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THE PROVINCES OF NORFOLK AND WILTS.

IN the week that ends this day there have occurred two events of more than passing interest in the history of English Craft Freemasonry. We allude to the Grand Master's visit to Norwich, for the purpose of installing Lord Suffield as Provincial Grand Master of Norfolk, and the presence of his brother Prince Leopold at the meeting at Warminster, on Wednesday, of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Wiltshire, under the presidency of its respected chief, Lord Methuen. As regards the former, everything passed most successfully—but for the unfortunate weather, we should have been able to say, brilliantly. The rain, however, was not permitted to damp the ardour of the worthy citizens of Norwich and their thousands of visitors from all parts of the old Saxon kingdom of East Anglia. Special trains ran into Norwich at frequent intervals in the forenoon. Flags and banners, and streamers, lofty Venetian masts, and the other trappings which English cities are wont to assume on high days and holidays, had been erected in the principal streets of the city. The Thorpe Railway Station had been decorated as well as circumstances and its native ugliness would permit. The Mayor and Corporation, in all the brilliance of civic splendour, assembled at the station to greet his Royal Highness and the Princess his wife, and deliver the inevitable address of welcome. In the St. Andrew's Hall were assembled a strong muster of county magnates and worthy burghers with their wives and daughters; for here was to be held one of the two meetings at which his Royal Highness had promised to be present, the object being to raise funds enough to enlarge the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital. On the arrival here of the visitors, the guard of honour furnished by the Norwich Artillery Volunteer Corps presented arms, and the Earl of Leicester, Lord Lieutenant of the county, accompanied by Lady Leicester, stepped forward to receive the Prince and Princess. The party, on advancing into the Hall, was received with every manifestation of loyalty and respect. Lord Leicester presided, having on his right the Prince and Princess of Wales; and among the personages on the platform were Lord and Lady Stafford, Lord Waveney, Lord Sondes, the High Sheriff of Norfolk—Sir W. Ffolkes, the Bishop of Norwich and Mrs. and Miss Pelham, the Dean of Norwich and Mrs. Goulburn, Sir R. and Lady Buxton, the Mayor of Norwich and Mrs. Collier, the Sheriff of Norwich, and many other notabilities connected with the county and city. The proceedings commenced with the presentation of an address to His Royal Highness. The Earl of Leicester having then risen and briefly stated the objects of the meeting, Sir W. Ffolkes proposed the first resolution, to the effect that the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital was in every way worthy of the support and sympathy of the inhabitants of the city and county. The Bishop of Norwich eloquently supported the resolution, which was carried unanimously. The second resolution, having for its object the raising of £35,000, to enable the hospital authorities to extend their sphere of usefulness, was moved by the Prince of Wales, who spoke at some length of the services the Institution had rendered, since its establishment close upon a hundred years since, and the professional eminence to which many of its physicians and surgeons had attained. He also alluded in special terms to his interest, as a lauded proprietor of Norfolk, in everything of moment connected with the county, and concluded his speech by earnestly

pressing upon his audience the necessity of coming forward and liberally supporting the motion. This was seconded by Lord Stafford, and carried. A vote of thanks to His Royal Highness, for his presence at the meeting, was next proposed by the Mayor of Norwich, and, having been seconded by Lord Waveney, was carried by acclamation. The Prince having gracefully acknowledged the vote, thanks to the Lord Lieutenant for presiding, and for the warm interest he displays in the institutions of the county and city, were voted; his Lordship in response saying, he would contribute £13,000 out of the £35,000 required, as soon as the other £22,000 had been promised. The announcement of subscriptions to the amount of over £12,000, and including one of 200 guineas from the Prince of Wales, brought the proceedings to a close. The Prince and Princess then drove to the Bishop's Palace, where lunch was partaken of, and the Prince then started for the Volunteer Drill Hall, where was to be held the Masonic ceremony of the day. The Hall was well filled in every part, the preparations for receiving and seating the brethren being carried out to perfection. The D.P.G.M. designate, Bro. Major Penrice, had opened the Provincial Grand Lodge some time previous to the Grand Master's arrival, and on the Prince entering the Hall and occupying the chair, the brethren greeted him most enthusiastically. There were present on the dais in support of His Royal Highness Lord Skelmersdale D.G.M. England, Lord Waveney P.G.M. Suffolk, and other distinguished Craftsmen. The G.M. having addressed a few kindly words, proceeded to invest Lord Suffield in the usual manner. Thereupon his Lordship, having acknowledged the honour conferred upon him, and expressed his determination to spare no effort in promoting and protecting the interests of the Craft, appointed and invested his officers and Grand Lodge was closed. The Grand Master then returned to the Bishop's Palace for the Princess, and shortly afterwards the Royal Visitors left Norwich for Gunton Park, the seat of Lord Suffield.

Thus ended one of the most auspicious Masonic events of the year. We offer Lord Suffield our warmest congratulations on his appointment to so important an office, and trust his lordship may have before him a long and prosperous career, so that he may be enabled to strengthen and confirm the Craft in the affections of our Norfolk brethren. Nor in congratulating Lord Suffield must we quite forget the many virtues of his lamented predecessor. This very month of last year Lord Skelmersdale, as representing the G.M., installed in office as Grand Master of this Province, our late worthy Bro. the Hon. F. Walpole M.P. The latter's tenure of the Provincial Grand Mastership was very brief, but his many years' services, as Deputy Provincial Grand Master, had endeared him to all Craftsmen. We are certain Lord Suffield's services will be equally appreciated, and we hope he may long be spared to render them.

The visit of Prince Leopold to the Provincial Grand Lodge of Wiltshire was undertaken with no official purpose. It may be described as a purely friendly one, but it cannot fail to enhance, if that be possible at least, the respect and affection which all Masons entertain towards his Royal Highness. Lord Methuen, who has held the office of Prov. Grand Master of Wilts for over three and twenty years, presided, and in addition to the Prince there were present Bro. G. Goldney M.P., D.P.G.M. Wilts, Lord H. Thynne M.P., P.G.W. England, Sir W. W. Wynn M.P., P.G.M. North Wales and Shropshire, Sir D. Gooch P.G.M. Berks and Bucks, and a strong muster of P.G. officers, present

and past, of the Craft in Wilts, Dorset, Somerset, &c., &c., and other brethren. Occasion was taken at this meeting to present to Lord Methuen a handsome banner, emblazoned with his Lordship's arms, and bearing the date, 1853, of his appointment to the P.G. Mastership, as a slight token of the gratitude felt for his Lordship's services during his long period of office. Bro. Goldney made the presentation and Lord Methuen briefly expressed his sense of the honour shown him. The P.G. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren, to the number of about one hundred, sat down to banquet, under his lordship's able presidency. Among the toasts of the evening was that of the health of Prince Leopold P.G.M. Oxon, which his Royal Highness acknowledged, proposing in return, in highly eulogistic terms, the health of the Prov. G.M. of Wilts. When the other toasts had been disposed of, the brethren separated, after a most enjoyable evening. Doubtless, the day will be long remembered as among the reddest of red-letter days in the annals of Wilts Freemasonry. Especially will it be remembered with feelings of pride by our brethren of the Longleat Lodge, No. 1478, Warminster, which enjoyed the great honour of receiving Provincial Grand Lodge and its distinguished guests.

GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS.

THE regular Quarterly Communication of this Grand Lodge was held on the 13th September last. From the Proceedings, copy of which has reached us, we gather that the Grand Lodge opened in ample form at two o'clock p.m., M.W.G.M. Bro. Percival Lowell Everett presiding, supported by the Deputy G.M., the Grand Wardens, Grand Treasurer, the Recording and Corresponding Grand Secretaries, a majority of the D.D.G.M.'s, the Grand Chaplain, and other Grand Officers, present and past. The record of the Quarterly Communication on 14th June was taken as read, and was confirmed. That of the special Communication held on the 21st of the same month for the purpose of constituting Satuit Lodge was read and confirmed. Bye Laws and amendments to Bye Laws on the case of sundry Lodges were referred to the usual Committee which, in the course of the Session, delivered their report, recommending, with an amendment proposed in one instance, their approval, and they were approved accordingly. Two petitions for Charters were likewise submitted, one from the members of Alpha Lodge, South Framingham, and the other from Fraternity Lodge, Newtownville. Dispensations for both these Lodges were issued in September 1875, and the Committee, to which the petitions were referred, having examined the records of their proceedings U.D., and having satisfied themselves that the proper dues had been paid to Grand Treasurer, recommended that Charters be issued accordingly. Petitions for formal healing were also referred to a Committee, and in the case of Thomas H. Johnson the Committee, while declaring him to have been made a Mason clandestinely, recommended that his prayer be granted, and that the said Johnson be formally healed. The roll of Lodges having been called, Past G. Master John T. Heard proposed a resolution congratulating R.W. Rev. Lucius R. Paige D.D. on the fiftieth anniversary of his election as W.M. of Mount Zion Lodge, Barre. Bro. Paige had likewise held the offices of Grand Steward in 1849 and 1850, of Grand Deacon in 1851, and Deputy Grand Master in 1852, 1853 and 1854. He had also served as member of the Committee on the Library during 1850-54, both years inclusive, as well as on other important Committees of Grand Lodge, and was, moreover, one of the Trustees of the Masonic Temple. The resolution was unanimously adopted, and was very feelingly acknowledged by Bro. Paige. A question of jurisdiction between the Orient Lodge, South Dedham, and Constellation Lodge, Dedham, was next determined, the extent of the former being defined as embracing the territorial limits of the newly-incorporated town of Norwood and ordered, to be so endorsed on its Charter. On the motion of R.W. John McClellan, a sum of five hundred dollars was ordered to be appropriated for charitable purposes. Bro. Woodbury then submitted the report of the Committee appointed to consider the application of a Lodge at Palermo, to become subordinate to the Massachusetts Grand Lodge. This Lodge, it appears, had seceded from

the Grand Orient of Italy, and the Committee, having carefully considered its wish, recommended that the petition should be dismissed. Our readers need not go far a-field for the reason which influenced the Committee in making such report. The question of Masonic jurisdiction is one in which the American Grand Lodges take a very keen interest, and which they are determined—to judge from this and other cases—to observe most scrupulously. Nor are we surprised the same Committee should have offered some very pertinent observations on what, for want of a better description, we must designate as the great African question. The proposition recently before the Ohian Grand Lodge is naturally referred to, and the line of action which that Grand body proposed to adopt, very seriously, and, as we hold, very properly condemned. Not, perhaps, in so many words, but there cannot be the slightest shadow of a doubt that the tone of the Committee's remarks, and the great stress it lays on arguments, many of which agree with those we have ourselves employed, indicate the complete condemnation of what, happily, is no longer the Ohian policy. In addition, we have a most exhaustive sketch of the African Lodge, chartered by Grand Lodge, Moderns, of England. This is the Lodge started by Prince Hall, from which the different African Coloured Masonic organisations trace their descent. We advise any of our readers who take an interest in this question, to study carefully that portion of these Proceedings which treats of the Coloured Lodge question. They will find much in it that is well worth noting. On the motion of Past Grand Master Sereno D. Nickerson, it was voted that five hundred extra copies of so much of the report as relates "to the proposed action of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, and the status of the so-called African Grand Lodge, be printed for distribution." The Lodge was then closed, as it had been opened, in ample form, with prayer by Bro. the Rev. Alonzo H. Quint, D.D., Grand Chaplain.

Obituary.

WE regret to have to record, in our obituary to-day, the demise of Bro. John Wright Carr, Grand Secretary of the Province of Essex, which took place at his residence, Newland Hall, Roxwell, near Chelmsford, on Sunday night last. The deceased—initiated in the Angel Lodge, Colchester, in December 1846—has always been an active Mason, he was appointed to the Grand Secretaryship in the year 1868, by the present Grand Master, the R.W. Bro. R. J. Bagshawe, and ever since has devoted himself earnestly to the duties of that responsible and somewhat laborious task. The continued indisposition of the R.W. Prov. G.M. during the last year or two, and the interregnum which elapsed between the death of Bro. Andrew Meggy, the D.P.G.M., early in 1873, and the appointment of a successor, in 1875, have rendered the duties of P. G. Sec. peculiarly difficult, more especially at the times of the meeting of Grand Lodge; but Bro. Carr has always assisted the G.M. in the delicate task of selecting his officers, using great tact and judgment, and if at all times the appointments have not given entire satisfaction to brethren who consider themselves peculiarly entitled to consideration, they had the approval of the Province generally. He was a P.M. of Lodge 160, and was exalted into Royal Arch Masonry last year. As a citizen of the world Bro. Carr was widely respected, and few men could boast of so large an experience of men and things. He had visited nearly every country in Europe; travelled through the heart of the United States and Canada, and early in the present year was in mid Africa. Altogether, his life has been a most active one, and whether as a Freemason or as a citizen, he will be greatly missed in his native country. The deceased was interred on Thursday afternoon, in the churchyard of the Parish Church of Roxwell. At his express desire, the funeral arrangements were of the simplest character, but a few brethren attended on behalf of the P.G. Lodge, to pay their last tribute of respect to departed merit.

Another painful duty devolves upon us,—to announce the death of Bro. David Davis, late High Sheriff and J.P. of Southampton, which event occurred on the 21st instant, after a short illness. His loss will be deeply deplored by his sorrowing widow.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF NORFOLK.

INSTALLATION OF RT. HON. LORD SUFFIELD, K.C.B., AS PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER.

THE ceremony, on Monday last, at the Drill Hall, Norwich, was one of the most successful Masonic events of the year. In fact never since the celebrated gathering at the Albert Hall, when the M.W.G.M. was installed, have there been assembled so many distinguished members of the Order. The day fixed was the anniversary of the installation, by Lord Skelmersdale, of the late R.W. Bro. the Hon. F. Walpole, as P.G.M. of this Province. The weather was unpropitious, but that in no way affected the attendance of the brethren, who flocked in considerable numbers from London, and especially from the neighbouring provinces, as it was known the M.W.G.M. would conduct the ceremony in person. Hence no labour or expense was spared in decorating the Drill Hall in a manner worthy of the occasion.

For more than a week Messrs. J. and J. King exercised all their skill and art in decorating against more than ordinary difficulties, the building being so unsuited to any kind of embellishment. Nevertheless, they succeeded in effecting a wonderful transformation. The beams of the roof were festooned with evergreens and flowers, &c., and in the bays of the walls, were inserted trophies, armorial bearings, shields, and monograms. The gallery at the entrance end was covered with scarlet cloth; on the wall above was a large Masonic emblem—the square and compasses; and beneath was a temporary screen, faced with crimson and buff cloth, and bearing on its front the arms of Lord Suffield—the new Provincial Grand Master. At the further end, a dais was raised. It was covered with crimson cloth, and draped and canopied, the canopy being of crimson and buff, quilted, and lighted by a handsome pendant corona. In the centre was a massive gilt throne, we believe from the Grand Lodge of London, and on either side of these were chairs of State, whilst the walls of the dais bore in the centre the Royal arms, with the motto, "Love all: trust a few; do wrong to none;" and on either side were miniature Prince of Wales' plumes in white and gold. Right and left of the steps was a gorgeous Royal banner of purple and gold, specially painted for the occasion, with the motto, "Pax et honor, fides et pudor." The building was brilliantly lighted, the ordinary coronas being supplemented by a row of jets, with a radiating star extending the whole length of the building on both sides. The body of the hall was seated with chairs placed diagonally from the sides, with a wide carpeted space down the centre; and the brethren were placed right and left, according to the seniority of their Lodges. Those represented by banners were—on the right, Union 52, Social 93, Unanimity 102, Perseverance 213, Cabbell 807, Soudes 996, and Doric 1193; on the left, Faithful 85, Friendship 100, Philanthropic 107, United Friends 313, Sincerity 943, and Walpole 1500. When filled with upwards of 900 brethren, in full Masonic Craft clothing, a large number of whom wore the jewels of high rank, the scene was a most imposing one. At twenty minutes to three o'clock, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master Designate (Bro. Major Penrice) ascended the throne, and the other officers having taken their seats, the Lodge was opened in due form. The arrival of H.R.H. the M.W.G.M. of All England was now awaited, the following brethren, who had been appointed as special stewards to attend on his Royal Highness, taking up their positions for this purpose—Bros. W. A. Tyssen-Amherst, R. E. Baker, Lieut.-Col. Bignold, Sir F. G. M. Boileau Bart., Sir R. J. Buxton Bart., Lieut.-Col. Boileau, G. Buxton, J. Bond Cabbell, Captain W. Dods, Sir W. H. B. Folkes, Bart. (High Sheriff of Norfolk), R. T. Gurdon, J. S. Holmes, Roger Kerrison, G. W. F. Loftus, Rev. H. Lombe, Rev. Dr. Maugan, Captain W. Massey, Cecil Montgomerie, Captain Hastings Parker, Paynton Pigott, Thomas Watson, George Wilkinson, and H. Morgan. In a short time the Prov. G.M. of Suffolk, Bro. Lord Waveney, entered the Hall, and having taken a seat on the right of the throne, was received with cheers. Shortly after three o'clock, the strains of "God Save the Queen," and some truly English cheers from without, indicated the approach of the G.M., and in a very few minutes afterwards his Royal Highness claimed admission. The order was at once given, and the Prince, accompanied by Lord Skelmersdale, the M.W. Deputy-Grand Master, and Lord Hardwicke, P.G.M. of Cambridge, was attended to the dais by the Stewards. The Deputy Prov. G.M. Designate at once vacated the throne, and handed the gavel to his Royal Highness. Amid much clapping of hands and cheering the Grand Master ascended the throne; and at the call of Sir Albert Woods, Grand Director of Ceremonies, the salute in Masonry was rendered quite as effectively and impressively, considering the difference in the attendance at the Prince's own installation, as in the Royal Albert Hall in April of last year. Bro. Lord Suffield was then announced. His patent was given in and handed to the P.G. Secretary (Bro. H. Barwell), by whom it was read. Bros. Colonel Bignold, E. S. Bignold, Wilkinson, Aldis, Baker, Loftus, and J. Reeve were then selected as stewards to attend upon and escort the Provincial Grand Master Designate to the Throne. When Lord Suffield had ascended the dais, the Right Worshipful Grand Master said:—Brother Lord Suffield, in conferring upon you to-day the office of Provincial Grand Master of the County of Norfolk, I feel convinced, and I think I shall have the approval of the brethren of this Province, that the choice that I have made will find favour in the eyes of the brethren. I know that you have proved a good and true Mason, and I know that the duties you are about to enter upon you will carry out in a conscientious and true manner; and I feel also convinced that the choice I have made will confer pleasure and gratification on the brethren of the county. His Royal Highness then obligated and invested Lord Suffield, on which the brethren accorded his lordship a most enthusiastic cheer.

The Provincial Grand Master having ascended the throne, then said:—May it please your Royal Highness, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Honourable and Ancient Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of England, I am deeply sensible, Sir, of the great honour that you have conferred upon this province and upon me in selecting me to fill the office which has been rendered vacant by the death of our late lamented Brother Walpole. I am fully aware, Sir, of the responsibilities and rules devolving upon me. Accepting the responsibilities, it will be my earnest and anxious endeavour to perform the duties of my high office, and I will do, as far as in me lies, the best I can for the honour and advantage of Masonry in general, of the Grand Charity, and of this province in particular. And so, Brethren, I hope to merit your approval of the choice which His Royal Highness has made. Circumstances have prevented my entertaining our numerous and distinguished visitors in the customary manner on the present occasion, but I hope before long to hold a Provincial Grand Lodge, to attend Cathedral service, and to have a banquet, when I hope we may be again honoured by the company of those brothers from a distance, to whom I can only now offer my most sincere and hearty thanks for their kindness, their courtesy, and the fraternal good feeling that has induced them to come here to-day to assist in the ceremony which has just taken place. Lord Suffield having offered to the Grand Master the gavel, which his Royal Highness declined, thereupon appointed and invested his officers as follow:—Bros. Major Penrice D.P.G.M., Lieut.-Col. Duff M.P. P.G.S.W., Hamon L'Estrange P.G.J.W., Rev. E. J. Alvis P.G. Chaplain, Lieut.-Col. L'Estrange P.G. Treasurer, G. B. Kennett P.G.R., H. G. Barwell P.G. Secretary, J. C. Chittock P.G.S.D., P. Wortley P.G.J.D., T. Lord P.G.S.J.W., G. A. Buxton P.G.D.C., E. J. Bonfellow P.G.A.D.C., Hon. Harbord Harbord P.G.S., G. Brittain P.G.O., E. D. Horsfield P.G.P., J. B. Bridgman, C. Havers, W. Mills, and J. J. Commins Stewards.

Grand Lodge was then closed. Among the brethren present, in addition to those already named, were Bros. Lord Claud Hamilton, M.P., Sir E. Lacon, M.P., Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G.C., Rev. R. G. Simpson P.G.C. P.D.C., A. M. F. Morgan, Major Marsham, J. B. Graber Browne, Bro. Perrott P.P.G.S.W. of South Wales, Bro. Emra Holmes P. Prov. G.R. and P.P.G.D. of Suffolk, Bro. Major Allen P. Prov. G.S.W. of Suffolk, Bro. W. Clarke Prov. G.D.C. of Suffolk, Bro. Huddlestone Prov. G. Treas. of Suffolk, Bro. Lucia Prov. G. Sec. of Suffolk, Bro. Bobby P.P.G.S.W. Suffolk, Bro. Frazer Prov. G.S.D. of Suffolk, Bro. Hedley Brown Prov. G.S.W. of Suffolk, Bro. Parrie Prov. G.A.D.C. of Suffolk, Bro. James Terry G.D.C. of Herts, Bro. W. Hammond P. Prov. G.J.D. of Middlesex, Bro. Adams P. Prov. G.S.B. of Suffolk, Bro. F. Binckes P.G.S., Bro. Long P. Prov. G.D.C. of Suffolk, Bro. Sedgwick P.P.G. Reg. of Suffolk, Bro. Joshua Nunn P.G.J.W., H. H. Bridgwater P.P.G.C., Rev. H. Evans Lombe P.S.W., J. Cholmeley P.G.C., A. Masters, G. Chamberlin, Gervas Holmes, N. B. Headon, H. Massey, While, W. W. Morgan, &c..

After this the several Lodges in Norwich devoted themselves to the very agreeable and especially Masonic duty of dispensing hospitality. The brethren of the Social, Sincerity, and Walpole Lodges dined together, at the Royal Hotel. Bro. Commins, W.M. of the Social Lodge, occupied the chair, having, on his right, Bro. Chittock, of the Sincerity, and on his left, Bro. Isley, W.M. of the Walpole, there being present Bros. A. M. F. Morgan P. Dep. G.M. Norfolk, Binckes Secretary Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, Terry, Secretary Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, J. Bathurst Graber Browne, Doric 1192, Wymondham, W. W. Morgan, 1385, and other guests. After the cloth was removed, the usual round of toasts was proposed. Bro. Commins gave that of Her Majesty; Bro. Chittock that of the M.W.G.M. the Prince of Wales, of whom he spoke in most eloquent terms, as ready at all times, as a landed proprietor in Norfolk, to promote the cause of Norfolk institutions. Bro. Chittock referred especially to his Royal Highness's presence that afternoon, at St. Andrew's Hall, for the purpose of rendering his aid in extending the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital. The toast of the Pro Grand Master and the rest of the Grand Officers, present and past, was acknowledged by Bro. Binckes. The health of Lord Suffield P.G.M., proposed by Bro. Chittock, was responded to with the utmost enthusiasm. Bro. A. M. F. Morgan replied for the Deputy Provincial Grand Master and the rest of the Grand Officers, present and past, proposed by Bro. Isley. Bro. Morgan expressed his firm belief that Bro. Penrice was an excellent working Mason, and congratulated the brethren of the Province on the appointment as P.G.M. of Bro. Lord Suffield, than whom a better man could not have been appointed by the Grand Master. Bros. Terry and Binckes responded to the toast of the Masonic Charities, the latter proposing the health of the three presiding Masters, to which Bros. Commins, Chittock and Isley severally responded. The toast of the Visitors was acknowledged by Bro. Lord Claud Hamilton, who entered the banquet room at an advanced hour of the evening.

Lodge Union dined at the Norfolk, and Lodges Perseverance and Cabbell at the Castle. At the latter, Brother Offord, W.M. of the Perseverance, presided, faced by Bro. Baxter, W.M. of the Cabbell. Our stay at this banquet was necessarily brief, but we may mention that the speech of the meeting was that delivered by Bro. A. M. F. Morgan, in response to the toast of the Provincial Officers. Bro. Kennett presided at the Norfolk banquet.

It only remains for us to add that, as far as it was possible, all the needful arrangements gave the utmost satisfaction. The salute, as conducted by Sir Albert Woods, was perfect. Bro. A. M. F. Morgan, whose name we have more than once mentioned already, was most hospitable in his reception of visiting brethren, and his house was most elegantly decorated in honour of the Prince's visit. Bro. Mills fulfilled the duties of D.C. at the banquet at the Royal very successfully. Last, but not least, the railway arrangements were excellent on the day itself, while on the day previous (Sunday) the Great Eastern management ran a special train for the directors and officials who were anxious to visit Norwich on this grand occasion.

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WHICH IS CORRECT?

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In my attempts to answer "P.M., P.Z.'s" questions, I have strictly confined myself to saying which of his rival versions is, in my humble opinion, correct. Bro. Frances, however, has gone further, and offers a new reading for the whole Paradox. His version is, in some respects, an improvement; and by altering the full point after "axis" to a comma, and connecting the two absolute clauses by the insertion of "and," his reading would be still further improved as a sentence. I fancy, however, objection may fairly be taken to the statement, "round which the earth revolves on its own axis." As a matter of fact, the earth revolves round the sun, not on its own axis, but in a particular path or orbit. Its axial and orbital revolutions are two distinct operations, the former being repeated a certain number of times while the latter is being completed once. Therefore, to say "round which the earth, &c., on its own axis," is to say that which is not. If a reconstruction of the paradox is contemplated, I think it will have to be done by expansion rather than contraction. Each proposition is correct enough. The sun is the centre, &c. The earth does revolve, &c. Freemasonry is spread, &c. What is wanted is something to connect these together, in such manner that the conclusion therefrom may be immediately apparent. Allow me to suggest the following, as certainly meeting the requirements of the case:—As the sun is the centre of the . . . and the earth, in its revolution round that centre, likewise revolves diurnally on its own axis, it follows that, Freemasonry being . . . over the entire surface of the . . . the sun must always, &c. This is longer than either of the present versions, but he that runs may read and understand it.

Let me now answer, to the best of my poor ability, the further questions propounded by "P.M., P.Z."

As to the first query, "with the centre," or "within a centre," which is correct? This depends on the meaning intended. Does he hope to find what was lost *with*, i.e., by means of, the centre, or *with*, i.e., where the centre is placed? I incline to the latter, and for these reasons. So long as we keep within the circle of our Masonic duties, being bounded as that circle is by the two great parallel lines representing respectively the greatest lawgiver and the wisest man that ever lived, and supporting as it does the V. of the S.L., so long will our conduct be free from material error. Within this circle there is one point, and one only, towards which all other points gravitate. That point is the centre, on which depends the accurate description of the circle. As then we must look to find within this the key to the linear circle, so may a Mason hope to find within the centre of the circle of our Masonic duties that important secret on which depends the perfection of Freemasonry. Again, the Mosaic pavement, which is the flooring of the Lodge, is emblematic of the intimate union which prevails among Masons, and the Blazing Star in the centre, of the G.A. to whom we are indebted for all our illumination. The secret we hope to find, must lie within that mysterious centre, of whose existence we are aware, but with the nature of which we are totally unacquainted. Dr. Oliver, in his *Signs and Symbols*, points out, at page 198, that the Tree of Life was in the midst or centre of the Garden of Eden; that the fruit of that tree was reported to convey "the privilege of immortality, and the centre, as being the most honorable situation, would in time be assigned to the Deity, who alone possesses the attributes of immortality and eternity. Within that centre, which is the emblem of the G.A. and His Infinite Wisdom, must we look to find the crowning secret of Freemasonry. For all which reasons I hold the proper version to be, "He hopes to find that which was lost *within the circle*," or, better still, perhaps, "He hopes to find within the centre that which was lost."

The second question is far easier to answer. Indeed, it is strange that any man of average intelligence should commit any error in rendering the passage. We are speaking of badges in the passage referred to, and the statement from one point of view is, in fact, that the badge of Freemasonry is more honourable than the badge of any Order in existence. Now, in the words which should follow "more honourable than," which stands for the badge and which for the Order? The particular Order referred to is "the Order of the Garter," the members of which are most usually distinguished by a *Star* worn on the left breast, the *Garter* itself, another badge of the same Order, being worn only on very state occasions. Clearly, then, it appears to me the sentence should run, "more honourable than the *Star* of the Order of the Garter or the badge of any other," &c., &c. Or if we take the comparison as instituted between Freemasonry and the highest orders of chivalry, it would read, "more honourable than the *Order of the Garter*," &c. The Preceptor who says, "*Star and Garter*," and No. 3, who thinks *Star, Garter*, &c. preferable, betray a most uncommon ignorance of common things. The *Star and Garter* is the name of a well-known hostelry at Richmond, and I imagine there are other hostelries of the same name elsewhere. To compare our Freemasonry with a tavern may be very complimentary to the latter, but it is certainly not very flattering to Freemasonry. There is no Order, so far as I know—certainly no prominent Order of Knighthood—called "the *Star*," except, indeed, it be the "*Star of India*," which was not in existence when our Ritual and Lectures were prepared. I believe there is a curious ejaculation among old

women, who oddly express their surprise, when anything uncommon happens or is brought under their notice, by exclaiming, "*My stars and garters!*" I take it the origin of this expression will be found in the stars and garters which are worn by a very limited number of illustrious personages, and may be regarded, therefore, in an old womanish kind of way, as emblematic of extraordinary surprises. But one does not relish the idea of associating old women and Masonic Preceptors in the same breath.

Fraternally yours,

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BALLOTS FOR LIFE GOVERNORSHIPS.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—As the promoter of *Ballots for Life Governorships* by a shilling subscription, I can heartily sympathise with our Brother J. E. Curteis, and am fully assured that he has already met with many difficulties and severe rebukes in his endeavour to benefit the R.M.B.I.

If such were wanting, I could give proofs of brethren (Heaven save the mark) who have denounced my system; upon investigation I have invariably found their antagonism arise from jealousy, and, in some instances, have been unable to trace their names in the lists of subscribers to our Masonic Charities. I advise my good Brother Curteis to take courage; let him pursue his labour of love, without giving ear to "*envy, contempt, or malice*." Those who have even a small interest in our Charities are now sufficiently well acquainted with the working of ballots, and do not doubt the equitable manner of the appropriation.

For the information of the brethren who have so liberally supported MY SHILLING ENTERPRISE FOR THE BOYS' SCHOOL, I beg to say, that already sufficient tickets have been sold to warrant 35 LIFE GOVERNORSHIPS, OF TEN GUINEAS EACH, being drawn, and should the same liberal support be continued, I hope there will be no difficulty in my raising the sum of ONE THOUSAND GUINEAS for the Boys' School. It is most gratifying also for me to add, that I have received the support of my Lodge and friends, in private subscriptions or separate donations, to the extent of £217, so that, at this early period, I have fair cause for congratulation, having decided to continue my labours to the morning of the Festival, in June 1877, meantime, the money is being placed to the credit of the Fund at the Consolidated Bank, and is bearing interest.

It is not my intention to appropriate to any Province, Lodge, Chapter, or district, a specific number of Life Governorships, but to adopt the same principle as is carried out in the *Art Union* of Great Britain, which every subscriber will hold to be fair. The corresponding number of the whole series of tickets sold will be placed in a box together, and each Life Governorship drawn separately, thus if 100 Life Governorships are to be drawn, the first 100 numbers drawn from the box will be prizes. Referring your readers to my advertisement in your columns,

I am, yours fraternally,

JOHN CONSTABLE, P.M. 185,

Steward R.M.I.B.

13 Sise-lane, London, E.C.

20th November 1876.

MASONIC CANDIDATES FOR THE SCHOOL BOARD.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

Kennington Cross, 22nd Nov., 1876.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Having read with much pleasure your leading article on the Masonic Candidates for the School Board, I beg to call your attention to one soliciting the suffrages of the voters for the Lambeth division, Bro. Chas. White, whom I have personally known for a period of twenty years, and sincerely believe to be duly qualified in every respect to hold such a position. He is a true economist in business matters, but in private a most liberal man and philanthropist, being a subscriber to nearly every public charity in London, and also a life governor to our laudable institutions, "The Girls," "The Boys," and "Aged Freemasons." His Address* will thoroughly explain his principles, and I feel assured in supporting him you will elect a gentleman only to be known to be respected, and one who will represent our interests. I might further say, from his great liberality, he is an honour to the Craft.

I feel assured you will insert these remarks in support of a gentleman who comes forward in the most independent manner, irrespective of any clique or organized body, to honestly serve, and I am proud to say he is a believer and supporter of the pure orthodox Churchman. In his Address, he says, "I am a member of the Church of England, but of no extreme views, as I respect the religious sympathies of my neighbours, and regard the Bible alone as the basis of religious instruction."

Bro. C. White is churchwarden of the parish of Lambeth, and connected officially with both voluntary and Board Schools in his district.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

SAMUEL W. GARDNER, P.M. 1381.

* This will be found amongst our Advertisements on page 344.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Indigestion.—Dreary November is proverbial for its unpleasantness, which may lead directly to disease, unless some tonic like these Pills be occasionally taken to sustain the appetite and relish for food. In all cases of indigestion, producing weariness, low spirits, palpitation and feverishness, these famous Pills should be resorted to as the gentlest and surest corrective of the stomach, the best antidotes to its ailments. These Pills dispel the cause of dyspepsia, every one afflicted with it may rejoice at the safe and satisfactory results, which can be secured at so small a chance, as the purchase of a box of Holloway's Pills. They purify, strengthen, and remedy imperfect development of growth and health in young persons.

LITERATURE.

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

Philadelphia, the Mother City of Freemasonry in America. With the Life of Daniel Cox, the earliest Grand Master in America, and an Historical Sketch of the Progress of Masonry in Pennsylvania during the past one hundred years. By Clifford P. MacCalla, M.A., P.M. of Concordia Lodge, No. 67 Philad'a, and editor of *The Keystone*. Philadelphia Masonic Publishing Co., 237-9 Dock-street. 1876.

THE four articles comprised in this little *brochure* appeared originally in *The Keystone*, of which Bro. MacCalla is the editor. They treat severally of "Philadelphia, the Mother City of Freemasonry in America," "Daniel Cox, the Father of Freemasonry in America," "1776-1876, One Hundred years of Freemasonry in Pennsylvania," and "First Things in Philadelphia." In support of the first of these articles, the evidence adduced in proof of Philadelphia being the mother city of Freemasonry is the same as appeared in the Memorial Volume published in 1874, in commemoration of the opening, the year previous, of the new Masonic Temple. As our readers are no doubt aware, the first part of this evidence lies in the comparatively recent discovery of a Deputation granted in June 1730 by His Grace the Duke of Norfolk to Daniel Cox, as Provincial Grand Master for New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania. Until this discovery the deputation granted, in 1733, to Henry Price, was generally looked upon as the earliest authentic evidence of Freemasonry having an organised Provincial Grand Lodge in North America. In addition, however, to this Deputation, we have contemporary evidence of the existence of Masonic Lodges and a Grand Lodge in Philadelphia, derived from the *Pennsylvania Gazette*, a newspaper published weekly, and printed by the celebrated Benjamin Franklin, himself a Mason, and chosen to be one of the Wardens of this Grand Lodge in 1732. Other important testimony is adduced, but, as we have traversed this ground already more than once, it is hardly necessary for us to analyse the statements again. Suffice it to say, that on the faith of these supported statements there is little doubt the claim of Philadelphia to be the mother City of Freemasonry in America is substantiated. Other evidence affecting this claim may turn up later, but, as the case stands now, we do not see how Philadelphia can be moved from her coigne of vantage.

The biography of Daniel Cox is very interesting, and shows him to have been a man not only of good social standing, but possessing likewise very fair claims to literary eminence as well as in the profession of the law. The hundred years of Freemasonry is clearly written, containing all the material points in the development of Freemasonry during the century; while the concluding paper enumerates with just pride all those "first things" which had their origin in the city of Brotherly Love. Altogether we are well pleased with this little pamphlet, which is well written, and, therefore, a worthy contribution to the Masonic literature of the Centennial Year of American Independence. We append, as likely to prove of interest to our readers, a list of the Grand Masters in Pennsylvania from 1730 to the year 1786, when the Fraternity declared itself independent of Great Britain. They are as follows:—

MODERNS.

1730. Daniel Cox.	1737. William Plumstead.
1732. William Allen.	1738. Joseph Shippen.
1733. Humphrey Murray.	1739-40. ———
1734. Benjamin Franklin.	1741. Philip Syng.
1735. James Hamilton.	1749. Benjamin Franklin.
1736. Thomas Hopkison.	1750-75. William Allen.

ANCIENTS.

1764-81. William Ball.	1782-86. William Adcock.
GRAND MASTER OF GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA.	
1786-87. William Adcock.	

Jewish Calendar for the Year 5637 (1876-7.) Compiled by Rev. M. H. Myers. London: Published by the Author, at 8 Ockenden-Road, Islington N.—By our Jewish brethren this diary will be found invaluable. It contains the date of each Sabbath and festival for the year, with the portion of the Law and Prophets appointed to be read on such day, together with a "Condensed Calendar" and table for ascertaining the date of the anniversary of any death for the ensuing ten years, much information respecting early printed copies of the Hebrew Bible, and other interesting matter. It is well printed, and bound in cloth, and indeed in every respect worthy of the highest commendation.

PRACTICAL MASONRY.

(From *The Keystone*.)

IT has become fashionable to eulogise "Practical Masonry," meaning that Masonry which exhibits itself exclusively in helpful acts and works of charity. We have many words to say for, and not a word to say against these, but we do object to narrowing down the meaning of the term "practical," to merely one of its phases. Indeed we are always suspicious of this word "practical," in any connection. When we observe a man style himself a "practical sign painter," or a "practical printer," we wonder what kind of a painter or printer an unpractical one is, and we begin to doubt whether this practical man knows, after all, much about his business. In like manner, when we hear a Brother enthusiastically advocating "Practical Masonry," we question whether he has not an exceedingly narrow view of the subject, and does not interest himself in behalf of the few at the expense of the many.

Charity is practical, but, Divine as it is, it is only bestowed upon

the few, who are under a cloud of misfortune—which cloud often comes to overhang them through their own improvident behaviour. These few, when worthy, are entitled to receive the free gifts of the Craft; but there are others, who form the many, whose interests should be kept at least equally in mind. Masonry is not only a charitable institution—it is as well an intellectual, social and convivial one, and therefore we protest against charitable Masonry being exclusively entitled practical. Intellectual Masonry is practical, and so is social Masonry, and convivial Masonry. In other words, it is equally the duty of the Fraternity to conserve the intellectual, social and convivial interests of Craftsmen, as their charitable ones.

Do you ask what is intellectual Masonry? It is the accurate, forcible and impressive rendering of the work of the Craft. It is the interpretation of its wonderful symbolism, so that it may be plain to every Brother. It is the relation of the origin and history of the Brotherhood, showing it to have been, in principle at least, coeval with the earliest time, and that Craftsmen have a genealogy traceable back, without a break, to the Cathedral and Temple builders of centuries ago. That Masonry is intensely practical which seeks to elevate the standard of knowledge among the Brethren, that aids in diffusing "more Light," that explains Masonry by itself—its principles, its symbolism, its history.

Social Masonry is equally practical. Freemasons cannot be in truth a society of friends and Brethren unless they are brought into the closest fraternal relationship to each other. All of the members of a Lodge should be mutually acquainted, and a part of the enjoyment of every Lodge meeting should consist in the social intercourse between the members. And this feeling should permeate the Brotherhood, should subsist not only between Brethren, but between Lodges. It is good for one Lodge to visit another in a body occasionally. Such a course tends to break down any tendency to exclusiveness among the Lodges. It acquaints the members with the style in which the work is done in their sister Lodges and thereby promotes a healthful spirit of emulation. Freemasons may all know each other when occasion requires, but they should actually know one another more intimately than they do. Sociability among the members and among the Lodges is the manner to accomplish this, and this is a form of practical Masonry, that yields, in our opinion, in importance to no other.

Convivial Masonry, too, is practical Masonry. When duly regulated it conduces to the best interests of the Craft, and the heartiest pleasure of the Brethren. Say what you will, the pleasures of the table are in their way unequalled. In our home relations we enjoy them with a zest, three times every day of our lives. In social, political and business life a dinner is a lever of the greatest power. It is easier to raise a flag-pole or a barn, to engineer the sale of an extensive property, or to open a large business enterprise, when a banquet is on the programme. After men have sat around the mahogany, and eaten and drank together, they are apt to think as well as feel alike. They become as one with each other. It is because of this soothing harmonious, fraternal principle, which seems to be an invariable incident to a public lunch, dinner or banquet, that we advocate the more general adoption of substantial refreshment, after labour, by the Craft. If we would have convivial Masonry—a kind of Masonry that is exceedingly practical, we must find it "around the mahogany." If we would gather a full attendance at Lodge meetings; if we would promote cordiality and complete unity among the members; if we would obtain an opportunity for the instruction of all the Brethren in the work and great principles of Masonry, we must call them off stately from Labour to Refreshment. The work of the Craft is very beautiful and impressive, when properly rendered, but all work and no refreshment becomes just a little bit monotonous. Variety is the spice of Masonic, as well as other life, and must be resorted to if we would make the Brotherhood what it ought to be—a unit in the advocacy of its principles of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth. Besides, convivial Masonry is true Masonry according to ancient custom. One hundred and fifty years ago Lodges invariably were convivial at the close of their work, and it continued so for a century. During the past fifty years we have progressed in an opposite direction, owing probably to the excess that came at length to be indulged in eating and drinking. Reforms of all kinds owe their origin to excess, and they at length, through their own excess, come to need, in turn, reforming themselves.

Masonry should not be in practice one-sided, for it is in fact many-sided. It should be at once, charitable, intellectual, social and convivial, for in being so it performs its true work, in the best manner; affords to its entire membership the largest culture and enjoyment and is, in the fullest sense, practical.

The approach of winter generally brings about a number of novelties and specialities both for the inner and the outer man, and already the shop windows show signs that the caterers to public favour are in no way backward in their stocks of articles for internal and external comfort. Strange advertisements run through the papers, offering cases of various sorts of wine at a low price per dozen, and our readers must have good constitutions if they can stand the effect of all that is offered in public print. It is, therefore, with some pleasure that we call attention to an article which cannot fail to be welcome to those who are exposed to the cold, or whose stomachs require toning; and in doing so we but echo the opinion of the medical press, and even that of George Augustus Sala, so well known as the journalist of the day. We have all heard of the "Eau de Vie" of H. Brett and Co., so that we need not here refer to its merits. But the introducers of this now well-known brandy have brought out two liqueurs, known respectively as "Liqueur Ginger Brandy" and "Liqueur Ginger Gin," both of which are formidable opponents to all foreign liqueurs, being quite free from cloying sweetness and heaviness, while sold at half the cost of the imported article.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

A SPECIAL General Court was held on Saturday, the 18th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, in consequence of a requisition delivered to the Secretary, signed by Lieut.-Col. Creaton, V.P. and Trustee, to receive the report of the building committee upon the new laundry, and, if approved, to authorise such further expenditure as may be deemed necessary. Bro. Lieut.-Col. Creaton V.P. having been unanimously voted to the chair, the Secretary, Bro. R. Wentworth Little, read the advertisement convening the meeting, and the minutes of the building committee. The meeting was called upon to authorise the committee to vote the sum of £1,000, in addition to the sum of £1,400 already voted. Bro. Massa, the architect, having given notice that the builder and contractor could not complete the building of the new laundry, so essential to the requirements, without that sum—£600 being required for engineering purposes, and that would include the fittings. The estimates of the building of the great hall were already given, but this was to be a separate charge. Bro. Massa fully explained the case. It was then proposed by Bro. Lieut.-Colonel Creaton, and seconded by Bro. H. M. Levy, that the sum of £1,000 be voted for the above purposes, that sum to include the fittings. Bro. Raynham W. Stewart P.G.D. said that the architect, Bro. Massa, having given in his estimate, the subscribers ought not to be called on to give a further sum. He then proposed, and Bro. H. Browse seconded, that tenders be solicited, by advertisements, for the work of the new laundry, to include the fittings. Bro. John Symonds P.G.D. proposed, and Bro. A. H. Tattershall seconded, that the building committee be authorised to incur a further expenditure of £600, such additional sum to include the fittings. The chairman having put this to the meeting, the amendment was carried. Bro. John Symonds proposed, and Bro. Raynham W. Stewart seconded, that a cordial vote of thanks be accorded to Bro. Lieut.-Col. Creaton, for his able presidency, he having, at great personal inconvenience (owing to his late severe accident), attended the meeting. This was carried unanimously, and all present expressed their pleasure at seeing him so far recovered. Among those present were Bros. H. Browse, R. W. Stewart, S. Rawson, Hyde Pullen, J. T. Sabine, T. W. White, Major Finney, A. H. Tattershall, Capt. Wordsworth, Massa, J. Symonds, Collard, Moutrie, Rev. J. Vaughan, John Boyd, L. Ruf, F. Binckes, Roebuck, Jas. Terry, H. A. Dubois, Chancellor, H. Massey, Dr. Ramsey and H. M. Levy.

LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall, and was more numerous attended than any Lodge we remember for some years past. Bro. Joshua Nunn, Senior Vice-President occupied the chair, Bro. J. Brett, Junior Vice-President, as Senior V.P., and Bro. S. G. Foxall as Junior V.P., supporting him, together with Bros. C. F. Hogard, F. Binckes, J. Green, J. Bingemann, J. A. Farnfield, M. S. Larham, and very many others. At the Board of Masters the agenda paper for the next Communication of Grand Lodge was settled. This included notice of motion by Bro. F. Binckes to distribute in equal portions among the three Masonic Charities the sum of £6,000. It was further intimated that the Pro Grand Master the Earl of Carnarvon intended calling a special Grand Lodge, with a view to receiving the report of the Committee appointed last Grand Lodge to consider the appropriation of a proposed vote in honour of the Grand Master's visit to and safe return from India. Grants were then confirmed to the extent of £175. The sum of £554 was then awarded by the Lodge as follows: £100 to one applicant, £50 to two, £40 to one, £25 to one, £20 to nine, £13 to one, £10 to seven, £5 to four, and £3 to two. Two other petitions were dismissed. The meeting closed with the usual formalities.

GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

THE annual meeting of the Grand Lodge of Scotland will be held in Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh, on

Thursday, the 30th inst., at five o'clock p.m., for the election of Grand Office-bearers; and also in the same place, at six o'clock p.m., at a banquet, in celebration of the Festival of St. Andrew. Chairman, Sir Michael Robert Shaw Stewart, Bart., M.W. Grand Master Mason. Wardens, the Right Hon. Lord Rosehill, the Right Hon. Lord Ramsay. The chair will be taken at six o'clock p.m.

PRINCE LEOPOLD AND THE WILTSHIRE FREEMASONS.

THERE was a very large and influential gathering of Freemasons at Warminster on Wednesday, in consequence of Prince Leopold K.G., P.G.M. for Oxfordshire, having expressed his intention of visiting the annual Provincial Grand Lodge of Wiltshire, held in the Warminster Town Hall. The officers of the Longleat Lodge opened the Lodge at half-past twelve o'clock, and shortly afterwards received the Provincial Grand Lodge, the long procession including the Provincial Grand Master, Lord Methuen, accompanied by Prince Leopold, Bro. Gabriel Goldney, M.P., Deputy Grand Master, Lord Harry Thynne, M.P., Past Grand Warden of England, Sir Watkin Wynn, M.P., Provincial Grand Master for Wales and Shropshire, Sir Daniel Gooch, Bart., M.P., Provincial Grand Master for Berks and Bucks, Bro. V. F. Bennett-Stanford M.P., General Doherty, the Revs. C. R. Davey and T. F. Ravenshaw, Past Grand Chaplains, Rev. G. O. E. Gardiner, Provincial Grand Chaplain, Bro. Tombs, Provincial Grand Secretary, Bro. Biggs, Provincial Grand Secretary Berks and Bucks, and a number of other Grand Officers of the Craft in Wilts, Dorset, Somerset, and other provinces. The customary honours having been accorded to Prince Leopold and the other distinguished visitors, reports were presented, showing that the province was in a very satisfactory state, upon which Lord Methuen congratulated the brethren generally. Bro. Goldney, the Deputy Grand Master, in the name of Provincial Grand Lodge, presented to Lord Methuen a handsome banner, emblazoned with his lordship's arms, and an inscription giving the date of Lord Methuen's installation (1855), and also that of the presentation. Bro. Goldney delivered a brief address, asking Lord Methuen's acceptance of the banner as a token of the gratitude which the Masons of Wiltshire felt towards him for the ability with which he had for so many years presided over the province of Wiltshire. Lord Methuen, in thanking the brethren for this expression of their kindness and good will, said that whenever his connection with the province of Wilts ceased he should look back upon it with feelings of pleasure and satisfaction. The Provincial Grand Master presented the thanks of the brethren to Prince Leopold for having honoured them with his presence, and said he hoped his Royal Highness would never feel regret, but rather pride that he was a member of a Wiltshire Lodge. At the conclusion of the business, the company adjourned to a banquet, when the usual Masonic toasts were honoured. Lord Methuen presided, and the company, which numbered upwards of 100, included Prince Leopold, Lord H. Thynne, M.P., the High Sheriff of Wilts (Mr. W. H. Poynder), Sir Watkin Wynn, M.P., Sir Daniel Gooch M.P., Bro. Arthur Guest, Past Grand Senior Warden Dorset, Colonel the Hon. Percy Fielding (Coldstream Guards), Colonel Crawley, Colonel Everett, Colonel Magrath, Mr. R. H. Collins, and others holding high office in the Masonic Craft. The health of the Right Worshipful Brother His Royal Highness Prince Leopold, Provincial Grand Master of Oxfordshire, was proposed by Lord Methuen, and received with great enthusiasm.—His Royal Highness, in responding, said: Right Worshipful Sir and Brethren, —I rise to return my most sincere thanks for the cordial terms in which the Provincial Grand Master has proposed my health, and also to return thanks to all the brethren for the kind reception they have given to this toast (cheers). Although I have spent little more than a few weeks in Wiltshire, this is already the second occasion on which I have received a hearty reception from the brethren of this province (cheers). I can assure you that this fact in no small degree increases my appreciation of this country and this neighbourhood in particular. It seems to me that wherever a Mason may take up his residence, and however much he may previously have been a stranger in the country, he is sure to find here a nucleus of ready-made friends (loud cheers.) And this, brethren, is an advantage which I am sure you will agree cannot be valued too highly (loud cheers). I must add that it is a special pleasure to me to make the acquaintance of my brother Masons in Wiltshire, and to find my highly valued friend Lord Methuen in charge of the province (cheers). Although there are probably many present who have enjoyed the Provincial Grand Master's friendship a greater number of years than I have, I can at least say I have known him as long almost as I have known any one, and I need not add that to know him is to appreciate a manly, straightforward, and thoroughly English character (loud cheers). Inviting you to drink "The Health of your Provincial Grand Master," I congratulate you upon having so genial and cheery a chief, and I ask you to join me in praying that he may be spared for many, many years to preside over this province (cheers). Lord Methuen responded, and the toast list was then gone through.—*Standard.*

Bro. Terry announced, at the banquet of the Social, Sincerity and Walpole Lodges, held on Monday, in honour of the Installation, by the Grand Master, of Lord Suffield, as Prov. G.M. Norfolk, at the Royal Hotel, Norwich, that H.R.H. Bro. Prince Leopold had graciously undertaken to preside at the Festival in February of next year of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

that Capitular Masonry in this jurisdiction was in a very healthy condition. M.E. Companion George E. Wagner having declined re-election, the choice of the Grand Chapter fell upon the following Companions:—Comp. Alfred R. Potter, of Jerusalem Chapter, No. 3, was elected M.E. Grand High Priest; Comp. William C. Hamilton M.D., of Harmony Chapter, No. 52, M.E. Grand King; Comp. Hibbert P. John, of Philadelphia Chapter, No. 169, M.E. Grand Scribe; Comp. Thos. R. Patton, of Oriental Chapter, No. 183, M.E. Grand Treasurer, and Comp. John Thomson, of Columbia Chapter, No. 91, M.E. Grand Secretary. The installation of these officers is fixed for St. John's Day next.

The *New York Square* announces that at the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, held at Louisville on the 20th ult., the following Grand Officers were elected and installed—namely, M.W.G. Master R. M. Fairleigh, Hopkinsville; R.W. Deputy G. Master C. H. Johnson, Henderson; R.W.G.S. Warden J. Rice, Louisa; R.W.G.J. Warden Thomas S. Pettit, Owensboro'; R.W.G. Treasurer A. G. Hodges, Louisville; and R.W.G. Secretary John M. Todd, Louisville. On the same authority we announce that, at the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge Illinois, at Chicago, on the 3rd, 4th, and 5th ult., Bros. Joseph Robbins, Quincy, was duly elected and installed M.W. Grand Master; W. J. A. De Lancy, Centralia, Dep. Grand Master; Henry E. Hamilton G.S.W., and W. H. Scott, Troy, G.J.W.; Archibald A. Glenn, Mt. Sterling, G. Treasurer; and John F. Barrell, G. Secretary.

According to the *Masonic Jewel* for the present month, Bro. Charles A. Woodward, of Cleveland, has been re-elected Grand Master of Ohio, and Bro. John D. Caldwell, of Cincinnati, Grand Secretary. The same excellent magazine contains, as its opening contribution, an admirably-written story, entitled, "Bertha Eberhard, or the Masons of Cologne."

The Vale of Health Hotel, for some time unoccupied, has at last found a proprietor, in the person of Bro. Henry Braun. This hotel, situate at Hampstead Heath, is now open, and possesses every requirement for Lodge meetings, banquets, &c.

A GRAND LODGE FOR NEW ZEALAND.

WE are gratified to observe, from a paragraph published in a Wellington (N.Z.) paper, and reprinted by us last week, that the New Zealand Lodges seem inclined to take steps to obtain a Grand Lodge for New Zealand. The movement seems to be initiated by the Lodges under the Scotch Constitution, but there is every reason to hope that the English and Irish Lodges will join in the movement. It has long been patent that a Grand Lodge for the whole colony is a thing greatly to be desired. It is impossible that the Grand Lodge at home can exercise a proper control over their numerous children at the Antipodes. The time which must necessarily elapse during the interchange of official communications renders prompt action impossible, and often makes nugatory the steps adopted by the Colonial Boards. Moreover, there are sometimes cases of conflict arising out of the varied interests of Lodges under different constitutions, which are very undesirable, but which cannot be got rid of so long as things remain *in statu quo*.

Our chief object in alluding to this matter, arises from our wish to see the English and Irish Lodges joining early in the movement. There are certain drawbacks, to use a mild term, about the Constitutions of Scotch Masonry, which have worked, and are working, incalculable evils in Scotland, which we should be very sorry to see perpetuated in the "Britain of the South." It is, therefore, most important that, at the outset, all our New Zealand brethren should join hand in hand to frame such constitutions, as will tend to the upholding of the high character of the Order. Each day serves, only more and more, to convince thoughtful brethren that the strictest caution is necessary in the admission of candidates. If ever Masonry stood in need of recruits, it certainly stands in no such condition to-day. We are at liberty, more than ever, to pick and choose from those who aspire to a participation in our mysteries, and it is more than ever necessary that we should exercise a spirit of caution.

ARE YOU A MASON?

(From the *Masonic Jewel*.)

AMID times like these it matters not what the answer is; doubt and uncertainty are quite as sure to find an entry into one's thoughts with a positive, as well as with a negative reply. The surrounding must corroborate the answer ere the mind gains a temporary belief. Masonic travellers are as numerous as the showers of spring, and the ritualist reports every thing satisfactory upon an examination. Masonic travellers and mere ritualists appear happily adapted to each other; the ritualist finds his bean ideal of ritualistic brilliancy in many a Masonic mendicant or impostor. Masons who go into Masonry for corrupt purposes are determined to be informed in the ritual. Are they Masons? Of course they are. Only try them, and be astonished at what they know. Question them. What folly! *Aude, Vide, Tace*. You are but a way station for them to stop at and take refreshments. They know your position and use you accordingly.

Are you a Mason? How stupid, if you know us, to ask such a question! We lecture nearly all the candidates in our Lodge; we go to other Lodges and lecture them. They call us bright. Who doubts it, when we can say every word of the lectures?

Are you a Mason? Why do you ask? We pay Lodge dues, attend Lodge meetings, never miss a Masonic procession, and if the Lodge is at labour we are certain to aid in the work—if at actual refreshments we eat, drink, and make ourselves agreeable.

But are you a Mason? Have you not for years done many things to disturb the peace and harmony of your Lodge? How many unkind and unjust remarks have you made about members or Masons? How many times have you been envious of your brother, because he was higher or better informed than you were? How many times have you slandered his good name? How many times have you sought to place stumbling-blocks in his way, and drag every one down to your own level? Are you in office? The more shame for you. Are you a light in the Masonic firmament? Then look well to your ways. Charity is a rarity in a Masonic Lodge—not the charity that contributes dollars and cents, but that charity that is kind, that envieth not, is not puffed up, is not easily provoked, and thinketh no evil.

Masonry and charity are sisters. The first, to be true to its calling, must have not only intelligence and learning, but it must also possess the accomplishments of the latter. Learning nor rituals will ever make a man a Mason without charity; and charity will always find a reliable guide in following where true Masonry leads. Reader, ask yourself—

ARE YOU A MASON?

MASONIC SECRECY.

THE secrecy of Masonry is its only sybil-voice proclaiming: *Procul O procule este profani*. It is only the secrecy of the lawyer to his client; of the minister to his penitent; of the physician to his patient; or of friend to friend. This trustworthy confidence is the glory of man; scandal dies like an echo on the shore where the tongue is bridled by truth and honour. "Where there is no tale-bearer the strife ceaseth." Wrench from the heart of a Mason the secret of his brother: and from the same heart you may blot out the image of his God, the vows made to a fond and confiding wife, or the duty he owes to his children, to country and to home. The betrayer of secrets is a MORAL RENEGADE too foul for the atmosphere of honour, he is the JUDAS of friendship and the ASSASSIN of character.

Nor never need an honest open-hearted Mason fear that the better part of creation will urge against his Order to its detriment the circumstance that the ladies are not admitted into membership among Free and Accepted Masons. Let him tell, what is the fact, that *Minerva* the Goddess of Wisdom presides in the Mason's Lodge, in which she would have indeed but a divided empire if the goddess of BEAUTY were admitted along with her. We surely could not trust Venus and Minerva together in our Lodges, lest we should become too much distracted with the blandishments of Beauty to hear all the severer teachings of Wisdom. But it will be high time to attempt a laboured defence of this Masonic usage when a lady shall complain of it, or when she shall refuse making a secret-keeping Mason the lord of her affections: pillowing on her pure heart, both the unlocked casket and the secret which it contains. Ah, could she make him a renegade to honour, how would she loathe him. How unsafe in such hands and in such keeping would she consider her own fame, and those gems of affection which woman never gives save to the trusty, the brave, the unconquerable, the inflexible in purpose.

There is a sublime secret connected with every thing that is valuable. Says the great light of Masonry, the Bible, "the secret of the Lord is with them that fear him." There is a secret in each profession of life, in every science, in every beautiful art. There is a secret in love, an outspoken language that sometimes glances from the eye, but which is oftener hid by virgin modesty until the heart becomes an urn of suffering in which the fires of hidden attachment crimson the incense of the affections. There is a secret in haste, whispered only to the moon as its pale cold eye gleams on the assassin's dagger. There are secrets everywhere in nature, from the pedestal to the capital of the pillar of the universe over which the mysterious eye of Omniscience burns with its secret meaning.—H.W. in "*Masonic Record*."

The Fifteen Sections will be worked at the Highgate Lodge of Instruction, No. 1366, Bull and Gate Tavern, Kentish Town, on Thursday, 30th Nov. 1876. Chair to be taken at 7 o'clock precisely, by Bro. J. N. Frost P.M. 228, 704, 865, P.Z. 753, Preceptor.

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LONDON SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION.
TO THE CITIZENS OF LONDON.

FELLOW CITIZENS,—

I ask you to return me again as one of the City Representatives at the London School Board. I rest my claim to your support on the fact that throughout my life I have earnestly devoted my time and energy to the elevation and mental improvement of the very classes for whose education your School Board was called into existence. I rejoice to recognise its great services, and to see how much it has already effected. It has erected, or is erecting, over 200 commodious and substantial schools. The total number of scholars has been doubled since the passing of the Act. Indeed, it has laid broadly and surely the foundation of a system which, improved as it will be, will secure cultivated intelligence to every London child.

The London School Board some time ago determined that the Bible should be read, entirely unmixt with any sectarian comment. To this mode of meeting the religious difficulty I am prepared to adhere.

I am a friend to true economy. No more should be spent than is absolutely needed for the attainment of our great object. Beyond that not a farthing should be taken from the pocket of the ratepayer. Compulsion will be less and less needed every year, for the people will soon come to regard their schools with pride, and will take a deeper interest in their children's progress. All statesmen are ready to acknowledge that, in order to maintain our prosperity in the markets of the world, we must put our working classes on an equal footing as to taste and intellectual culture with the foreign workmen with whom we have to compete. I rest my hope of being returned by you on the sacrifices I have made for so many years to promote throughout the country the mental, moral, and artistic education of the English people.

I therefore respectfully solicit your votes, and have the honour to remain,

Your faithful servant,
JOHN BENNETT.

Cheapside, 14th October 1876.

SCHOOL BOARD FOR LONDON.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

The Educational Department having determined on additional representation for this district, and that the Election shall take place on the 30th November next, I most respectfully solicit the honour of being returned as one of your Members.

I have had much experience in School work in this locality, having been for many years on the Committee of Management to the Board School, Johanna Street, New Cut; the Summer Memorial Voluntary School, Kennington Road, and Tenison's School, High Street, Lambeth; these Schools having an aggregate average weekly attendance of 1,432 children.

I am most anxious to assist in carrying out the Elementary Education Act of 1870; but I think that, in the interest of the Ratepayers, more economy is necessary in the proceedings which characterize the present Board. The estimated Expenditure for the ensuing year ending Lady-day next is £398,867 7s 1d, which, on an assessment of £21,500,000, requires a rate of 1½d in the £; and if no further supplemental aid be given to the Voluntary Schools, this amount must necessarily be considerably increased, and possibly doubled as the Voluntary System becomes extinct.

At the Summer Voluntary Schools referred to, upwards of 500 children are efficiently instructed; it is self-supporting, and the ratepayers are thus relieved of a large expenditure. Schools of this description should be fostered, instead of being superseded by the competitive action of the Board.

I am a member of the Church of England, but of no extreme views, as I respect the religious sympathies of my neighbours, and regard the Bible alone as the basis of Religious Instruction.

If you approve my candidature, and return me to the honourable position as one of your Representatives, I will devote the necessary time and attention, and use my best endeavours to fulfil with faithfulness the duties of the office to which I aspire.

I remain,
Your most obedient servant,
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IN compliance with a requisition delivered to me, and signed by Lieut.-Col. JOHN CREATON, P.G.D., Vice-Patron and Trustee, a Special General Court of the Governors and Subscribers of this Institution will be held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's Inn-fields, London, on Monday, 27th November 1876, at Twelve o'clock precisely, on the following business:—

"To receive the Report of the Special Committee upon the Collectorship of the Institution, and to decide thereon."

R. WENTWORTH LITTLE,
Secretary.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION

FOR

AGED FREEMASONS AND WIDOWS OF FREEMASONS.

THE ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL OF THIS INSTITUTION will take place on Wednesday, the 14th February 1877, at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, London, upon which occasion

H.R.H. Prince Leopold, K.G., &c., &c.

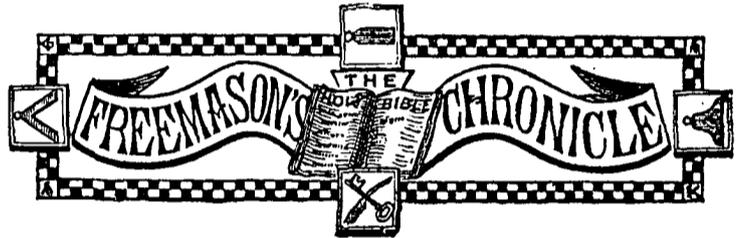
R.W. Prov. G.M. for Oxfordshire,

has graciously signified his intention of presiding.

Brethren desirous of accepting the office of Steward upon this auspicious occasion will greatly oblige by forwarding their names, as soon as convenient, to the Secretary, who will gladly give every information required.

JAMES TERRY, Prov. G.D.C. Herts,
Secretary.

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OUR WEEKLY BUDGET.

WE refer elsewhere to the two principal occurrences of the week, namely, the Installation, on Monday, by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., of Lord Suffield as Provincial Grand Master of Norfolk in succession to the late Hon. F. Walpole M.P., and the visit of Prince Leopold to the Provincial Grand Lodge of Wiltshire at its meeting at the Town Hall, Warminster, on Wednesday. The two events necessarily show the deep interest which both Princes take in the welfare of Freemasonry, and cannot fail to extend the influence of the Craft throughout England. Moreover the Prince of Wales's visit to Norwich, whither he was accompanied by his wife, had in view a two-fold purpose. The installation of Lord Suffield was one, the enlargement of the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital was the other. The Masonic event was a grand success, nor doubt we His Royal Highness's appeal on behalf of the Hospital will be answered most satisfactorily. A large portion of the requisite sum was promised at the meeting in St. Andrew's Hall, and we anticipate, from so auspicious a commencement, that the whole of the amount will be completed very shortly. We regret, however, to add that His Royal Highness's visit to Lord Suffield was abruptly terminated, by the death of one of Lady Suffield's brothers. We beg to express our sympathy with his Lordship and Lady Suffield in their present bereavement.

Extra-Parliamentary speeches have, this week, been more numerous than for some time past. Mr. Cross, who has been on a visit to Ragley Hall, near Birmingham, opened the ball on Monday evening, when the Right Honourable Gentleman was entertained at a banquet in the Town Hall, and took the opportunity of defending the foreign and home policy of the Government of which he is so distinguished a member. The following evening he was presented with an address of welcome by the local Conservative working men, when he expatiated at length on the services the ministry were rendering to the moral and material progress of the whole community. Lord Hampton presided at the former meeting, and the Earl of Warwick at the latter. On Wednesday, he was entertained by the Mayor and Corporation, at a banquet in the Queen's Hotel, when his health was proposed by Mr. Alderman Chamberlain, one of the representatives in the House of

Commons of the town of Birmingham. In doing so, Mr. Chamberlain spoke at length of the great services Mr. Cross had rendered in connection with his "Artisans' Dwellings Act." The toast was drunk with great enthusiasm, and appropriately responded to. The same evening, Mr. Bright, another of Birmingham's representatives in Parliament, was present at a lecture on International Arbitration, delivered by the Rev. W. Glover, of Manchester, in St. George's Hall, Llandudno. Our readers are no doubt well posted in the views held by the Right Honourable gentleman on the subject of Peace and War, and it will suffice for us to say that he again enunciated them on this occasion with more than his usual emphasis and perspicuity. Other speeches on the political events of the day call for no particular comment.

On Saturday, a Cabinet Council was held at the official residence of the Prime Minister, in Downing Street, when all the members of the Cabinet were present. On Monday morning, the Marquis of Salisbury, Her Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary to attend the approaching Conference at Constantinople, left Charing Cross, accompanied by the Marchioness, Lady Maude Cecil, Lord Cranbourne, and Messrs. Currie, Lee, Northcote, and Hosier, his Lordship's secretaries. The distinguished party reached Boulogne at a quarter to three p.m., and after lunch at the railway station, left for Paris by the tidal train. On Tuesday, the noble Marquis, accompanied by Lord Lyons, our Ambassador at Paris, had a lengthened interview with the Duke Decazes, the French foreign minister. He reached Berlin on Wednesday evening, and was received by Mr. Macdonnell, the first secretary to the Embassy, Lord Odo Russell himself being too unwell to meet him on his arrival. Shortly afterwards, Lord Salisbury drove to the Foreign Office, where he had an interview with Prince Bismarck. On leaving Berlin, he will take Vienna on his way to Constantinople, in order to have an opportunity of seeing the Austrian Prime Minister, Count Andrassy.

The senior general on the British Army List, General Sir John Bell, G.C.B., died on Monday, at his residence in Cadogan-place. General Bell was born in the year 1782, and entered the army in 1836 as an ensign in the 52nd Foot. He served in Sicily in 1806-7, and during the whole of the Peninsular War, from 1808 to 1814, taking part in nearly all the actions fought by the Duke of Wellington, including the sieges of Badajoz and Ciudad Rodrigo, and the battles of Vittoria, the Pyrenees, Nivelle, Orthes, and Toulouse. He also served with the army in Louisiana, U.S., December, 1814, to June of the following year. He had also held the post of Chief Secretary to the Government of Cape Colony from 1828 to 1841, and was Lieutenant-Governor of Guernsey from 1848 till 1854. He became major-general in 1841, and was created K.C.B. in 1852 and G.C.B. in 1860. This distinguished officer's services had thus extended over little short of three quarters of a century, his life having been prolonged to the very great age of 94.

A meeting was held on Monday at the London Cabmen's Mission Hall, King's-cross, when about five hundred cabmen and their friends sat down to tea. After this came the business of the evening, which was presided over by Mr. S. Morley, who was supported by Colonel Henderson, Chief Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, and other friends and well-wishers of the institution. The financial report for the past year showed a deficit of about £700 on the building fund, and of £236 on the general business. However, the Shelter, opened a twelvemonth since, had proved a great success, having on an average accommodated over 500 cabmen weekly. The Chairman having briefly addressed the meeting, and handed over to the secretary a cheque for £100 towards lessening the deficiency in the building fund, Colonel Henderson rose, and was received with loud cheers. He told those present some home truths, pointing out that while the licenses were about 13,000, the convictions for drunkenness during the year reached a very ugly total. At the same time, the number of articles left in cabs, and delivered to the Lost Property Office at Scotland-yard had risen under the new regulations from 3,500 in 1870 to 16,000 last year. One case in particular he mentioned, in which a diamond necklace worth £1,000 had been picked up by two gentlemen, and thrown into a cab, and the honest cabman took it at once to Scotland-yard. In concluding his remarks, Colonel Henderson assured the cabmen present of the interest he took in their welfare, and his wish

that they might go on prospering more and more every year.

Great damage has been caused to shipping, in various parts, by several severe storms. The Cape mail steamer, Windsor Castle, bound from Dartmouth to the Cape, after experiencing very dirty weather, struck on a reef off Dassen island, thirty-five miles from Table Bay, on the 23rd September. Fortunately, the passengers, crew, and mails were all safely landed. At Liverpool, on Sunday morning, a gale prevailed off the Mersey, and caused considerable loss. The steamer Anglia was towed into Dundee, on Monday morning, in a disabled state, while the Coral Queen, of West Hartlepool, which sailed on Saturday evening for Gothenburg, had to put back into port on the evening following in a very damaged state. At the Admiralty, a telegram has been received, from Admiral Ryder, dated Nagasaki, 20th November, and reporting the loss of H.M.S. Lapwing, in a great gale off Chefoo. No lives, however, were lost.

The publication of further papers, in which the Emperor of Russia has expressed his views to our Ambassador, Lord A. Loftus, has had a somewhat reassuring effect in some quarters; while in others, people are sceptical, not so much of the sincerity of the Czar's intentions, as of his power to control the enthusiasm of the Russian people in the Slavonic cause. They call to mind that similar professions were made by the late Czar Nicholas to another Ambassador of ours at St. Petersburg, Sir H. Seymour, and yet those professions had no effect whatever in staying off the crisis which came only a few months later, and resulted in a war most disastrous to Russia. People, therefore, are little inclined to have much faith in the utterances of the present Emperor, the rather that the more recent protestations that further conquests in Turkestan were not contemplated, has proved utterly false. We trust, however, the Czar's declaration may have more than a verbal meaning, and that the Conference, so soon about to assemble, may be enabled to settle all difficulties without an appeal to arms. There is little else in the way of news. The Turks have agreed to the Conference, General Tcherniaeff has been commanded not to return to Russia, and the Servian Ministry have sent in their resignation to Prince Milan, who, however, at the time of writing, is said not to have made up his mind to accept them. Meanwhile, Europe is concerning itself much about the mission of Lord Salisbury, the leading continental journals offering their opinions on his journey from various conflicting points of view, according as they are impelled to this or that particular political bias.

We are indebted to the *Masonic Record of Western India* for the following items of news:—At the meeting of R.A. Chapter "Malwa," No. 139, Mhow, on the roll of the Supreme Grand R.A. Chapter of Scotland, held on 23rd September, the office-bearers for 1877 were elected and installed as follows:—Comps. J. W. Butler P.Z., J. Street P.H., B. V. Hughes P.J., A. J. Philips Scribe E., J. Hembridge Scribe N., M. Ardaseer Ramjee P. Soj., W. Batcheler 2nd Soj., J. Taylor jun. Soj., and A. B. Mercer Janitor. At the meeting of the Lodge "Industry," No. 1606, Deesa, —English jurisdiction—W. Bro. W. Alexander Lewis was installed as W.M., the installing officer being W. Bro. G. E. Maule P.M. The Master then elected the following officers:—Bros. C. Hensen S.W., T. Brady J.W., D. Warren S.D., J. Anbrary J.D., J. Johnston I.G., J. F. Cole Secretary, T. Mitchell Treasurer, Preston Steward, and W. Benn Tyler. The installation of the "Pleiades" Lodge, No. 1487, Sholapore—English jurisdiction—was held on the 7th September, the W.M. elect being W. Bro. J. Carrs, who had presided over the Lodge during the past year. Bro. Carrs having been duly installed, elected as his officers Captain H. La Poer Trench I.P.M., J. Edwards S.W., W. Sayers J.W., J. Bailey S.D., J. Todd J.D., Dorabjee Muncherjee Secretary, W. Stewart I.G., and B. Robson Tyler.

The *Keystone* announces the early issue of a second, revised and enlarged edition of Bro. Fort's *Early History and Antiquities of Freemasonry*, published about a year since. This speaks favourably for the merits of Bro. Fort's history. We gather from the same source that at the Quarterly Communication of the Grand H.R.A. Chapter of Pennsylvania, the reports of various committees showed

Old Warrants.

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No. 41.

No. 309, "Ancients;" No. 393 at the Union A.D. 1813, No. 272 A.D. 1832, and No. 225 from A.D. 1863.

ATHOL Grand Master.

JOSEPH BROWNE S.G.W. W^m. DICKEY D.G.M. GEORGE BOWEN J.G.W.

To all whom it may Concern.

WE the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, according to the old Constitutions granted by his Royal Highness Prince EDWIN at York Anno Domini Nine hundred twenty and six, and in the year of Masonry, Four thousand nine hundred twenty and six, in ample form assembled, viz.

The Right Worshipful the most noble Prince John Duke Marquis and Earl of Athol, Marquis and Earl of Tullibardine, Earl Strathbay and Strathardle, Viscount Balquider, Glenalmond and Glenlyon, Lord Murray Belveny and Gask Heritable Constable of the No. 309 Castle of Kinclaven, Lord of Man and the Isles, Earl of Strange and Baron Murray of Stanley in the County of Gloucester, &c., &c., &c. Grand Master of Masons, The Right Worshipful William Dickey Esq^r. D.G.M. The Right Worshipful Joseph Browne Esq^r. S.G.W. and the Right Worshipful George Bowen Esq^r. J.G.W., with the approbation and consent of the Warranted Lodges held within the Cities and Suburbs of London and Westminster, Do hereby authorize and empower our Trusty and Well beloved Brethren, viz. The Worshipful Edwin Hicken one of our Master Masons, The Worshipful Master, and the Worshipful W^m. Lewis his Senior Warden, and the Worshipful Isaac Bibby his Junior Warden, to Form and to Hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons aforesaid at Dantery or elsewhere in His Majesty's Second Regiment R^l Lancashire Militia, on the First and Third Tuesday in every Calendar month, and on all reasonable times and lawful occasions, and in the said Lodge when duly congregated to admit and make Free Masons, according to the most Ancient and Honourable Custom of the Royal Craft in all Ages and Nations throughout the known World, and we do further authorize and empower our said Trusty and Well beloved Brethren, Edw^d. Hicken, W^m. Lewis and Isaac Bibby with the consent of the Members of their Lodge, to nominate, chuse, and instal their Successors, to whom they shall deliver this Warrant and invest them &c. &c. &c. Such Installments to be upon or near every ST. JOHN'S DAY during the continuance of this Lodge for ever. Providing the above named Brethren and all their Successors always pay due respect to the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, Otherwise this Warrant to be of no Force nor Virtue.

Given under our Hands and the Seal of our Grand Lodge in London this [] day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and three, and in the year of Masonry Five thousand Eight hundred and three.

NOTE.—This Warrant is registered in the Grand Lodge, Vol. II., Letter L.

This Warrant was first installed (sic) in the Eighty..... Regiment of Foot, the tenth day of October in the year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred and Ninety-seven, and transferred from the Grand Lodge to the 2nd Regiment of R^l Lancashire Militia this present twenty day of October One thousand Eight hundred and Three, and of Masonry One thousand Eight hundred and Three.

R. LESLIE,

Grand Secretary.

The present No., title, &c. are, No. 225, St. Luke's Lodge, Ipswich.

NOTE.—The Lodge of "Perfect Friendship," Ipswich, Warranted A.D. 1785, ("Moderns,") joined the above Lodge on 14th June 1820. At that time the ("Ancient") Lodge was No. 393. The numbers of the "Perfect Friendship" were 389 A.D. 1792, and 480 at the "Union." It was omitted from the Register before the alterations of A.D. 1832.

JOHN CONSTABLE.

ALONG THE HIGHWAY OF MASONRY.

(From the *Masonic Advocate*.)

AMONG the many organizations in the world that have been instituted among men, there is not one in which the line of conduct of the member is more clearly defined than in the Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons. There is none in which the member is bound by stronger obligations to pursue a steady course in the discharge of his duties as such, and to practise the precepts so prominently set up to teach him the way wherein he should walk. The highway of Masonry is no obscure path with devious windings, a trail that can be followed only by carefully watching the marks left by those who have gone that way before, but a broad open road, through

an open country, which may be easily followed by any one when once fairly started on his mystic journey. At every turn and cross-road has been placed a finger-post, upon which, in language intelligible to every well-informed Mason, he finds all needed instructions to enable him to travel in confidence, and in the full enjoyment of all his rights and privileges among his fellow travellers.

With a line of conduct so clearly defined, with obligations so strong to discharge every known duty, and with an open road before them so plain that none need go astray, it might be expected that there would be unanimity of thought and action among all Masons in their intercourse with each other, and especially that all would unite in preserving the land-marks, and in upholding the principles and teachings of Masonry. It is, however, a fact, much to be regretted, that such is not the case. Instead of being thus united as one man, we find Masons often divided in opinions and in their course of action. If all were actuated by an earnest desire to promote the best interests of the Order, such would not be the case, for then we would find them acting more in harmony with each other.

While we believe that a very large proportion of Masons are honest in all that they say and do, it is evident that some are not, and that they are only seeking to promote their own individual interests in remaining members of the Order. They travel along in the good company of their more worthy brethren, with a feigned zeal well calculated to mislead them in regard to their true character; and for a time, perhaps, succeed in pulling the wool over their eyes to the extent of securing for themselves the advantages of high official positions, which place them before the world as recognised, honoured leaders, enjoying the full confidence of the whole Fraternity. Not having the true spirit of Masonry in them, we often find them opposed to measures that would be of undoubted benefit to the Craft, or advocating others that would work to its injury; when the one would interfere with some pet scheme of their own, or the other gratify the longings of a selfish ambition. They remain obedient to Masonic law so far as to protect themselves from charges for un-Masonic conduct, but where there is no fear of a penalty to restrain them, they set it at defiance upon the slightest provocation. Thus they travel on, until their cupidity is discovered, and they are made to fall back to the rear, where they generally follow in forced submission until all hope of regaining their lost position has passed away, when, at the first cross-road, they desert from the ranks, strike out for the camp of non-affiliates, and enlist under their banner, upon which is inscribed one significant word—*Deserters*.

There is another class of Masons, often found upon the highway of Masonry, who are active and officious, apparently well-meaning, and would do what is right if they only knew how; but who never make an effort to gain the information to qualify themselves to act until the very moment when action becomes necessary. They pass the finger-posts without observing the instructions upon them, and then halt the procession while they discuss the question whether they are on the right road or not. Without the means at hand to arrive at a correct conclusion, such discussions are worse than useless, for they consume valuable time, and still do not develop the desired information. Finally they move on, and, to their mortification, find at last that they made a great mistake. One bright Mason is worth more to a Lodge than a score of such members.

Another class of Masons, and we are sorry to say that they are exceedingly numerous, are no better informed than those we have last described, and are this much worse, that they don't seem to care whether they are right or wrong. They vote "hit or miss" on all questions, with a *sang froid* that would have astonished King Solomon himself. Now we do really believe that they desire to be right, but are too indolent to make even an effort to find out whether they are or not. Perhaps they are not as much to blame as those who made them Masons.

There are several other classes of Masons that we might mention in this connection, but we will let them rest until some future time. We do not expect much benefit from an article like this, for those for whom it is designed are seldom among those who read a Masonic journal. It is, however, the duty of all good Masons to make an effort to correct existing evils, and we have called the attention of our readers to a few such, hoping that they will endeavour, so far as lies in their power, to aid in bringing about a reformation among the classes we have named. By so doing they will not only benefit the parties themselves, but add to the happiness of the whole Fraternity.

Brighton has had the honour of showing to the country what an Aquarium really might be made, not only as a place of attraction, but as a source of instruction, and no opposition has ever damped the energy of its managers in making it the most complete of any which has yet been established. The result is that it has become a permanent attraction, not only to the inhabitants of the town and neighbourhood, but to those of London, and even of our distant provinces, few persons visiting London without devoting at least one day to a run to Brighton to visit the Aquarium, and none come away feeling that they have not been fully repaid for the time and expenditure so employed. From the first it has been admirably managed, and everything attempted, whether it be in the way of amusement beyond what is to be found in the Aquarium proper, or in the providing for the refreshment of the visitors, has been in the best of taste, and consequently fully appreciated. The Company was established in 1868, and has a capital of £62,500, in £10 shares; £21,000 in Five per Cent. Preference Shares of £10 each; £10,000 Five-and-a-Half per Cent. Debentures, redeemable in 1879; and £7,650 Five per Cent. Debenture Stock. For the last three years the Company has paid dividends of 10 per cent. on the ordinary capital, the reserve and balance carried forward from the last account amounting to close upon £5,500. At the present price of 14½, with nearly five months' dividend accrued, the shares will give the purchaser a return of 7 per cent. per annum, so that we can fairly recommend them for investment, and, being scarce, they are likely to increase in value.—*Money*.

DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

SATURDAY, 25th NOVEMBER.

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

MONDAY, 27th NOVEMBER.

45—Strong Man, Old Jerusalem, St. John's-sq., Clerkenwell, at 8. (Instruction.)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7.0. (Instruction.)
183—Unity, London Tavern, Bishopsgate, E.C.
1177—Tenby, Royal Assembly Rooms, Tenby, Pembroke.
R. A. 241—Friendship, Masonic Temple, 22 Hope-street, Liverpool.
M. M. 109—Keystone, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Mon.

TUESDAY, 28th NOVEMBER.

14—Tuscan, Freemason's Hall, W.C.
65—Constitutional, Wheatsheaf, Hand-court, W.C., at 7.0. (Instruction.)
186—Industry, The Restaurant, 2 Westminster-chambers, Victoria-street, S.W.
205—Israel Cannon-street Hotel.
860—Dalhousie, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1158—Southern Star, Montpelier Tavern, Walworth.
1196—Urban, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, E.C.
1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8. (Instruction.)
1441—Ivy, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road.
1507—Metropolitan, 269 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)
R.A.—Metropolitan Chapter of Instruction, Jamaica Coffee House, St. Michael's alley, Cornhill, at 6.30.
61—Angel, Three Cups Hotel, Colchester.
253—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Dorby.
310—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle.
357—Apollo University, Masonic Hall, Oxford.
573—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen.
1016—Elkington, Masonic rooms, New-street, Birmingham.
1138—Devon, Masonic Hall, Devon Square, Newton Abbot.
1358—Torbay, Town Hall, Paignton.
R.A.—103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
R.A. 124—Concord, Freemasons' Hall, Durham.
R. A. 180—St. James's Union, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

WEDNESDAY, 29th NOVEMBER.

193—Confidence, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, at 7.0. (Instruction.)
862—Whittington, Black Bull, Holborn, at 8. (Instruction.)
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7. (Instruction.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)
R. A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8. (Instruction.)
R. A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover. (Instruction.)
996—Sondes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk.
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, at 7. (Instruction.)
R. A. 357—Apollo University, Masonic Hall, Oxford.

THURSDAY, 30th NOVEMBER.

General Committee, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., Fitzroy-sq., at 7.0. (Instruction.)
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C. (Instruction.)
435—Sainsbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1260—Hervey, 152 Fulham-road, at 8. (Instruction.)
1426—Great City, 111 Cheapside, E.C., at 6.30. (Instruction.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Albion, Albion-road, Dalston, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
807—Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich.
966—St. Edward's, Literary Institute, Leek, Stafford.
1612—West Middlesex, Railway Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
R. A. 57—Humber, Freemasons' Hall, Osborn-street, Hull.

FRIDAY, 1st DECEMBER.

833—Doric, Earl Grey Tavern, Mile End-road, at 8. (Instruction.)
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1278—Burdett Courts, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park, at 8. (Instruction.)
1366—Clapton, White Hart, Clapton, 7.30. (Instruction.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Metropolitan Societies' Asylum, Balls-pond-road, N.
574—Loyal Berkshire of Hope, Council Chamber, Newbury.
601—St. John's, Wrekin Hotel, Wellington, Salop.
709—Invicta, Corn Exchange, Queen-street, Ashford.
1333—Athelstan, Town Hall, Atherstone, Warwick.
1387—Chorlton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton Gum Hardy.

SATURDAY, 2nd DECEMBER.

General Committee, Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.
R. A. 975—Rose of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge.

WEST YORKSHIRE.

SATURDAY.

308—Prince George, Station House, Bottoms, Eastwood.
1462—Wharnccliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone.

MONDAY.

61—Probity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax.
264—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, New-road, Batley.
408—Three Graces, Private Room, Ilworth.
1514—Thornhill, Dean House, Lindley, Huddersfield.
R. A. 448—Regularity, Masonic Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax.
R. A. 827—St. John's, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury.

TUESDAY.

1214—Scarborough, Wilton Arms Hotel, Batley.

WEDNESDAY.

258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike.
304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, St. George-street, Leeds.
380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley.
910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Pontefract.
1233—Ryburn, Private Rooms, Town Hall-street, Sowerby-bridge.

THURSDAY.

209—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury.
275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South-parade, Huddersfield.
337—Candour, Private Rooms, Commercial Inn, Uppermill.
810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton.
904—Phoenix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham.

FRIDAY.

242—St. George's, Guildhall, Doncaster.
306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds.
401—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Slaidburn.
521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.
652—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth.
837—De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon.
1034—Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill.

SATURDAY.

149—Peace, Masonic Rooms, Meltham.

EDINBURGH.

MONDAY—310—St. Clair, Freemasons' Hall.

TUESDAY—151—Defensive Band, Alexandra Hall, Cockburn-street.
" R. A. 40—Naval and Military, Freemasons' Hall.

FRIDAY—291—Celtic of Edinburgh and Leith, Ship Hotel, E. Register-street.

GLASGOW AND THE WEST OF SCOTLAND.

All the Meetings are at 8.0 p.m., unless otherwise stated.

MONDAY—102—St. Mark's, St. Mark's Hall, Buchanan-street, Glasgow.

" 103—Union and Crown, 30 Hope-street, Glasgow.

" 219—Star, 13 Trongate, Glasgow.

" 362—St. Clair, 25 Robertson-street, Glasgow.

" R. A.—122—Thetis, 35 St. James's-street.

TUESDAY—413—Athol, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.

" 419—Neptune, 35 St. James's-street, Glasgow.

" 556—Clydesdale, 106 Rose-street, Glasgow.

" R. A. 67—Cathedral, 24 Struthers-street, 4 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY—R. A. 73—Caledonian of Unity, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.

THURSDAY—R. A. 117—Govan, Partland Hall, Govan.

FRIDAY—116—Royal Arch, Old Council Hall, Rutherglen, at 7.30.

" 275—Shamrock and Thistle, 24 Struthers-street, Glasgow.

" 360—Commercial, 30 Hope-street, Glasgow.

" 408—Clyde, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.

" 512—Thorn-tree, School Room, Thornliebank, at 7.

" R. A. 113—Partick, School-room, Douglas-street, Partick.

SATURDAY—458—St. John's, Freemason's Hall, Busby, 6 p.m.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Kemeys Tynte Preceptory of Knights Templars.—Met, pursuant to summons, at the Masonic Hall, Golden Square, on Friday, 17th inst., Lieut. Col. Somerville Burney P. Prov. Prior of Essex being E. Preceptor. The Preceptory is to be congratulated upon the renewed career of vigour now inaugurated under the rule of this zealous officer. Current business was disposed of, and Comps. Kenneth R. Murchison J.P. and W. H. Kempster M.D. were installed Knights of the Order. Ill. Knights Major Shadwell Clerke V.E. Sub-Prior of England, and Captain N. Philips P.G. Sub-Prior of England, &c., together with other visitors attended. A Priory of St. John was afterwards opened, and its Knighthood conferred upon several Knights Templars by Major Shadwell Clerke, the mainstay of the Order of Malta in this country at the present time. The appointments, working and *tout ensemble* of the ceremonies, did honour to the revered name of Kemeys Tynte, and the banners under that name may emphatically be regarded as constituting a Preceptory *comme il faut*.

Metropolitan R.A. Chapter of Improvement.—This Chapter held its usual weekly convocation on Tuesday last, at the Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, E.C. There was a fair attendance. Comps. J. Constable M.E.Z., John C. Cox H., W. E. Gompertz J., Edward S. Norris Assistant Scribe E., Peter Wagner S.N., John Boyd Treasurer, G. K. Lemann Principal Sojourner, besides whom were present Comps. R. Z. Bloomfield, Alfred L. Auett, George P. Gillard, T. S. Mortlock, G. Waterall, S. H. Wagstaff, Thomas Bull, R. W. Goddard, James W. Berrie, J. B. Lemaitre, John Seexs, J. W. Noehmer. The ordinary routine business of the convocation was gone through, and Comp. R. Z. Bloomfield having kindly consented to act as candidate, the M.E.Z. rehearsed the ceremony of exaltation, assisted by the principals, after which Comp. Boyd worked the first clause of the lecture, assisted by the companions. This concluded the business of the evening, and the Chapter adjourned until Tuesday next at 6.30.

Egyptian Lodge of Instruction, No. 27.—This Lodge held its usual meeting at Bro. Maidwell's, the Hercules, Leadenhall-street, on Thursday evening last, 23rd November, at 7.30. Present—Bros. Hogarth W.M., Hewlett S.W., Powell J.W., Ellis S.D., Hollands J.D., Radderforth Preceptor pro tem, Grammer I.G. and Secretary. The ceremony of the first degree was rehearsed, Bro. Dudley P.M. acting as candidate. Five sections of the Lecture were worked by Bro. Webb, assisted by the brethren. A cordial vote of thanks was then entered on the minutes to Bro. Hogarth, for the very able manner in which he had discharged the duties of the chair. All Masonic business being ended, the Lodge was closed.

London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, No. 58.—This Lodge held its first meeting on Monday, the 13th inst., at 101 Queen Victoria-street, E.C. (London Masonic Club). Present—Bros. C. J. Hogg P.G.S. P.M. 58, P.M. 1275 W.M., E. W. Hubback P.M. 58 S.W., N. Reed J.D. 755 J.W., John E. Shand Hon. Secretary, E. T. Kingsford 58 S.D., J. D. Ticker 1165 J.D., G. Briggs 765 I.G., Bentley P.M. 193 Tyler. Bros. E. Jardine P.M. 140, Jno. White S.W. 1276, Hothrington W.M. 58, W. W. Stevens I.G. 657, Edell 108, Langton, Fuller 192, Jas. Ford 58, Jno. Walker 27, Dobbing 1201, Guthrie 3rd Orient, Hungary, Augustus Day 58, Ramming 626, and other members of Clubs and Lodges of Instruction. Visitors—Bros. Green W.M. 1275, Francis P.G.S. and P.M. 1538, W.M. 12

Whitaker W.M. elect 1572, Davige 7, Sadlin 185, Taylor 1572, W. M. Stiles I.G. 1507. Business—The Lodge was opened in due form, with solemn prayer; the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Shand was candidate. The W.M. stated, as this was the first meeting he hoped the brethren, when they met for instruction, would adopt the tuition, or dictum and working of the Preceptor, without reference to their previous usages or working, so that only one system would prevail with this Lodge of Instruction. Bro. Mander P.M., Preceptor 1201, gave explanation of first tracing board. It was proposed, seconded, and unanimously carried, that Bro. S.W. Hubbuck be W.M. at next meeting, and he appointed his officers in rotation. It was proposed and carried that a vote of thanks be given and recorded upon the minutes to Bro. Mander, for his able lecture upon the tracing board. The thanks of the meeting were given to the W.M. for his able conduct of the chair on this, the inauguration meeting. Bro. Reed J.W. proposed, and Bro. Hubbuck S.W. seconded, that a vote of thanks be recorded upon the minutes and given to the Directors and Committee of the London Masonic Club, for their kindness in placing the room at the disposal of the Lodge for meetings. The bye-laws were read, and all Masonic business being ended, the Lodge closed with solemn prayer and in perfect harmony, and was adjourned until Monday evening, 27th inst., at 6 o'clock.

Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, No. 65.—Held at Bro. Maidwell's, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, on Tuesday, 21st November. Present—Bros. Rudderforth W.M., Ellis S.W., Parker J.W., Maidwell S.D., R. Maidwell I.G. Bros. Hollands, Hill, Davis, &c. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The Lodge was opened in the 2nd degree. Bro. Hill answered the questions leading to the 3rd degree, and was entrusted. The Lodge was opened in the 3rd degree, and Bro. Hill was duly raised to the sublime degree of M.M. The 1st section of the lecture was worked by Bro. Rudderforth, assisted by the brethren. The Lodge was closed in the 3rd degree. The Lodge was resumed to the 1st degree, and the 2nd section of the lecture was worked by the W.M., assisted by Bro. Ellis and the brethren. Bro. Ellis was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. A vote of thanks was recorded for the able manner in which Bro. Rudderforth worked the ceremony—including the traditional history of the 3rd degree—for the first time in this Lodge. The motion on the books of the 7th November was carried, that this Lodge of Instruction shall meet at 7 instead of 7.30, the same to take effect on the 1st Tuesday in December. Nothing further offering the Lodge, was closed in due form, the brethren having spent a very instructive evening.

Lodge of Tranquillity, No. 185.—A regular meeting of this Lodge took place at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C., on Monday, the 20th inst. There were present Bros. J. D. Barnett W.M., John Peartree S.W., D. Posener J.W., John Ross I.P.M., P. Levy Sec., George Pare S.D., S. D. Bayley J.D., Fred. Croaker I.G., George Bilby P.M. Organist. Past Masters—J. Constable, R. Z. Bloomfield, S. E. Moss, N. Moss, M. Harris, N. Gluckstein, and E. Gottheil. The attendance of lay members was unusually large. The following visitors were also present:—M. Emanuel P.M. 342, D. Webb P.M. 1242, R. Webb Emanuel Hess, 1017, M. Loewenstark 1360, S. Brown P.M. 1426, A. Wolf 1613, W. Payne 1602, M. Hamer 1419, E. D. Drummond R.W.M. 5 Scotch Constitution. S. Westerby 1613, C. J. Benson 1613. The business of the evening consisted of conferring the degree of M.M. to Bros. Lederer, Salaman, Valentine, Myers, and Barnett; Crafting Bros. Smith and Davis; and initiating Messrs. James Butler, Gustav Feigl, and Alfred Westerby, all the ceremonies being very ably performed by the W.M. Subsequently, Bro. E. C. Chantler was unanimously elected a joining member. In pursuance of notice of motion given at a previous meeting, Bro. E. Gottheil P.M. submitted the following resolution:—That the Lodge vote a sum of twenty guineas to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, to be placed on the list of Bro. John Constable P.M., as Steward representing the Lodge. In the course of his remarks he adverted to the willingness with which the members met any proposition having for its object deeds of mercy and benevolence, and their readiness to carry into practice the exhortation, "Ask and ye shall have." He thought it needed no words of his to recommend the merits of the Boys' Institution, as they were well acquainted with the great amount of beneficial work it accomplished. However deserving of sympathy and support the other institutions may be, it had always appeared to him that the Boys' Institution was pre-eminently entitled to the highest consideration, for boys are destined in due time to participate in manhood's strife for existence, and the Craft, as their guardian, is bound to see that their breeding and education is such as to fit them to enter the battle of life sufficiently well armed to give them a chance to continue the fight with some measure of success. The flourishing condition of the Order, with its incessant influx of new members, of which the Lodge of Tranquillity can boast of having a fair share, must, in the nature of things, eventually result in larger demands upon the institution, it therefore behoved every Mason to do what he could towards seeing their resources kept in a state of efficiency. Whenever a call of this kind is made, whether the Lodge fund permits it or not, if even they had to punish their own pockets, it was a duty, indeed it ought to be a pleasure, to set aside every selfish consideration and respond to it heartily. The motion was seconded by Bro. John Peartree, Treasurer, and carried without a dissentient voice. In accordance with a notice of motion, by Bro. Constable P.M., a committee was formed for the purpose of taking into consideration the advisability of the removal of the Lodge from its present quarters. Bro. Myers, proprietor of the *Jewish Chronicle*, called attention to the fact that, in North Germany, Jews are not admitted into Masonic Lodges. Recently, at a meeting of the German Grand Lodge, the abolition of

the prohibitory clause in the Constitution was strongly advocated, it received the support of the Grand Master, as well as that of the Grand Officers, but had to be retained by the vote of a majority, consisting chiefly of provincial delegates. Bro. Myers thought it was time that such an anomaly should be protested against, as being so utterly un-Masonic. It was not a question of creed upon which the question ought to rest, but upon the broad basis of Masonic principle and practice. A resolution to petition Grand Lodge upon the subject was unanimously carried. Bro. Gottheil suggested that, in the face of such gross violation of one of the fundamental principles of Masonry, the Grand Lodge of England ought, in justice, to suspend all correspondence with the Grand Lodge of Germany. When the Lodge was closed, supper was served, after which the proceedings were of the usual character. The health of the visitors was proposed by the W.M., and responded to by Bro. Duncomb R.W.M. of No. 5, Scottish Constitution. The reason, he thought, he was selected to respond to the toast was that he hailed from a greater distance than any of the other visitors. He represented Lodge No. 5, being the R.W.M., for the second year, in succession to Bro. John Lanrie, the Grand Secretary, and when he returned it would be a great pleasure to him to inform his brethren of the excellent work done in this Lodge, the hospitality he had enjoyed, and the kindness with which he had been received. The initiates responded in a practical manner by subscribing one guinea each to the Benevolent Fund, and one of them (Bro. Alfred Westerby) gave, in addition, £10 10s on Bro. Constable's list. Bro. Saillard also subscribed £10 10s. Some excellent singing by Bros. Bailey, Woolf, Barnett, Constable, &c. contributed to enliven the proceedings.

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193.—This Lodge held its usual meeting on Wednesday, the 22nd November, at Mason's Hall, Mason's-avenue, Basinghall-street, E.C. Present—Bros. I. P. Cohen W.M., Rudderforth S.W., Tollis J.W., J. K. Pitt Secretary, John Constable P.M. Treasurer, F. Croaker S.D., M. Loewenstark J.D., Fenner I.G., Christopher Tyler. Past Masters—Bros. E. Gottheil P.M. Preceptor, Turquand, Bloomfield. Business—The minutes having been confirmed, the third ceremony was very ably rehearsed, Bro. Staley acting as candidate. The first section was worked by Bro. Gottheil, assisted by the brethren. In accordance with bye-law 12, a life governorship was balloted for among those who had attended twenty-five times and upwards during the year. The prize was drawn by Bro. Battie, who will place the ten guineas on Bro. Constable's list. Bro. Rudderforth will preside on next Wednesday, and after the rehearsal of one of the ceremonies, Bro. G. B. Abbott will deliver a lecture on a Masonic historical subject. The meeting will be held in one of the largest rooms, and we trust that brethren who can make it convenient will attend, as this innovation in Lodge of Instruction procedure will, there is no doubt, prove most highly interesting and instructive; and, if approved of, will be followed at stated times by a series of lectures and addresses by brethren who are qualified and perfectly willing to give their services in that direction.

Israel Lodge of Instruction, No. 205.—This Lodge held its meeting at Bro. Yetton's, the Rising Sun, Globe-road, on the 19th inst. Bros. Austin P.M. Preceptor, Musto P.M. Hon. Sec., Andrews W.M., Defriez S.W., Taylor J.W., Lazarus S.D., Hewlett J.D., Webb I.G., also Bros. Barnes P.M., Job, Locks, Fowler, &c. The Lodge was opened in due form, the minutes were read and confirmed. The Lodge was then opened in the second and third degrees, and the ceremony of Raising rehearsed, Bro. Locks as candidate. The 1st, 2nd and 3rd sections of the lecture were worked by Bro. Webb, assisted by the brethren. The Lodge was closed down to the 1st degree, and the 4th section of that lecture was worked by Bro. Webb, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Defriez was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. A unanimous vote of thanks was recorded to the W.M. for the able manner in which he had fulfilled the duties of the chair. Bro. Webb asked the Lodge to vote him an amount, to be added to his list as Steward at one of the forthcoming Festivals, which request was acceded to unanimously. Nothing further offering, the Lodge was closed in due form, and adjourned until the 26th inst., at seven o'clock.

Royal Union Lodge, No. 382.—This Lodge held its meeting on Monday, the 20th of November last, at Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge, Middlesex. Present—Bros. C. J. W. Davis W.M., Coulton P.M. as S.W., Holliday J.W., W. Coombes Prov. G.S.B. Middlesex Secretary, T. Swallow as S.D., Cook J.D., G. Stacey P.M. Organist, Allen Steward, T. Lonsdale I.G., Longstaff Tyler; P.M.'s Bros. E. C. Woodward, Swallow, Weedon, Lonsdale. Visitors—Bros. W. Grist The Unity Lodge, Haines P.M. Cosmopolitan, Watson Lanelagh Lodge, Docker City Westminster, Ford Castle Lodge. Business—Lodge opened at 3.30 punctually, minutes read and confirmed. Bros. Henderson, Matthews and Nicholson questioned and raised. Bros. Ahl and Garrard questioned and passed. Ballot unanimous for Mr. C. Gaylard, who was initiated. The brethren adjourned to the Railway Hotel, where an excellent banquet was provided by Mrs. Marshall, widow of the late Bro. Marshall. After the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given, Bro. Haines P.M., on behalf of the Visitors, in an able speech, stated that the working in the Lodge was perfect, the W.M. and officers being well up to their work. The Tyler's toast closed a very pleasant evening, at 9 p.m.

Salisbury Lodge of Instruction, No. 435.—The members met at the Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, on Thursday, 23rd inst. Bro. Wray W.M., G. Davis S.W., A. Weeks J.W., Woods S.D., Neighbour J.D., Smith I.G., T. Cull Sec.; also Bros. Yeomans, Dutton, Rebold, Belfrage, &c. Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. The first Lecture was worked by Bro. Cull. Bro.

Yeomans, 167, was elected a joining member, and Bro. G. Davis appointed W.M. for Thursday week, in consequence of the arrangements made to work the 15 Sections here on the 30th inst. The following brethren will assist:—First Lecture—Bros. E. A. Dutton, F. J. Wray, B. H. Swallow, G. Davis, D. M. Belfrage, J. Bentley, E. Farwig. Second Lecture—Bros. Harrison, J. H. Watts, G. W. Saul, A. Stewart, A. Boehr. Third Lecture—Bros. F. J. Taylor, W. Neighbour, W. J. Collens.

St. Peter's Lodge, No. 481.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday, 13th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne. Bro. J. Spearman I.P.M., in the unavoidable absence of the W.M., occupied the chair, supported by Bros. Eynm S.W., T. Halliday as J.W., G. Thompson P.P.G.S.W. Northumberland Treasurer, G. Hazard Secretary, S. M. Harris as S.D., J. Nespet J.D., J. Martin P.M. as I.G., G. Watson Steward, and Past Masters Bros. W. Fulsham P.P.G.S.W. and J. Cook. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. One brother was passed to the second degree, and one candidate was raised to the third in a manner perfect and impressive. Bro. Thompson P.M. then said he had much pleasure in informing the brethren that their candidate, Edwin Hair, had been elected at the last election of the Boys' School, and that the sum of 125 guineas had been subscribed to the Boys' School, in the name of the St. Peter's Lodge, thus giving them eighteen additional votes in perpetuity, in the name of the W.M. for the time being, in addition to those they already possessed. These he formally presented to the Lodge. The following notice of motion was given: "That the sum of 100 guineas originally voted by the Lodge for the purpose of getting the candidate into the School be handed over to the Boys' School." It was discussed what was the best mode of acknowledging so munificent a gift from Bro. Thompson, how to recognise his long services and valuable assistance to the Lodge. A committee was then appointed consisting of the W.M., Wardens, and Bros. Fulsham P.M. and Martin, for the purpose of carrying out arrangements. It is understood that the testimonial will take the form of a full length portrait, in Masonic clothing, to be placed in the Lodge room. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to slight refreshment. The W.M. proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. The health of Bro. Thompson P.M. being most enthusiastically received. The visiting brethren were Bros. Oates J.W. 301, Manchester, Halliday S.W. 406, J. Turner 424, J. Sumerfield 406 and S. M. Harris 406.

Wiltshire Lodge of Fidelity, No. 663.—This Lodge held its regular meeting on Thursday, the 16th November, at the Town Hall, Devizes. Present—Bros. T. B. Fox W.M., T. H. Chandler P.M. as S.W., Thomas Raymond as J.W., William Nott P.M. Secretary, Rev. H. Richardson P.M. Chaplain, W. H. Burt S.D., H. Howse J.D., Thomas Waite P.M. D.C., W. H. Bush as I.G., John Hayler Tyler. Past Masters—Bros. J. H. Chandler, H. J. Ward, &c. Members—J. A. Randall, G. S. A. Waylen, W. E. Fulford, &c. Visitors—Bros. William Moore 457, Henry Barrass 503. Business—The Lodge was opened and Bros. Heiron and Cannings—after having had the charge on initiation (omitted at last meeting for want of time) delivered to them by Bros. William Nott P.M.,—were examined, entrusted, and retired. They were subsequently re-admitted to the Lodge, which was sitting in the second degree, and were duly passed by the W.M. Bro. F. J. Butler, after having been examined and entrusted in the second degree, retired, and the Lodge having been opened in the third, he was re-admitted and duly raised by the W.M., assisted by Bro. Nott. On the Lodge being subsequently resumed to the first degree, the lecture on the Tracing Board was admirably delivered by Bro. J. H. Chandler P.M. On the motion of Bro. Nott, seconded by Bro. Richardson, a resolution was passed appointing a "General Purposes Committee," consisting of all P.M.'s, to advise the W.M. generally, and to consider the eligibility of candidates for initiation or joining. Two new joining candidates were proposed, and after the usual routine the Lodge was closed.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—The weekly meeting took place on Tuesday, 21st Nov., at Bro. Allen's, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney. Present—Bros. W. J. Smith W.M., Weige S.W., Hewlett J.W., Perrin S.D., Williams J.D., Dallas I.G., Wallington P.M. Preceptor, Worsley Secretary; also P.M. Ashburner and Bros. Barker, Fielder, Johnson, Perry, Cambridge, Gompertz, Saunders, &c. The Lodge was opened to the 2nd degree. Bro. Saunders having answered the necessary questions, the Lodge was advanced to the 3rd degree, when the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Saunders acting as candidate. P.M. Ashburner gave the traditional history. The W.M. worked the first section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. The Lodge was closed down to the 1st degree. Bro. Weige was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Bro. Gompertz, of Lodge 869, was elected a member. Bro. Cambridge announced that the 15 Sections would be worked on Monday evening next, the 27th instant, at the Lord Stanley, Sandringham-road, Kingsland, at seven o'clock precisely. The meeting would be presided over by Bro. T. J. Barnes, assisted by Bro. T. Austin as S.W. We would advise brethren who wish to attend to be in good time, as the announcement of the two names just mentioned is sure to fill the Lodge, it being always a great treat to hear these able expositors of our Ritual.

City of London Lodge, No. 901.—The usual monthly meeting was held on Monday, 20th November. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. then initiated Mr. Arthur Wellington Smith, and passed Bro. Micklefield to the degree of Fellow Craft. He then raised Bro. W. T. Trehearn of Lebanon

Lodge 1326 to the sublime degree of M.M. This being the evening for election of W.M. for the ensuing year, the ballot was taken, and was unanimous for Bro. Geo. Porter. It was proposed by P.M. Bro. Lawrence, seconded by Bro. Lewis P.M. and carried unanimously, that a jewel be presented to Bro. H. D'Arcy the retiring W.M., as a slight acknowledgement of his efficient services during his term of office. The W.M. in a suitable speech returned thanks, and the brethren then adjourned to the banquet, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227.—The members met on Friday, 17th inst., at Bro. Bolton's, King and Queen, Norton Folgate. Present—Bros. Groome W.M., A. W. Fenner S.W., Lane J.W., Townsend Sec., Bolton Treas., Hirsch S.D., Scales J.D., Percy I.G. Bro. Gross Preceptor, and Bros. Keyes, Webb, Lupinsky and Crellin. Visitors—Dulling 640, St. Lawrence, Montreal, and W. W. Morgan. The proceedings of the evening commenced with the formal opening of the Lodge. When the minutes had received confirmation the Lodge was advanced to the third degree, and the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of raising. Bro. Keyes acting as candidate. On the proposition of Bro. Gross, which was seconded by Bro. Fenner, Bro. Morgan was elected an honorary member. After the compliment had been acknowledged, Bro. Fenner was appointed to preside at the next meeting. The brethren of this Lodge of Instruction may be congratulated upon having a comfortable, well ventilated room, in which to hold their gatherings.

Great City Lodge of Instruction, No. 1426.—At the meeting, on Thursday, the 16th November, at 111 Cheapside, the following were present:—Bros. Goodman W.M., Freeman S.W., Wale J.W., Spiegel as Sec. pro tem, Colmar Treas., Payne P.M. S.D., Browne J.D., Pitt I.G. Past Master Bro. Poore Preceptor; Bros. Wyler, Hamer, &c. This Lodge of Instruction is generally very well attended, and has an advantage, as many think, inasmuch that it is all labour and no refreshment. The members worked the third and second degrees, for both of which Bro. Wyler acted as candidate. Bro. Freeman was chosen W.M. for the next meeting.

Metropolitan Lodge, No. 1507.—This flourishing Lodge held its first meeting after the installation on Thursday, the 16th inst., at the Metropolitan Club, 269 Pentonville-road, King's Cross. Present—Bros. T. Williams W.M., R. T. Kingham S.W., J. T. Douglass J.W., C. J. Scales S.D., W. Side J.D., W. M. Stiles I.G., G. Colls D.C., and H. Stiles W.S.; P.M.'s J. Willing jun. and J. J. Michael, and a numerous assemblage of brethren. The ceremony of raising was worked in favour of Bro. Bossbart, Wrigley, Knight, Tuck, Debœuf, and Lefebvre. Messrs. Clare and Beattie, having been balloted for, were duly initiated into the mysteries of Ancient Freemasonry. A lengthy report, from the Removal Committee, was read by the W.M., and, after careful consideration, adopted by the Lodge. The W.M. then appointed Bro. W. M. Stiles as Assistant Secretary, and passed a high eulogium on the ability and untiring industry of that brother. Bro. J. Willing P.M. proposed that Bro. Tims, Secretary, be elected an honorary member of the Lodge, which was carried. The W.M. appropriately addressed Bro. Tims, who briefly responded for his election. Bro. Willing then called the attention of the Lodge to the desirability of establishing a Chapter at this appropriate time; the announcement was well received by all present. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren retired for the preparation of the banquet. After the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given, Bro. J. J. Michael I.P.M. proposed the health of the W.M., who, he was pleased to say, had done his Lodge duties in a manner gratifying alike to the Past Masters as it must be to the brethren. The toast was enthusiastically received and appropriately responded to. The W.M. then gave the toast of the Past Masters, which was duly acknowledged by Bros. J. J. Michael I.P.M. and Willing P.M. The toast of the initiates followed, the W.M. expressing his gratification in believing that, from the marked attention given to the ceremony by these gentlemen, that they would practically illustrate, in their every-day life, the advantages derived from the teachings of Freemasonry. Other toasts followed in rapid succession, each being suitably acknowledged.

St. John's Lodge, No. 1564.—The first anniversary of this Lodge was celebrated on the 6th inst., at the Prince of Wales Tavern, Knaphill, Surrey. There was a full attendance of officers and brethren, and among the visitors were the following well-known and distinguished members of the Craft:—Bros. Lieut.-Gen. J. Studholme Brownrigg C.B., R.W.P.G.M. of Surrey, Rev. Charles William Arnold G.C. of England, Fred. Binckes Sec. R.M.I.B. H. Hacker P.G.S.D. Hants and Isle of Wight, Harry William Charrington P.P.G.S.D. Surrey, Thomas Cawley Eager M.D., P.G.S.D. Surrey, Wor. Bro. C. Gold, Panmure Lodge, Aldershot, Bros. Benham, J.W. of Panmure Lodge, Aldershot, Thomas James Street C.E., S.W. No. 1395, George Trower J.W. No. 1395. This young and flourishing Lodge was consecrated by the R.W.P.G.M. of Surrey on the 9th November 1875, when its first Master, Bro. John Webster, P.D.G.J.W. of Gibraltar, was duly installed according to ancient custom. The necessity of a Lodge in this neighbourhood had long been felt, a proof of which is amply furnished by the fact that, although it has only been established twelve months, during that short period its numbers have been almost quadrupled, making it now one of the strongest Lodges in the Province of Surrey, this unusual prosperity being mainly due to the untiring exertions and abilities displayed by its very talented W.M., Bro. J. Webster, who, in that short period, has initiated, passed, and raised about thirty members, the brethren showing their appreciation of his valuable services by re-electing him to fill the chair of K.S. for another year. At the hour appointed the Lodge was opened in due form, the minutes of last regular meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was then taken for Messrs.

Carpenter and Abbott, who were unanimously elected. The Lodge was passed to the F.C. degree, and Bro. William Knight, having passed a satisfactory examination, retired. The Lodge was then raised, and Bro. William Knight was duly advanced to the sublime degree by the W.M., in his usual eloquent and impressive manner. The Lodge was resumed in the first degree. At this stage of the proceedings, the R.W.P.G.M. of Surrey entered the Lodge, the W.M. presenting him with the gavel. He took charge of the Lodge for a short period, during which he called upon the Secretary, Bro. J. H. Askham, to read a Patent, appointing Bro. Rev. Charles William Arnold G.C. as Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Surrey. This announcement was received with acclamation, the ability and zeal for the Craft displayed by Bro. Rev. Arnold being fully appreciated by the brethren in this locality. Bro. Rev. Arnold having duly acknowledged the high honour conferred on him, expressed his determination to faithfully discharge the important duties of his new office. The Very Worshipful the Deputy Provincial Grand Master then proceeded with the installation of the W.M. elect. A Board of Installed Masters being formed, Bro. John Webster was duly installed in the chair of K.S., and saluted according to ancient custom. The W.M. at once proceeded to invest the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year, delivering to each a suitable address on the duties of his office. Bros. Henry Hacker P.M., William Stacey S.W., John McGowan J.W., Thomas Haydon Treasurer, William Weller Secretary, J. H. Askham S.D., William Rowland J.D., Robert Kimmins I.G., William Male Tr. pro tem, William Elsley D.C., E. J. Wilkinson Organist, T. Kemp Almoner, William Pearson, George Payne, and John Eaton Crouch, Stewards. The Lodge being duly closed at 4.30 p.m., the brethren adjourned to a banquet, supplied by Messrs. Brett and Son, of Guildford, in their well-known style, at the Anchor Inn, Knaphill, the rooms being kindly lent for the occasion by Mr. James Jay. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to, in the course of which the R.W.P.G.M. and the V.W.D.P.G.M. alluded to the great success of the Lodge during the past year, and complimented the brethren on their wisdom in re-electing their W.M. The "Masonic Charities" were suitably proposed by Wor. Bro. H. Hacker, and replied to by Bro. F. Binckes, in a powerful and impressive speech. A most agreeable evening was spent, Bros. Wilkinson, Weller, and Askham having rendered some capital songs. Bro. Wilkinson efficiently presided at the piano.

Upper Norwood Lodge of Instruction, No. 1586.—White Hart Hotel, Upper Norwood, meets weekly, on Mondays, at 7.30 p.m. H. E. Frances P.M. P.P.G.J.W. Surrey Preceptor, W. Hopekirk P.M. Treasurer, J. Hammond P.M. Secretary. This excellent Lodge of Instruction, which has only been in existence since the formation of the mother Lodge, in April last, now numbers over thirty members. It is presided over by a brother who is well known in the South London Masonic Circle for his earnest zeal in the Craft, and eminent qualifications and natural adaptations to impart Masonic instruction. On the first Monday in each month, the 1st degree is rehearsed, and lectures worked; on the second Monday, the 2nd degree, &c; on the third Monday, the 3rd degree, &c.; and on the fourth, the Installation Ceremony, or any of the former. On Monday last (Bro. J. Pringle W.M. Preston Lodge in the chair), in addition to the third degree, by special request of the Lodge at the preceding meeting, the Preceptor, Bro. H. E. Frances, gave, in true Masonic style, the explanation of the Tracing Board of the 1st degree. So admirably was the lecture given, that the Lodge unanimously resolved to have recorded on the minutes a vote of thanks, not only for the fluent and correct rendering of the historical illustrations, but for the accurate and excellent production of a Tracing Board, which practically evidenced that Bro. Frances is as familiar with the professional use of the brush as he is acquainted with the Rituals of Masonry. The Ceremony of Installation will be rehearsed on Monday next, the 26th inst., when it is proposed that Bro. H. E. Frances shall install Bro. J. Miller (W.M. Upper Norwood Lodge) in the chair.

West Middlesex Lodge, No. 1612.—This Lodge held an emergency meeting on Saturday, the 11th of November, at the Institute, Ealing. Present—Bros A. Beasley W.M., T. Kingston S.W., W. Goss, J.W. 780 as J.W., J. Chambers Roe Sec., — Brown Treas., A. J. Burr S.D., J. Green J.D., T. Bourne D.C., W. J. Compton I.G., Harrison Tyler. Visitor—Bro. Henry Lawrence, of the Leinster Lodge, No. 263, Irish Constitution. Business—The Lodge was opened in the first degree, at 6 p.m. Bros. Hughes, Tucker, Pooley, and Wm. Seward jun. having been separately introduced, and having shown their proficiency as E.A.'s, were entrusted and retired. The Lodge was then opened in the second degree, and these brethren were severally passed to the degree of F.C., the W.M. performing the ceremony separately for each candidate. The W.M. then requested Bro. J. Chambers Roe to take the chair, and deliver the lecture on the Tracing Board, which was done in an impressive manner, to the delight of all present. The W.M. then resumed the chair, and having closed the Lodge in the second degree, the Secretary stated that he had, in accordance with instructions received at last meeting, written to Bro. H. Kasner J.W., to express the sympathy of the Lodge with him in his great domestic affliction. Having read the letter and Bro. Kasner's reply, it was proposed by the W.M., and seconded by the S.W., that both epistles be entered on the minutes of the Lodge. Several gentlemen were proposed for initiation, and the Lodge was then closed in ancient form. The brethren then retired to Brown's Railway Hotel for refreshment. We cannot too highly praise the W.M. for his excellent working. At his installation he stated that he intended to make the West Middlesex a model Lodge, and it is evident that he intends to carry out this determination.

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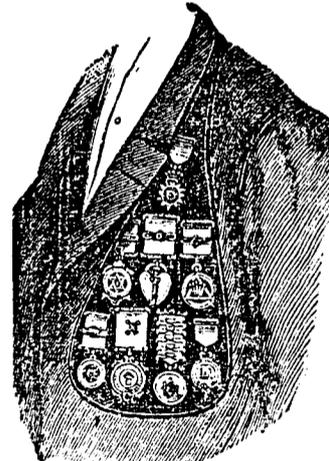
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