.

Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.—A meeting was held at the Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's Gate, on 31st January. Present—Bros. J. Driver, W.M. 45, W.M.; Pilbeam S.W., Defriez J.W., Saul S.D., Lake J.D., Powell I.G., Beckett Preceptor, Killick Hon. Sec.; several visitors and a large muster of the members. The Lodge was opened according to ancient rite and the minutes confirmed; the Lodge was opened and closed in the second and third degrees. Bros. Driver W.M. 45, E. Cattermole 217, Pratt 1446, and Beck 1201, were elected members. The Lodge was closed in the usual manner, and adjourned until next Monday, when the Fifteen Sections will be worked, Bro. Beckett to preside. The brethren then partook of an excellent supper provided by Bro. Gay in his usual liberal manner. Bro. Driver presided, and he, in the course of the evening, expressed himself highly gratified at the manner in which the Lodge of Instruction was conducted. Bros. Davis, Foxcroft, Saul, Stock and several other brethren contributed to the harmony, by singing some excellent songs, and the brethren separated in good time, having spent a very enjoyable evening.

Friendship Lodge, No. 100.—This Lodge held its monthly meeting on Thursday, the 27th of January, at the Crown and Anchor Hotel, Great Yarmouth. Present—Bros. James Bond W.M., E. J. Bonfellow S.W., R. Martins J.W., D. R. Fowler as Sec., J. W. French S.D., H. B. Mason as J.D., C. M. Kirkham I.G., J. Holt Tyler. P.M.'s Bros. Palmer, Hanlon, Franklin, Howes and Chipperfield. Visitors—Bros. Geo. Brittain P.G.O. P.M. 1500 and 213, Thos. Lord W.M. 1500, S. Cannon P.M. 1205, O. Moore 491. Business—The Lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. G. J. Briggs, Faith 141, was unanimously elected a subscribing member; Bros. A. D. Bennett and Thos. C. Blyth were passed to the 2nd degree. Bro. Robt. Scott was raised to the sublime degree. Bro. Bonfellow was announced as the W.M. elect for the ensuing year, the installation to take place at the Town Hall, on Thursday, the 24th February, at three o'clock, after which ceremony the brethren will adjourn to the Crown and Anchor, to a banquet to be provided by Bro. Franklin. Bro. Oliver Moore, of the Royal Sussex, 491, was proposed as a joining member, and after some other business had been transacted, the Lodge was closed.

Temple Lodge, No. 101.—The ordinary meeting of this Lodge, was held at the Ship and Turtle Tavern, Leadenhall-street, on Tuesday last, when there were present: Bros. Clarke W.M., Flack S.W., Taylor S.D., J. H. Thomas J.D., Pettifer I.G., Reynolds P.M. Sec., Bond P.M. Treas.; P.M.'s, Hastelow, Wynne, Scott, Cox, May, Farthing jun., and many other brethren. Messrs. Altman and Beisen were initiated into the secrets and mysteries of ancient Freemasonry, and Bro. Robins was passed to the second degree; after which Bro. Flack S.W. was installed in the chair of K.S., by Bro. W. G. Clarke, his immediate predecessor. The newly installed W.M. then appointed and invested his officers, as follow: Bros. Clarke, I.P.M., Taylor S.W., J. H. Thomas J.W., T. Cox S.D., Fradd J.D., George I.G., Reynolds P.M. Sec., Bond P.M. Treas, Hastelow P.M. D.C. The Lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to one of the magnificent banquets for which Bro. Painter's house is famous, and at which several brethren of eminence in the Craft were present.

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193.—This Lodge held its usual meeting at Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, Basinghall-street, E.C. There were present—Bros. G. S. Corner W.M., Croaker S.W., G. Pare J.W., J. Constable Treasurer, J. K. Pitt Sec., Blackall S.D., Sayer J.D., Maidwell I.G., Christopher Tyler; also Bro. E. Gottheil P.M. Preceptor, and a full Lodge of brethren. The ceremony of Initiation was worked by the W.M., Bro. Biddell acting as candidate. The second section of the lecture was worked by Bro. Gottheil, assisted by the brethren. The Preceptor proposed, and Bro. Constable seconded, that the sum of three guineas be subscribed towards obtaining a copy of Bro. Harty's Installation Picture, which was unanimously carried. A vote of thanks was proposed to the W.M.

for his efficiency in the chair, and Bro. Gottheil expressed the pleasure he felt in listening to the excellent manner in which the ceremony was worked by so young a brother. Though not quite up to standard of working of this Lodge, still the discrepancies were few, and sure to be easily remedied. Bro. Croaker will preside on the next occasion.

Joppa Chapter, No. 188.—A Convocation of this Chapter was held on Monday, 31st ult, at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, City. M. Emanuel M.E.Z., H. M. Levy P.Z. as H., W. Littaur P.Z., J. S. V. Abrahams P.Z. Treasurer, P. Dickinson S.E., L. Lazarus S.N., L. Jacobs P.S., and P.Z.'s S. Pollitzer, S. Lazarus, J. Lazarus, and Comps. A. Auerhaan, Walford, Buderus, W. G. Jennings, L. Auerhaan, Mellish, J. S. Lyon, L. Davids, &c. The Chapter was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. Comp. Bockburder, Regularity Chapter, was duly elected a joining member. The report of the audit meeting was read, showing the flourishing state of the Chapter, which leaves a balance in its favour of £20 7s 10d. The resignation of 5 Companions was accepted, and 3 brethren were proposed for exaltation at the next meeting. The Chapter was then closed, and the Companions sat down to a banquet, provided by Comp. W. G. Jennings, of the Albion Tavern Company. Rev. J. Myers said grace for the Hebrew Companions, and J. Constable for the Christians. The M.E.Z. then proposed the usual loyal and R.A. toasts. The M.E.Z., in proposing the toast of the Visitors, said the Chapter was always pleased to see them, but it rarely fell to their lot to see so many distinguished in the Order. Comp. Cohen had done his work well, and he hoped to have him among them as a joining member. Comp. John Boyd, P.Z. 145, had honoured them by his presence; he was not unknown to the Craft. In the Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement he had, in connection with good workers of known celebrity, tended to perfect the ceremonies of R.A. Masonry, and it was only on Tuesday last, at the Centenary Festival of the Lodge of which he is so distinguished an ornament, that he was presented with a massive silver service, a silver waiter, and the centenary jewel; his valuable services had been recognised, and he was respected in every capacity he occupied. (Cheers.) The next was Comp. John Constable, J. 141. The M.E.Z. referred to the admirable manner Comp. Constable had performed his duties in the chair of his Lodge; the just praise of the Craft was due to him for his laudable services rendered in the noble cause of Charity. (Cheers.) His name was simply a household word; he had, by his energetic exertions, given large amounts to the Masonic Charities, and would do, and he trusted those energies would never fail. (Cheers.) Comp. Cohen P.Z. first responded to the toast, and said how pleased he was to visit the Chapter and see it in so flourishing a condition, not only in the working, but also in a pecuniary sense. He had occupied the post of Treasurer for eleven years, his residence from town was his cause of resignation, but he hoped at a future time to rejoin the Chapter. Comp. John Boyd then thanked the M.E.Z. for his kind expressions, he regretted his inability to be present earlier; he was sure, by the well-known working of the Joppa Chapter, that it was perfect, and he would at a future period avail himself of the kind invitation of the M.E.Z. Comp. John Constable thanked the M.E.Z. for his hospitality; he impressed on the Companions the necessity of visiting the Chapter of Improvement. They would there see how the beautiful ceremony was carried out, and in concluding his remarks said—his motto was, and always would be, "Deeds, not words." Comp. H. M. Levy, I.P.M., then proposed the toast of the M.E.Z., and paid a just compliment for his efficient working, he having occupied every office with satisfaction to himself and credit to the Chapter. The M.E.Z., in reply, said, his services were always at their command; he knew he had the support of the Companions, he had always met with a suitable recognition, and those mementoes he would never forget. He then proposed the toast of the P.Z.'s, which was severally responded to. The M.E.Z. then proposed the toast of the officers; no Chapter could boast of better ones. Companion Dickinson was a model S.E., and L. Lazarus was a worthy follower. Comp. L. Jacobs, the P.S., had been absent, but that had been on the occasion of his marriage; he hoped, in the course of time, to see him in the chair, and a "Lewis" to be exalted in the Chapter. The toast having been responded to, the M.E.Z. said he was about to propose a toast out of the ordinary course, and that was the health of a Comp. who had that night tendered his resignation, viz.: Comp. Walford, whom he hoped to see among them again on a future occasion. The toast was responded to by Comp. Walford, who said it was with feelings of pleasure that he had joined the Chapter, and he hoped to be with them again; his uncle, the late David Moses, had been Treasurer of the Lodge of Joppa for 43 years. The Janitor's toast was given. Bros. J. Constable and Rogers during the evening sang some capital songs.

Israel Lodge, No 205.—This Lodge held its installation meeting on Tuesday, the 25th of January, at Cannon Street Hotel, City, E.C. Present—Bros. Buckland W.M., Lionel Jacobs S.W., Auerhaan J.W., A. M. Cohen P.M. Secretary, C. Cooke P.M. Treasurer, J. P. Cohen S.D., Bussington, P. Pro G.O. Middlesex, J.D., Schumann Steward, Crosthwaite I.G., Potter Tyler: P.M.'s Bros. C. F. Hogard Pro G.S.Wks. Essex, Littaur, H. M. Harris, S. M. Harris, M. J. Emanuel, and many other brethren. Visitors Bros. Albert G.A.P., G. A. Rook W.M. St. Thomas's, Ross W.M. 185, Dodson W.M. 188, Blum W.M. Montefiore, Lazarus P. Pro G.W. Wilts, and many others. Business—Raising a brother; alteration of bye-laws; installation of the W.M., by Bro. Littaur, who afterwards invested his officers:—J. P. Cohen S.W., M. J. Emanuel P.M. J.W., Bussington S.D., Crosthwaite J.D., A. M. Cohen P.M. Secretary, C. Coote P.M. Treasurer, C. F. Hogard P.M. D.C., Potter Tyler. The toast of the Benevolent Fund was well responded to by the members, and a good addition made to the funds.

Temple Lodge, No. 558.—This Lodge held its monthly

meeting on Tuesday, the 1st of February, at the Town Hall, Folkestone. Present—Bros. R. B. Jenner W.M., S. Slingsby Stallwood S.W., Chas. Woollett J.W., Henry Stock Secretary, Stephen Penfold Treasurer, Job Baker Tyler. Past Masters—Bros. J. Sherwood, W. B. Tolpult, John Hoad, Jas. Kennett, D. Jones, R. Taylor, &c. Business—Bro. Slingsby Stallwood was unanimously elected W.M. The Secretary having resigned, Bro. Jas. Kennett was elected. The W.M. read a letter from the Prov. Grand Secretary, stating that it was necessary for the Lodge to elect a representative to attend the meetings of the charity committee of the Province. Brother S. Penfold was re-elected Treasurer. Bro. Sherwood proposed a vote of thanks to Bro. Penfold, who, in responding, stated that his duties were so light that his office was a sinecure. Bro. Kennett, in thanking the brethren for his election to office, stated that it was his intention not to accept a mere sinecure, he should carry out the duties required of him. Two gentlemen were proposed as candidates for initiation at the next Lodge, after which the proceedings terminated.

Fitzroy Lodge, No. 569.—This Lodge held its Installation meeting on Friday, the 28th of January, at the Head Quarters of the Honourable Artillery Company, Finsbury. Present—Bros. Griffiths Smith W.M., Frederick Graves S.W., Ensign W. I. Spicer J.W., Captain Eglese Secretary, Peter Matthews Treasurer, R. G. Webster S.D., A. D. Everingham J.D., W. Jolliffe D.C. Past Masters—Bros. Captain Helsham, Eglese, Thos. Wilson, H. J. Adams, Peter Matthews, J. W. Long, and W. H. Honey. Visitors—Bros. Captain C. H. Driver 905, W. P. Browne 90, J. Garrett 183, W. J. Foster, J. McQueen 11, Buss 270, H. Bateman 95, Venn 49, W. Fry Victoria, Spicer, C. E. Eglese, and thirty others. Business—The Lodge was opened and the minutes of the previous meeting of the Lodge of Emergency were confirmed. Messrs. J. S. Simmonds, Chas. Stoddart, and A. M. Soule were initiated into the Order, by the W.M., in his usual perfect and impressive manner. The W.M. elect, Bro. Fredk. Graves, was then duly installed by Bro. Peter Matthews. At the conclusion of the ceremony, the new W.M. was saluted according to ancient custom, he then invested his officers as follow:—Ensign W. I. Spicer S.W., R. G. Webster J.W., A. D. Everingham S.D., J. Sanderson J.D., Ensign F. J. Stohwasser I.G., and Captain Eglese Secretary. The retiring Master was then presented with a magnificent jewel, for the able and efficient manner in which he had conducted the duties of his office for the past year. Several candidates were proposed for initiation, after which the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to a banquet, which terminated a pleasant evening.

Canonbury Chapter, No. 657.—The ordinary Convocation of this Chapter was held at Masons' Hall Tavern, Basinghall-street, on Thursday evening, the 27th ult. There were present: Comps. Reynolds M.E.Z., Clarkson H., Bond J., Cox P.Z., Thomas Scribe E., Reel Scribe N., Vincent P.S., and several others. The Chapter having been opened, Bro. Whitby, of the Temple Lodge, No. 101, was exalted to the sublime degree of Royal Arch Mason, the ceremony being most impressively performed. The Companions subsequently adjourned to a banquet, when the usual toasts were given and responded to, that of the newly-exalted Companion eliciting the heartiest recognition.

Windsor Castle Chapter, No. 771.—The usual quarterly meeting of this Chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, Windsor, on the 20th ult. Present—Companions Hodges Z., Tolley H., Grisebrook J., Dixon Scribe E., Powell Scribe N., Fleck P.S., Devereux P.Z., James Stevens P.Z., Reid, Collins, Roberts, J. O. Carter, L. W. Carter, Goodwin, &c. After the M.E.Z. had opened the Chapter, Companion Stevens P.Z. exalted Bro. W. R. Denne, W.M. of No. 209, into Royal Arch Masonry, in his well known, efficient and effective manner. Companion Bryett, J. of Chapter 831, was admitted as a joining member. A presentation of an interesting nature here took place. It was resolved, at the last regular meeting, in October, to present Companion James Stevens with a suitable token of appreciation of the members of the Chapter, for the admirable manner in which he has presided over them for the three years ending October last. The actual presentation was made by Companion Devereux, who said it was his pleasing duty to present to Companion Stevens, on behalf of the Chapter, a Silver Salver, and expressed his admiration of the manner in which the affairs of the Chapter had been conducted under Companion Stevens's long reign; he knew that it was sometimes at considerable inconvenience that he attended. He also expressed the pleasure it afforded him to find the presentation was not of the ordinary kind, but something which he knew would be appreciated by Companion Stevens's wife and family, not only at the present time, but also in years to come. He concluded by gracefully wishing, not only Companion Stevens, but also his wife and family, every possible happiness and prosperity, a sentiment he knew would be endorsed by every member of the Windsor Castle Chapter. Companion Stevens, in reply, said the handsome present was of greater value than he knew his services had been to the Chapter; he had always been pleased and proud to attend the meetings since he first joined. He greatly admired the propriety of departing from the usual rule, instead of adding another to his numerous decorations; this was a present he should value indeed, as it was something of domestic utility, and would, he was sure, be highly appreciated by his wife and family. He thanked the Companions for the kind expressions towards his wife and children. The Salver, which is both costly and handsome, bore the following inscription: "Presented to Companion James Stevens P.Z., by the Windsor Castle Chapter, No. 771, in recognition of past and valuable services to the Chapter, and in remembrance of the three successive years he so kindly and ably filled the First Principal's Chair as M.E.Z." The Chapter was afterwards closed in due form.

Royal Oak Lodge, No. 871.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Thursday, the 27th ult., at the White Swan, High-street, Deptford. Bro. G. Andrews I.P.M. occupied the chair as W.M. (in the absence of the W.M., S. O. Lewin), H. J. Tuson S.W., J. J. Pakes J.W., F. Walters P.P.G.P. Middlesex P.M. Secretary, J. Baxter Langley J.D., J. G. Vohman D.C., R. Harman W.S., J. Hawker P.M., and about forty brethren. Bro. A. Rolington 1326. was passed to the 2nd degree. The bye-laws were read and revised. The election for W.M. then took place, and Bro. H. J. Tuson was elected, Bro. W. Andrews was re-elected Treasurer, and J. Bavin Tyler. The Lodge was then closed. The Visitors were C. Hosgood P.M. 192, J. A. Smith W.M. 1178, C. Graham 1326, H. Catriss 1326, and several others.

Clones Lodge, No. 881, Ireland.—This Lodge held its usual monthly meeting on Tuesday, the 1st instant, at Thompson's Hotel, Clones. Present—Bros. John H. Montgomery W.M., John Robinson S.W., John W. Presho J.W., John Gough S.D., William M. Fitzgerald J.D., John Houston I.G. Rev. Thomas R. Conway Chaplain, John Elliott Treasurer, E. G. Fitzgerald Secretary, William Heaney Tyler. Past Masters—Bros. Thomas Higgins, John Elliott, E. G. Fitzgerald, E. J. Elliott. After the regular routine business had been gone through, the Lodge was raised to the third degree, when the rank of M.M. was conferred upon Bros. James Armstrong jun. and John McCoy. There being no other business before the Lodge, it was then closed in solemn and ancient form. The brethren then adjourned for refreshment, where the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and duly responded to. We should add that the W.M. requested to be allowed to bear the expense of the entertainment, and that, with his usual liberality, the provision on this occasion was of the most choice and expensive kind.

Sykes Lodge, No. 1040, Driffield.—The Installation of Bro. Ralph Teal P.S.W. as the Worshipful Master of this Lodge took place on Friday, 8th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Driffield. The event attracted considerable interest and attention, and the ceremony was witnessed by a large and influential assemblage of the brethren. Shortly after two o'clock the Lodge was opened in due form under the presidency of the retiring Master, Bro. Richard Davison, and after the transaction of the ordinary routine business the principal chair was taken by the Worshipful Bro. George Hardy P.M. P.S.P.G.D of Hull, who performed the solemn and impressive rite of installation in a most efficient manner. The usual compliments were exchanged, after which the newly-installed Master invested his officers for the current year as follow:—Bros. Richard Davison I.P.M., T. Carter S.W., J. Elzey J.W., Rev. J. Davison, M.A., Chap., E. Wilson P.M. Treas., W. Santon Sec., W. Roberts S.D., J. Dunn J.D., R. Hornby D.C., E. G. Warren Org., M. Simpson I.G., J. Wiggleworth and J. S. Wilson Stewards, and R. Potts Tyler. At the conclusion of the ceremony the Lodge was closed in due and ancient form, and at four o'clock the brethren adjourned to the Bell Hotel, where a sumptuous banquet had been provided. The customary loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and the whole of the proceedings were characterised by much heartiness and good feeling.

Gladsmuir Lodge, No. 1385.—The installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Friday, the 28th ult., at the Red Lion Hotel, Barnet, Herts. Present—Bros. Hayward Edwards P.G.S.Wks. W.M., James Cutbush S.W., Dr. Livingstone J.W., G. Askew Secretary, W. Cutbush P.M. P.P.G.S.Wks. Treasurer, R. F. Young S.D., Euerby as I.G., Goddard Tyler. P.M.'s Bros. J. Lowthin P.G.S.W., T. S. Carter P.P.G.J.D., Terry P.G.D.C.; Bros. Yolland P.G.S.B., Paterson P.G. Organist, &c. &c. Visitors—Bros. Neal P.M. 1209 P.P.A.D.C. Kent, Fowler P.M. 194, Constable P.M. 185, Baker 500, Ireland, Hickman 228, Mitchell 186, Campkin W.M. 403, Wilson S.W. 403, Boatwright P.P.G.S.Wks. J.W. 403, Le Strange 645, F. Binckes Secretary Boys' School. The Lodge was opened, and after the preliminary business had been transacted, Bro. P.M. Lowthin took the chair, and Bro. James Cutbush, S.W. and W.M. elect, was presented. A board of installed Masters having been formed, the ceremony of installation was conducted, in an admirable manner. The new W.M. having received the salutations of the brethren, invested his officers as follows: Dr. Livingstone S.W., Young J.W., Askew Secretary, W. Cutbush Treasurer, F. Venables S.D., Gray J.D., Newman D.C., Brown Steward, Euerby I.G., Goddard Tyler. After the usual charges had been given, a P.M.'s jewel was presented to the I.P.M., and after routine business, the Lodge was closed. An elegant banquet followed, served by Bro. Fisher in capital style, and to which ample justice was done. The W.M. gave the loyal and Masonic toasts. Bro. Binckes, Secretary Boys' School, replying to that of the Grand Officers. In proposing the health of the Provincial Grand Master, Bro. T. F. Halsey, M.P., Bro. J. Cutbush referred to the high estimation in which he was held, and trusted he might long continue to preside over the Province. The toasts of the W.M., and the installing Master were then severally given and replied to. Bro. Terry, in proposing the health of the Past Masters, referred to the fact of their having received Provincial honours, and added that these honours were fully deserved. The toast of the Visitors was next given, and the W.M. said he should like each one to respond, but he would restrict them to two minutes each, a precedent we should like to see more often carried out. In proposing the next on the list—that of the Masonic Charities—the W.M. made a most forcible and telling speech. Bro. Terry, in reply, urged the brethren to use every effort for the support of our charitable institutions; increased demands were being daily made, necessitating additional funds. He called attention to the large number of candidates now awaiting admission, and expressed his belief that the past exertions of the Gladsmuir brethren were only a prelude to what might be expected at their hands. Whatever they might do subsequently for the Boys and Girls, their support should now be directed to the Benevolent Institution, the Festival of which

will take place on the 9th proximo. A most satisfactory result was the consequence, the sum of £27 15s being subscribed towards the list of the W.M. as Steward for the Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. The evening's entertainment was enlivened by some excellent songs, and as many of the visitors had to return to town, the Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close at a somewhat early hour. We may add that the comfort of the guests was full considered, and that the attendance by Bro. Fisher's staff left nothing to be desired.

Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, No. 1507.—The first anniversary banquet was held on Friday, the 28th ult., at the Metropolitan Club, 269 Pentonville Road, King's Cross. Previously to the meeting the Lodge was opened. The minutes of the former meeting were read, and all business being ended, the brethren adjourned to a banquet, provided by Bro. Cox. Bro. James Willing I.P.M. 1507 occupied the chair, Bro. Williams the vice-chair, supported by Bros. Michael W.M., W. M. Stiles Secretary, Side, Solomon, Reepe, Shand, Saintsbury, Rogers, Gilbert sen. and Gilbert jun., Berrie, Gomm, Child, Ormiston, Solomon, Little, Van Camp, Shanklin, Ferner and Fisher, H. Stiles, Swagman, &c. The Lodge of Instruction was in a flourishing state, and this enabled the W.M. to dilate on the success that had been achieved. Bro. James Willing, as W.M., proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts. Bro. Michael W.M. 1507 then rose, and said he had great pleasure in proposing a toast, and that was the W.M. He was the first W.M. of the Lodge; he was one who had always carried out, in every respect, the duties required of him in the Lodge, and also in the Lodge of Instruction. He regretted the absence of one who had endeared himself to them. He referred to Bro. Adams P.G.P., who, he was sorry to inform the brethren, was incapacitated, by domestic affliction, from being present. Bro. Willing had discharged every duty required of him; he was one of the founders of the Lodge, he was the Treasurer of the Lodge of Instruction, and every brother truly respected him. (Cheers.) Bro. Jas. Willing responded to the toast, and said he was pleased to see his successor, Bro. Michael, had conducted the duties of the chair in the Parent Lodge; and he also felt proud to see how the Lodge of Instruction had prospered, as the present gathering showed. Whatever duties were required of him, were at their service, but to Br. T. Adams, the Preceptor, the greater credit was due; he was always zealous in the cause of Freemasonry his very name was a tower of strength, and they all regretted his absence. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the officers. They were, as Founders of the Lodge, regular attendants, and two brethren were in office who were a credit to it. He would couple with the toast the name of the worthy and excellent Secretary. Brother W. M. Stiles replied, He thanked Brothers Willing and Michael for their kind assistance, his services were always at their command, and he would, in his capacity of Secretary, do all he could to further their interests. Bros. Massey, Lewis and Davis responded for the toast of the visitors. The W.M. then proposed the health of the W.M. of the Parent Lodge, Bro. Michael, whom he characterized as a thoroughly good working Mason. The attendance at the Lodge of Instruction was now very numerous, and he was glad to see its prosperous condition, he was also pleased to see Bro. Michael present. (Cheers.) This brother, in responding, said he was proud to be Master of so flourishing a Lodge; he might say they had more initiations in the past year than any other Lodge. They had their regular Lodge meetings, and five emergencies, and seven gentlemen were on the list to be initiated, clearly shewing that Masonry was not superficial, for in their Lodge there were three brethren who were initiated the first night, who now occupied offices; it was also to the Lodge of Instruction he owed being in the chair. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the officers, particularly referring to Bro. Adams, the veteran Preceptor, 86 years of age, who came among them to give instruction to the younger members. The Treasurer and Secretary were all indefatigable in the discharge of their duties. The health of Bros. Williams S.W., Scales W.S., and Side was then given, they were thorough good working Masons. The Tyler's toast concluded a very agreeable evening.

Duke of Connaught Lodge of Instruction, No. 1524.—We have repeatedly spoken of the energy displayed by our brethren in the eastern part of the metropolis in their search after a knowledge of Masonic ritual. We announce frequently that bands of these "wise men" have made arrangements to work the Fifteen Sections, and it usually falls to our lot to chronicle that these arrangements have been carried out in a satisfactory manner. Last week we directed the attention of our readers to the fact that the Fifteen Sections would be worked on Wednesday, the 2nd February, at the Havelock Tavern, Albion Road, Dalston, by the brethren of the Duke of Connaught Lodge of Instruction, and accordingly, at the appointed time, a goodly attendance of members and friends presented themselves. The Lodge was opened under the presidency of Bro. Marx Gross, who was supported by Bros. Austin S.W., Jas. Stevens J.W., Young I.G., and nearly fifty brethren. The minutes having been read, the W.M. worked the Fifteen Sections, assisted by the undermentioned:—

1st Section	Bro. Brand	9th Section	„ Jas. Stevens
2nd	„ Marsh	10th	„ Ellis
3rd	„ Meyer	11th	„ Briant
4th	„ Musto	12th	„ Christian
5th	„ Horsley	13th	„ Crouch
6th	„ Fieldwick	14th	„ Job
7th	„ Austin	15th	„ Lowe
8th	„ Cambridge		

With such an array of efficient workers it would be superfluous to praise any single brother; suffice it to say their names are as "familiar as household words." Great credit is especially due to those

younger branches of the Craft, who are zealous, and particularly perfect in all they attempt, and reflect great credit upon their able Preceptors. On the motion of Bro. Gilchrist, Bro. T. Austin was unanimously elected an honorary member, and Bros. Crouch, Musto, Chitson, Eisenstein, Job, Diagnalm and Morgan were elected joining members. A vote of thanks, accompanied with the tender of honorary membership, was given to Bro. Gross for his services to the Lodge, and after a suitable reply from Bro. Gross, the brethren separated.

GRAND MASONIC BALL IN HULL.

ONE of the most important and agreeable réunions which it is the lot of Hull people annually to enjoy is the ball given in aid of the Masonic and local Charities, under the auspices of the Humber Lodge, No. 57. Each succeeding Worshipful Master seems to be animated with a determination, if possible, to surpass the efforts of those who have gone before; and, brilliant as was the ball last year, the event of last Wednesday evening was quite equal, if not surpassing it, both in point of numbers and general display. In every respect the ball was a perfect success; the arrangements were of the most lavish description; and nothing was left unstudied that could at all conduce to the pleasures of the assemblage. The ball was under the patronage of the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon R.W. Prov. Grand Master of England, the R.W. the Mayor of Hull, Dr. Kelburne King, the Right Hon. the Earl of Zetland R.W. Prov. Grand Master of North and East Yorkshire, the Ex-Mayor (Bro. Alderman Charles Wells) P.M. P.P.G.W., Bro. Dr. J. P. Bell P.G.D. of England and D.P.G.M. of North and East Yorkshire, the Sheriff of Hull (Mr. A. K. Rollit LL.D.), the Ex-Sheriff (Bro. Francis Summers) Past S.W. 57, Bro. Charles Morgan Norwood, M.P., Mr. Charles Wilson M.P., Bro. Christopher Sykes M.P. P.S.P.G.W., Bro. Lieut.-Col. Pease, J.P., Bro. Alderman A. Bannister, J.P., P.S.P.G.D., and the Worshipful Masters, officers, and brethren of the Minerva (Hull), Constitutional (Beverley) St. Germain's (Selby), Londesborough (Bridlington), Pelham Pillar (Grimsby), Kingston (Hull), Sykes (Driffield), and Alexandra (Hornsea). It was no matter of surprise that, with such distinguished countenance and support, backed up by the assiduous exertions of the committee, the event should have attracted a very large amount of public interest; and, as the officers and brethren of the various Lodges in the Province generally responded to the invitation to appear in full Masonic costume, a very gay and animated scene was the result. The company began to assemble soon after nine o'clock, and for a couple of hours afterwards visitors continued to arrive in rapid succession, until the commodious assembly-room was thronged by a brilliant gathering. The aspect of the ball-room at eleven o'clock, when the festivities were at their height, was picturesque in the extreme; and all around wore an aspect of gaiety and luxury. Although the architectural features of the public rooms leave little need for extraneous decoration, yet the committee spared no pains in putting finishing touches here and there in the matter of embellishment, which tended vastly to enhance the *coup d'œil*. In the orchestra were numerous bannerets bearing Masonic and other devices, prettily interspersed with conifera and other ornamental shrubs, whilst in front of the organ were the silk banners of the Humber Lodge and Chapter. The façade of the orchestra was adorned with mirrors, which were tastefully festooned with lace, &c., whilst underneath was a comfortable lounge, draped with scarlet, in unison with the other seats placed around the room. Over the entrance doors were trophies of flags, surmounted by banners, and in the recesses were other mirrors, set off with boxes of choice flowers, including some magnificent camillias in bloom, ericas, lilioms, and other products of the conservatory. The floor was covered with holland, and with an abundance of good light and good music all the essentials of a successful and enjoyable ball were present. Nearly two hundred and fifty guests were present, including the Mayor (Dr. King), the ex-Mayor (Bro. Alderman Charles Wells), the Sheriff (Dr. Rollit), the Worshipful Masters of several Lodges, and many brethren who hold prominent positions in the Craft, and the mingling of regalia and uniforms amongst the groups of ladies, whose toilettes were more than ordinarily elegant, made up a scene of surpassing gaiety and animation. The brethren who rendered such efficient service on the ball committee consisted of Bro. A. W. Ansell W.M., Jonathan West L.P.M., H. Toozes S.W., Edward Kidd J.W., W. Tesseyman P.M., W. H. Wellsted Secretary, M. Haberland Lecture Master, T. Cook S.D., T. D. Wing J.D., R. Beever C.S., T. Thompson D.C., and E. Stone I.G. The last named gentleman, as the hon. secretary of the ball committee, was most indefatigable in his exertions to make the affair a success, and deserves the especial thanks of those who were most deeply interested in that object. All the other members of the committee worked with a will, and we congratulate them sincerely upon the triumph which they achieved. The following gentlemen officiated as Stewards, and to whose assiduity and attention so much of the enjoyment of the evening may be attributed: Bros. J. R. Ansell, James Scott, A. Loftus, Alfred Milner, T. Middleton, T. Greasley, and B. Cohen. Bro. G. T. Milner officiated as master of ceremonies. For hours the dancers continued to

"Chase the glowing hours with flying feet,"

And although, now and then, there would be a brief lull after the valse or quadrille was done, with a few moments of "circulating" and crossing—in which uniforms, bright dresses, brighter faces, scarlet, gold, and flowers made up the charming human bouquet—still at the first sound of the music each and all seemed inspired with renewed ardour for the fray. We agree with the modern writer who says:—"We may be sure that, whatever changes come about in the course of time, the ball is sure to endure; for it is founded on a happy and a substantial basis, and the pleasant variety—the alternation of waltz or galop, with the judicious inaction of the quadrille—

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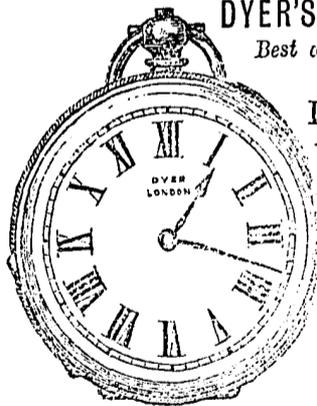
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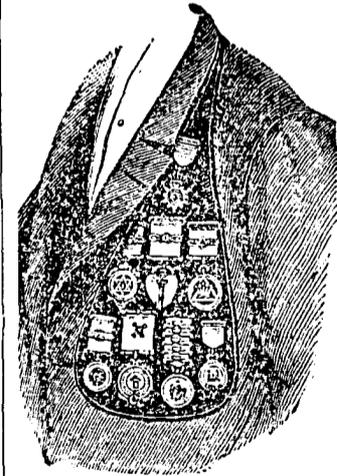
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