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THE ANACALYPSIS OF GODFREY HIGGINS.

IN the November and December numbers of the *Voice of Masonry* is a very elaborate review, by Bro. Hughan, of the late Godfrey Higgins's "Anacalypsis, an attempt to draw aside the Veil of the Saitic Isis, or an Enquiry into the origin of Languages, Nations and Religions." This work was published by Messrs. Longmans and Co. in 1836, but as only two hundred copies were printed, it has already become very scarce, and when a chance copy is on sale the price demanded is considerably beyond the means of the ordinary student. Thus Bro. Hughan has rightly judged that a sketch of those portions of it which relate to Freemasonry will be heartily welcomed by the Craft, and, accordingly, we have thought it desirable to give a digest of the two valuable papers he recently contributed to our American Masonic contemporary.

Bro. Hughan begins by noting the learned and abstruse character of the work, and considers this a reason why it is so little known among Masonic students. He then offers a few remarks on the preface, which was written by the author himself, and in which he explains how he was led to inquire into the subject, and the time he devoted to its study. He then passes at once to Freemasonry, and quotes Bro. Higgins's opinion of it to the effect that "the designed effect of all Masonic initiation is to render a man more virtuous—consequently, more happy. A perfect Mason, if such a thing could be, must be a perfect Buddhist, a perfect Jew, a perfect Christian, and a perfect Mohammedan." Bro. Hughan expresses his perfect agreement with this definition of Freemasonry, and adds:—

"Whilst Freemasonry is *unsectarian*, its oldest charge under the modern system, forcibly acknowledges the foregoing by declaring that the fraternity should seek, by the purity of their own lives, to demonstrate the superiority of the religion they may profess." Also, that a "Mason is particularly bound never to act against the dictates of his conscience." Were all craftsmen actuated by such motives, we need not fear any opposition to our society from *without*; for so long as we are *pure within*, no other danger can permanently affect us."

We are then presented with the following interesting extract:—

"On the ruins of Mundore, may be seen various mystic emblems, as the quatre-feuille, the cross, the mystic triangle, the triangle within a triangle, &c. Col. Tod says, 'Among ancient coins and medals excavated from the ruins of Oojein, and other ancient cities, I possess a perfect series with all the symbolic emblems of the *twenty-four* Apostles. The compound equilateral triangle is among them; perhaps there were Masons in those days among the Pali (i.e., the Philistines of the Indian Gaza, and of Gaza, a few miles from Solomon's Temple in Western Syria.) So, my good friend, Col. Tod, you are surprised that there should be Masonic emblems upon the ruins of Mundore. . . . But though this may surprise you, it will not surprise his Royal Highness the Duke of Sussex, or any Mason of high degree. But the author is himself a Mason, and that of high degree. He may say no more. Yet he will venture to add that, though much of the learning of that ancient Order remains, much is lost, and much may yet be recovered. But it is not every Apprentice or Fellow Craft who knows all the secrets of the Order."

Bro. Higgins, we are told, was a Royal Arch Mason, and as he did not penetrate *beyond*, evidently he regards that rank as one of *high degree*. Then follow two more extracts, both bearing on the subject of Masonry, the first reads thus:—

"Brother Mason, what do you know of Solomon's Temple? Here are the word *Almug* in Synastrene, and the Masonic emblems in Mundore—the town of Cycles, or Cyclopes. Be assured the wood

was carved for certain sacred parts of the building, and by Freemasons, too. Probably, all the fourteen Temples of Solomon, of which we read, were partly constructed of this sacred wood, and by Freemasons."

The second is:—

"When I wrote the *CELTIC DRUIDS*, I was not a Mason. It is no secret (i.e., the Mystic Temple), and, as Col. Tod has observed, is found with other Masonic emblems; or, probably, the oldest building in the world, the Cyclopean walls of Mundore. Did Masonry arise during the building of these walls? * * * * * Why do the priest-led monarchs of the continent persecute Masonry? Is it because they are not entrusted with its secrets; or, because their priests cannot make it subservient to their base purposes? All these questions I may ask, gentle reader; but *all* I may not answer."

As regards the question of secrecy, Bro. Higgins, in Bro. Hughan's opinion, "ably proves the *esoteric* character (as also, of course, *exoteric* ceremonies for the public) of all ancient religions, Bro. Higgins declaring that:—

"The heads of the church must now see very clearly, if they were to confess what *cannot be denied*, that (if the most learned and respectable fathers of the church are to be believed) Christianity contained a secret religion, that the populace would not consent to be kept in the dark. But whether the secret doctrine be lost or not, *it is a fact* that it was the faith of the first Christian fathers, admitted by themselves, that there was such a secret doctrine, and before I have done, I will prove it clearly enough."

Every religion that has any ancient tradition or history at all is examined into in the Anacalypsis, but Bro. Hughan very properly omits, as inadmissible into the pages of a Masonic Magazine, any lengthened notice of this portion of the inquiry. Otherwise, there are, he thinks, many objections that might be raised against the views expressed by Bro. Higgins, though, at the same time, he acknowledges "there are hidden springs of wisdom in this singular work which would be wholly unobserved by the casual reader, but which are most suggestive to the reflective Masonic student."

Passing to the history of the *Knights Templars*, Bro. Hughan thinks it impossible to decide now, how far these were connected with the operative Masonic societies of the time, as "we literally know nothing of the craftsmen at the period when the Warlike Knights were in the ascendancy, and certainly after the persecution of the latter, we have not apparently any evidence that their secret ceremonies were preserved by the Freemasons." He then quotes the following opinions, by Bro. Higgins, as to the character of the Templars:—

In the persecutions of the *Knights Templars*, which are known to everybody, a certain mystification and secrecy may be observed, as if the whole of the charges against them were not brought publicly out. This arose from various causes. The persecuted were really very religious, and were bound by the most solemn Masonic oaths (and Masonry was intimately connected with these matters) not to divulge the secrets of the Order. This caused them to recant at the stake, when all hope had fled, what they had confessed when on the wheel; and by this means they endeavoured to make amends for the secrets betrayed, and the oaths involuntarily broken on the rack.

Bro. Higgins, we are told, "considers also, that if the secret mysteries of the Christian religion were told by any traitor, so many false stories were told along with the true ones, that their secrecy is by this means most effectually secured—probably like those of the Freemasons."

The cause of the Crusades, in Bro. Higgins's opinion, was "the expectation of the Millennium, the desire to be present at Jerusalem at the grand day when the Son of

man should come in his glory—the great day of God Almighty.” A link between ancient and modern Freemasonry was the Mohammedan sect of “Ishmalians, or Society of Assassins,” which was “at once both a military and religious association, like the Templars and Teutonic Knights.” Further on, Bro. Higgins affirms distinctly that “the Templars were nothing but one branch of Masons; perhaps a branch to which the care of some peculiar part of Temples was entrusted, and I think that the name of Templars was only another name for Casideans.” Pursuing the subject still further, we read—

In the very highest orders of Freemasons, viz., the Templars and Rosicrucians, as I imagine them to be, there is no emblem more sacred than the Cross. Here I stop. *Verbum Sapienti.* Mr. Hammer has observed that the identity of the symbols of the Templars and of the Architectonici, by whom he means the Freemasons, are demonstrated. In this, I think he is perfectly correct. The Chaldeans and the Mathematicians, of whom we read in the Augustin age, as being the fortune-tellers, or the magicians, or the judicial astrologers of the great men of the day in Rome, were, in fact, Freemasons, and of this the emblems above, copied from his work, in plate IV., are a sufficient proof. I need not tell any one, *whether Mason or not*, how large a space the history of the building of the Temple of Solomon occupies in the ceremonies of Masonry.

We read later on, on the same subject :

The Templars had no objection to the Jewish Temple, for the same reason that the Mohammedan, the Jew, and the Christian sit down together, as I have, with great pleasure, experienced, at a Lodge or Chapter of Freemasons. If there be anything in their ceremonies to prevent this (*i.e.*, the Rosicrucians and Templars), it is a heresy, and contrary to the spirit of their Orders. Let them remember this: Without Jew, that is *Judaite*, there is no Christian; without both Jew and Christian, there is no Mohammedan.

Bro. Higgins, it seems, did not join the Rosicrucians and Templars, in order that he might be free to publish his views. He expressed his belief they were the “Culdees” of Iona and the Crypt of York Minster where the Grand Masonic Lodge of England was held. He also considers “Free-Mason is PH—RE—P.H., the Coptic emphatic article and RE the Sun, ‘Mason of the Sun.’” He further tells us:—

The very essence of Freemasonry is *equality*, All, let their rank in life be what it may when in the Lodge, are brothers—brethren with the Father at their head. No person can read the Evangelists and not see that this is correctly Gospel Christianity. It is the Christianity of the Chaldees, of the Patriarchs, of Abraham, and of Melchizedek. Every part of Christianity refers back to Abraham, and it is all Freemasonry.

It is possible, as Bro. Hughan suggests, that the writer may have had a different view than that which the words convey, but dealing necessarily with the words as they stand, Bro. Hughan very properly describes the ideas of Bro. Higgins as “crude and visionary.”

As an example of the facility with which assertions may be made, Bro. Hughan quotes the following:—

The striking similarity between Masonry and Pythagoreanism has been well pointed out by Mr. Clinch in his essays on Masonry, who states that the best account which he has seen of Masonry is in the *Encyclopædia Londinensis in voce* Masonry: though, as every Mason must see, it is not correct, and particularly respecting the York Masons. I think it may be discerned that there were several Lodges of Freemasons in Britain, whose origin cannot be traced, but perfectly independent of each other, though now united under one head—the Duke of Sussex—the old Lodge at York, now extinct, being clearly the oldest, as far as can be traced. Popular prejudice has supposed Freemasonry to have been invented in Scotland, and to have travelled thence to France with the Stuart refugees. That the Scotch refugee Masons might establish Lodges in France, I think very probable; but they were not then *new*; though perhaps not numerous or much known. I have no doubt that the Masons were Druids, Culidei, or Chaldei, and Casideans. The Chaldeans are traced downward to Scotland and York, and the Masons backwards from this day to meet the Culidei at York. It has been observed that the Masons, and particularly the Templars, always held their Lodges or Chapters under the crypts of the cathedrals; of this I entertain no doubt. FROM A MASONIC DOCUMENT NOW IN MY POSSESSION, I can prove that no very long time ago, the Chaldees at York were Freemasons, that they constituted the *Grand Lodge* of England, and that they held their meetings in the Crypt under the Grand Cathedral of that city. The *Circular* Chapter House did very well for ordinary business, but the secret mysteries were carried on in the Crypts.

Bro. Hughan points out that the Grand Lodge in London was not formed until A.D. 1717, and the rival Lodge at York not before 1725. The *Assembly* of Freemasons at York is another matter, the “Old Charges” from the 15th century being sufficient proof. But Bro. Hughan denies the right of any Mason to describe such assembly as a Grand Lodge, and even were it so, that there is, he points out, no evidence whatever of the use of the Crypt by the

Chaldees. Continuing his criticisms, Bro. Hughan says, “the only time that the Records speak of the Crypt of the Cathedral being used by any Masonic body at York was during the latter part of the last century. All the early assemblies of the ancient Lodge, which are recorded at the meetings subsequently of the Grand Lodge from A.D. 1725 were generally held in the private houses of the members. Particulars as to several of these Lodges may be found in our ‘Masonic Sketches and Reprints.’” The minute of the one meeting held in the Crypt, of which there is a record, is referred to in the following extract from Bro. Higgins’s work:—

“After I had been led to suspect, from various causes, that the Culdees noticed in the *notitia monastica*, and in the last Chapter, and there stated to have been found in the Cathedral at York, were Masons, I searched the Masonic records in London, and I found a document which, upon the face of it, seemed to show that that Lodge, which was the Grand Lodge of All England, had been held under the Cathedral in the Crypt at York. In consequence of this I went to York, and applied to the only survivor of the Lodge, who showed me, from the documents which he possessed, that the Druidical Lodge, or Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, or Templar Encampment, all of which it calls itself, was held for the last time in the Crypt on Sunday, May 27, 1778. At that time the Chapter was evidently on the decline, and it is since dead. From these books it appears to have claimed to have been founded by Edwin in the year 926. From a curious parchment document, formerly belonging to the Lodge, and restored to it by Francis Drake, author of the *Eboracum*, as appears by an endorsement on the back of it, signed by him, stating that it came from the Castle at Pontepact” (? Pontefract), “it seems probable that, according to the tradition to that effect, the ancient records of the Lodge had been sent to that place for safety in the Civil Wars, as it is well known that many of the title deeds of Yorkshire families at that time were, and on its destruction were like them destroyed or dispersed.”

We cannot give the whole of the passage quoted by Bro. Hughan, but the purport of the latter portion of it may be briefly described. Bro. Higgins, having referred to a contest for supremacy among the Masons of England, the Lodge of Antiquity in London claiming it and the York Lodge refusing to recognise it—a contest terminated by the union under the Duke of Sussex—goes on to say that though he does not pretend *absolutely to prove* “the Druidical Royal Arch Chapter, Lodge, or Encampment of the Temple of St. John at Jerusalem, or of the Tabernacle of the Temple of the Holy Wisdom, as it calls itself, of Jerusalem” was actually “the same as that of the Culdees of the *Monastica*,” but I think the presumption is pretty strong. Though he does not “by mathematical demonstration connect the Calidei or Chaldeans and Masons at York,” he does so “in the mathematici and Chaldæi at Rome.” No matter how far back he goes in history he finds traces of the Chaldei all over the world, and he thinks them “Freemasons” in India. A note is also quoted in which Bro. Higgins speaks somewhat patronizingly of the learned Preston, author of the well-known *Illustrations*, which amuses Bro. Hughan, and affords him an opportunity for bestowing well-merited praise on that ably written work, remarking that, “Making all due allowances for the times in which the work was written, we are still of the opinion that the Book, ‘take it for all in all,’ has never been surpassed.” He points out further that Preston was never a partizan, that he never claimed priority for the Masons of London over those of Scotland or York, and that his *Illustrations* are entirely free from any party bias. Next, he corrects Bro. Higgins’s version of the contest for supremacy, which he describes as “altogether inaccurate, and almost perniciously so.” There never was a contest, he points out, between the Lodges of Antiquity and at York. On the contrary, when Preston and his friends were expelled by Grand Lodge (Moderns), “the Grand Lodge of all England located at York granted them a Deputation to act as a ‘Grand Lodge south of the Trent,’ which they did for a few years, and so far from there ever having been a quarrel between them, the two Lodges were always on the best of terms.” The contest, as Bro. Hughan says, was between Grand Lodge, London, constituted in 1717, and a body of seceders, also located in London, who formed a rival Grand Lodge in 1753, known as that of the “ancients,” while the older was known as the “moderns.” Long after the York Lodge had died out the union of these rival Grand Lodges in London took place, under the auspices of the Duke of Sussex, aided by his brother the Duke of Kent. A few remarks on the High Degrees mentioned by Bro. Higgins, which were the Royal Arch and Knight Templars, and which, about 1780, came to be recognised by the York Grand Lodge, and a statement that “the York authorities never warranted any Lodge out

of England, all foreign Lodges constituted under English auspices, hailing from London, so that *London Rite* is what they follow," conclude the first portion of this most interesting paper. The remainder we shall sketch next week.

MASONIC PORTRAITS (No. 15.)

A MERCHANT PRINCE.

"Our heroes are of nobler stuff;
They tunnel the mountains, and bridge the seas;
Delve in the earth, and, from her massy ribs,
Wrench out the shining ore; they spin, and weave,
And clothe the world; send stately ships across
The deep, and from torrid, or from frigid clime
Bring back great store of treasure."

MR. RUSKIN, and men of his school, have preferred some serious charges against the tendency of society of the present day, which have scarcely merited the attention they have received. The great art critic tells us, in passionate language, that, in the pursuit of wealth, we are forgetting everything that is beautiful and true; that we are turning England into a huge factory, the workshop of the world, and while the population has increased, the people have become brutalised by ignorance or degraded into machines. Mr. Ruskin, of course, sees but one side of our social life, and in his passion for æsthetics he is content to ignore the daily wants and wishes of humanity. Art, indeed, is necessary for the development of a healthy national life, but bread is one of the first necessities of existence. The people must live, although Mr. Ruskin may not see necessity for their existence. He who paints great pictures is, *cæteris paribus*, as much a teacher as he who drills a crowd of children in a school. Man does not live by bread alone, nor does he live by art, and perhaps the enterprising capitalist who sinks a mine or opens a factory is a greater benefactor of his species than Leonardo or Turner. The man must be well clothed and fed before he thinks of gratifying the longing of the eye, and art can only flourish in a state of society where there is a leisurely class with more than enough of this world's goods to spare. The English capitalists are a much abused class, but it is to their enterprise that we mainly owe our proud rank amongst the nations. They have bridged the Atlantic with lines of vast mail steamers. Their ships cover every sea, and the meteor flag of England is at this moment floating in the breeze in every port in the world. The silly people who, in their mad rage for art, are ready to declaim against the triumphs of modern civilisation, care little for the comforts of the common people. What is it to them that the masses, so far as mere physical comforts and enjoyments are concerned, are in the position which was occupied by the middle classes two centuries since. What is it to them if the houses of the middle classes are furnished more luxuriously, if not more elegantly than the mansions of the nobles of the time of Elizabeth. A man who has a craze about art would probably sacrifice much if he could roll back the tide of civilisation or inspire his countrymen with those instinctive ideas of the beautiful which were the common property of the poorest of the Greeks. We should be the last to decry art, but we do not forget that the necessities of life are more essential than a few yards of painted canvas, or a few cubic feet of chiselled marble. The great deficiency of the English mind is familiar enough to us, but we still hope the day may come when our countrymen will learn how to combine the beautiful and the useful in due and proper proportions. Some of us may live to see railway bridges that are not absolutely hideous, and public monuments that are not absolutely grotesque. But we are a practical people, and our greatness is unique of its kind. Carthage, and its parent, Tyre, pale before our commercial activity and our naval strength. The vices of a commercial community are indeed ours, but no one can reproach us, as the ancient world did Carthage, for mendacity. Punic faith was a bye-word with the Greeks and Romans, but the word of an Englishman is still respected, and his bond is still an equivalent for gold.

Here, for example, is a great merchant prince, who has done more to aid on the material prosperity of his country, than a host of the superfine critics who talk moonshine in the guise of wisdom. He is one of those

giants of capital whose greatness far surpasses that of any feudal lord. His mines afford employment for an army of toilers. His foundries are the centre of animated industry; and he pays each week of his life a sum, in wages alone, which would have gone far to furnish an outfit for the enthusiasts who marched to the first crusade. Our great art critic, doubtless, regards such a man as the enemy of the principles he seeks to inculcate, but he is nevertheless a merchant prince in the truest acceptation of the term, and has not in all his great enterprises sought alone his own personal advantages. Mere profit has not been his only object in life. In times of depression he has kept his works going at great loss to himself, and has cared little for the account on the wrong side of the ledger. To give bread without pauperising the community—this is the problem which has puzzled the wisest—but he has solved it often enough, while seeming to do only his duty. And yet our merchant prince is no friend of that great Manchester school which has claimed for itself the credit for all the good works which have benefited the people. He was born in 1830, and educated at Winchester College. In politics he is a Conservative; although, socially, he is most liberal, and he has sat in Parliament as member for Truro since 1865. He is the second baronet of a family which is perhaps more highly respected for its personal worth than for its great possessions, or its high social position. He is a man of mark in the West of England, respected and loved by all who know him; he is one of the best-hearted and truest of Masons, and second to none in his appreciation of the principles and objects of the Fraternity. He was initiated, January 1863, in Lodge No. 331, and is a member of Lodges 10 and 1159, London, D.P.G.M. Cornwall, a representative of the G.O. of Portugal, and P.G.M. of the Mark Lodge for Cornwall. He has been a bountiful friend of the Charities, and his princely liberality in this respect has placed him in the front rank of the Order. He is the largest contributor to the Cornwall Masonic Annuity Fund, and his purse-strings are always relaxed when cash is wanted for any special purpose. On his installation as the first Provincial Grand Mark Master, he presented the district with some magnificent jewels, which are highly prized by the brotherhood. But our brother is valued not alone for his princely contributions and for his zeal as a Mason, but for the high personal qualities which shine resplendent in his character. Socially he is everything that could be desired, and politically he is no mere partizan, but possesses that rarest of all gifts—a judicial mind. He readily sees good in the side which is not his own; he can place himself in the stand point of his political opponents, and is no mere upholder of institutions which have no other claim to consideration but their antiquity. He is indeed a conservative of that type which, to our thinking, is one of the outcomes of recent social and political changes; a reformer, where reform is really needed, but no mere clap-trap tribune of the people. He would scorn to mount to fame and distinction on the shoulders of the masses, and he is not the man to repeat a political cry because it happens to chime in with the wants and wishes of party. Intellectual conservatism was once the dream of a small knot of young politicians, who have now grown grey in the service of the State, and after ceaseless political changes it at last stands a chance of being realised. Masons, as such, care not for parties, but in reviewing the career of a distinguished brother, whose life has been a political one, it is impossible to avoid reference to contemporary history, and we note the fact with pride that our Masonic legislator is, in the largeness of his sympathies, and in the breadth of his views, not merely member for Truro, but for all England. Yet our hero is no brilliant talker, and cares not to air his oratory either in the House or on the stump. But when he speaks he always talks good sound sense, and his speeches read like essays rather than orations. Perhaps if he could not speak at all we should like him better. We tire of the continual stream of talk which overflows the land, and are thankful for silence, and can only excuse the breaking of it when the orator has something to say. The idle chatter of politicians is becoming one of the nuisances of the day, and we regret to see that the talking mania has invaded the sacred arcana of the Lodge. A sound practical man, who talks little, but who is strong in common sense—or rather uncommon sense, for the faculty is by no means generally diffused—is a treasure; and we respect our brother as much for his "brilliant flashes of silence," as for his occasional words of wisdom.

In his own social circle he is known as a man of taste and refinement, a patron of the fine arts, a princely host, and a generous friend of the poor. He is no mere slave of wealth, but uses the advantages with which Providence has blessed him well and wisely. Even Mr. Ruskin might admit, if he were privileged to walk through our brother's picture gallery, that some at least of the merchant princes of England have as just an appreciation of the æsthetic side of life as any of the dreamers who, in the secure fastnesses of their ideal artistic arcadia, can afford to rail at the gross material tendencies of the age in which we live. To such men as our brother England owes a debt of gratitude. It is our boast that the nobles and the upper ranks of society generally busy themselves with the practical work of life. Some of these men could afford, if it so pleased them, to sink into the condition of mere Lotos eaters, or into that state of swinish ease which contributed to make the old aristocracy of France and Spain a byword and a reproach to the civilized world. Many of our richest men are amongst the hardest workers in the community, and our distinguished brother finds in toil and responsibility, his highest pleasures. We are here for something higher than mere frivolity; and it is because we are an earnest and practical people that we are great and powerful. Duty is the keynote of an Englishman's moral philosophy, and life, to all who think, is a solemn reality. "It is all we have to front eternity with." Let us all work, then, "even as he has done and does—like a star, unobscured, yet unobscured."

At the usual weekly meeting, on Wednesday next, at Bro. C. Gosden's, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, of the Confidence Lodge of Instruction, the ceremonies of Consecration and Installation will be rehearsed by Bros. Terry and Constable respectively. We trust there will be a strong muster of members on the occasion. After the business of the evening is over, the brethren will sit down to a slight and economical repast.

We have to announce that the proposal to purchase the lease, for 88 years, at £100 per annum, of the house and premises known as "Kent House," and situated opposite the Boys' School, Wood Green, for a sum not exceeding £500, was carried at the special General Court held on Saturday last.

It is with feelings of deep regret we inform the brethren of the demise of Bro. Rev. E. Thompson, Chaplain of No. 1, Grand Master's Lodge, and Chaplain of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. He expired on the 2nd instant, at Worthing, after a very short illness. He was present at the Centenary Festival of the Lodge of Prudent Brethren. His loss will be deeply felt by his bereaved family, and a numerous circle of private and Masonic friends.

Sir Michael Costa, P.G.O., not being sufficiently recovered from his late indisposition, was unable to conduct the Sacred Harmonic Society's Concert, on Friday evening last. M. Sainton conducted. Mr. Sims Reeves was also unable to appear, Bro. Vernon Rigby, who was in excellent voice, supplying his place.

The brethren of the Fitzroy Lodge, No. 569, which meets at the Honourable Artillery Company's Head Quarters, Finsbury, intend giving a ball, in connection with their Lodge, on the 16th instant, under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. F. Graves, No. 4 Company, and under the patronage of Bro. Lord Colville, late Lieut. Col. (who has signified his intention of being present), Bro. Major Burgess, and other distinguished members of the Lodge and the Regiment.

As the pantomime season is now so well advanced, those of our friends who have not yet paid a visit to Covent Garden for the purpose of seeing the grand pantomime of Cinderella will do well to lose no further time. They will be highly delighted with the performance, the acting, scenery, and ballets being all of unusual excellence, while the harlequinade leaves nothing to be desired. If we mention that Miss Nelly Power—to speak *more Hibernico*, the prince of pantomimists—is the leading actress, we offer one of the strongest inducements to our brethren to act upon the ad-

vice we tender. We may add also that Cinderella is preceded by a curtailed version of the *Merchant of Venice*, in which Bro. Rice very ably enacts the part of Shylock.

Just at the moment of going to press we have received *Le Monde Maçonique*, for the months of January and February. It contains much valuable matter, to which we shall have occasion to refer in a later issue. We may mention, however, as very far from being the least meritorious contribution to its columns, a paper on "*Causerie*," signed "*E. Littré*."

ADVANCEMENT OF H.R.H. PRINCE LEOPOLD TO THE 30TH DEGREE.

THIS interesting ceremony took place on the afternoon of Monday, the 7th instant, at the Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square. The R.H. the Earl of Carnarvon, Sovereign Grand Commander, 33°, presided. The proceedings were conducted in all solemnity by General Clerk, assisted by Major S. H. Clerke and Hyde Pallen, in the presence of Captain N. G. Phillips, Lieutenant Grand Commander; Montagu Pulteney Montagu, Grand Chancellor; Charles J. Vigne, Past Grand Commander; Colonel Adair, H. D. Sandeman, Raphaël Costa, and Samuel Rawson, with Andrew Hay, members of the 33rd degree. There were also present:—The Earl of Limerick, Charles H. Gregory, Jas. Glaisher, Colonel Goddard, Colonel Burdett, Major Barlow, and Captain W. Portlock Dadson, members of the 32nd degree; General Brownrigg, Charles Horsley, Arthur B. Cook, John Hervey, and J. C. Parkinson, of the 31st degree; the Earl of Shrewsbury, Captain Bourke, Colonel Burney, Frederick Binckes, C. Grillion, Montague Gnest, R. W. Little, J. B. Monckton, J. Read, Hugh H. Riach, Walter Spencer, Raymond Thrupp, Captain Fr. Trower, E. B. Webb, Colonel West, and C. E. Willing, members of the 30th degree.

At 5 p.m. the Supreme Chapter of Rose Croix was opened, in the presence of the Prince and other visitors, for the purpose of consecrating a new chapter—the "*Studholme*"—a ceremony which was effectively conducted by the Earl of Carnarvon, assisted by Major S. H. Clerke, by the Prelate, and Hyde Pallen. The "*Studholme Chapter*" being then declared open, the following brethren received the 18th degree:—Sir John Harrington, Sir Bruce Seton, Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, Captain Ormsby, H. H. Dobree, K. R. Murchison, F. Pattison, Sir George Prescott, George Claridge, Sir W. H. Drake, Captain J. Beacham Hayes, R. H. Collins, and E. H. Bedford.

General Brownrigg was installed M.W.S., and appointed his officers:—Colonel Randolph and Captain Brownrigg as his Generals, and the Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg as Prelate. A banquet at Willis's Rooms followed.

The notices of the foregoing which have appeared in the daily papers are inaccurate.

THE DRAMA.

"Anne Boleyn" at the Haymarket.

A NEW poetical and quasi-historical drama, from the pen of Mr. Tom Taylor, is an event of some importance in the present dearth of dramatic talent in England. Notwithstanding what has been said of him by his detractors, Mr. Taylor cannot with justice be denied a place amongst the two or three foremost dramatists of the present day. In constructive skill he is probably without a rival, and if his dialogue is surpassed in force, brilliancy and humour by that of Mr. W. S. Gilbert, at least we know of no other writer who can claim the same superiority over him. The life of Anne Boleyn offers opportunities for spectacular effect, of which most playwrights would gladly have availed themselves, but these our author has, and we think wisely, avoided. The events of the time were sufficiently stirring and romantic to render unnecessary the adventitious aids of crowded processions, gorgeous tournaments, and impossible ballets. We do not, however, think that Mr. Taylor has been altogether successful with his materials. The heroine, to begin with, does not command the sympathies of the audience. In the case of Mary Stuart, Queen Elizabeth, or Charles the First, a skilful writer is able to present them under amiable and generous aspects. Their faults can be glazed over, their good qualities brought into prominence. But Anne Boleyn is a more difficult subject. She was condemned as an adulteress by a tribunal which comprised several persons who might be expected, from relationship or otherwise, to take a most lenient view of her case. But even if the verdict of modern times should acquit her of this charge, the fact that she encouraged the attentions of Henry whilst Katherine, her Queen and mistress, was still his legal wife, prevents any deep feelings of sympathy from being awakened on her behalf. It is probably, therefore, owing to the inherent difficulty of the subject, rather than to any fault of the author, that the heroine of the play does not excite that high degree of interest which the occasion would seem to require. But, admitting this difficulty, we still think that the most has not been made of the story. The first and second acts might with advantage have been compressed into one, and this would have enabled the author to elaborate more fully the powerful incidents of the accusation and condemnation. As it is, however, the play evolves some striking situations, and carries with it, from first to last, a genuine and fairly-sustained dramatic interest. The fourth act in particular is full of excitement, activity, and bustle. The dialogue throughout is above the average, though here and there inclining to verbiage. As performed at the HAYMARKET, the characters are very fairly cast, Mr. Harcourt sustaining the rôle of King Henry, and Miss Neilson making a most charming and unconventional Queen Anne. The piece is well worth seeing.

THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

THE first of the three Annual Festivals, that of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall, and proved a most interesting and successful event. The chair was occupied by the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Prov. G.M. for Western Division of Lancashire, and he was most ably supported, the list of Stewards comprising many of the most influential Masons of the country.

There was a goodly attendance of ladies, who occupied the gallery, and the number of brethren present was reported as close upon 400. The banquet, considering the size of the building, was fairly served. After the cloth had been removed, the Chairman proposed the health of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen. He said he was sure all present must rejoice in the fact of her being present at the opening of Parliament, where she was supported by her daughters and accompanied by her daughter-in-law, the Princess of Wales. The toast was well received, and the National Anthem sung. "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales K.G. M.W.G.M., the Patron and President of the Institution; the Princess of Wales, and the other Members of the Royal Family," was next given, the Chairman saying: He was sure that they all looked forward to the day when their Most Worshipful Grand Master would return to this country, after the glorious success which had attended his visit to India, a task which he had imposed upon himself. However glorious had been his reception there, the Chairman was quite sure that the hearty welcome his Royal Highness would receive on his return, especially from his Masonic brethren, would be far greater and more hearty than he had ever received in Hindostan. He thanked God that good health had attended their Grand Master, and, as they all knew that he had the welfare of the Craft at heart, he hoped the Prince would long rule over them, and that his lovely Princess might be blessed with long life to reign with him.

The National Song and chorus—God Bless the Prince of Wales, followed. The third toast, "The right Honourable the Earl of Carnarvon M.W. Pro G.M." was given. He was well known amongst those present, and there was no one but could recollect how willingly he had come forward to perform the duties required of him at the Installation Ceremony in the Albert Hall. The Rev. Dr. Cox next proposed the health of "The Right Honourable Lord Skermersdale, R.W. Deputy Grand Master, Chairman of the day," and spoke in eulogistic terms of his Lordship's Masonic qualifications. After the reply of his Lordship, "the Present and Past Grand Officers" was given, and replied to by the Rev. C. J. Martyn, Past Grand Chaplain. The noble Earl then gave. "Success to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and the Widows of Freemasons." When he looked back at the annals of the Institution he could not but remember that in the year 1847 the subscriptions at the annual festival amounted to only some hundreds, but now a little bird had whispered to him that they were several thousands. (Applause.) This showed that the great brotherhood of Freemasons was increasing in the works it professed to uphold, and that the operations of Charity were gaining ground in this country. At every one of these festivals the subscriptions were increasing. But still it was only one out of every five or six Freemasons who subscribed. If each Mason would subscribe something, the Institution would be well supported, without any begging lists, and that is what he would like to see. Bro. James Terry, the Secretary of the Institution, then rose, and proceeded to call over the List of Subscriptions, which, in the aggregate, amounted to £9,184 10s 6d, a result which elicited the hearty congratulations of all present. The several other toasts on the list were afterwards given, Bros. Little and Binckes replying to that of "The other Masonic Institutions." The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. Smith, who was ably assisted by Madame Liebhart, Mrs. Seymour Smith, Miss Marion Severn, Bros. A. Lester, G. T. Carter, F. W. Farmer, and Chaplin Henry, and Mr. Michael Watson, who presided at the pianoforte.

As on the last occasion, we subjoin, for the information of our readers, the several Stewards' Lists, together with the numbers of the Lodges and Chapters contributing, and the amount contributed by each, to the above Institution:—

£ s d		Lodge	£ s d		Lodge	£ s d							
Leicester (Province of) per Bro.		87 Bro. Charles Hull ...	61	0	0	778 Bro. E. B. Webb ...	51	5	0				
Clement Stretton ...	109	16	0	90	J. D. McDougall ...	28	12	0	807	G. Baxter ...	21	0	0
Norfolk—H. G. Barwell ...	26	16	0	101	John Flack ...	36	15	0	813	John Ross Gallant ...	100	0	0
Northamp. & Hunts—R. H. Griffith ...	121	0	0	102	Col. T. Duff ...	8	15	0	861	William W. Lowles ...	31	5	0
Northumberland, Lieut. Col. Ad-				107	G. S. Woodwork ...	25	10	0	865	William Johnson ...	22	0	0
deson Potter ...	112	10	0	108	R. W. Stewart ...	30	0	0	869	A. C. Wylie ...	20	0	0
Oxford Province of:—				120	T. Jowitt ...	65	5	0	901	Edward Salisbury ...	25	0	0
Bro. F. Parker Morrell	87	15	0	142	J. L. Thomas ...	160	0	0	903	G. F. Lancaster ...	35	0	0
" H. S. Cooper Smith				144	George Allen ...	57	18	0	907	S. H. P. Moore ...	36	10	0
" The Rev. J. A. Lloyd				145	George Purkiss ...	10	0	0	996	H. Smart ...	3	3	0
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tion from Prince				151	John M. Lovick ...	37	0	0	1008	W. H. Lucia ...	57	0	0
Leopold of £20				156	H. Dabosc ...	10	0	0	1036	J. Reade ...	12	12	0
South Wales—E. J. Morris ...	250	0	0	174	W. T. Wells ...	100	0	0	1036	Joseph Morton ...	74	11	0
Wiltshire—H. C. Tombs ...	201	6	6	Chap. 174	Comp. E. C. Mather ...	31	5	0	1096	Thomas Ayling ...	32	0	0
G.L. Punjab—G. Davies ...	10	0	0	" 176	" P. A. Nairn ...	20	7	0	1158	Govan Macdonald ...	48	15	0
Grand Stewards Lodge—E. March	60	0	0	Lodge					1193	J. B. Graver-Brown ...	36	10	0
Lodge				176	Bro. John Brockett Sorrell	36	14	0	1196	Jonathan Pearson ...	30	0	0
1 Bro. F. J. Hartridge ...	10	0	0	177	" George Everett ...	36	0	0	1201	William Henry Barber	25	0	0
2 " Rev. A. F. A. Woodford	31	1	0	Chap. 177	Comp. W. M. Foxcroft	43	9	6	1203	Dick Baker ...	10	0	0
4 " A. C. Veley ...	19	0	0	Lodge					1206	R. J. Emmerson ...	10	0	0
5 " J. Corry Havers ...	36	7	0	179	Bro. William Hughes	35	0	0	1208	Henry M. Baker ...	138	0	0
7 " L. A. Crowley ...	23	0	0	180	" W. Smithett ...	42	9	6	1224	Rev. J. C. Martyn ...	20	0	0
8 " C. M. Morgan ...	17	0	0	180	" William C. Parsons ...	112	0	0	1232	C. H. Scales ...	6	10	0
9 " W. R. Marsh ...	61	0	0	181	" F. E. Wilkinson ...	15	13	0	1257	J. J. Lowenthal ...	62	4	6
10 " Rev J. N. Palmer ...	49	12	0	189	" J. E. Curteis ...	112	10	0	1259	" E. Jex ...	71	10	0
11 " C. Watson ...	31	10	0	192	" Francis Fellows ...	61	5	0	1278	" G. W. Verry ...	154	10	0
12 " R. Coombs ...	33	10	0	198	" H. C. Lambert ...	25	0	0	1307	" C. Rushworth... ..			
14 " A. J. Bristow ...	10	0	0	228	" John White ...	76	0	0		Own donation ...	50	0	0
18 " J. C. Chaplin ...	17	0	0	250	" J. Thompson ...	25	0	0	1327	" W. Gilbert ...	10	5	0
21 " J. Knight Stead ...	50	0	0	256	" Charles Birch ...	47	4	6	1348	" J. Palmer V.P... ..	133	12	0
22 " G. Phythian ...	32	5	0	259	" Alfred Cooper ...	115	0	0	1366	" C. G. Hill ...	112	0	0
23 " F. Keut ...	25	5	0	263	" Wm. Richard Morton...	19	0	0	1383	" J. M. P. Montagu (Pro-)	222	0	0
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Lodge				315	" J. Eberall ...	106	0	0	1385	" J. Cutbush & W. Cutbush	31	5	0
27 Bro. John Green ...	79	10	0	319	" S. S. Peaveo ...	42	1	6	1395	" H. W. Charrington ...	16	10	0
28 " William Lane ...	50	13	0	321	" Capt. J. H. Arrowsmith	47	7	0	1421	" C. Lacey ...	56	15	0
29 " J. E. Middleton ...	10	0	0	342	" S. R. Ellis ...	58	5	0	1423	" E. H. Thidley ...	25	5	0
30 " Joseph Harding ...	31	5	0	342	" J. L. Coulton ...	80	0	0	1445	" W. H. Myers ...	72	0	0
33 " William Thomas Sugg	33	12	0	382	" Benjamin Swallow ...	50	0	0	1464	" Charles Dinham ...	53	10	0
54 " C. M. Jones ...	15	0	0	382	" E. C. Woodward ...	12	0	0	1471	" John L. Mather ...	40	15	0
55 " John Bingemann ...	79	15	0	403	" H. Campkin ...	41	3	0	1475	" J. T. Dalby ...	60	0	0
57 " Henry Preston ...	21	0	0	416	" J. Lees... ..	21	5	0	1489	" T. Hastings Miller ...	23	10	0
65 " Edgar Bowyer ...	110	8	6	435	" Ernest H. Stammwitz	39	0	0	1491	" H. C. Levander ...	60	5	0
66 " Robert Galland ...	80	19	0	446	" Capt. A. T. Perkins ...	66	6	0	1494	" F. S. Knyvett ...	12	12	0
73 " Charles Rayden ...	36	1	0	452	" H. E. Frances... ..	27	10	0	1500	" T. Isley ...	6	12	0
77 " Charles Andrews ...	172	0	0	511	" George Read ...	94	12	0	1507	" J. Willing jun. ...	80	5	0
				549	" E. Tyrell Leith ...	5	0	0	1512	" T. W. Ockenden ...	25	0	0
				657	" William Henry Stevens	54	0	0	1524	" W. L. Leo ...	49	1	6
				733	" Thomas W. Allen ...	34	12	0	1531	" J. Coutts ...	45	9	0
				766	" John Pringle ...	25	0	0	1538	" W. Brough ...	16	5	0
									1567	" J. Mason ...	25	0	0

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...						Prov. G. Lodge—per Bro. R. Wylie	100	0	0	897 „ Lieut.-Col. Gamble	46	0	0
T. Fenn, Hon. Treasurer...			87	0	0	His own donation	20	0	0	1013 „ J. Thompson	12	0	0
Andrew Hay	5	0	0	Lodge						1021 „ R. T. Taylor	40	0	0
T. Cabbitt	72	0	0	113 Lieut.-Col. R. Birchall, W. Harrison, C. Fryer	130	0	0	1086 „ J. C. Lunt	24	1	0
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						220 „ C. Humphries	27	5	0	1345 „ J. C. Gillman	5	0	0
						241 „ R. Wilson	67	2	0	1345 „ J. Brooks	5	0	0
						249 „ Dr. J. Kellett Smith	90	0	0	1355 „ T. Buxton	30	0	0
						580 „ J. Prescott	26	15	0	1375 „ W. Leader	39	15	0
						613 „ T. P. Griffiths	10	0	0	1393 „ G. D. Pochin	74	2	0
						667 „ W. P. Witter	10	0	0	1473 „ H. Jackson	20	0	0
						673 & 1505 Hy. Nelson	60	0	0	1496 „ J. P. McArthur	35	1	0
						680 „ H. S. Alpass	271	8	0	1561 „ E. B. Harding	35	0	0
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GRAND LODGE HONOURS.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—There are hundreds of good Masons who sympathise with your correspondent of last week in the non-realisation of the object of "Legitimate Ambition."

It is, however, idle to whine over blighted hopes, or to indulge in lamentations over unacknowledged services. What is required is, action! Let the members of Grand Lodge assert their independence, and prove themselves worthy of the privileges they possess. Let them emancipate themselves from an oligarchical tyranny which, standing between them and their trusted and respected rulers, obstructs the graceful exercise of prerogative, and perverts the course of justice by pernicious councils. In the "Antient Charges" I read, "All preferment among Masons is grounded upon real worth and personal merit only," and in the simplicity of my early days in Masonry I interpreted these words in their natural sense. Alas! for the fond delusion, from which I have been rudely awakened.

I worked hard, I strove heartily, I laboured diligently, and flattered myself that the possession of the following qualifications might prove stepping stones to preferment:—

1. A thorough knowledge of Ritual.
2. Devotion to study of Masonic practice, law and constitutions.
3. The Mastership of various Lodges.
4. A diligent attendance at the meetings of Grand Lodge.
5. Service in connection with the Masonic institutions, including Stewardships, and such contributions from year to year as my means would permit.

All in vain! I remained, after long years of hard work, a miserable specimen of "vanling ambition," having fallen, and that heavily, "on the other side."

What then, your readers will inquire, must be done to give a chance of wearing the much coveted purple?

"Bow the knee to Baal," my friends, and do not refuse, as many of us have refused, "at what time the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, and dulcimer, and all kinds of music is heard," to "fall down and worship the image which" has been made. Let those who can, read between the lines.

If I am wrong in my conclusions, how is it that so many who possess scarcely any of the qualifications I have enumerated, have been singled out for promotion?

I pause for a reply!

Having abandoned all hope of entering within the charmed circle, I calmly survey passing events, and never thought of inflicting my views or opinions on your readers.

Let "Legitimate Ambition" console itself with the experiences of

"ONE WHO KNOWS."

London, 8th February 1876.

"HOW DO I LOOK, PAPA?"—This is the title of a most charming little picture in colours, issued as a frontispiece with the LITTLE FOLKS' MAGAZINE for February, in which part are announced the Prizes gained by LITTLE FOLKS in the competition for the BEST-DRESSED DOLLS, which furnished one of the chief features of attraction in the Christmas programme of the Alexandra Palace.

LITTLE ACCIDENTS, AND HOW TO DEAL WITH THEM.—There is, in CASSELL'S FAMILY MAGAZINE for February, a very useful paper on this subject, which every one ought to learn by heart, so as to be prepared for the many emergencies which are continually arising in families.

MASONIC BALL AT BRIGHTON.

THE W.M. of the Royal Brunswick Lodge, Bro. J. M. Kidd, and the brethren, gave a Private Invitation Ball, which was attended by nearly 200 ladies and gentlemen, at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton. The entire suite of rooms was engaged, and, in point of adornment, every care and pains were taken to secure the comfort of the company. The music and north drawing rooms were reserved for dancing, and the banqueting room for supper; the saloon for light refreshments, and the south drawing room for lounging and card playing. The decorations were artistic, and produced a charming effect. Pedestals, with lamps, were placed, surrounded by shrubs and exotic plants. The mantel-pieces and the stairs at each end were decorated with hothouse plants, supplied by Messrs. Balchin and Nell, of the Western-road, while Messrs. Reed, of North-street, supplied the lamps. The supper, of the most *recherché* description, was, together with the wines, supplied by Mr. A. Raynard, of North-street. Mr. Miles, of the West Brighton Nursery, decorated the supper tables, and a platform was arranged at the east side of the music room, where the music could be distinctly heard in the drawing room. Here Bro. Devin and his thoroughly efficient band discoursed sweet music, which was fully appreciated. Hilarity prevailed, and the company thoroughly enjoyed themselves, thanks to the efficient arrangements of the brethren, who did not separate till nearly four o'clock.

DROWNING, HINTS FOR CASES OF.—Send for medical aid and blankets as soon as possible, but until they arrive to take at once instant measures for recovery, without waiting to remove the patient to a house, as delay may prove fatal. Lay the patient on his face, with one arm under his forehead, that any liquid may flow from his mouth. Wipe away froth from his throat and nostrils. Turn him on his side, and endeavour to excite inspiration by applying snuff, pepper, or smelling-salts; alternately rub his chest and face, to promote warmth, and throw hot and cold water upon them. If these measures are not successful, turn him gently, but completely on one side, and a little beyond, then towards his face, and repeat these movements alternately, deliberately, and perseveringly fifteen times in a minute. Continue them for hours if necessary, and meantime rub the limbs upwards firmly and energetically, and tear off the wet clothes, substituting blankets and warm coverings. This is all that can be immediately done.—From "Little Accidents, and how to deal with them," in "Cassell's Family Magazine" for February.

COMMEMORATION OF THE BOSTON "MASSACRE."—A large number of Bostonians assembled at the old South Meeting House, and were addressed by Joseph Warren, who chose for the text of his speech the evil effects of standing armies in time of peace. The holding of such a meeting at all was against one of the recent Acts of Parliament, but this of course added zest to the performance. Some forty officers of the English army and navy were present, and were placed by Samuel Adams, who occupied the position of moderator, in conspicuous positions on the platform, close to the speaker. Warren made an inflammatory address, the real purport of which was but thinly disguised by obviously insincere expressions of a desire to remain united with Great Britain. This most imprudent, if not malicious, piece of declamation was heard by the officers with exemplary patience; but, on a motion being made to appoint an orator for the ensuing year "to commemorate the horrid massacre," they began to hiss. The people threatened vengeance, and there would probably have been a riot on the spot had not Adams, by his influence with the citizens, managed to restore order. But, although a collision was thus avoided, the military were greatly exasperated by what they could not help regarding as a set purpose of provocation. They determined to adopt the favourite custom of their adversaries, and to subject the obnoxious to the brutal practice of tarring and feathering. A countryman who had bought an old firelock from a private, in contravention of an Act of Parliament, which forbade trading with soldiers, was paraded through the streets in that ignominious state, surrounded by a guard with fixed bayonets, playing "Yankee Doodle" in derision. Samuel Adams took great credit to his fellow citizens for their virtuous self-control in putting up with such indignities, rather than precipitate a crisis. He said nothing of the numberless provocations by which this counter-provocation had been preceded.—From "Cassell's History of the United States" for February.

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, 12th FEBRUARY.

- 1123—Great City, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C.
R. A.—Sinnai Chapter of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street.
1391—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester.

MONDAY, 14th FEBRUARY.

- 45—Strong Man, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's Square, Clerkenwell, at 8. (Instruction.)
957—Leigh, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
63—Royal Clarence, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
104—St. John's, Ashton House, Greek-street, Stockport.
411—Commercial, Flying Horse Hotel, Nottingham.
589—Druids' Love and Liberality, Clinton Arms Hotel, Redruth.
650—Star in the East, Pier Hotel, Harwich.
665—Montagu, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis.
1021—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Custom House Buildings, Hindport-road, Barrow-in-Furness.
1069—United Brothers, Castle Hotel, Southsea.
1073—Greta, Court-buildings, Keswick.
1253—Traveller, Queen's Hotel, Manchester.
1350—Formor Hesketh, Masonic Temple, Hope-street, Liverpool.
1393—Baldwin, The Castle, Dalton-in-Furness.
M.M. 173—Temple, Green Dragon, Stepney, E.

TUESDAY, 15th FEBRUARY.

- 30—United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street.
55—Constitutional, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Hand-court, W.C., at 7.0. (Instruction.)
73—Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark.
95—Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
167—St. John's, Holly Bush Tavern, Hampstead.
191—St. Paul's, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C.
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.
213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich.
1006—Tregulow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrier, Cornwall.
1223—Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone, at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1325—Stanley, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.
1381—Equity, Walker's Commercial Hotel, Widnes.
1470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable.
1479—Halsey, Town Hall, St. Albans. (Instruction.)
R. A. 41—Royal Cumberland, Old Orchard-street, Bath.
R. A. 310—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Alfred-street, Oxford.
R. A. 792—Oliver, Bull-ring-lane, Grimsby.

WEDNESDAY, 16th FEBRUARY.

- 174—Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street.
190—Oak, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street.
193—Confidence, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, at 6. (Instruction.)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock Tavern, Albion-road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)
121—Mount Sinai, Public-buildings, Penzance.
137—Amity, Masonic Hall, Thames-street, Poole.
175—East Medina, Masonic Hall, John-street, Ryde, I.W.
199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover. (Instruction.)
200—Old Globe, Private Rooms, Globe-street, Scarborough.
221—St. John's, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton.
261—Unanimity and Sincerity, Clarke's Hotel, Taunton.
592—Cotteswold, King's Head Hotel, Cirencester.
633—Isca, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire.
969—Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Workington.
1040—Sykes, Masonic Hall, Great Driffield.
1086—Wilton, St. Lawrence Boys' School, Kirkdale.
1114—Joppa, Corn Hall, Fakenham.
1129—St. Chad's, Roebuck Hotel, Rochdale.
1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. Germans, Cornwall.
1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich.
1337—Anchor, Masonic Rooms, Durham House, Northallerton.
1353—Duke of Lancaster, Athenaeum, Lancaster.
1443—Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon.
R. A. 234—Shakespeare, Masonic Room, High-street, Warwick.
R. A. 417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester.

THURSDAY, 17th FEBRUARY.

- House Committee, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C. (Instruction.)
55—Constitutional, London Tavern, Bishopsgate-street.
169—Temperance, White Swan, High-street, Deptford.
181—Universal, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8. (Instruction.)
813—New Concord, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton.
1139—South Norwood, Public Hall, South Norwood.
1260—Hervey, 152 Fulham-road, at 8. (Instruction.)
1507—Metropolitan, 269 Pentonville-road.
56—Howard, High-street, Arundel.
280—Worcester, Bell Hotel, Worcester.
343—Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Starkie-street, Preston.
523—John of Gaunt, Freemasons' Hall, Halford-street, Leicester.
663—Ailtshire of Fidelity, Town Hall, Devizes.
1184—Abbey, Masonic Hall, Battle, Sussex.
1332—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon.
1339—Stockwell, Half Moon, Herne-hill.
R. A. 339—Regularity, Crown Hotel, King-street, Penrith.
R. A. 1385—Gladsmuir, Red Lion Hotel, Barnet.

FRIDAY, 18th FEBRUARY.

- House Committee, Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
1278—Burdett Cottages, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park, at 8. (Instruction.)
1507—Metropolitan, 269 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)
317—North's Ark, Wagon and Horse Hotel, Tipton.
616—Phoenix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket.

SATURDAY, 19th FEBRUARY.

- R. A.—Sinnai Chapter of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, at 8.

WEST YORKSHIRE.

MONDAY.

- 296—Royal Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
827—St. John's, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury.
1221—Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds.
R. A. 302—Charity, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford.

TUESDAY.

- 443—St. James's, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax.

WEDNESDAY.

- 750—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Railway-street, Checkheaton.
1019—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.
1344—Brighouse, Masonic Room, Bradford-road, Brighouse, Yorks.
R. A. 387—Meravian, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley.

THURSDAY.

- 600—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
1042—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds.
R. A. 275—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, South-parade, Huddersfield.

FRIDAY.

- 1311—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Great George street, Leeds.
R. A. 521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.
R. A. 837—Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon.

DURHAM AND NORTHUMBERLAND.

MONDAY.

- 240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields.
481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne.
949—Williamson, Royal Hotel, Monkwearmouth.

TUESDAY.

- 1427—Percy, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne.
R. A. 764—Fawcett, Freemasons' Hall, Upper Church-street, West Hartlepool.

WEDNESDAY.

- 1334—Norman, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham.
1399—Fenwick, Masonic Hall, Park-terrace, Sunderland.
R. A. 431—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

THURSDAY.

- 531—St. Helen's, Masonic Hall, Regent's-square, Hartlepool.
940—Philanthropy, Freemasons' Hall, Wellington-road, Stockton-on-Tees.
R. A. 97—Strict Benevolence, Masonic Hall, Park-terrace, Sunderland.

FRIDAY.

- 541—De Loraine, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street West, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

IRELAND.

- WEDNESDAY—161—Excelsior, Bishop-street, Tuam.
THURSDAY—129—Industry, Dundoran, Donegal.

EDINBURGH DISTRICT.

- MONDAY—115—St. Stephen, St. James' Hall, Writer's-court.
TUESDAY—36—St. David, Ship Hotel, E. Register-street.
405—Rifle, Freemasons' Hall.
WEDNESDAY—160—Roman Eagle, Iona Hotel, 62 Nicholson-street.
THURSDAY—48—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall.
226—Portobello, Royal Hotel, Bath-street.
R. A. 152—Perseverance, Lodge Room, 56 Constitution-street.
FRIDAY—R. A. 83—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall.

GLASGOW DISTRICT.

- MONDAY.—102—St. Mark's, 213 Buchanan-street.
219—Star, 12 Trongate.
362—St. Clair, 25 Robertson-street.
381—Athole, Washington Hotel, Kirkintilloch.
511—Marie Stewart, Freemasons' Hall, Crosshill.
TUESDAY—3 bis.—St. John's, St. John's Hall, 213 Buchanan-street.
73—Thistle and Rose, 170 Buchanan-street.
87—Thistle, 30 Hope-street.
437—Govandale, Partland Hall, Govan.
503—St. John's, Freemasons' Hall, Dalmuir.
WEDNESDAY—117—Partick St. Mary, Freemasons' Hall, Partick.
354—Caledonian Railway, 30 Hope-street.
571—Dramatic, 213 Buchanan-street, at 3 p.m.
R. A. 159—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Shettleston.
Red Cross of Rome and Constantine, at 6 p.m.
THURSDAY—27—St. Mungo, 213 Buchanan-street.
465—St. Andrew, 62 Gargad-road.
553—St. Vincent, 162 Kent-road.
FRIDAY—360—Commercial, 30 Hope-street.
408—Glyde, 170 Buchanan-street.
321—St. Andrew's, Public Hall, Alexandria.
Mother Kilwinning, St. John's Hall, 213 Buchanan-street.

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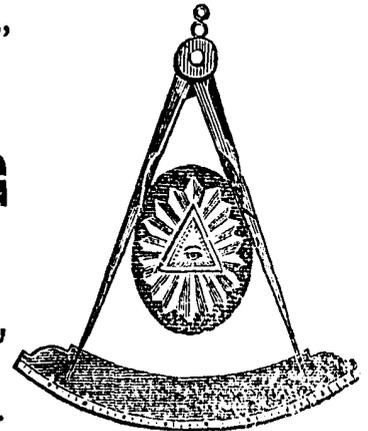
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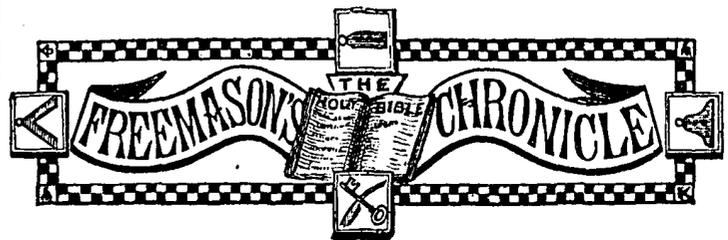
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OUR WEEKLY BUDGET.

PARLIAMENT was opened by the Queen in person on Tuesday. Her Majesty was accompanied by their Royal Highnesses the Princess of Wales, the Princess Louise (Marchioness of Lorne), and the Princess Beatrice; the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh and the Princess Mary of Cambridge (Duchess of Teck) being also present. The Royal procession was of the usual character, and a considerable number of people, including, of course, a strong muster of country cousins, congregated along the line of route. The House of Lords presented, as usual, a magnificent spectacle, the whole of the chamber, with the exception of one or two benches, being occupied by the fair sex, splendidly appareled. The Great Officers of State were in attendance upon the Queen, and the part of the House set apart for the *Corps Diplomatique* was well filled with the representatives of Foreign States. The speech was not delivered by Her Majesty in person, but by the Lord High Chancellor. Its most notable feature is its brevity, the long array of promised measures which has hitherto garnished this important document being wisely, we think, omitted. Naturally enough the subjects principally referred to were those relating to the Eastern Question and the Suez Canal. Nor did the visit of the Prince of Wales to India pass unnoticed. It seems, indeed, that as a consequence of this visit, the Queen will extend her regal titles. A bill is announced, having for object to enlarge Her Majesty's titular dignity, and doubtless ere long she will be proclaimed not only as Queen, by the Grace of God, of Great Britain and Ireland, and Defender of the Faith, but also as Empress of Hindostan. The one objectionable feature in connection with this important ceremonial appears to have been, according to the *Daily Telegraph*, the unruly entry of the Commons, when summoned to the Peers' House in order to hear the speech. There is usually an ugly rush on the part of the Commons, whose members come into the presence of their Sovereign in a manner most undignified. But in this instance, alleges our contemporary, the pushing of the peoples' representatives was of the rudest, and the Premier had to retire from the *mêlée*. If this be the case, the sooner the elect of our boroughs and counties learn manners, the better. This, however, seems to have been the only *contretemps* which marked the occasion. It only remains to add that the Queen left the House in the same state with which she entered it, and that her reception by the sightseers, both on going and returning, was respectful and quietly cordial. In the evening of the same day, the work of Parliament

commenced. In the House of Lords, the Earls of Aberdeen and Ellesmere respectively moved and seconded the Address, in reply to Her Majesty's most gracious speech. The leader of the Opposition, Earl Granville, as a matter of course, offered a series of criticisms on its subject matter, to which the Earl of Derby, as most of the subjects touched upon related to foreign politics, replied. In the House of Commons, Messrs. Ridley and Mulholland performed the same functions as the Earls of Aberdeen and Ellesmere in the Lords, the duty of critic resting with the Marquis of Hartington; while the Premier, Mr. Disraeli, defended the conduct of the Government with his usual eloquence, the only other speaker of note being the ex-Premier, Mr. Gladstone, whose support of Ministers in reference to the Eastern Question was very hearty.

It comes not within our province to discuss political questions, but we note with pleasure the announcement of a Government measure for the better regulation of our Mercantile Marine. Mr. Plimsoll has again entered himself for the same stakes (to use a sporting phrase), and doubtless, between the Government, who are evidently in earnest in their desire to settle this important question, and the member for Derby, whose advocacy of the sailors' cause is most disinterested, and most creditable to his philanthropy, we shall have a measure passed this Session, which will satisfy both sailors and ship owners.

In the Masonic world the event of the week has been the anniversary festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, full particulars of which will be found in another page. The week's history, however, would certainly be incomplete without a brief reference to it here. We announce, therefore, with infinite pleasure, that the advocacy of Bro. Terry, and the hearty efforts of the two hundred Stewards, resulted in an addition to the funds of the Charity of the unprecedented sum of over £9,000. Lord Skelmersdale, our respected D.G.M., presided on the occasion, and it must be in the highest degree gratifying to his Lordship that so magnificent a success should have attended his maiden presidency at one of our Charitable Institutions. This success almost excites the hope that none of the candidates for election this year will be disappointed. We are not much given to trumpet our own praises, but it is a satisfaction to note that the £2,000 in excess of last year's subscriptions, which we expressed a hope would be realised as nearly as possible, represents the difference between the amounts subscribed in 1875 (in round figures £7,000), and in 1876 (over £9,000). We shall begin to flatter ourselves that we are more than ordinarily skilled in the art of divination. But grand as is the success, on which we most heartily congratulate the genial Bro. Terry, he must not be content till he has gone a long way ahead in double figures, as regards the "thousands." The one other noteworthy Masonic incident of the week is the advancement, on Monday, at the Hall of the Supreme Council of A. and A. Rite, in Golden-square, of H.R.H. Prince Leopold, to the 30th degree. The Earl of Carnarvon presided, and there were present, among others, the Earl of Shrewsbury and Talbot, Lord Skermersdale, the Earl of Limerick, Major-General Brownrigg, C.B., Colonel Bardett, Bros. Parkinson, Sir W. Drake, J. B. Monckton, S. Rawson, and others. Bro. Willing presided at the organ.

There are several vacancies in Parliament, the number having been increased by the recent death of Viscount Gallwey, M.P. for North Notts. The contest which excites the most attention is that for Manchester, consequent upon the death of our lamented Bro. Callender. This will be determined next week. Among other deaths of distinguished persons must be mentioned that of Earl Howe, who is succeeded in his title and estates by his brother.

Dr. Kenealy went, a part of the way at least, to take his seat in the House of Commons on the opening day, in state, if the attendance of a miserable rabble can be so described. The *Times* had an article on the subject, and very properly described it as in "impudent" rivalry with the royal *cor-tège*. The raggamuffins, however, as disreputable in appearance as the wretched company with which old Jack Falstaff refused to march through Coventry, and who only boasted a shirt and a half amongst them, and the half was a kind of dish-clout—were very properly sent to the right-about by the police in Parliament-street, and even the cab containing the precious memorial of the Magna Chartists was ignominiously sent back a little further on, so that Dr. Kenealy went down to Westminster alone in his glory, *Noscitur à sociis*. We judge of Dr. Kenealy by those with whom he finds most favour. We need say no more.

It is announced that H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh will shortly assume command of H.M. ironclad the Sultan, one of the Channel Fleet, recently ordered to Plymouth, in consequence of an outbreak, among the crew, of scarlatina. The Sultan will shortly go to Portsmouth, to be paid-off and refit, after which the Duke will join her, and proceed on a special cruise.

The so-called International walking match between Weston, an American, and Perkins, the English champion, came off at the Agricultural Hall on Tuesday and Wednesday. The two were entered to walk one hundred and fifteen miles in twenty-four hours, but neither accomplished the feat. The Englishman was obliged to give up after walking about sixty-six miles, in something less than fourteen hours, owing to his feet failing him. Weston walked on the whole time, and covered close on one hundred and nine miles—a marvellous performance, if we bear in mind that this represents an average of four and half miles per hour, and there were, of necessity, rests during the term of the struggle. It is just possible that had Perkins been shod in stout shoes and walked on gravel instead of boards, he might have done better. As it was, he stuck manfully to his work, and only gave in when his feet were bleeding, so that his stockings had to be cut off. Our readers are aware, perhaps, that the Englishman has walked eight miles within the hour.

The event of the week in the theatrical world has been the production, at the Haymarket, of a new five-act drama, by Mr. Tom Taylor. The subject is that of the unfortunate Anne Boleyn, and, from the accounts we have read, the talented author appears to have treated the subject with his usual ability. It is suggested, however, that considerable curtailment of the play is desirable. The principal characters were enacted by Messrs. C. Harcourt as King Henry, Arthur Cecil as the Ambassador Chapuiz, and Howe as the Earl of Surrey; while Miss Neilson took the *rôle* of the Queen. Sundry of the pantomimes are coming to an end. That at the Crystal Palace ceases this week, and Friday next is announced as the last performance of the Yellow Dwarf at the Alexandra Palace. The latter has had a grand run of success, and may safely be pronounced one of the best pantomimes that have been seen for the last few years. Not the least interesting feature in it is the Shadow Pantomime. The whole performance, in fact, is worthy of the highest praise, and if there are any of our readers who may not have seen it, we strongly advise them to turn one of the remaining few days, during which it will run, to account.

It is always a pleasure to record any act of beneficence, and the gift of £5,000 to the Commissioners of St. Stephen's Green, in order to enable them to pay off their debts and convert the Green into a public garden is a benefaction of which Ireland generally, and Dublin in particular, may well be proud.

An attempt at stealing a truck was neatly foiled a few days since by one of Pickford's van drivers. The van with its driver, John Shirley, was standing in Fore Street, when some men placed a sack on a truck which was outside the premises of a Mr. Eldred. Some loitering vagabonds took the opportunity, when, as they supposed, no one was looking, to make off with the truck, but John Shirley promptly pursued them, and encountering a policeman made known to him the circumstances. The men finding they were discovered made off, leaving the truck behind them, but one of them was captured and committed for three months, with hard labour, by the presiding magistrate, Alderman Figgins. Shirley the van-driver was rewarded for his honesty with a sovereign, and Mr. Eldred was very properly censured for putting temptation in the way of thieves. We should like to see careless people more frequently censured, and then perhaps we should hear of fewer robberies.

For the moment, the severe weather is said to be an obstacle to further military operations in Spain, but if the telegrams from Madrid are to be relied on, and there seems to be no reason why they should not be trustworthy, the Alphonist armies have been making considerable progress. As we have more than once said, it matters little to us which of the rival claimants to the Spanish throne is successful, so long as Spain obtains the priceless boon of peace. Hence it is we hail with pleasure the recent Alphonist victories, not from any preference for Alphonism, but simply because they seem to us to foreshadow an early termination of the struggle. The elections in France are not yet over, and among the candidates still before the electors

are M. Buffet, the Premier, and M. Rouher, the chief support of the Imperialist party. M. Gambetta has been making a speech at Lille, which, as regards language appears to have been more moderate than M. Gambetta's speeches usually are. When his say was said, the ex-dictator, as he is sometimes called, was adopted as a candidate for the representation of Lille. There has been a terrible colliery accident in the neighbourhood of St. Etienne, and from New York we hear of a terrible conflagration, which has destroyed half a block of houses, bounded by Broadway, Howard, Crosby, and Grand Streets, including two hotels and several clothing warehouses. Three firemen were killed, and five injured, and property estimated at three million dollars destroyed. We learn from Cairo, that a contract has been signed between the Egyptian Government and the Anglo-Egyptian Bank, for an advance of £2,000,000 sterling on certain security, and that another contract for a loan of fourteen millions to the Khedive, to provide for the floating debt and other charges, has also been signed. We hope that Mr. Cave's mission to Egypt will have the desired effect of placing the finances of Egypt on a somewhat satisfactory footing. The insurrection in the Turkish provinces is still in progress, but nothing material has happened to alter the status. There is no question but Servians and Montenegrins keep the insurrection on its legs, and it strikes us the first step which the great European powers will be called upon to take, will be to insist that the people of these petty principalities no longer shall be a stumbling block in the way of peace. What the spring and summer may bring forth it is impossible to say, but the assurances of the Earl of Derby, on the opening night of the Session, that the efforts of the Great Powers will all tend in the direction of peace, are eminently satisfactory. We trust the integrity of the Turkish Empire may be maintained, but to this end it is absolutely necessary that the reforms promised by the Grand Vizier should be immediately introduced. The Eastern Question is a ticklish one, and will sorely tax the ability of the diplomatic body in Europe.

The regular meeting of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was held on Tuesday, the 8th instant, in lieu of the 9th (that being the day fixed for the Anniversary Festival), at Freemason's Hall, Great Queen Street. Bro. Colonel Creton, V.P. in the Chair. The Secretary, Bro. James Terry, read the minutes of the former meeting, which were confirmed. Two deaths were announced. Owing to the prosperous state of the funds, seventeen male, and twenty female candidates are to be elected at the next election. Bro. Colonel Creton, in pursuance of notice of motion, and at the recommendation of the Finance Committee, moved,—“That, in consideration of the increased work in the office, and the large augmentation to the duties, the salary of the Secretary be raised £50 per annum, commencing from the 1st December 1875.” Bro. Colonel Creton said how ably Bro. Terry had discharged his duties, for since his occupation of the post of Secretary the funds had increased one-third. Bro. R. W. Stewart seconded the motion, he remarked the fact of placing ten additional widows on the list of candidates was a very pleasing fact; and that is sufficient to show how well the work had been done. He (Bro. Stewart) had served over twenty stewardships, and at one time £500 was thought a large sum, and now, under the care of Bro. Terry, the Institution had prospered. The motion was carried unanimously. Bro. Terry thanked the brethren. A vote of thanks was accorded to the Chairman. There were present Bro. S. Rawson, B. Head, J. Brett, T. Cubitt, J. Constable, Hilton, Tattershall, H. Massey, Newton, L. Stean, C. Lacey, H. M. Levy, R. W. Stewart, Le Maitre, J. Belierby, C. Hogard, &c.

Our readers will have noticed an advertisement in our columns of last week relating to the Boys' and Girls' Schools, in which it was announced that any brother, not serving the office of Steward, who may collect for either of these Institutions the sum of fifty guineas, shall, when that sum is completed, be made a life subscriber and have one vote for life, an additional vote being allowed him for every additional fifty guineas he may raise. This proposition was carried at the Special General Courts of the two Institutions held at Freemasons' Hall, on Saturday last.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Enoch Lodge, No 11.—This Lodge held its regular meeting at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on Wednesday, the 9th inst. Present—Bros. E. C. Taylor W.M., Tubby S.W., Oxenham J.W., C. J. Watson P.M. Treasurer, P. Matthews P.M. Secretary, Pigott S.D., Held J.D., L. Garrett I.G., Nutt D.C., and Past Masters Honey, McQueen, C. Montrie, Bradsheet, J. Young, &c. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. The name of a brother was placed on the agenda paper for passing, but he was not present. Bro. Farquarson was unanimously elected a joining member. The Lodge was then closed, and instead of partaking of the usual banquet, adjourned to the Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, under the banner of Bro. C. J. Watson, who was a Steward. Bro. C. E. Packer, I.G. of the Whittington Lodge, was present as a visitor.

Newcastle-upon-Tyne Lodge, No. 24.—This Lodge held its regular meeting on Thursday, 3rd inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle-upon-Tyne. Present—Bros. George Cockburn W.M., Loades S.W., Taylor J.W., Taylor Sec., J. Bolan S.D., Carr J.D., W. Foulsham P.M. D.C., Boston Steward, Bewis I.G., Corrie Tyler. Past Masters Bros. Cochrane I.P.M., and Foulsham. Visitors—Bros. Spearman W.M. 481, Wilson 1017, Cook P.M. 481, Sewell J.W. 481. Business—First and second degrees were given in a manner that shows that the W.M. and officers of this ancient Lodge are determined to keep up its traditionary good working. After business a most enjoyable evening was spent, the W.M. contributing greatly to the harmony by his excellent singing.

Egyptian Lodge, No. 27.—The installation ceremony of this celebrated Lodge was held on Thursday, the 3rd inst., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street. Present—Bros. S. E. Lamble W.M., J. Green S.W., Hale J.W., H. G. Buss P.M. Treasurer, J. B. Poole P.M. Secretary, and P.M.'s Bros. Atkins, J. Coutts P.G.P., Libbis, T. Sheppard, Palmer, Hoare, D. H. Jacobs, Harrison and C. B. Payne. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. Bro. Pattison was passed to the 2nd degree in a very able manner. A board of installed Masters was then formed, Bro. John Coutts P.M. P.G.P. then occupied the chair, Bros. J. Smith P.G.P. as S.W., John Boyd P.G.P. as J.W., when John Green S.W. and W.M. elect was presented to the Lodge. The late respected Bro. John Savage P.G.D. had performed the ceremony of installation for the last thirty years, and a worthy successor was found in Bro. John Coutts P.M. P.G.P., who installed Bro. Green into the chair in a very excellent and perfect manner, thirty-seven W.M.'s and P.M.'s being present. On the admission of the brethren the customary salutations were given, and the following officers were invested:—Bros. Hales S.W., Walker J.W., H. G. Buss P.G.P. Middlesex Treasurer, J. B. Poole P.M. Secretary, Pattenden S.D., Richards J.D., T. Maidwell I.G., Salmonese D.C., D. H. Jacobs P.M. W.S., and Potter Tyler; and to judge by the demonstrations of the brethren, the appointment of officers gave great satisfaction. Bro. Poole announced that it was the intention of the brethren to apply for a warrant for a Chapter to be attached to the Lodge. The widow of a deceased brother was relieved with the sum of £5. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren, eighty-nine in number, sat down to a sumptuous banquet and dessert, provided by Bro. Clew, and superintended by Bro. Smith. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given. Bro. Dr. Jabez Hogg P.G.D., in a very eloquent speech, responded to the toast of the R.W. the Earl of Skelmersdale D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, and in the course of his remarks said Bro. John Coutts P.G.P. had shown a good example by the manner in which he had always done his duty, and his rendering the ceremony of installation, he hoped, would prove an incentive to the younger brethren; he felt proud, on behalf of the Grand Officers, to return his sincere thanks for the kind hospitality afforded them. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Visitors, who were very numerous—there being above forty present—he, as well as each member of the Lodge, was pleased to see them. He would couple the toast with the name of Bro. Howe P.G.P. Middlesex, who returned thanks, and said how gratified they were by the admirable working of Bro. John Coutts; under the able presidency of the W.M. the Lodge would not lose any of its lustre. Bro. Lamble I.M.P. proposed the toast of the W.M., who, in reply, said he thanked the brethren for the enthusiastic manner they had drunk his health. He was initiated at an installation meeting; he made a step in advance each succeeding year, and he now had arrived at the summit of his ambition. He then proposed the toast of the Installing Master, Bro. John Coutts, who had so perfectly rendered that ceremony. Bro. Coutts thanked the W.M. and brethren. He, as well as every one present, deeply regretted the loss they had sustained by the death of their respected brother, John Savage, but he was proud if they were satisfied with his exertions. His services were always at their command, and he hoped always to have the good wishes of each brother in the Lodge. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the I.P.M., Bro. Lamble, whose excellent working was well known and fully appreciated. He had great pleasure in placing on his breast a very elegant gold Past Master's jewel, with appropriate inscription, in just appreciation of his services during his year of office, and he hoped he might live long to wear it; it was not the only one the Lodge had presented him with, but he was sure he would be equally proud to wear this. The toast of the Past Masters followed, and the W.M. mentioned their names seriatim; they had each one rendered valuable assistance to the Lodge, and they were entitled to the regard and esteem of every brother. Bro. Lamble responded. The W.M. then said he had to propose, he might say the toast of the evening, and that was the Masonic Charities. The Lodge had done some good for them, and he hoped they would do more. They had the pleasure of having amongst them the three Secretaries of those noble institutions; each were indefatigable in their exertions,

(Cheers.) Bro. R. W. Little responded, and was followed by Jas. Terry, who, in the course of his speech, said he thanked the Lodge for the support they had given the institutions. The Lodge was a Vice-President of each, and if many other Lodges were like them they would be enabled to place on the list more candidates. He thanked Bro. Buss for his kind support; he was sure, on Wednesday next, at the Festival, his list would be a credit to the Lodge. The W.M., in proposing the toast of the Officers, said no Lodge could progress without good officers, and they were all calculated to discharge their duties earnestly and faithfully. They were all perfect in their various duties. Bros. Hales and Walker returned thanks for the Wardens, and Bro. T. Maidwell for the Junior Officers. The Tyler's toast concluded a very delightful evening, enlivened by the harmony of Bros. D. H. Jacobs, Leslie, Jones, Hales, Beale and Richards. Among the visitors were Bros. Jabez Hogg P.G.D., J. Wright G.P., E. P. Albert A.G.P., J. Smith P.G.P., W. Ough P.G.P. R. W. Little P.S.G.W. Middlesex, Jas. Terry P.G.D.C. Herts, T. Cubitt P.G.P.W., Watson P.G.S., F. Binckes P.G.S., H. Massey P.M. 619, W. J. Howe P.G.P. Middlesex, Dodd P.M. 1194, S. Vallentino P.M., Vine P.M. 173, E. Coste P.M. 9, Harcourt P.M. 22, Horsley, Ireton 1348, Southwood 1360 and H. M. Levy P.M. 188.

Egyptian Lodge of Instruction, No. 27.—This Lodge held its usual weekly meeting at Bro. Maidwell's, "The Hercules," Leadenhall-street, on Tuesday evening last. Present—Bros. Hoching W.M., Biddel S.W., Ellis J.W., Hill S.D., Hilliard J.D., Blackhall I.G., Grammer Hon. Sec., Austin P.M., Preceptor, and numerous other brethren. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Musto being the candidate. The five sections of the lecture were worked by Bros. Briout, Webb, Musto and Horsley, assisted by the brethren. All Masonic business being finished, the Lodge was closed in ancient form. The fifteen sections will be worked in this Lodge of Instruction on Thursday, February 24th, at 7.30 p.m.

Royal Cumberland Lodge, No. 41.—This Lodge held its regular meeting on Thursday, the 3rd February, at 3.30 p.m., at the Masonic Hall, Bath. Present—Bros. James Clark W.M., F. J. Brown S.W., Dr. Hopkins P.M. acting J.W., Geo. Falkner Secretary, T. P. Ashley P.M. and Treasurer, C. Wilkinson S.D., P. Braham J.D., T. Wilton P.M. and D.C., F. S. Gummer and W. Hunt Stewards, J. D. Denham I.G., S. Bigwood Tyler. P.M.'s—Bros. Cooper, Mann, Moutrie, Preston, Peel-Floyd, Mitchell, White, and others. Visitors—Bros. Walker W.M. 53, Cook W.M. 379, Doherty W.M. 906, and many others. Business—The W.M. elect for the ensuing year, Bro. F. J. Brown S.W., was duly installed by the V.W. D.P.G.M., Bro. Else, and the accustomed ceremony and investiture of officers followed. Bros. F. Wilkinson S.W., Geo. Falkner J.W., C. Wilkinson Secretary, T. P. Ashley P.M. Treasurer, P. Braham S.D., J. D. Denham J.D., T. Wilton P.M. D.C., W. Hunt and C. Radway Stewards, F. S. Gummer I.G. The brethren and visitors afterwards adjourned to a banquet at the Castle Hotel. The banquet was served in Bro. Rubie's best style, and the brethren passed a very enjoyable evening, the intervals between the speeches being well filled by solo and part singing.

Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.—This Lodge held a meeting at the Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's Gate, E.C., on Monday, 7th inst. Present—Bros. Beckett W.M., Tolmie S.W., Saul J.W., Lake I.G., Halford Treas., Killick Hon. Sec. The Lodge having been opened in the usual manner, and the minutes confirmed, the W.M. proceeded to work the Fifteen Sections, assisted by Bros. Powell, Lake, Trewinnard, Pilbeam, Saul, Tolmie, Sadler, Cook, and Stock. Bros. C. Fountain 1216, W. Beavis 1158, and Vaughan 511, were elected members. A cordial vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the evening. The Installation ceremony will be worked in this Lodge on Monday, 6th March.

Industry Lodge of Instruction, No. 48.—This Lodge held its regular meeting on Thursday, the 20th January, at Freemasons' Hall, West-street, Gateshead. Present—Bros. J. C. Robson P.M. 48 Preceptor, J. D. Stephen S.W. 48 Sec., R. Gregory W.M. 48 Treas., J. Curry Tyler. P.M.'s Bros. Jos. Cook P.M. 481, and several brethren. Business—For the purpose of specially instructing the Wardens, Deacons and I.G. in their respective offices and assisting other brethren who may be desirous of promotion.

Angel Lodge, No. 51.—The monthly meeting of this Lodge was held on Tuesday, the W.M. (Bro. Welch) presiding. There were also present—Bros. G. G. Pye S.W., W. P. Lewis P.M. acting as J.W., Alfred Cobb Treasurer, T. J. Ralling Secretary, J. Hanly I.G., J. J. C. Turner Org., F. A. Cole P.M., and several other brethren. The Lodge was opened in the three degrees, and the ceremony of raising was worked by the W.M. in his usual able manner. There being no other business, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned for refreshment, a most harmonious evening being spent.

St. Andrew's Chapter, No. 69.—This Chapter held its monthly meeting on Tuesday, the 8th instant, at 170 Buchanan-street, Glasgow, when the Z. Comp. J. D. Humphries, Dr. Ph., proceeded to open a Mark Lodge, with G. Herrin H. as S.W., J. Balfour S.E. 73 as J.W., G. W. Wheeler Z. 73 as P.M., J. Wright S.E., J. Blackwood Treas., E. Arthur as S.D., J. Fash J.D. Arrangements were made for taking a fresh place of meeting, and the Z. gave in his resignation of the chair, stating that he was removing to London, and regretting that the change would involve the severance of the ties that had so long bound him to Chapter 69. Comp. Herrin proposed the thanks of the Chapter to their Principal for his conduct in the chair for the last four years. Comp. G. W.

Wheeler seconded the motion, saying the Chapter would never be able to repay the obligations they were under to Dr. Humphries. He had not only fulfilled the ordinary duties of a First Principal, but had it not been for his extraordinary exertions, the Chapter would have been closed two years since, but he had kept it open when very few would have been able to do so, and whoever they might get to fill that office in future, he was sure they would never get any one who would devote more of his time to their service, or preside with greater judgment over their deliberations. Comps. Blackwood and Wright supported the motion, which was carried by acclamation. Comp. Humphries said it was a source of pleasure to find that his exertions were recognised by those for whom he had laboured, but he must say, had it not been for the help of Comps. of 73 his own efforts must have failed; but Comps. Wheeler and Balfour had always been ready to do all in their power to assist him, and he knew he might promise, on their behalf, that they would do the same for his successor, for it was from love of the Order, rather than personal friendship to him, that they were actuated. He hoped to join some Chapter in London, and he had no doubt that their confidence in him, and the position in which they had placed him, would prove a passport to any body he might wish to join; but, when there, his thoughts would often revert to St. Andrew's, 69, whose kindness he could never forget, and he now regretted that, in closing the Chapter he closed his own official connection with it.

Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement.—The weekly meeting was held on Tuesday. Comp. J. K. Leeman M.E.Z., Hogard H., Constable J., White S.E., E. S. Norris Ass. S.E., W. Dodd S.N., J. Wyer P.S., C. R. Milnes, Taylor, Vockins, Morgan, Noohmer, W. P. Bedolfe, W. H. Green, &c. The Exaltation ceremony was rehearsed, Comp. Vockins candidate. This Comp. was afterwards elected a member of the Chapter of Improvement.

Navigation Lodge, No. 86, Troon.—The 114th anniversary of this Lodge was celebrated on Tuesday, by a supper and assembly at the Commercial Hotel. In addition to a full turn out of the members, there were large deputations from all the Lodges in the surrounding district. Amongst the most prominent of the speakers, in addition to the R.W.M. of the Troon Lodge, were Bros. Muir, of St. Mathew, Dreghorn, 549, and Stevenson, of St. Andrew's, Irvine, 149. Bro. Andrew's quadrille band gave a zest to the dancers, who prolonged the festivities till daybreak.

Sun, Square and Compasses Lodge, No. 119.—This Lodge held its monthly meeting on Monday, the 7th February, at Freemasons' Hall, College-street, Whitehaven. Present—Bros. Edward Atter I.P.M. W.M., William Alsop P.S.W., Edward Tyson P.J.W., John Rothery Secretary, J. L. Paitson S.D., John Milligan J.D., John D. Thompson D.C., Wilson F. Hunter Steward, John W. Montgomery I.G., George Fitzgerald Tyler. P.M.'s—Bros. John Bau, Wm. Sandwith, Wm. White, John Spittall, &c. Visitors—Bros. Rev. E. M. Rice W.M. Skiddaw Lodge, 1002, Cockermouth, T. Atkinson P.M. 872, F. Hodgson, Lewis Lodge, 872, Whitehaven, John Gilbeck W.M., W. L. Towerson S.D., Wm. Matthews J.D., Rowland Baxter P.S.W., Taylor, Swainson and John Powe W.M., all of Kenlis No. 1267, Egremont, also Carlisle Spedding 119 and Apollo 357, Oxford. Business—Lodge opened in form; 1st, 2nd and 3rd degrees. Bro. Martin Wilkinson was raised to the sublime degree, having first proved his proficiency in the former. Lodge resumed, &c. Bros. William Bowlay and William Fletcher were passed to the Fellow Craft, having first proved their proficiency. Messrs. John Easson and Thomas Johnston were proposed as candidates, &c. A vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Golightly for making and presenting Cable Tows to the Lodge. The patronage of the Lodge was granted to Bro. E. G. Fletcher, lessee of the theatre, on the occasion of his benefit on the 23rd inst.

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193.—This Lodge held its usual meeting on Wednesday, the 9th February, at Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, Basinghall-street. Present—Bros. F. Croaker W.M., D. Posener S.W., Blackall J.W., J. K. Pitt Secretary, Sayer S.D., Churchward J.D., Biddel I.G., Christopher Tyler. P.M. Bro. E. Gottheil Preceptor. The business of the evening consisted of the formal opening of the Lodge, the reading and confirmation of the minutes of the last meeting, after which the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Pelton acting as candidate. The first and third sections were worked by Bro. Gottheil, assisted by the brethren. The replies of the second section were very perfectly rendered by Bro. Turquand. The Lodge was then lowered to the first degree. Bro. Gottheil, in proposing the W.M. for the next meeting, observed that although in the regular course Bro. Posener, the present S.W., was entitled to fill the position, yet in order that the ceremonies of consecration and installation, which will be worked by Bros. Terry and Constable, might be worked in their entirety, it is necessary that an installed master should be elected. He, therefore, suggested that Bro. Turquand should be chosen for the purpose. This was seconded by Bro. John Ross, and unanimously carried. The Lodge will meet on Wednesday next, at 7 p.m.

Joppa Lodge, No. 188.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday, the 7th inst., at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street. The W.M. Bro. A. G. Dodson in the chair, L. Lazarus S.W., Miller J.W., L. Auerhaan Treasurer, E. P. Albert P.M. A.G.P. Secretary, A. Auerhaan S.D., M. Spiegel J.D., H. Hymans I.G., Champion D.C., Baker and Isaac Stewards, P. E. Van Noorden Organist; and Past Masters Bros. L. Alexander, O. Roberts, A. Alexander, Israel Abrahams, H. M. Levy, &c. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. Bros. J. Creamer, Emanuel and Pitchell were passed to the 2nd degree. Bro. Lavy was raised to the

3rd degree; and Capt. West, and Messrs. J. Clarke and E. J. Davey were initiated into the Order. These ceremonies were excellently and perfectly rendered by the W.M. Notices of motion were placed on the agenda paper, but, through the pertinent and eloquent speeches of Bro. Israel Abrahams P.M., they were not carried. Three applicants were relieved, from the fund of the Lodge, to the amount of 4½ guineas. Bro. L. Lazarus S.W. then proposed that a letter of sympathy be sent to Bro. S. L. Hickman I.P.M., who is now lying in the London Hospital, wishing him a speedy recovery, and that the same be recorded on the minutes. Bro. E. Walters then announced his intention to act as a Steward at the Anniversary Festival of the Boys' School, on the 23th June next, on which occasion the Right Hon. Lord Leigh R.W.G.M. for Warwickshire will take the chair, and the sum of £10 10s was voted for his list. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to slight refreshments. The W.M. proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. Bro. E. P. Albert returned thanks for the toast of the Grand Officers. Bros. L. Alexander P.M. and I. Abrahams responded to the toast of "Prosperity to the Benevolent Fund." Bro. L. Alexander P.M. then proposed the toast of the W.M., and regretted the absence of Bro. Hickman I.P.M., who had met with a severe accident, but was pleased to inform them Bro. Hickman was slowly recovering, they had seen how admirably the W.M. had that evening performed his duties, and he must have given a great amount of study to attain such proficiency. Bro. Hickman had discharged his duties to their satisfaction, and he was sure the brethren hoped, at their next meeting, to see him among them. (Cheers.) The W.M. said nothing should be wanting on his part to study the interests of the Lodge, and the comfort of the members. Bro. Cheeswright responded to the toast of the Visitors, who were Bros. J. Emanuel 1540, J. Rogers, J. H. Ross W.M. 185, H. Beadell 65, Boyce and Cheeswright 907. The W.M., in proposing the toast of the Initiates, Bros. Clarke and Smith, said the attention they had paid to the ceremony, showed they were fully impressed with it, and he was sure they would be a credit to the Order. Bro. Clarke responded; it had long been his wish to become a Mason, and he was pleased to say he was acquainted with many members of the Lodge, and he hoped to become a worthy member of it. The W.M., in proposing the toast of the Past Masters, regretted the absence of Bro. Hickman. Bro. Israel Abrahams, in a very eloquent speech, returned thanks for the toast, and Bro. H. M. Levy followed. The toast of the Wardens and Officers, and the Tyler's toast was given. Bros. Benjamin and Mayers contributed to the harmony during the evening.

Cornwall Rose Croix Chapter, Truro.—The annual meeting of the Cornwall Rose Croix Chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, Truro, on Thursday, the 3rd inst., Sir Frederick Martin Williams, Bart., M.P., 32nd degree, in the chair, being the M.W.S. There were also present several members of the Chapter, including Ill. Bros. William James Hughan, 30th degree, P.M.W.S., and Charles Truscott, 30th degree, Recorder; Bros. the Rev. George Ross, M.A., Prelate, Col. Peard 1st G., N. J. West 2nd General, Rev. W. H. Bloxsome, M.A., E. D. Anderton G.M., E. T. Carlyon, &c. The Chapter was honoured with the presence of the Ill. Bro. Richard Rodda P.M.W. Huyshe Chapter, Plymouth, who, by the special desire of the M.W.S., Sir Frederick M. Williams, Bart., officiated as installing sovereign, and in a most impressive manner conducted that important and imposing ceremony, to the great delight of the members. The M.W. Sir Colonel J. W. Peard, on assuming the chair, and in response to the proposer and seconder, not only put a vote of thanks to the Chapter, but heartily supported it himself, as Ill. Brother Rodda had done his work exceedingly well, and deserved the enthusiastic reception which was given him. The new M.W.S. appointed as officers—Sir F. M. Williams, Bart., M.P., P.M.W.S., Rev. George Ross, M.A., Prelate, N. J. West 1st General, E. D. Anderton 2nd General, J. W. Dabb Treas., C. Truscott G.M. and Recorder, J. F. Penrose Raphael, Rev. W. H. Bloxsome Herald, E. T. Carlyon C. of G., J. T. Taylor C., T. J. Rowe A., John Hocking jun. Organist, Wm. Lake D. of C., W. Mason 2nd II., W. Rooks S. The banquet was served at the Red Lion Hotel, in a most *recherché* manner, Col. J. W. Peard in the chair, and N. J. West as V.C. Amongst those present were Sir F. M. Williams, R. Rodda, E. D. Anderton, and others, and a most enjoyable evening was spent, the speeches being above the average, and the felicitious address of Brother Rodda, in proposing the health of Brother Hughan, being especially noteworthy and elegant in diction, as well as hearty and most Masonic.

Bank of England Lodge, No. 263.—This Lodge met at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, on Thursday, the 10th inst., Bro. W. R. Morton W.M. Bro. Treventi was raised to the third degree. Two visitors were present. Bro. Howden, S.W., agreed to represent the Lodge at the annual Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys this year, the W.M. having served as Steward to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. The usual excellent banquet was provided. Much gratification was expressed at the presence of Bro. Richard Spencer, P.M., who, after an absence from recent meetings, was again present. He is the Father of the Lodge, having been initiated therein 49 years ago. He can sing a good song, and is as active and cheerful as any of the members. The brethren heard with regret of a severe accident to Bro. Venables, who was lately injured while alighting from a hansom cab, and the most cordial wishes were expressed for his speedy recovery and re-appearance amongst them.

Shamrock and Thistle Lodge, No. 275.—This Lodge held its monthly meeting on Friday, 4th February, Bro. Ranald R.W.M., who was well supported both by his officers and members. The work consisted of passing and raising. The first ceremony was conducted by Bro. Patterson D.M., and the last by Bro. James Duthie of the Star Lodge 219. Several visitors were present.

Concord Lodge, No. 332, Omagh.—This Lodge met at the Masonic Hall, on Thursday evening, 3rd inst., Bro. A. C. Buchanan W.M. in the chair, and presented a valuable jewel to Bro. W. J. Palmer P.M. P.G.S.D. Kent, on his removal to Armagh. Bro. T. C. Dickie P.M. proposed, and Bro. F. J. West P.M. P.Z. P.G.S. of Works, Tyrone and Fermanagh, seconded, a resolution recording on the minutes the valuable services rendered to the Lodge by the late secretary, and the regret of the brethren at his removal from the county. The brethren afterwards entertained Bro. Palmer at dinner, at the White Hart Hotel, which was served in host Bro. W. Mullin's best style. The W.M. presided, and Bro. W. F. Black P.M. P.Z. P.G. Treasurer, Tyrone and Fermanagh, occupied the vice-chair. After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, the health of Bro. Palmer was proposed by the W.M. in very flattering terms, and acknowledged in a most appropriate manner. That of the Visitors was responded to by Bro. French, of Cappagh Lodge, No. 350, who conveyed to Concord Lodge the best wishes of Bro. Commander Charles Scott, R.N., P.M. P.Z. 33°, also Bro. Scott's regret at being unable to attend. The Tyler's toast was generously responded to, and the brethren separated at an early hour, having spent a most agreeable evening.

Union Lodge, No. 332.—This Lodge met on Monday, 7th February, Bro. McGirdy R.W.M. presiding, who performed the ceremony of Initiation in a very creditable manner.

St. George's Lodge, No. 333.—Held its monthly meeting on Wednesday, 9th February, at 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow. The R.W.M., Bro. A. Thomson, presiding, assisted by Bros. J. McFarland D.M., Jas. Findlay S.M., J. Forsyth S.W., R. Anderson Treas., A. McIntyre Sec., A. Boyd Chaplain, R. Munro S.D., J. Hill J.D., Arch. McIntyre S.S., G. Christie I.G., and A. Wright Tyler. The Lodge being opened in the 1st degree, Bro. Findlay S.M. initiated the following three gentlemen, John Findlay, Jas. Robertson and M. A. Grandison. The Lodge was then raised to the 2nd degree, when he passed, as Fellow Crafts, Bros. James K. Adams, R. Hunter and J. Carmack. The Lodge was reduced to the 1st degree, when the R.W.M. intimated that as Bro. Abrahams had returned from London and brought his violin, and Bro. Forsyth had come over from Dunorn, who would preside at the harmonium, he would place the Lodge under the care of the J.W. and proceed to harmony. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and duly honoured. Bro. Allen, D.M. of No. 28, Kirkintilloch, responding for the Visitors, and Bro. John Findlay for the Initiates, he is a Brother in blood as well as by the Craft to his Initiator. The instrumentation of Bros. Abrahams and C. Forsyth was highly applauded. Bro. Haddow gave a couple of excellent readings, while among the vocalists Bros. Adams, Abraham, Bell, Dunn, J. Forsyth, and G. Thompson were speedily noticeable, and the Members of St. George's, 333, spent a perfectly happy evening, and all departed well pleased.

Pomfret Lodge, No. 360.—This Lodge held its usual meeting on Thursday, the 3rd February, at the George Hotel, Northampton. Present—Bros. M. A. Boémé P.M. W.M., R. Winter S.W., T. Whitehouse J.W., Geo. Robinson P.M. Secretary, B. Wilkins D.P.G.M. Treasurer, F. Gadsby S.D., H. W. Parker J.D., J. T. Green P.M. D.C., J. U. Stanton P.M., and T. R. Wood Stewards, J. S. Norman I.G., C. Dean Tyler. P.M.'s Bros. V. T. Barford I.P.M., M. W. Flewitt, Geo. Cotton, E. W. Tuffley; Bros. Atkins, Barnes, Richardson, Winter, &c., &c. Visitor—Bro. Morrice. Business—Bros. Aldrich, Ellard and Ashford were raised to the sublime degree of M.M.'s, the W.M. performing the ceremony in a most impressive manner. This was the first meeting since the appointment of officers, and all performed their duties unusually well. The meeting was altogether a most agreeable one.

Northern Counties' Lodge, No. 406.—This Lodge held its regular meeting on Wednesday, the 2nd of February, at Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne. Present—Bros. Robt. Knox W.M., Mundy S.W., Halliday J.W., Armstrong Sec., Martin Tyler. P.M.'s Bros. Hughes I.P.M., Harris, Spearman. Business—The 2nd degree was given by the W.M. with his usual impressive ability.

Athol Lodge, No. 413.—This Lodge held its regular meeting on Tuesday, 8th February. Present—Bros. J. Louttit R.W.M., D. Leeds S.W., A. Holmes J.W., R. J. Graham Secretary, P. Agnew Tyler, J. Barkie Substitute Master. Amongst the visitors were Bros. E. Arthur No. 0, W. Bell I.P.M. 3 bis, Aitken R.W.M. 570, and J. Guire 419. Application for admission was presented from Mr. John Thom, who was initiated in first class style by Bro. Wm. Bell P.M. St. John 3 bis. Arrangements were made for the Festival to be held in St. Mark's Star on Friday the 25th.

De Loraine Lodge, No. 541.—This Lodge held its regular meeting on Friday, the 21st of January, at Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne. Present—Bros. Sewell jun. W.M., Anderson P.M. acting S.W., Mein J.W., Dean Sec., Smaile P.M. Treas., J. Corrie Tyler. P.M.'s Bros. Paul, O. Smith I.P.M., Foulsham, Winter, Cochrane, Anderson, Smaile, &c. Visitors—Bros. Cooke P.M. 481, Spearman W.M. 481. Business—Two candidates were most ably initiated by the W.M., assisted by the brethren present, and the Lodge then proceeded to the election of W.M. for the ensuing twelve months, Bro. Winter being unanimously chosen. The installation and banquet were appointed for the third Friday in February.

Dalhousie Lodge, No. 860.—This Lodge held its regular meeting on Thursday, the 10th of February, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street. Present—Bros. W. H. Wallington W.M., Knox S.W., Allen J.W., L. F. Littell P.M. Secretary, White S.D., Mason J.D., Weige D.C., Cheshire Stewart, Dodson I.G., Gilchrist Tyler P.M., Bro. Underwood, &c., Seymour Smith Organist. Visitors—Bros. Thomas Laxton P.M. Berkhamstead 504 G.P. Herts, Charles Raydon W.M. Mount Lebanon 73, Cambridge S.D. Old Kent 75, Robinson British Oak 831, Morgan Gladsmuir 1385, Harwood Clapton 1365. The Lodge was opened, and the regular proceedings followed. The W.M. then raised Bro. Thomas Pinn to the sublime degree. Bros. Kitchingman, J. Pinn, Lipson, Gabriel and Barker were then interrogated, and having made satisfactory replies, were passed to the 2nd degree. A ballot was then taken for Messrs. Joseph Turner and Sydney Woodhead, which proved favourable, and these gentlemen were initiated. The whole of the ceremonies were worked by Bro. Wallington, and from his well-known qualifications, it is scarcely necessary to say they were carried out in a most satisfactory manner. The initiates, by the deep attention they paid, shewed they were greatly impressed by the ceremony. After routine business, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren sat down to a banquet, which was most ably served under the superintendence of Bro. Smith. When the cloth had been removed, the W.M. rose and proposed the health of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen. This was the first and most important toast, and one he was sure the brethren would honour; he would simply ask them to drink it, and he would couple with it Prosperity to the Craft. The next on the list was the M.W. the G.M., the Prince of Wales. Bro. Wallington said, that to us, as Freemasons, it was an especial one. We knew not whether Providence would permit His Royal Highness to return to us, but he was sure it was the sincere wish of every Freemason that he should, and that with increased health and strength. To the toast of the Pro. G.M., the Earl of Carnarvon, full justice was done by the W.M., who stated that the multifarious duties that devolved upon the M.W.G.M., necessitated his having assistance, and in the noble Earl we have a most zealous and indefatigable Mason. With the Earl of Skelmersdale, and the rest of the Grand Officers, was connected the health of one of the visitors, Bro. Laxton, who, in reply, stated that he was hardly the right person to respond. He was not a Grand Officer, but only an insignificant member of a Provincial Grand Lodge. He thanked the W.M. and brethren for the cordial greeting they had given him, and assured them he had derived great pleasure from his visit. Bro. P.M. Littell then rose to propose the health of the W.M., he said: the pleasing duty devolved upon him, but he regretted it had not fallen into better hands. He had had great pleasure in watching the career of Bro. Wallington, since his introduction to the Lodge. He had noticed how determined their W.M. had been to make his mark, and how well he had served the several offices. He referred to the progress the Lodge was making. When he occupied the chair, he thought he had done well in initiating nine gentlemen into the Order during his year of office; his predecessor had added eight; but Bro. Wallington had initiated 16. He referred to the way in which the ceremonies had been conducted, and was gratified to see the impression made upon the candidates. The toast was then drunk most enthusiastically. Bro. Wallington said it was painful for him to rise on this occasion; it being the last opportunity he should have during his year of office. He must embrace the occasion to thank the officers and brethren for their kind attention and assistance. He was sorry to have to return thanks, and yet glad; sorry because it was almost for the last time. He was fond of work, and he regretted that he should so soon get out of it. The health of the P.M.'s was given, and ably responded to by Bro. Littell. Bro. Woodward responded for the Initiates, and hoped that he might, by God's blessing, become a credit to the Order. In referring to the Visitors, the W.M. spoke of the advantages to be derived from the members of Lodges seeing the way in which the business was conducted elsewhere. The toast was replied to by Bros. Raydon and Cambridge. Bro. Cambridge spoke of the zeal evinced by Bro. Wallington, not only in connection with his own Lodge, but for the benefit and instruction of the Craft generally. He, and all the Visitors, had been much gratified by what they had witnessed, and it was a source of great gratification to all present to know that the Dalhousie Lodge was evidencing such prosperity. There were many young Masons in the Lodge, and several of them had already distinguished themselves, and he was sure all would benefit by the instruction his worthy Bro. Wallington was so well able to impart. The toast of the Officers was associated with Bro. Knox, who briefly summed up the qualifications of each, and the Tyler's toast brought the evening's proceedings to a close. Some excellent songs, ably rendered, were given during the evening, the W.M. and Bros. Dodson, Knox, Weige, Skinner, &c., distinguishing themselves.

Doric Lodge, No. 933.—This celebrated Lodge, originally founded in the extreme east of London, may be said to have now fully established its claim to be considered one of high standing in the City. Indeed, for some years past its importance has been recognised and acknowledged, not only by reason of the high standard of excellence which pervades every part of its internal conduct, but from the persevering and successful efforts in the cause of charity originated by its leading members. The task of reporting the proceedings of this Lodge is exceedingly pleasant, for the language of praise, so frequently abused, can here be conscientiously and unhesitatingly employed. From beginning to the end of the work the hand of the expert craftsman is perceptible. At the last meeting, which was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C., on Tuesday, the 8th inst., in the presence of a large assemblage of brethren, amongst whom were present, Past Masters: T. Barnes, Bouron, Yetton, Marsh, W. Wainwright and Griffin. Bro. R. Ayton the W.M., a pupil of Bro. T. Barnesen., concluded the duties of his term of office, about to expire, by first passing Bro. Giddins to the second degree and installing, in the presence of five-and-twenty installed Masters and Past Masters,

Bro. Jonathan Taylor as his successor. The latter somewhat difficult ceremony was performed with remarkable ability, and it is no small praise to state that Bro. Ayton managed to secure the undivided attention of his rather fastidious audience, who expressed their pleasure and appreciation by continued and genuine applause. As was to be expected, the new W.M. entered upon his duties with practical good sense and tact, and at once commenced his work as if he had been accustomed to it all his life. With a brief and appropriate address to each, he invested the following officers for the year—viz., R. Ayton I.P.M., J. G. Stevens P.M., 554 S.W. R. J. Tucker J.W., T. Barnesen., Hon. Treas. J. Bouron Hon. Sec., Digby S.D., Geo. Hollington J.D. Edney I.G., T. Yetton W.S., Wintle D.C., Seddon Org., Grant Tyler. The appointments met with general satisfaction, as was evinced by the hearty applause which greeted the officers while being conducted to their several positions. The W.M. then proceeded to initiate Messrs. James Bagg, Henry Harris, and Alfred Tapley. The ceremony was most intelligently rendered, and the quiet impressiveness with which the salient points were delivered indicated how thoroughly Bro. Taylor understood the spirit of the ritual, and the importance of making clear to the novices its moral bearings and social influences. The business of the Lodge room concluded with the presentation of a gold P.M.'s Jewel to Bro. Ayton, for his services during the past year. After a sumptuous banquet and dessert, superintended by genial Bro. W. Smith, the Loyal, Masonic, and complimentary toasts were proceeded with. In proposing the health of the W.M., Bro. Ayton wished he possessed sufficient eloquence truly to express his opinion of the qualifications of Bro. Taylor for the dignified post he now occupies, but the brethren had a specimen of his abilities in the Lodge, and for his own part he had never heard any Master do his work better, and too often not nearly as well. The W.M. replying, sincerely thanked the I.P.M. and the brethren for their good wishes. He might perhaps not prove all they could wish at the banquet table, having been a total abstainer for five and twenty years, but that did not prevent him from asking them to enjoy themselves. In this matter, he judged for himself, and they must act as seems good to them. But in the Lodge work he would endeavour to do his duty, he hoped to their satisfaction, especially supported, as he has the good fortune to be, by a staff of officers whom they witnessed doing their respective duties this evening most creditably, owing mainly to the many P.M.'s the Doric Lodge can boast who have made Masonic work their study, and who are not only willing, but anxious to devote their time in instructing all who are desirous to place themselves under their tuition. Doric working, erewhile sneered at, is now being adopted in the best Lodges, not only in the east as heretofore, but equally so in the north, west, and south. Doric working is Bro. Barnes's working, and, being one of his oldest pupils, he hoped to do credit to his tutor, and that the brethren may have no occasion to regret having placed him in this high and dignified position. (Cheers.) To the toast of the P.M.'s several responded. The names of Bros. J. G. Stevens and Myers were connected with that "to the Prosperity of the Charities." Bro. Stevens said: "Worshipful Master and brethren, I am really pleased you have coupled my name with the Charities, as you are aware of the interest I take in promoting their prosperity. I have frequently had occasion to give you my sentiments upon the subject, and a 'thrice-told tale falls upon the ear and blunts the understanding;' but I will address myself especially to the initiates, to whom this tale has never yet been told, and therefore to them it cannot be a thrice-told tale. I trust they will place their names upon the Steward's list. I do hope no Mason's charitable instincts require stimulating, but should any one be inclined to hesitate, I would advise him to attend the elections and there witness scenes upon which, were I a poet, I could write an epic long enough to last until doomsday. The anxiety visible in the faces of the applicants; the aged Mason, who nobly fought the battle of life, yet failed; the widow, in her desolation, vainly hoping for the relief success might bring to her home. Let him watch the animation and brightness which illuminates the features of those to whom the thrice-welcome intelligence is announced that the votes were in their favour and the annuity secure, and of those in whom the momentary gleam of hope is extinguished, and the utter dejection in which they reluctantly retire from the contest. If he will do that, I am sure he will resolve never to neglect bestowing his mite in upholding, and to try his best to enlarge the capabilities of our noble Institutions; and you must bear in mind, brethren, that as Lodges increase and members become more numerous, so in proportion will the calls upon the Charities be augmented. I may say, I hope, without annoyance, and with my natural and inherent modesty—(laughter)—that I have done good suit and service to these institutions; but do not for one moment imagine that I have done yet. I hope to represent this Lodge at the next Festival of the Boys' School, and shall want all your names on my list, which the Lodge promised to head with 20 guineas—(cheers)—and I give you now fair warning that in this matter I do not mean to be modest, but pertinacious, and I am sure you will all do your best, knowing, as you do, that you merely help to educate the orphan, and to instruct them in morality and religion, and thus fit them for their entrance into social life." (Loud cheers.) Bro. Myers, in his reply, stated that he represents the Lily of Richmond Lodge at the Festival for the Aged, and would be glad to receive subscriptions. A number of names were handed to him, amongst whom were the newly initiated. One brother subscribed 10 guineas. Bros. Gottheil and Cundick replied to the toasts for the Visitors. In responding to the health of the officers, Bro. Barnes took occasion to observe that he felt a considerable amount of pleasure in having two brethren present who are closely identified with the reminiscences of his Masonic career. There was Bro. Gottheil desiring to introduce him into his Lodge (Faith 141), held in this very house, but circumstances would not permit—that was eventually instrumental in introducing him into the Doric—and there was also Bro. Stevens, who deaconed him at his initiation, which took place in 1863; and he, being now the father of this Lodge, was truly happy to meet those brethren, especially as their activity in the cause of charity, for which they have for many years been conspicuous, is in no way diminished. The Tyler's toast ended the pro-

ceedings. Just upon 100 brethren sat down to banquet, including between 40 and 50 visitors, amongst whom were Bros. O'Brien 754, W. Richards 1257, R. Coombs 12, A. Woodliffe 87, W. Musto P.M. 1369, F. W. Weekins 511, P. Probyn P.M. 453, Tepton P.M. 49, C. Legg, Dr. O'Conner 636, Myers P.M., Cundick S.W. Langthorn Lodge, and E. Gottheil P.M. 141, 185; Bros. Coombs, Newton, Batchelor, Stevens, and Mnyard contributed to the enjoyment of the evening by their excellent singing of well-chosen songs.

Grey Friars' Lodge, No. 1101.—This Lodge held its monthly meeting on Wednesday, 9th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Reading. Present—Bros. William P. Ivey P.M. acting W.M., E. Margrett S.W., A. Welch J.W., Thomas Newman acting Sec., J. T. Stransom Treas., W. G. Flanagan S.D., W. Bailey acting J.D., W. Ferguson Steward, J. E. Danks I.G., Hemmings Tyler. Past Masters—Bros. J. Egginton and J. Weightman. Members—Bros. Cottrell, Scammell, Phillips, Hawkes, Rolfe, and Robinson. Visitors—Bros. A. M. Yetto W.M. 414, C. Oades S.D. 414, and S. Bradley J.D. Business—Minutes of last Lodge confirmed, Bro. Hukins, 1470, balloted for and unanimously elected; Mr. Henry Creed balloted for initiation, and unanimously elected; notice of motion by S.W., seconded by Bro. Egginton, P.M., for a moiety of the jewel to be presented to the Installing Master, carried unanimously. A Lodge of Instruction in the second degree, Bro. Egginton in the chair, and the acting W.M. as candidate, gave much satisfaction. After resuming the Lodge in the first degree, and receiving nominations, the Lodge was closed in ancient form.

Devon Lodge, No. 1138.—This Lodge held its regular meeting on Tuesday, the 8th of February, at the Masonic Hall, Devon-square, Newton Abbott. Present—Bros. Jno. Olver W.M., Wm. Harris J.W., H. Martin Sec., C. Stevens J.D., R. Cooke Steward, W. H. Banfill I.G., Jno. Haywood Tyler. Past Masters, Bros. W. R. King I.P.M., Philip D. Michelone, G. Stokmans jun. Business—The Lodge was opened in 1st degree, minutes confirmed. It was then opened in 2nd degree, when Bro. G. Townsend Warner proved his efficiency as a Fellow Craft. The Lodge was then opened in 3rd degree, when Bro. G. Townsend Warner was raised to the sublime degree of a M.M. by Bro. King I.P.M. The Lodge was then resumed to the 1st degree when a candidate was balloted for and unanimously elected. The Lodge was then closed in due and ancient form.

Perfect Ashlar Lodge, No. 1178.—A meeting of the above Lodge was held on the 3rd inst., at the Bridge House Hotel, Southwark. Present—Bros. J. A. Smith W.M., W. Batchelor S.W., W. Lover J.W., F. H. Ebsworth P.M. Treasurer, F. Walters P.P.G.P. Middlesex Secretary, F. Garbett S.D., J. Stock J.D., J. Porter as I.G.; P.M.'s Bros. C. Deakin and H. Harnsworth. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. Bros. Nice, Young and Greenwood 1326 were raised to the 3rd degree; Bros. Taylor, Shaw, Gauntlett and Vagg were passed to the 2nd degree; and Messrs. Hancock, Amens, Murdoch, Ford and Fenwick were initiated. Fifteen guineas was voted to the Boys' School. The Lodge was then closed. There was no banquet. The visitors were Bros. D. Steinhauser 1326, C. Lucop 1326, C. Graham 1540 and P. Magee J.D. 548.

Aldershot Camp Lodge, No. 1331.—This Lodge held its regular meeting on Thursday, the 3rd day of February, at the Assembly Rooms, High-street, Aldershot, at 6 o'clock p.m. Present—Bros. Thos. Anderson W.M., Walton Mener S.W., John Smith J.W., Edwin Harper Sec., Alex. Richardson P.M. and P.P.G.S.W. Treas., Usher Lucas S.W., Fred. Field P.M. J.W., Alex. Richardson D.C. (pro tem), John Edmund Steward, John McClisham I.G., and John Thompson Tyler. Past Masters of the Lodge Bros. R. White P.G.P., A. McKenzie P.P.G.P., and John Kennedy, with numerous brethren of this flourishing Lodge. Among the visitors were—Bros. R. Erio P.M. and P.P.G.S.D., and P.M. J. Perneroy, of the Panmure Lodge, No. 723, P.M. J. Hall of the Royal Sussex Lodge, 342, and many others, numbering about 60 in all. Mr. Douglas was initiated, the ceremony, by particular desire, being performed by P.M. Richardson, in a masterly and impressive manner. The first charge was rendered with great effect by the J.W. (Bro. Smith), and the lecture on the tracing board was delivered with fluency by P.M. Bro. R. White. Bros. Craft, Welden and Irish were duly passed to the 2nd degree by the W.M. Bro. Anderson, who delivered the charge in that degree in accordance with ancient custom. This brought the evening's work to a conclusion after a most successful, pleasant, and instructive Masonic gathering.

Royal York Lodge of Instruction, Brighton.—A very pleasing re-union of the members of this Lodge was held on Tuesday, at the Royal Pavillion. A dinner was excellently served by Messrs. Sayers and Marks, the brethren and ladies mustering to the number of 70. Bro. C. Sanderson occupied the chair, and Bro. W. T. Nell, the W.M. elect, the vice-chair. At nine o'clock the tables were cleared, and light refreshments were supplied, when the company was reinforced by nearly 1300 ladies and gentlemen, who came to the ball, which it had been arranged should follow. There was a well selected programme, under the direction of Bro. W. Devin. The whole arrangements were admirably carried out by Bro. R. J. Pope, the Hon. Secretary. The tables were very tastefully decorated, as was also the main entrance.

Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, No. 1507.—A meeting was held at the Metropolitan Club, King's Cross, on Friday, the 4th February. Present—Bros. Stacey W.M., Mander S.W., Willing J.W., W. H. Lee S.D., Abell J.D., I. Lee I.G., Briggs P.M.,

Stiles Secretary, and fifty brethren. At the invitation of this Lodge of Instruction, the members of the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction (which holds its meetings at the Portugal, Fleet-street) worked the fifteen sections:—

FIRST LECTURE.	
1st Section	Bro. Webb I.G. 1331
2nd "	" Squirrell S.D. 206
3rd "	" Read J.D. 1572
4th "	" Farwig I.G. 180
5th "	" Whittaker S.W. 1572
6th "	" Mander P.M. 1201
7th "	" " " "

SECOND LECTURE.	
1st Section	Bro. Abell 55
2nd "	" I. Lee 1541
3rd "	" Whittaker S.W. 1572
4th "	" Stacey P.M. 180
5th "	" W. H. Lee P.M. 1524

THIRD LECTURE.	
1st Section	Bro. W. H. Lee P.M. 1524
2nd "	" Farwig I.G. 180
3rd "	" Briggs P.M. 157

The whole of the working was excellent, and a cordial vote of thanks was unanimously given to the brethren. Bros. Stacey and Mander were elected honorary members of the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction. The Lodge was about to close when Bro. Shand said he had a motion to propose, that he thought should have emanated from an officer of the Lodge. He felt that in the recent loss sustained by Bro. Adams, their worthy Preceptor, in the death of his daughter, no doubt many of the Craft would tender their individual sympathy, but there were many young Masons, like himself, who would not wish to obtrude upon Bro. Adams's feelings. This being the first meeting since the sad event, he moved that a vote of condolence be entered upon the minutes, and conveyed to Bro. Adams in a letter from the Secretary. Bro. Solomon stated that he echoed every word of Bro. Shand's motion, and he would therefore second the resolution, which was carried unanimously.

Northumberland and Berwick Lodge of M.M. Masons.—This Lodge held its regular meeting on Wednesday, the 26th of January 1876, at Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne. Present—Bros. Holmes W.M., Hughes S.W., Franklin J.W., Robson Sec., Armstrong Registrar, Cockburn M.O., Halliday D., Dr. Armstrong S.O., J. Armstrong J.O., Salomon I.G., Martin Tyler. Past Masters—Bros. Foulsham, and Redesdale. Business—The unusual number of ten brethren were advanced to the degree of M.M.M. in a manner that reflected the greatest credit on the W.M. and his officers. The Mark degree seems to be making great and rapid progress in this province.

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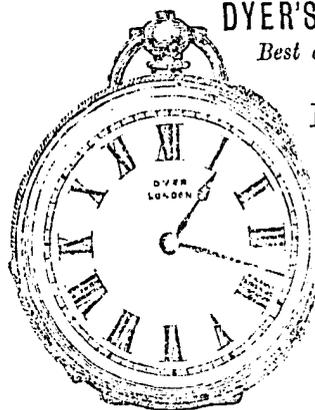
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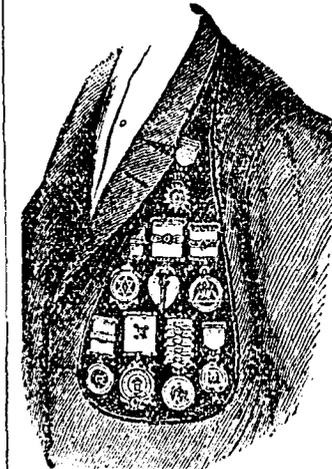
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