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QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION OF
GRAND LODGE.

WE have received the usual copy of Grand Lodge Proceedings at the last Quarterly Communication, held on the 6th September, together with the accounts of the Lodge of Benevolence and Board of General Purposes for the quarter ended 30th June. We offer no further comment, as the salient features have already been noticed sufficiently in these columns. We have likewise received copy of the business to be transacted at the Communication that will be held next Wednesday. At this meeting, after confirmation of the previous minutes, a Grand Master for the ensuing year will be nominated, and the Prince of Wales will be again chosen to fill that office. A President, Senior and Junior Vice-Presidents of the Lodge of Benevolence, will then be elected, together with the twelve Past Masters to serve on the Lodge. After a series of grants of money have been submitted for the approval of Grand Lodge, a report of the Board of General Purposes will be presented, having reference to several instances in which circulars have been issued in behalf of proposed new Lodges, inviting Craftsmen to become joining members. The Board have it under direction from the Pro Grand Master to make known his Lordship's strong disapproval of such proceedings, and that Lodges adopting such course risk the withdrawal of the Warrant. A statement of Grand Lodge accounts, and appeals against certain decisions of two District Grand Masters, will next be submitted, and then comes the notice of motion we referred to last week, in which Bro. Binckes proposes the distribution, in equal portions, of the sum of £6,000 among the three Masonic Charitable Institutions. It is believed, however, this motion will be either withdrawn or adjourned, as the Pro Grand Master has given notice of his intention to summon a Special Grand Lodge, in order to receive the report of the committee, appointed in September last, to consider the most appropriate way of commemorating the Prince of Wales's visit to, and safe return from, India.

There is only one point in the above sketch of the programme of business appointed for next Wednesday on which comment seems at all necessary. This it is almost needless to point out, is the Pro Grand Master's condemnation of the practice of proposed New Lodges canvassing among the craft for additional members. We heartily applaud the Pro Grand Master for dealing thus promptly with a practice so utterly at variance with the principles of Freemasonry. It is but one step further, and, if such proceedings were sanctioned or connived at, we should very soon find Lodges canvassing for initiates. We fully recognize the difference there is between touting for joining members, and touting for initiates. The latter is a direct violation of the law, and no man could honestly become a Mason who had been so invited. There is, indeed, no harm in one brother asking another who resides in his neighbourhood, with whom he is associated in business, or on terms of intimacy, to join a proposed New Lodge. New Lodges are erected in different neighbourhoods for the convenience of brethren, and it would only be an act of fraternal courtesy to invite a friend or neighbour to become a joining member. But a friendly or neighbourly invitation is vastly different from an invitation by printed circular. There is reason in the former case, but absolutely no reason whatever in the latter. A motive is assigned in the petition for establishing a new Lodge, but the insertion of such motive becomes a formality

simply, when brethren from far and near are invited to join.

We are always pleased when we hear of the establishment or proposed establishment of New Lodges. We take it to be, ordinarily, a sign of continued vitality in the craft. When a Lodge in this or that neighbourhood is over-weighted with numbers, the erection of a new one becomes a necessity. It is hoped that a Lodge of Freemasons will prove a harmonious body; but what chance is there of so desirable an end being attained if Bro. A. or Z. is admitted a member for no other reason than that he is anxious to multiply himself Masonically into as many brethren as possible. True, the Lodge benefits, and Grand Lodge is richer to the extent of the fees and dues he has to pay. This, however, is but a sorry apology for thus inviting new joining members. We are glad the Pro Grand Master has expressed himself so emphatically on the subject, and we feel convinced the very judicious hint conveyed in the latter part of his direction to the Board of General Purposes will meet with the universal approval of the Craft.

We necessarily defer all comment on Bro. Binckes's proposition till the scheme of the Special Committee is before us. We doubt not the combined wisdom of that Committee will select the most suitable plan for commemorating the Prince's visit and safe return home, from those that will be submitted to their consideration; or, failing the evidence of sufficient merit in any one of such, will erect one of its own which will serve the desired end. Our only hope is, that the thing may be done speedily.

LONDON MASONIC CLUB COMPANY
LIMITED.

A MEETING of the Shareholders was held on 29th November, at the London Masonic Club, Mr. T. J. Smith, the Chairman of the Board of Directors, presiding.

The Secretary having read the notice convening the meeting, the Chairman then proposed the adoption of the Report and Balance Sheet.

The Report stated that, "After very considerable difficulty, the Directors succeeded in obtaining premises at No. 101 Queen Victoria-street, which, being in course of erection, could be completed in a manner to adapt them for the purposes of a club.

"The Club was opened on the 26th day of July last, under the Presidency of the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, and from that time to this it has been well attended, and its comforts appreciated by its members.

"The Directors, in the first instance, allotted only such a number of shares as in their opinion would be sufficient to test the willingness of their brother Masons to support a Masonic Club in London; but having met with so much encouragement and support from the Freemasons in London and the Provinces, they felt quite justified in extending their operations, and in trusting to their Masonic Brethren to subscribe for any further shares which it might become desirable to issue.

"The Directors now contemplate a further issue of 1,000 shares, to enable them to clear off outstanding liabilities.

"Since the Balance Sheet has been made up, the Directors and a few of the members of the Club have subscribed for 250 shares, and it is anticipated that before long the remaining shares will be taken up by the members.

"The present income of the Club, from subscriptions and

profits upon provisions, is at the rate of £2,485 4s per annum, and if the subscriptions increase as they have done during the last six weeks, there will be an additional income of £1,250 by the 30th of next September, which, without allowing for any increase on the profits from the sale of provisions, will yield an annual sum of £3,825 4s. The working expenses of the Club, including servants' wages, rent, taxes, coal, gas, &c., are estimated to amount to £3,090 per annum, thus leaving a sum of £735 4s profit, which would be sufficient to pay 7½ per cent. on the whole of the required capital, and leave a surplus for a reserve fund."

After the usual vote of thanks to the Chairman the meeting closed.

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION OF GRAND LODGE.

THE following is the business to be transacted in Grand Lodge on Wednesday, 6th December 1876 :—

1. The Minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 6th September 1876 for confirmation.
2. Nomination of a Grand Master for the ensuing year.
3. Appointment of a President of the Lodge of Benevolence.
4. Election of a Senior and Junior Vice-Presidents of the Lodge of Benevolence.
5. Election of twelve Past Masters to serve on the Lodge of Benevolence for the year ensuing.

6. Report of the Lodge of Benevolence for the last quarter, in which are recommendations for the following grants, viz. :—

A Brother of the Lodge of Loyalty, No. 243, Guernsey	... £50
A Brother of the Royal Navy Lodge, No. 429, Ramsgate	... £50
A Brother of the Athol Lodge, No. 74, Birmingham	... £100
The Widow of a Brother of the Worcester Lodge, No. 280, Worcester	... £50
A Brother of the Cleveland Lodge, No. 543, Stokesley	... £50
The Widow of a Brother of the Lodge of Unions, No. 256, London	£100
A Brother of the Globe Lodge, No. 23, London	... £50

7. THE REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

To the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England :

The Board of General Purposes have to report that their attention has been called to several instances of the issue of circulars on the part of proposed new Lodges, prior to consecration, inviting members of the Craft to become joining members of such Lodges.

The Board have the special directions of the Pro Grand Master to make it known, that such proceedings meet with his Lordship's entire disapproval, and entail the risk of the withdrawal of the Warrant.

(Signed) JOHN B. MONCKTON,

FREEMASONS' HALL, LONDON, W.C. *President.*
21st November, 1876.

To the Report is subjoined a statement of the Grand Lodge Accounts at the last Meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 17th day of November instant, showing a balance in the hands of the Grand Treasurer of £4,086 15s 10d; and in the hands of the Grand Secretary, for petty cash, £75; and for servants' wages, £96 15s.

8. Appeals.

(1.) Appeal of the Sussex Lodge, No. 354, Kingston, Jamaica, against the judgment of the District Grand Lodge of East Jamaica, directing the Lodge to rescind its Minute of the 28th of July 1875, accepting the resignation of Bro. Louis F. Mackinnon, until certain charges alleged against him had been inquired into.

(2.) Appeal of the British Lodge, No. 334, Cape Town, against the judgment of the District Grand Lodge of South Africa, directing the installation of Bro. J. W. Atwell as W.M. to be proceeded with immediately on his return to the colony, and that his Mastership should date from the 24th June last.

N.B.—The papers relating to these Appeals will be in the Grand Secretary's Office till the Meeting of Grand Lodge, and open for the inspection of the brethren during office hours.

9. Notice of Motion.

By Bro. Frederick Binckes, Past Grand Steward, P.M. Grand Stewards' Lodge :—

"That this Grand Lodge desires to return its humble and hearty thanks to the Almighty Architect of the Universe for the safe return to his native land, from his Indian visit, of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, Most Worshipful Grand Master, and in memory of that happy event, determines to devote the sum of £6,000 in the manner following :—

- £2,000 to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.
- £2,000 to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.
- £2,000 to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for aged Freemasons and their Widows.

To be applied in such manner as the Managing Committees of the respective Institutions may deem most beneficial to the interests of the Institutions, after consultation with the special Committee appointed by Grand Lodge at the Quarterly Communication in September last."

THE ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF THE EMULATION LODGE OF IMPROVEMENT.

A MASONIC gathering of much more than usual importance took place in the Grand Hall of Freemasons, London, on the evening of Friday, the 24th ultimo, the occasion being the Annual Festival of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement. We need hardly remind our readers that this Lodge has been for a considerable number of past years the reliable exponent of the authorised working of Masonic Ritual, and that amongst its members are some of the most influential, as well as the most talented masters of the Art. To these the Craft is indebted for earnest and successful labours in transmitting, pure and unsullied, the oral teaching, without which the ceremonies and lectures of the Order would inevitably become liable to error and confusion. Amongst the many who have done good service to the Lodge none have devoted more attention, or displayed more conspicuous ability than the Grand Secretary, W. Bro. John Hervey. For thirty years that worthy brother has fulfilled the duties of Treasurer to the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, and in his honour the proceedings of this year's festival was surrounded by circumstances which must have been satisfactory to all concerned. A committee having been appointed to arrange for the presentation to Bro. Hervey, on his entering upon his thirtieth year of office, of a suitable testimonial of respect and esteem, secured the services of a body of stewards, comprising noble and distinguished brethren, and the consent of the M.W. Pro Grand Master the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon to preside and present the gift. It was, therefore, not to be wondered at that the Hall was on this occasion filled almost to overflowing, and that but for the absence of the distinctive decorations of Masters, Past Masters and Wardens, the meeting assumed the appearance of a Grand Lodge summoned for business of great interest. At the hour appointed for commencement of the proceedings, there must have been between 600 and 700 brethren present, amongst whom we noticed the R.W. Bros. the Earl of Limerick, Prov. G.M. Bristol, the Earl of Donoughmore S.G.W., Col. W. Platt P.G.W., Lient. Col. Francis Burdett Prov. G.M. Middlesex, Rev. C. J. Martyn, Joshua Nunn, John Symonds, F. Pattison, Æ. J. McIntyre Q.C., R. J. Spiers, S. Rosenthal, Sir Albert W. Woods (Garter), F. Davidson, Rev. Dr. Brette D.D., H. Grissell, Rev. J. Edmund Cox D.D., the Hon. W. Warren Vernon, T. W. Boord M.P., Erasmus Wilson, N. Bradford, E. S. Snell, A. A. Richards, H. Muggidge, F. P. Morrell, Rhys Williams, S. L. Tomkins, J. B. Monckton, Magnus Ohren, Baxter, S. Foxall, Rev. R. J. Simpson, Dr. Woodman, S. Rawson P. Dist. G.M. for China, Dr. Hamilton Dist. G.M. for Jamaica, Col. Creaton, E. J. Barron, Samuel Tomkins, N. B. Headon, J. B. Freeman, Dr. Jabez Hogg, Hyde Pallen, H. J. P. Dumas, E. P. Albert, Edward Moody, Klensch, De Leliva, Cronch, W. Hallis, W. Goldsmith, J. M. Case, G. Kenning, Capt. Philips, Major Shadwell Clarke, Peter de L. Long, A. H. Diaper, H. Greene, J. While, H. Thompson, W. Beattie, Hamer, Keeble, H. Massey, James Stevens P.M. 1426.

Punctually at the hour named the chair of the Lodge was taken by Bro. Hervey, the several offices being filled respectively by Bros. J. C. Parkinson P.G.D. S.W., C. A. Murton P.G.D. J.W., C. C. Dumas P.A.G.D.C. S.D., J. A. Rucker P.G.D. J.D., R. Gray P.G.D. I.G. Thos. Fenn P.A.G.D.C. acting as Past Master, and W. Smallpiece occupying his usual position as Secretary. The Lodge was opened in the three degrees, and Bro. Parkinson was called upon to work the fourth section of the First Lecture, which was accomplished in a perfect manner, and with all the advantages of a good voice and careful enunciation. The arrival of the M.W. Pro Grand Master was then announced, and the brethren standing to receive him, his Lordship entered the Lodge, amidst hearty applause. On reaching the chair, Bro. Hervey surrendered his seat, and placed the gavel in the hands of the Pro Grand Master, who was then saluted with due Masonic honours, under the direction of Bro. Sir Albert Woods (Garter) G.D.C. After a short pause, during which the testimonial about to be presented was brought into the Lodge, the Earl of Carnarvon said—

Brethren,—I think that I owe you an apology for interrupting, in the midst of your interesting proceedings, this lodge, but my excuse is twofold. First, I have extricated myself with extreme difficulty this evening from the trouble of public business. I have with difficulty snatched some ten minutes to find myself here (cheers), and my time is so limited that, after having accomplished the task which I have undertaken, I shall with great reluctance bid you farewell. Secondly, I was desirous to be present here this evening from my high personal esteem and regard for our Bro. Hervey, and for the deep interest which I take in the proceedings in this Hall. Brethren, we have met together for a doubly interesting purpose, and the great assemblage which you witness is a proof of the feelings which you entertain for our Bro. Hervey. There are few Masons in the Craft who could command such an attendance as that which I witness to-day; there are very few Masons indeed who will not be proud of the honour which such an attendance implies. Brethren, it has been my fortune to be constantly placed in business relations with Bro. Hervey. I have known his workmanship; I have known the principles which Masonically have guided him in all the advice that he has offered, in all the works that he has done. It is needless for me to say I entertain the deepest regard for him in these capacities, and let me go further and say, that I have known him now long enough to feel not only a respect for him in all our business relations, but a strong personal regard and friendship for him in the more intimate duties which Masonic life has brought about. But, brethren, it is not this evening in his capacity as Grand Secretary that you have met to do him honour, and to present him with that beautiful testimonial which we have all admired. It is in his capacity as the Treasurer of the Lodge of Emulation, an office which he has held now for the almost unexampled period of, I think, some 30 years; 30 years of usefulness, 30 years of devotion to the Craft, 30 years of unblemished credit and high honour amongst his brother Masons.

(Cheers.) Brethren, it is in this capacity you have met to honour him; it is in remembrance of these great services that you to-night offer him a tribute. And, let me say, lastly, that if there be any body of Masons from whom any one may be proud to receive such an honour as this, it is the Lodge of Emulation. It is the pattern of our working—of our Masonic working. It is the motto which it boasts to set to all other parts of the Craft, and he who has held for 30 years high office and honour in that Lodge stands upon a different footing from almost any Mason that I know, and the honour which that Lodge does him to-night will be amongst his most vivid recollections, to the last hour of his life. Brethren, beautiful as that testimonial is, I think the honour which this Lodge does Bro. Hervey in thus publicly marking its sense of his high character and abilities is even a more gratifying and a higher tribute to his worth than that testimonial in silver and gold that is before us. (Hear, hear). Brethren, this is a time when many testimonials are given, to many persons, and with many objects. We all have experience of this; and sometimes those testimonials are given somewhat indiscriminately. But this testimonial at least is given with the fullest discrimination of character, after the longest trial and ordeal to which a Mason can well be subjected. It is given with the unanimity of the Lodge,—unanimity, I will say, not merely of the Lodge, but of all those numberless members outside who watch the proceedings of the Lodge of Emulation, who respect those proceedings, and who know how high a position the Treasurer of that Lodge, who has held office for thirty years, must, in the nature of things, hold. Brethren, I have been requested, this evening, even in this informal manner—coming as I do for a short ten minutes among you—to be the channel of communication between you and Brother Hervey. I wish I could have found words better and worthier for the occasion; but, and Bro. Hervey will at least feel this, that my words are words of absolute sincerity and truth (applause), and that when I present him, in your name, with that magnificent testimonial of your esteem, he will believe me when I say that never was a testimonial given to any Mason who more deserved it than himself, and never was one given with a heartier feeling of admiration, of esteem, and of affectionate regard by every single member of the Lodge, and outside that Lodge by every single member who knows and esteems our Bro. Hervey. (Hear, hear). Brethren, therefore, in your name, and without further preface, I will venture to place in the hands of Bro. Hervey—metaphorically, for physically he cannot grasp it—the testimonial by which you desire to record your appreciation of him. (Applause).

The Pro Grand Master here directed attention to the testimonial, which took the form of a very handsome silver inkstand, designed by Bro. John Gibson, well known as a skilful architect, and who, in this instance, certainly displayed much artistic excellence, the introduction of Masonic emblems, more especially of the pillars of Wisdom, Strength, and Beauty, being most appropriate. The inkstand is mounted on malachite and marble, and is protected by massive stand and glass shade. Messrs. Mappin and Webb were, we are informed, the manufacturers.

In acknowledging the gift, Bro. Hervey said—

My Lord and Brethren,—I will not waste your time by making a long speech. I will content myself with offering my hearty and sincere acknowledgments to the Stewards who have presented me with the elegant gift which you see on the table, and I offer my sincere thanks to the noble Lord, the Pro Grand Master, for the too flattering terms in which he has presented it. My Lord, I cannot but feel deeply gratified to have received this testimonial through your hands. Much as I esteem the Lodge of Emulation, I do not know any member by whom I could more willingly have wished to have it presented me than by your Lordship. I can assure you I feel it a very high honour you have done me by coming here for the few minutes you have been able to spare, and I thank you. I am sure I might also convey the thanks of the Lodge for your coming away from those duties which we know absorb your Lordship's whole time, and from which it is difficult to tear yourself even for the few moments you have spared. The brethren will, I am sure, permit me to limit my speech to a short acknowledgment, and to thank them for the gift, and to thank his Lordship for the kind and gracious manner in which he has presented it, in the name of this Lodge. (Cheers).

The Pro Grand Master then excused himself, as public business required his attention. He retired, after replacing Bro. Hervey in the chair, amid hearty applause. The Earl of Limerick moved a vote of thanks to the brethren who had worked the Sections, he was very pleased at the admirable way in which the Lectures had been worked. Colonel Burdett was much gratified at what he had seen, and had great pleasure in seconding the motion, which was carried unanimously. Bro. Hervey responded, and thanked all present for their appreciation of the work done, he felt proud the Emulation Lodge still kept up its character, and hoped they would go away that evening convinced that the Lodge could turn out some good pupils, who could do their work properly. Several propositions for joining were handed in, and the Lodge was closed, the brethren then adjourned to a banquet at Freemason's Tavern. The 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th sections of the First Lecture were worked by Bros. J. C. Parkinson, C. A. Murton, C. C. Dumas, and J. A. Rucker respectively, and the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th of the second by Bros. R. Grey, H. J. P. Dumas, Hyde Pullen and T. Fenn, all Past Grand Officers. After the banquet the Earl of Limerick, who presided, proposed the toast "The Queen and the Craft," followed by that of "The M.W. the Grand Master." He said the brethren were aware of the great interest H.R. Highness took in the Craft, and alluded to the ceremony at Norwich, the previous week, he hoped that before long the Craft would shew, in some substantial form, their thankfulness of the safe return of H.R. Highness from India. The next toast was, "The Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers." The W.M. regretted that the Pro Grand Master had been unable to stay with them, but was sure the brethren were pleased he was present earlier in the evening to present the testimonial to their worthy Bro. Hervey. The D.G.M. was well known for his ability, not only as

D.G.M., but as Prov. G.M. of one of the most important provinces in the country. Of the Grand Officers, of whom there were several present, it had already been said they were worthy of their position, in consequence of their accuracy in working the several ceremonies. There was one brother present who, although the junior of several of the Grand Officers in years, yet promised to emulate them in zeal. He would couple the name of Lord Donoughmore, the brother to whom he alluded, with the toast. Bro. Lord Donoughmore said he felt much flattered and gratified at the concluding observations of their chairman. He knew from personal experience that the inability of the Pro Grand Master to remain with them was a matter of great regret. The Pro G.M. had expressed, during the past few days, frequent regrets that his public business would not allow of his staying longer than to present the testimonial, and it was very gratifying to the Earl of Carnarvon that he had been enabled to present it. He had obtained much valuable instruction that evening from the other Grand Officers, whom he considered most efficient, and concluded by thanking the brethren for the way his name had been associated with the toast. "Success to the Emulation Lodge of Improvement," coupled with the name of Bro. Hervey, was the next toast, in proposing which the W.M. said he thought it was impossible to over-estimate the influence which the Lodge had throughout the Craft. Its name was known not only throughout the United Kingdom, but wherever Masonry is known; and not less so is the name of our brother John Hervey. It is difficult to speak of a brother in his presence, but he believed in drinking his health, coupled with that of the Emulation Lodge, they drank the health of an eminent Mason and a noble and true-hearted gentleman. The toast was drunk with the greatest enthusiasm. Bro. Hervey, in reply, said he mentioned, just before, to Col. Burdett, that he considered himself a very modest man, or he would be altogether spoiled, and he now felt it, because he considered that the way in which the Pro Grand Master—in presenting the testimonial in Lodge, and the Chairman, in proposing success to the Emulation Lodge—had spoken of him was too flattering and too eulogistic—at any rate for a modest man like himself. He was proud to be associated with the toast, as he considered that the Emulation Lodge did much good for Masonry. He considered no brother should undertake duties he could not perform, and what they had heard that evening showed them that any brother wishing to carry out his duties must study. He was sure all who worked that evening were always ready to do what they could for the Lodge, and would perform any duties they might be called upon to do to increase its renown. You, my Lord, say it is not necessary, but to support it something must be done, and the burden is borne by such men as Bro. Fenn (this name was received with great applause). Bro. Hervey was pleased to know that the services of Bro. Fenn were so highly valued. He then alluded to the Secretary. He said the duties were not those of an ordinary Secretary, for in this case the meetings numbered 51 or 52 in the year, and a great amount of attention was required to the accounts of the Lodge. These, he said, were the officers who deserved the praise. As far as he was concerned, he was the Treasurer only in name. He thanked the brethren for the allowance they made for his frequent absence, and concluded by thanking the Earl of Limerick for presiding, and trusted that, many years to come, the Lodge would maintain the character for work it now possessed. Bro. Burdett proposed "The Health of the Chairman," who, he said, was so often among them, that the brethren almost knew him personally. He was always ready to perform any duty required of him. The Earl of Limerick thanked the brethren. He considered it a very great honour to be present. He regretted the post he occupied was not filled by the Pro Grand Master, but he was always pleased to join in bearing testimony to the worth of Bro. Hervey. Bro. S. Tomkins proposed "The Lodge of Union," coupled with the name of the W.M., Bro. Birch, who acknowledged the compliment. Few Lodges, he said, had so strong a child. Bro. Hervey proposed "The Sister Lodges of Instruction," to which Bro. Muggoridge replied. "Success to the Masonic Institutions" was proposed by the Rev. J. E. Cox, who said that if faith, hope, and charity (of which they had heard definitions in the Lodge) could be circulated throughout the world, those outside the Craft might be able to read, mark, and digest the beautiful precepts which were thereby inculcated. Bro. Terry replied. He saw congregated around the table some of the most distinguished supporters of the charities. During the past year a larger sum had been raised for the charities than had been known before in one year. The Earl of Donoughmore proposed "The Health of the Brethren who had worked the Sections," and coupled with it the names of Bros. Parkinson and Fenn, the former of whom said that the working brethren were thankful for the recognition accorded to them; they would always refer to the work of that evening with pride, and they were pleased they had been able to assist in presenting the testimonial to the Grand Secretary. "The Stewards" and "The Tyler's toast" were then given.

In Memoriam.

We are deeply grieved to hear news of the death of a very worthy and distinguished brother, who, whilst on a pleasure trip, enjoying his holidays, was drowned, attempting to land at the Cocos Islands. W. Bro. John Victor Douglas de Wet was looked upon, in British Burmah, as the destined successor of R. W. Bro. Colonel Duncan, whose resignation has been sent in to the M.W. Grand Master. Bro. De Wet was District Grand Treasurer and P.D.G.J.W. He held a high social position, and was universally esteemed, being connected with every degree worked in the Province. His year of office in the chair of the Mark Lodge was about to expire, and he was on the point of installing a successor.

REVIEWS.

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A List of Regular Lodges, A.D. 1734, According to their Seniority and Constitution. Printed for, and sold by I. Pine, Engraver, against Little Britain and in Aldersgate Street. Edited by William James Hughan, Past Senior Grand Deacon of England, &c., &c., &c. 1876.

WE thank Bro. Hughan for a copy of this important reprint, which forms No. 6 of his *Masonic Sketches and Reprints*. We likewise congratulate him on the success which has marked his editorial efforts. His labours, indeed, in the cause of Masonic history are of incalculable value, and hardly a month passes but we come across some fresh evidence of his ability in unravelling a further portion of that mystery which enshrouds the annals of Freemasonry. His introductory remarks are clear and to the point, and he adds a few explanatory notes, showing those Lodges in the list which are still in existence. In the majority of these we fully recognise the justice of the connection he establishes between existing Lodges and certain in Pine's list. We confess, however, we are unable, at least without further evidence, to accept his connection in the case of two or three of them. We have gone through his reprint most carefully, and the following notes are the result of such examination.

It should be stated at the outset that this list of Pine's was the authorised Roll of the Grand Lodge of England, being issued under the authority of the Grand Master. Our first business was to compare it with the list extracted from the late Dr. Rawlinson's Masonic "Common-place Book," contributed by Bro. Hughan to the August number of the *Voice of Masonry* (Philadelphia, U.S.). The latter contained 116 Lodges, and these, except in some minor particulars, mostly descriptive, agree with the first 116 Lodges in Pine's list. Moreover, the differences are generally slight and easily reconcilable. Thus, No. 4, held at the Swan, Hampstead, is set down as constituted in 1721 in Rawlinson's list, the date in Pine's being 17th January 1722. But the difference is more apparent than real, as all Warrants for Lodges granted up to, say, March 1722, would be dated 1721. No. 12 has no date against it in Pine's list, while in Rawlinson's Bro. Hughan has inserted against it the year 1723. Other differences are probably to be accounted for by changes in the Lodge quarters. Such are No. 16, held at the "Gont, foot of the Haymarket," according to Rawlinson, according to Pine at the "Bedford Court Coffee House, Bedford Court, Covent Garden;" No. 55, at the "Red Lion, at Richmond" (Rawlinson), at "A Cup" (? The Rummer), "Henrietta Street, Covent Garden," (Pine); and No. 110, at the "Rummer and Mitre, on Labor-in-Vain Hill, in Old Fish Street," (Rawlinson), at the "Ship Coffee House, near the Hermitage Bridge," (Pine). It is noticeable, further, that while the last Lodge in Rawlinson's list is described as "a Master Mason's Lodge," held at the "Bear and Harrow, in the Butcher Row," but without date of constitution—though clearly belonging to the year 1733—the last Lodge in Pine's list, with constitution of that year, is No. 121, established "27 Dec. 1733," and held at "Solomon's Coffee House, Pimlico." Thus Pine's list to the end of 1733 is richer by five Lodges than Rawlinson's. In addition, are seven other Lodges, the date of constitution of the last being "Novem. ye 5th, 1734." We may remark, however, as to three of these seven, that No. 124, held at "Hamburg, in Lower Saxony," is set down, both by Thory in his *Acta Latomorum*, and Findel in his *History of Freemasonry*, as having been established in 1733; that No. 126, held at "Boston, in New England," was a Lodge warranted by Bro. Henry Price, Provincial Grand Master New England, in 1733, while No. 127, at "Valenciennes, in French Flanders," is said by Thory to have been constituted the same year. It may as well be mentioned here, that seven of the Lodges in Pine's list are located in foreign parts. They are the three at Hamburg, Boston, U.S., and Valenciennes, already mentioned, and in addition, No. 50, "St. Bernard Street, in Madrid," No. 51, at Gibraltar, No. 72, "East India Arms, Bengal, in the East Indies," and No. 90, "Au Louis d'Argent, Dans la Rue de Boucherie à Paris." The last of these is mentioned in *Acta Latomorum*, under this very No. 90, but as having received its constitution 7th May 1729, while in the list under notice the date is "3rd April 1732." Findel quotes the year as 1729, but adds, "the documents bearing the date of 1732 as that of" its "foundation." Findel appears to connect the Lodge No. 90 with the "Lodge d'Aumont," while Rebold, assigns 7th May 1729 as the date of the "Louis d'Argent" Lodge, and 29th November 1732 to the Lodge "d'Aumont."

The following is worth noting in connection with No. 11, both in this list and Rawlinson's, which Bro. Hughan considers is still in being as No. 18. In a footnote at pp. 160-161 of Oliver's edition of Preston's *Illustrations of Masonry*, it is stated as follows in respect of the old Lodge No. 3, one of the four old Lodges which met in February 1717, at the Apple Tree Tavern, Charles-street, Covent-garden, and constituted themselves a Grand Lodge *pro tem*:—"The old Lodge, No. 3, formerly held at the Apple Tree Tavern, in Charles-street, Covent-garden, has been dissolved some years. By the list of Lodges inserted in the 'Book of Constitutions,' printed in 1738, it appears that in February 1722-23, this Lodge was removed to the Queen's Head, in Knave's-acre, on account of some differences among its members, and that the members who met there came under a new constitution; though, says the 'Book of Constitutions,' they wanted it not, and ranked as No. 10 in the list. Thus they inconsiderately renounced their former rank under an immemorial constitution." The description as to place and date in the quotation made agrees with the description in both Rawlinson's and Pine's lists—Bro. Hughan's "Queen Anne" being clearly one with "Queen's Head" in the former of them—the one point of discord being the number, which in Oliver's footnote is set down as No. 10, while in he lists it is No. 11. However, we are not disposed to attach any

importance to this discrepancy; and thus, if Bro. Hughan's idea that the No. 11 of Pine is the present No. 18 on the roll of United Grand Lodge, it is clear the latter has the honour of representing the third of the four old "Time Immemorial" Lodges which met together in 1717, and constituted the first Grand Lodge of modern or Speculative Freemasonry. If the facts are as stated by Oliver, this old No. 3, in Rawlinson and Pine's lists, No. 11, and according to Hughan, No. 18 at this present time, voluntarily surrendered its ancient high position as a "Time Immemorial" Lodge, and started afresh under a new constitution when none was needed. But for this accident, it would have occupied the place on our Roll of the present No. 4, and three out of the four old Lodges would have been distinctly figured in the Grand Lodge Calendar of this date. At all events, assuming Oliver's statement to be correct, and likewise Hughan's surmise about No. 11 of 1734 being our present No. 18—and these lately discovered lists fortify, if they do not confirm, the former; it is a fact worthy of prominent record, that our present Lodges, No. 2, No. 4, and No. 18 are directly traceable to three (Nos. 1, 3, and 4) out of the four old Lodges existing in London in 1717, "under an immemorial constitution."

As to the Lodges now on the roll, which existed at the time when Pine's list was prepared, they are twenty-three in number. These and twenty-two Lodges in Pine's list with which, in Bro. Hughan's opinion, "as far as we can trace," all but one of the present correspond, are as follow. We have placed them in distinct columns, so that our readers may compare them the more easily; the Lodges in the two lists being comparable, each with each, in their respective orders of sequence. Thus, the first in Pine's List agrees with the first in Grand Lodge Calendar List, the second with the second, the third with the third, and so on to the end.

PINE'S LIST, 1734.

No. 1	King's Arms, St. Paul's Churchyard	
3	Horn, Westminster	
4	Swan, Hampstead	Jan. 17 1722
6	A Female, New Bond-street	Jan. 19 1722
7	A Mug, Queen-street, Cheapside	Jan. 28 1722
8	Devil, Union Lodge, Devil, Temple Bar	Apr. 25 1722
9	Tun, Noble-street	May 1722
10	King's Arms, New Bond-street	Nov. 25 1722
11	Queen Anne, Knave's Acre	Feb. 27 1722-3
13	Coat of Arms, motto Che Sara Sara, Covent-garden	Mar. 28 1723
19	Coat of Arms, &c. &c., Newgate-street	1723
23	Crescent, Cheapside	Sept. 18 1723
38	Head, &c., Cheapside	Jan. 22 1725
43	King's Arms, Strand	May 25 1725
46	Mount, Grosvenor-street, near Hanover-street	Jan. 12 1727
69	Britannia, Bloomsbury-market	May 22 1730
N.B.—Nothing to correspond with present No. 35.		
105	A private room, Bolton-le-Moors, in Lancashire	Nov. 9 1732
97	New Inn, Exeter	
113	Bear, City of Bath	Mar. 18 1733
118	Red Lion, Bury, in Lancashire	July 22 1733
125	Swan, Birmingham	
128	Duke of Marlborough, Petticoate-lane, Whitechapel	Nov. 5 1734

GRAND LODGE CALENDAR, 1876.

No. 2	Antiquity	T.I.
4	R. Somerset House and Inverness	T.I.
6	Friendship	1721
8	British	1721
10	Westminster and Keystone	1721
12	Fortitude and Old Cumberland	1722
14	Tuscan	1722
16	Royal Alpha	1722
18	Old Dundee	1722
20	R. Kent Lodge of Antiquity, Chatham	1723
21	Emulation	1723
23	Globe	1723
26	Castle Lodge of Harmony	1724
28	Old King's Arms	1725
29	St. Albans	1727
33	Britannio	1730
35	Medina, Cowes	1731
37	Anchor and Hope, Bolton-le-Moors	1731
39	St. John the Baptist, Exeter	1731
41	Royal Cumberland, Bath	1733
42	Relief, Bury, Lancashire	1733
43	St. Paul's, Birmingham	1733
45	Strong Man	1734

Of the above twenty-three Lodges now on the roll, sixteen are metropolitan and seven provincial. Of the latter, the Medina is not traceable, Bro. Hughan thinks, in Pine's list. The Bolton, Exeter, Bath, Bury, and Birmingham Lodges agree very fairly with the Lodges noted by Bro. Hughan, the points of difference, where such exist, being as follow:—The Bolton Lodge is dated 1731 in G.L. Calendar, and also in Hughan's list of Lodges at the Union, but in Pine's list the year is 1732. The Exeter Lodge is dated 1731 in G.L. Calendar, and in Hughan's list 1814; but the corresponding Lodge in Pine's and Rawlinson's lists occurs in the course of an array of 1732 Lodges. The Birmingham Lodge is not in Rawlinson's list, and has no date assigned it in Pine's, but it precedes the Lodge at Boston, New England, which, we have shown already, was opened on 30th July 1733, under authority of Lord Montague's deputation to Henry Price, bearing date 30th April of the same year. Thus we are justified in assuming that the present St. Paul's, Birmingham, is one and the same with the Lodge held at the Swan at Birmingham, and that its date of constitution was 1733, as stated in G.L. Calendar. The

seventh provincial Lodge is the R. Kent Lodge of Antiquity, at Chatham. It will be seen that Bro. Hughan traces this to No. 13 in Pine's list, the sign of the house where it was held being described as "Coat of Arms," Motto "Che Sara Sara," and the locality "Covent-garden." In Rawlinson's list the same is described as having been held at the "Duke of Bedford Arms, Covent-garden," and as the motto of the Bedford family is "Che Sara Sara," these two descriptions agree substantially, but we should like to hear the grounds on which Bro. Hughan connects our present No. 20, held at Chatham, with the No. 13 of Pine and Rawlinson, held at a tavern in Covent-garden. The two localities are far removed from each other, and, therefore, the migration from the latter to the former is more noticeable than a mere change of quarters in the metropolis. There must be strong evidence to fix the connection between the two Lodges, and we shall esteem it a favour if Bro. Hughan will oblige us with the reasons for connecting them.

Of the sixteen London Lodges, we note that our present No. 6, Friendship, is traced to No. 4 at the Swan, Hampstead, dated 27th January 1722 in Pine's list, but 1721 in Rawlinson's list, as published in *Voice of Masonry*. In Bro. Platt's address, when the Lodge celebrated its hundredth anniversary in 1867, the Lodge is stated to have been constituted in 1721, and to have migrated from Holborn to the Thatched House Tavern, St. James's, in 1767, when it received the name of Friendship, at the Lodge meeting held 10th March of that year. Assuming Bro. Platt's statement and Bro. Hughan's surmise to be correct, the Lodge must have migrated from Hampstead to the city, and thence to St. James's. It should be possible to trace this migration by the aid of such lists—1723, 1725, 1736, 7 and 8, 1746, 1750 and following—as have been preserved. So again our Lodge, No. 26, constituted 1724, is held to correspond with Pine's No. 38, "A Head, &c., in Cheapside, Jan. 22, 1725." In Rawlinson's list, No. 38 it is held at "The Swan, Tottenham High Cross," and dated 1725. Here, again, is a migration from Tottenham to Cheapside, and thence by way of Doctors' Commons, where it was held in 1813, to Willis's Rooms, St. James's. But the most important instance of all is that of No. 128, held at the "Duke of Marlborough, Petticoate Lane, White Chapel," and constituted "Novem. ye 5th, 1734," which Bro. Hughan sets down as our present Strong Man, No. 45. We lay the chief stress on this, not because we love the "Strong Man" more, but because Bro. Hughan's supposition is at variance with a statement of Dr. Oliver's, in the well-known *Revelations of a Square*. At p. 44, Dr. Oliver says, in the body of his narrative, "The Strong Man Lodge," which owed its origin to Dr. Desaguliers, and was founded and so named by him in honour of the celebrated Thomas Topham, "was numbered 68 in the lists of 1738, 1764, and 1767, and was established, according to the former authorities, 2nd February 1733, and by the latter, February 17th, 1734." A footnote to this statement reads thus:—

"It appears by the Records of Grand Lodge, that a warrant, bearing date the 2nd day of February 1734, was issued under the seal of Masonry, enabling certain Brethren therein named to open and hold a Lodge of Freemasons at the *Ship Coffee House, Hermitage Bridge, London*, to be called 'The Strong Man Lodge,' which was numbered 110; but by the general closing up of the list of Lodges in the year 1740, it became 98. By the closing up of the list of Lodges in the year 1756, it became No. 68. In the year 1770 the said Lodge became 57. By the closing up of the list of Lodges in the year 1781, it became No. 44; and by the same process in the year 1792 it became No. 41. In consequence of the union of the two Fraternities of Freemasons on the 27th December 1813, it became, and is now registered in the books of the United Grand Lodge, No. 61; and meets at the Swan Tavern, Mansel Street, Goodman's Fields, London."

We have italicised that portion of the above note, to which we would specially direct Bro. Hughan's attention. That statement agrees with the Lodge in Pine's list numbered "110," which was held at the "Ship Coffee House, Near the Hermitage Bridge," but the date of constitution is set down as "2 Feb. 1732-3." It also agrees in two particulars with Bro. Hughan's own list at the Union, in which the "Strong Man" is described as having being No. 41, "Moderns," in 1813, and No. 61 in 1814, after the union had taken place. The No. 110, in what we have described throughout as Rawlinson's list, is set down as having been held at "the Rummer and Mitre, on Labor-in-Vain Hill, in Old Fish Street," and the constitution is given, we believe, by Bro. Hughan himself, as "1733." The date of Pine's No. 128, is "Novem. ye 5th 1734," and, of course, if "1734," which is the date affixed to "Strong Man" in Grand Lodge Calendar, is really the date of constitution, it is manifest that no such Lodge could have figured in a 1733 list. Any how there are discrepancies enough in the various statements we have quoted to justify further inquiry. The only point of agreement between our present No. 45 and Pine's No. 128 is in the year of constitution. In all other respects it seems better to accord with the latter's No. 110.

It should be that, both in Pine's and Rawlinson's Lists, No. 79 is left vacant. This, however, according to Bro. Hughan, "in the *Companion* issued, in 1735, at Dublin, is ascribed to 'the Hoop in Wales-street' in Philadelphia," (without date) and comes after, not before, Lodges in England of 1731, the latter having thus to do with a still earlier copy of these Engraved Lists, not at present discovered, but which we do not despair yet of tracing.

In closing our remarks we venture to offer two suggestions. May there not be a connection between the present "Medina," No. 35, at Cowes, and Pine's No. 35, held at the "East India Arms, Gosport, Hampshire?" No date of constitution is affixed, though it figures both in Pine and Rawlinson among Lodges founded in 1724. The proximity of the two towns is our sole reason for suggesting the connection. Our other notion, which we also put forward suggestively, is, that the No. 25, both of Pine and Rawlinson, held at Greenwich, in Kent, and founded, according to the former, on Dec. 24, 1723—in the latter only the year 1723 has been added—may have something to do with the present "R. Kent Lodge of Antiquity," No. 20, at Chatham. True, the migration would have been almost as

great from Greenwich to Chatham as from Covent Garden, but there are direct and perfectly natural associations between Greenwich with its Naval Hospital and lying between the two dockyards of Deptford and Woolwich, and Chatham, with its dockyard, &c. Moreover, the two towns are both in Kent, and the year of constitution the same for both Lodges. We are sensible of the slightness, we may even say the flimsiness, of the suggestion; yet there is no great violence in imagining the migration of a Kentish Lodge from one Kentish town to another, especially when their associations have always been as intimate as those existing between Greenwich and Chatham. However, Bro. Hughan has doubtless sufficient reasons for connecting Pine's No. 13 with the present No. 20, not the least momentous of them being doubtless the fact that the dissolution of Pine's Lodges, 2, 5, and 12, raised No. 13 to be No. 10, as the Kentish Lodge of Antiquity was at the time of the Union. No doubt, existing lists, which unfortunately are inaccessible at the moment of writing, have already settled the connection to Bro. Hughan's satisfaction.

PROVINCE OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

LAYING THE FOUNDATION STONE OF A NEW HOSPITAL.

THE foundation stone of a new hospital was laid at Wakefield, on Saturday, 25th November 1876. The stone was laid by Colonel J. C. D. Charlesworth M.A. D.L. J.P., with full Masonic ceremonial. The rain fell in torrents most of the day, and marred what would otherwise have been an imposing spectacle.

The new hospital is intended to take the place of an hospital which has existed several years. The hospital was founded in 1854, by the late Mr. Thomas Clayton. He purchased the original buildings at his own cost; and soon afterwards in his honour the name was changed, the addition of Clayton Hospital being made to the title Wakefield General Dispensary. Since then several extensions have been made, not the least being the addition of a wing as a memorial to the late Prince Consort.

A procession was formed in front of the Corn Exchange, at two o'clock. The members of the various orders wore their full insignia. Before the start, a Freemasons' Lodge was formed at the Church Institution, at which the Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master, Sir Henry Edwards, Bart., who, along with the provincial officers and many Masons from a distance, was present, and temporarily invested Colonel Charlesworth with the office of Deputy Provincial Grand Master, for the purpose of enabling him to lay the stone in accordance with the customs of the Craft. The procession, which was of great length, proceeded through a deep and continuous line of spectators, by way of Little Westgate, the Bull Ring, Woodstreet, and Bond-street, to St. John's. Upon the site of the hospital stood a covered stand, commanding a full view of the stone, which formed a welcome shelter for the ladies who graced the ceremony. Upon arriving on the ground, Colonel Charlesworth, the Mayor, the member for the borough, Sir Henry Edwards, Bart., the committee of the Clayton Hospital, and the heads of other representative bodies took their stand upon a raised platform built round the stone. The Old Hundredth Psalm having been sung by the band, the Vicar of Wakefield (the Rev. Norman D. J. Straton) offered up prayer. At the close of the prayer, Mr. John Binks, the Secretary of the Clayton Hospital, stepped forward, and, on behalf of the committee and subscribers, presented a silver trowel to Mr. Charlesworth, accompanying the gift with a request that the recipient would duly lay the stone. The stone was then raised, and the secretary read aloud the contents of the bottle and the inscription contained on a brass plate, which were placed beneath it. The inscription set forth the fact that the stone was laid on the 25th of November 1876, by Colonel J. C. D. Charlesworth, Master of Arts, Cambridge, deputy-lieutenant for the West Riding, and justice of the peace for the West Riding. It also contained a list of the house and general committees, medical and other staffs. The Treasurer having deposited the phial in the receptacle, and the Secretary having placed the plate in position, cement was placed on the face of the lower stone, Colonel Charlesworth spread it with his trowel. The upper stone was lowered with three distinct stops. Mr. Charlesworth then proved the just position of the stone by the plumb line, level and square; and, on being satisfied of these particulars, he gave the stone three knocks with a mallet. The cornucopia containing the corn and the ewers with the wine and oil were then handed to him. As he strewed corn over the stone, he said, "I scatter corn upon this stone. May plenty be showered down upon this building;" as he poured wine over it, he said, "I pour wine upon this stone, as a symbol of cheerfulness and joy;" and as he poured oil, he said, "I pour oil upon this stone, the symbol of prosperity and happiness;" and each time he spoke a ringing cheer was sent up from the crowd. The Rev. J. S. Eastmead having offered up prayer, the architect presented the plans of the intended building to Colonel Charlesworth, who examined them, and pronounced them very good, and desired the architect to carry them out in the most expeditious manner. At the conclusion of the ceremony, Colonel Charlesworth delivered a short address.

After a pause, Mr. Charlesworth said Mr. Binks had just placed in his hands a letter which would be most gratifying to every one, and he called upon Mr. Binks to read it.

Mr. Binks then read the following letter:—

"Crofton Hall, Wakefield, Nov. 23, 1876.

To the Secretary of the Clayton Hospital.

My Dear Sir,—I beg you will convey to the committee of the Clayton Hospital my grateful thanks for their vote of condolence on the death of my father, Mr. Tew, of Crofton Hall, and you will

accept personally my own acknowledgments for your sympathetic letter of the 13th instant.

As a proof of the interest my father always took as one of its vice-presidents in the institution, I am desired now by my co-executors under his will to forward you the accompanying extract from that document:—"To the Treasurer for the time being of the Clayton Hospital, Wakefield, the legacy of four thousand pounds, for which such Treasurer's receipt is to be a discharge." Under other circumstances, as Deputy Provincial Grand Master of the Province of West Yorkshire, I should have had great pleasure in being present at the laying of the foundation stone of the new hospital and dispensary, but, at present, under the loss I have sustained by the death of my father, I am not taking part in any public ceremonial. Accept my best wishes for the prosperity and usefulness of your institution.

I remain, my Dear Sir, yours faithfully,

THOMAS WILL. TEW,
Executor under the will of the late Edwd. Tow.

John Binks, Esq., Clayton Hospital, Wakefield."

The announcement which the letter made was altogether unexpected, and when Mr. Binks had finished reading the letter, the assemblage gave vent to their feelings in several rounds of cheering.

After this, a luncheon took place at the Music Saloon. In the unavoidable absence of Colonel Charlesworth, the Mayor of Wakefield presided, and he was supported by about 300 of the principal inhabitants of the town, including Mr. T. K. Sanderson, M.P., and Mr. R. B. Mackie, who occupied the vice-chairs.

The usual loyal toasts were given from the chair, and were duly honoured.

The Rev. J. W. Chadwick, in proposing the toast of "The Masonic Body," remarked that if he were to believe all that he read about them in some of the public prints he should believe some very startling things—(laughter)—but when he looked upon the faces who were associated with them in that beneficent work, he confessed that he could not see any signs of "conspirators" or "assassins," and if they were dangerous members of society, he could wish society in general no worse luck (laughter, and hear, hear). On behalf of the committee, of which he was a member, he very sincerely thanked the gentlemen of the Masonic body for the prominent part they had taken in that day's proceedings.

This toast was acknowledged by Bro. Ibberson.

YORK LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS.

THE antiquity of the Honourable Degree of Mark Master is not to be questioned, and the wide-spreading interest which is shown in its practice amongst the leading Masonic circles proves the general recognition of its importance. Few Masons who have made a study of the Royal Art will deny that the Mark Degree has good claims to be regarded as an integral portion of Craft Masonry, and, although not recognised by the Grand Lodge of England as part of Blue Masonry, yet the notorious fact that all the leading brethren are in some shape members and patrons of the Degree conclusively shows the importance which they all attach to its teachings. In the northern counties the Mark Degree was practised in many places from time immemorial, and so the working has been preserved from decay through successive generations of brethren. In the year 1856 an unsuccessful effort was made to induce the Grand Lodge of England to recognise the Degree, and the consequence of its refusal was the formation of a Grand Mark Lodge, which was effected by the joint action of six of the Lodges working from time immemorial. To these, other Lodges gradually gave in their adhesion, and warrants were granted for the formation of new Lodges, until at the present time the Grand Roll numbers about two hundred. The York Mark Lodge from the first declined to recognise the authority of the Grand Mark Lodge, and, although from time to time negotiations were entered upon, it was not until a few months since that a settlement was arrived at, and the York Mark Lodge gave in its adhesion, on condition of its being placed in a position of honour at the head of the roll of Lodges. The occasion of the installation of the Worshipful Master for the coming year was deemed a fitting opportunity for the formal transfer of the allegiance of the Lodge, and a petition for a Warrant of Confirmation was therefore prepared and signed at a special meeting of the Brethren of the Lodge, the officers elected and named in the petition being Bros. Geo. Balmford P.M. 236 Worshipful Master, T. B. Whythead Senior Warden, and the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett Junior Warden. The prayer of the petitioners having been duly granted, Tuesday last was fixed as the day of the installation, of which the brethren were apprised by special summons, and the Secretary of the Grand Mark Lodge, the R.W. Bro. Frederick Binckes, the Secretary of the Masonic Boys' School, very kindly agreed to come down and perform the ceremony of installation, and also to work the Lodge on the occasion. Bro. Binckes was accompanied by Bro. Roebuck, G.M.O. Accordingly, at two p.m. there was a muster of the brethren at the Masonic Hall, Duncombe-place, and the Lodge was duly opened, in ancient form, by Bro. F. Binckes, most of the officers of the past year filling their respective chairs. Three brethren, of whom notice had been given, were then balloted for, and, being in attendance, were advanced to the Honourable Degree of Mark Master Mason, after which the Worshipful Master Elect was duly installed. The Wardens Elect were then invested and placed in their chairs, and the W. Master made the following appointments:—Bros. M. Cooper M.O., T. W. Wilson S.O., Tissiman J.O., the Rev. W. Valentine Chaplain, J. Hollins, Registrar. Bro. Thomas Cooper P.M. was unanimously elected Treasurer; and Bro. J. Redfare was appointed Tyler. The Secretary read a letter from the Star in the East Mark Lodge, at Scarborough, congratulating the York brethren upon their Masonic spirit in giving in their adhesion to the Grand Lodge, and the Senior Warden moved the following resolution:—"That the Secretary be

requested to return to the Star in the East Lodge the best thanks of the York Mark Lodge for its fraternal letter, and express the hope that the action of the York Mark Lodge consummated that day may tend to further extend and cement Mark Masonry in the province of North and East Yorkshire," which was carried unanimously. The Lodge was then duly closed, and the brethren repaired to the banqueting room, where a capital collation was served by Bro. Charles Abbott, who invariably caters with excellence. The W. Master presided, and was supported by the Grand Secretary and about twenty brethren and visitors. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly proposed and honoured, and in the course of the evening the Grand Secretary gave a most interesting disquisition on Mark Masonry, its origin, history, and present position. A most agreeable evening was spent, and there seemed to be a general opinion that the new epoch, upon which the Lodge had entered, was begun under the most auspicious circumstances. Amongst the brethren present during the course of the proceedings, in addition to those already mentioned, were:—Bros. R. W. Hollon P.M. 236, J. S. Cumberland, H. C. Camidge, Geo. Sellar, T. J. Russell, Rev. H. V. Palmer, John Ward, W. H. Gainforth, G. Garbutt, T. S. Camidge; and amongst the visitors were Bros. P. H. Rowland, Langley Lodge, Cardiff; R. H. Peacock, Star in the East Lodge, Scarborough; Wm. Roebuck, G.M.O., &c.

THE DRAMA.

The Haymarket Theatre—The Virginian.

WHILE the attractive influence of Dan'l Druce continues unabated, the programme of the HAYMARKET THEATRE has been materially strengthened by the substitution of the well known farce of "The Rough Diamond" for "The Balance of Comfort," and by the addition of an entirely new comedietta, entitled "Birds in their Little Nests Agree," by Mr. C. Marsham Rae. "The Rough Diamond" serves to bring once more into the bills the veteran comedian Mr. Buckstone, the character of Cousin Joe being, as most of our readers will remember, one of that excellent actor's most delightful impersonations. The piece is generally well cast, but the part of Margery, originally played by Mrs. Fitzwilliam, has been, by some extraordinary freak of management, entrusted to Miss Annie Lafontaine, a lady whose most successful achievements have been in an entirely different line of business. Mr. Rae's comedietta is a charming little piece, abounding in humorous touches and pleasant sketches of character, and it is, moreover, acted throughout with a finished delicacy, briskness, and *verve*, which leave nothing to be desired. The story is of an elegant and fanciful character, and it would be an injustice to the author to tell it in any other than his own words. We advise those of our readers who can appreciate light comedy, and who can admire graceful and humorous acting, to see the piece and judge for themselves. The chief part is played by Miss Kathleen Irwin, whose refined and intelligent impersonation of the singing bird in the nest is simply delicious, whilst her singing, we beg pardon, chirruping, of "Tanta Cosa" is rewarded with an enthusiastic encore. Miss Maria Harris, as the Early Bird, is all fun, animation and vivacity, whilst Miss Ella Dietz, as the sentimental nightingale, looks like an exquisite Greek statue, endowed with life. The remaining characters are excellently played by Miss Fanny Wright, Mr. Weatherby, Mr. Kyrlo and Mr. Gordon.

MISS EMILY MOTT'S EVENING CONCERT.

THIS young lady first came before the public a season or two ago, and has since exhibited aptitude sufficient to command the favours she then solicited. A large audience was attracted to St. James's Hall on Friday evening, the 24th ult., the occasion of Miss Mott's annual concert—and a highly interesting entertainment was provided, in which the efforts of the *beneficiare* were seconded by Madame Blanche Cole, Miss Agnes Larkcom, Mr. W. H. Cummings, Mr. W. P. Wrighton, Mr. Thurley Beale, Mr. Winn, and Miss Clinton Fynes. The band of the Grenadier Guards, under Mr. Dan Godfrey's conductorship, was also present. Miss Emily Mott was heard to advantage in Benedict's "By the sad sea waves," and Sullivan's "Let me dream again," two songs which she interpreted with true artistic feeling; and her efforts were successfully united with those of Madame Blanche Cole in Gambert's duet, "Cheerfulness." It is almost needless to add that Miss Mott received all possible encouragement from her auditors, and that her endeavours met with hearty and prolonged applause. Sir Julius Benedict and Mr. J. B. Zerbini presided at the pianoforte.

That very much of the disease existing around us might be easily prevented is indubitable. One frequent cause of illness is inattention to the state of the skin, and even people who should know better, will wash themselves, and, worse still, their children, with common soaps, strong in alkali, which clog the pores, prevent perspiration, and interfere with the secretive functions of the ducts. This dangerous folly is, of course, due to ignorance of the wonderful differences existing in the character of soaps. Yellow soap is most useful for domestic purposes, but should never be applied to the skin, while perhaps worse still are many of the common scented, or so-called toilet soaps. The special requirements for a first-rate soap for the skin are, that it should be a combination of the finest oils, with the smallest possible amount of alkali; that it should be thoroughly refined, to rid it of any possible impurities; that it should be free from artificial colouring; and that it should be hard, rather than soft, yielding a profuse lather. It is difficult for the public to recognise such a soap without a trial, but among those deserving this character, mention may be made of Pearce's Transparent Soap, which has stood the test of almost a century's trial, has gained prize medals at every international exhibition, is patronised by the Prince and Princess of Wales, and is recommended in the most eulogistic terms by the most eminent authorities on diseases of the skin.

DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

SATURDAY, 2nd DECEMBER.

General Committee, Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
193—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.

MONDAY, 4th DECEMBER.

45—Strong Man, Old Jerusalem, St. John's-sq., Clerkenwell, at 8. (Instruction.)
69—Unity, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's-inn-fields.
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7.0. (Instruction.)
1625—Trodeggar, Royal Hotel, Mile End Road.
37—Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-lo-Moors.
53—Royal Sussex, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath.
119—Sun, Square and Compasses, Freemasons' Hall, Whitehaven.
133—Harmony, Ship Hotel, Faversham.
156—Harmony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth.
199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover.
236—York, Masonic Hall, York.
338—Vitruvian, Royal Hotel, Ross, Herefordshire.
441—Three Grand Principles, Red Lion Hotel, Petty Curry, Cambridge.
478—Churchill, Masonic Hall, Alfred-street, Oxford.
1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire.
1051—Rowley, Athenaeum, Lancaster.
1073—Greta, Court-buildings, Keswick, Cumberland.
1264—Neptune, Masonic Temple, 23 Hope-street, Liverpool.

TUESDAY, 5th DECEMBER.

Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
Grand Lodge M.M.M., Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
55—Constitutional, Wheatshaf, Hand Court, W.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C. (Instruction.)
101—Temple, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
860—Dalhousie, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1261—Golden Rule, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, Piccadilly.
1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8. (Instruction.)
1472—Henley, Railway Tavern, Stratford New Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
1507—Metropolitan, 269 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)
R.A.—Metropolitan Chapter of Instruction, Jamaica Coffee House, St. Michael's alley, Cornhill, at 6.30.

120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.
158—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Shorncliffe-on-Sea.
209—Etonian, Masonic Hall, Windsor.
493—Royal Lebanon, Spread Eagle, Gloucester.
538—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.
702—Sherborne, Subscription Rooms, Stroud, Gloucester.
734—Loudesborough, Victoria Hotel, Bridlington Quay.
847—Fortescue, Masonic Hall, High-street, Honiton, Devon.
948—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Linsdale, Leighton Buzzard.
1002—Skiddaw, Lodge Room, Market-place, Cockermouth.
1034—Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford.
1322—Waverley, Caledonia Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne.
1336—Square and Compass, Wynnstay Arms, High-street, Wrexham.
1384—Equity, Walker's Commercial Hotel, Widnes.

WEDNESDAY, 6th DECEMBER.

Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, at Freemasons' Hall, at 6 for 7 p.m.
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.)
1283—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 8.0. (Instruction.)
R. A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)

137—Amity, Masonic Hall, Thames-street, Poole.
261—Unanimity and Sincerity, Clarke's Hotel, Taunton.
298—Harmony, Masonic Room, Ann-street, Rochdale.
326—Moir, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol.
471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Mon.
645—Humphrey Chetham, Masonic Room, Cross-street, Manchester.
1063—Malling Abbey, Bear Inn, West Malling, Kent.
1144—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne.
1167—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Alnwick.
1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich.
1323—Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea.
1363—Tyndale, Town Hall, Chipping Sudbury, Gloucester.
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, at 7.0. (Instruction.)

THURSDAY, 7th DECEMBER.

3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., Fitzroy-sq., at 7.0. (Instruction.)
10—Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C. (Instruction.)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
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.)
1612—West Middlesex, Railway Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
M.M.—Temple, Gun Tavern, Wapping. (Instruction.)

31—United Industrious, Guildhall Concert Room, High-street, Canterbury.
41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath.
123—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire.
249—Mariners, Masonic Temple, 22 Hope-street, Liverpool.
254—Trinity, Craven Arms Hotel, Coventry.
269—Fidelity, White Bull Hotel, Blackburn.
280—Worcester, Bell Hotel, Worcester.
295—Combermere Union, Macclesfield Arms, Macclesfield.
309—Harmony, Red Lion, Fareham.
360—Pomfret, George Hotel, Northampton.
442—St. Peter's, Masonic Hall, Boroughbury, Peterborough.
489—Benevolence, Masonic Hall, Bridgeland-street, Bideford, Devon.
650—Star in the East, Pier Hotel, Harwich. (Instruction.)
792—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bullring-lane, Grimsby.
1012—Prince of Wales, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire.
1074—Underly, Masonic Room, Market-place, Kirkby Lonsdale.
1282—Ancholme, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire.
1284—Brent, Masonic Hall, Globe Hotel, Topsham.
1331—Aldershot Camp, Assembly Rooms, High-street, Aldershot.
R. A. 1339—Stockwell, Half Moon, Horns Hill.

FRIDAY, 8th DECEMBER.

933—Doric, Earl Grey Tavern, Mile End-road, at 8. (Instruction.)
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1273—Burdett Courts, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park, at 8. (Instruction.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
36—Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary-street, Cardiff.
697—United, George Hotel, Colchester.
1087—Beauesert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard.
1289—Rock, Bedford House, Bedford-road, Rockferry, Cheshire.
1536—United Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead.
R. A. 10—Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

SATURDAY, 9th DECEMBER.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
1426—Great City, City Terminus Hotel, E.C.
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.
1612—West Middlesex, Institute, Ealing.
1391—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester.

IRELAND.

WEDNESDAY—704—Ahoghell, Union Tavern, Ahoghell.
FRIDAY—178—St. John's, Castle-street, Lisburn, County Antrim.

SCOTLAND.

TUESDAY—41—St. Cuthbert Kilwinning, Kirkeudbright, N.B.
WEDNESDAY—0—Mother Kilwinning, Freemasons' Hall, Kilwinning.
" 21—Old St. John's, Freemasons' Hall, Lanark.
THURSDAY—11—St. John, King's Arms, Maybole.

WEST YORKSHIRE.

SATURDAY.

149—Peace, Masonic Rooms, Meltham.

MONDAY.

154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.
302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford.
307—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hobden Bridge.
827—St. John's, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dowsbury.
1108—Wharfedale, Private Room, Boroughgate, Otley, York.
1211—Goderich, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds.
1239—Wentworth, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
1302—De Warren, White Swan Hotel, Halifax.
1542—Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford.
R. A. 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley.

TUESDAY.

265—Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley.
448—St. James's, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax.
R. A. 296—Loyalty, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
R. A. 600—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.

WEDNESDAY.

290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, Huddersfield.
387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley.
750—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Railway-street, Clockheaton.
R. A. 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds.

THURSDAY.

289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds.
439—Scientific, Private Room, Bingley.
971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial-street, Batley.
974—Pentolpha, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford.
1231—Savile, Royal Hotel, Elland.
1513—Friendly, King's Head Hotel, Barnsley.
R. A. 208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury.
R. A. 307—Good Intent, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge.
R. A. 337—Confidence, Private Rooms, Commercial Inn, Uppermill.

FRIDAY.

458—Aire and Calder, Private Rooms, Onse-street, Goole.
1001—Harrogate and Clare, Masonic Rooms, Parliament-street, Harrogate.
1102—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Eastthorpe, Mirfield.

DURHAM AND NORTHUMBERLAND.

MONDAY.

431—St. George's, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, North Shields.

TUESDAY.

124—Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham.
393—St. David's, Freemasons' Hall, the Parade, Berwick-on-Tweed.
635—Northumberland, Assembly Rooms, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

WEDNESDAY.

94—Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall, Queen-street, Sunderland.
406—Northern Counties, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne.
1274—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Chester-le-street.

THURSDAY.

24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street-west, Newcastle-on-Tyne.
509—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Wellington-road, Stockton-on-Tees.
531—St. Helen's, Masonic Hall, Regent-square, Hartlepool.
1379—Marquess of Ripon, Freemasons' Hall, Archer-street, Darlington.

FRIDAY.

1121—Wear Valley, King's Arms Hotel, Bishop Auckland.

EDINBURGH DISTRICT.

MONDAY—429—St. Kentigern, Royal Hotel, Penicuik.
TUESDAY—5—Canongate and Leith (L. & C.), 86 Constitution-street.
THURSDAY—97—St. James's, St. James's Hall, Writer's-court.
FRIDAY—56—Canongate Kilwinning, St. John-street.

GLASGOW AND THE WEST OF SCOTLAND.

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MONDAY—332—Union, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.
" R. A. 110—Rosslyn, 25 Robertson-street, Glasgow.
TUESDAY—3 bis.—St. John's, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.
" 4—Kilwinning, 162 Kent-road, Glasgow.
" 73—Thistle and Rose, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.
" 87—Thistle, Freemasons' Hall, Cathedral-street, Glasgow.
" 437—Govanvale, Partland Hall, Govan-road, Glasgow.
WEDNESDAY—117—St. Mary, Freemasons' Hall, Douglas-street, Partick.
" 128—St. John's, Freemasons' Hall, Shettleston.
" 354—Caledonian Railway, 30 Hope-street, Glasgow.
" 571—Dramatic, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow, at 3 p.m.
THURSDAY—27—St. Mungo, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.
" 465—St. Andrew's, Freemasons' Hall, Garnagad-road, Glasgow.
FRIDAY—18—Samburton, Freemasons' Hall.
" 170—Leven St. John, Black Bull Inn, Renton.
SATURDAY—23—St. John's, Black Bull, Kirkiatilloch.
" 305—St. John's, Woodhall, Freemasons' Hall, Holytown, 7 p.m.

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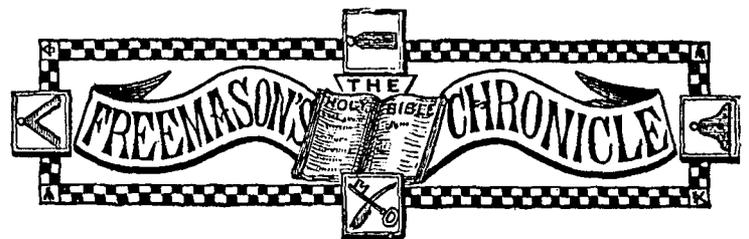
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OUR WEEKLY BUDGET.

THE Queen reached Windsor Castle, on her return from Scotland, early on Friday morning. On Tuesday, Her Majesty held a Council, at which were present the Duke of Richmond and Gordon, the Marquis of Hertford, the Earl of Derby, and the Right Hon. R. A. Cross. Lord Blackburn and other judges were duly sworn as members of the Privy Council. After the Council, Justices Manisty and Lopes, and Baron Hawkins were severally introduced by the Lord Chamberlain, and received the honour of Knighthood.

The Prince and Princess of Wales are at Sandringham, where they are receiving a succession of guests, among whom must be mentioned the Duke of Cambridge and Prince and Princess Christian and suite. Shooting has latterly been the order of the day, but yesterday, being the anniversary of the Princess's birthday, was devoted to the festivities usual on so auspicious an occasion. On Sunday, the Duchess of Edinburgh was safely delivered of a daughter, at the San Antonio Palace, Malta. H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh and the Governor of Malta, as representing the Home Secretary, were present. According to bulletins received, the Duchess and infant were going on favourably. A Royal salute was fired in St. James's Park on Monday, in honour of the event, a number of people being present, in spite of the heavy rain that was falling.

The Court Martial held this week, on board the flag ship at Devonport, under the presidency of Rear-Admiral Willes, for for purpose of trying Captain Pollard, H.M.S. Tenedos, has brought its sittings to a close. It will be remembered that, some months since, the Tenedos escaped a very grave peril, off the coast of South America, only by the promptness and presence of mind of Lieutenant Graham. Captain Pollard was accordingly court-martialled on two charges, one of having, by his negligence, brought the ship into this danger, the other of having misrepresented certain circumstances in his official report to Admiral Symonds. After charge and defence, the court delivered judgment, finding Captain Pollard guilty of the first, but not of the second charge. Captain Pollard was accordingly sentenced to be dismissed his ship.

Death has been very busy of late among notabilities. Last week we recorded the death of General Bell. Since then the Duke of Saldanha, the Portuguese Ambassador at the Court of St. James's, has died. His body lay in state for some days, and will be conveyed to his native country, on board a Portuguese frigate especially despatched for this purpose. We have likewise to note the death, at Brighton, on Saturday last, of the Right Hon.

James Whiteside, Lord Chief Justice of Ireland. The late Chief Justice was born in County Wicklow, in 1806, and, therefore, had nearly, if not quite, completed the allotted three score years and ten. He was educated at Trinity College, Dublin, and took legal honours at the University of London. He was called to the Irish bar in 1830, became a Q.C. and a bencher of the King's Inn in 1853. He was Solicitor-General for Ireland in 1852, and Attorney-General 1858-9. He sat in Parliament, as member for Inniskillen, from 1851 to 1859, and thence till 1866 as M.P. for Dublin University. In the latter year, he was appointed to the Lord Chief Justiceship. The late judge will be remembered chiefly for his brilliant defence of the late Daniel O'Connell in 1843, and of Smith O'Brien and his fellow conspirators in 1848, as well as for his successful advocacy in the well-known case of Theresa Longworth, when seeking to establish the validity of her marriage with Major Yelverton. Lord Chief Justice Whiteside was also a man of considerable literary eminence, the best known among his published works being "Ancient Rome," "Italy in the Nineteenth Century," and "Life and Death of the Irish Parliament."

Captain Nares and the officers of the Arctic Expedition, together with Captain Young of the Pandora, were entertained, on Saturday last, at a banquet by the Naval Club. In returning thanks for the toast of the evening, Captain Nares said that though the main object of the expedition had not been achieved, much good had resulted from its labours. He considered there was plenty of Arctic work yet to be done, that a new basis had been formed from which further strides might be made, provided they were made carefully. Thursday had originally been fixed for the presentation of Captain Nares to the Queen, but on hearing the banquet to be given by the Mayor and Corporation of Portsmouth to the gallant captain and his officers was fixed for the same day, her Majesty graciously allowed the presentation to be made yesterday. The Wanderers' Club, Pall-mall, have conferred permanent honorary membership on Captains Nares and Markham, in recognition of their Arctic services. On Tuesday next the principal officers of the expedition will be entertained at a banquet by the United Service Club.

The appointment of Sir Bartle Frere, G.C.S.I., G.C.B., who, it will be remembered, accompanied H.R.H. the Prince of Wales on his visit to India, to be Governor of the Cape of Good Hope, in succession to Sir Henry Bartley, G.C.M.G., whose period of service expires this month, has been graciously approved by her Majesty. It is believed that Sir Bartle Frere will take up his Governorship about the end of February.

The new Lord Mayor, Sir Thomas White, has not been long in office ere his friends and neighbours in the county of Essex have done him the honour to present him with a very elegant silver-gilt dessert service, as a token of their respect and esteem. The presentation was made at a banquet held on Tuesday evening, at the King's Arms, Chigwell, near which place Sir Thomas White resides, the chair being occupied by Lieut. General Markwood, who was supported by a large and influential gathering of the friends and admirers of his lordship. The toast of the evening was received with immense applause, and Sir Thomas very feelingly acknowledged the honour done him.

A recent issue of the *Hebrew Leader* contains the following statistics of Freemasonry in Texas; number of affiliated Masons, 18,206; number initiated during the past year, 1013; number affiliated, 1,117; dismissions (? dimissions), 1,555; expulsions, 45; suspensions, 451; re-instatements, 215; deaths, 273; charity fund, 1,737 dollars; dues, 11,461 dollars; lecture fund, 4,448 dollars. Amount contributed to the coast sufferers by September cyclone, 1,840 dollars—which was distributed among the members of the Indianola Lodge, No. 84, and Sampson Lodge, No. 231. We further learn that the Grand Lodge of Indian Territory includes six Lodges and one hundred and thirty-one brethren.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Inflammations controlled.—All persons should be forewarned by the present sudden atmospheric changes, that their maintenance of health depends upon rectifying disorder in, and expelling impurities from the system without unnecessary delay. Cases of internal inflammation in the throat, lungs, liver and bowels, are perpetually happening during the winter, and loudly call for a certain curative, such as Holloway's Pills; they supersede blood-letting, mercury, antimony, and similarly dangerous treatment. No invalid will be at a loss to treat his complaint on the surest and safest principles, who carefully reads through the printed directions folded round every box of these Pills. No danger can result from using this medicine, which may be accounted "The Antidote for Inflammation."

Old Warrants.

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No. 42.

No. 157, "Ancients;" No. 190 at the "Union" of 1813, No. 138 from A.D. 1832, and No. 119 from A.D. 1863.

No. 157

THOMAS MATHEW, Grand Master.
WM. DICKEY, D.G.M.

L. DERMOTT for
EDWD. BUTLER, S.G.W.

L. DERMOTT for
HEN. ALLEN, 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) in ample form assembled, viz., The Right Worshipful and Honourable Thomas Mathew, of Thomas Town, in the kingdom of Ireland, Esquire, now residing in that part of Great Britain called England, and for his great skill in Masonry, Grand Master of Masons, The Worshipful William Dickey, D.G.M., The Worshipful and Hon. Edwd. Butler, Esq., S.G.W., and the Worshipful Henry Allen, Esq., 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., Mr. Jeremiah Elliott, one of our Master Masons, Richard Boardman his Senior Warden, and James Macdonald his Junior Warden, to form and hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons aforesaid, at the sign of the Sun and Sexton, in the Town of Whitehaven, and County of Cumberland, on the first Monday in each Calendar Month, and on all seasonable times and lawful occasions, and in the said Lodge (when duly congregated) to admit and make Free Masons, according to the most ancient and honourable custom of the Royal Craft in all ages and nations throughout the known world. And we do hereby farther authorize and empower our said Trusty and well-beloved Brethren, viz., Jeremiah Elliott, Richard Boardman, and James Macdonald, with the consent of the Members of their Lodge, to nominate, chuse, and install their Successors, to whom they shall deliver this Warrant and invest them with their power and dignity as Freemasons, &c., &c., such successors shall in like manner nominate, chuse, and install their successors, &c., &c., such installation to be upon (or near) every St. John's Day during the continuance of the 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 Eighteenth day of May, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty-eight, and in the Year of Masonry Five Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty-eight.

LAW. DERMOTT, Grand Secretary.

NOTE.—This Warrant is Registered
in the Grand Lodge, Vol. 5,
Letter E.

The present title, No., &c. are, The Sun Lodge, No. 119, Freemasons' Hall, Whitehaven.

No. 43.

Copy of Charter of Constitution to hold a Holy Royal Arch Chapter.
No. 138 at Constitution, No. 119 from A.D. 1863.

ZETLAND, Z.

DE GREY OF RIFON, H.

T. H. HALL, J.

In the name of the Grand Architect of the Universe.

(Emblem.)

To all the Enlightened Our Brethren of the several degrees of the Royal Craft; but more especially those Citizens of the World and Servants of the Omnipotent, who have been, or hereafter may be, honoured by Exaltation to our Sublime Degree—Health, Peace, Good Will.

Be it Known, that our Excellent Companions, Thomas Routledge, Z., Joseph Fletcher H., Henry Spencer J., James Dees, John Davis, William Benn Gibson, Christopher Hodgkin, James Slade, and Isaac Anderson, having made known to Our Supreme Grand Chapter their desire of holding a Chapter of Our Order, for the cultivation of this

Grand and Universal Science, in hopes thereby the more to extend their aid to, and promote the happiness of, all our Brethren, and link mankind together by indissoluble bonds of Friendship, Peace, and Harmony. And that Our Grand Chapter, having taken their Petition into consideration, and finding it concordant with Our Grand System of Universal Benevolence, We do hereby, with the consent of our said Grand

Chapter, grant unto the said Companions this our Charter of Constitution, to be held with and attached to the Warrant of the Lodge, No. 138, called Sun, Square and Compasses, with full power for them, their Companions and Successors, to open and hold a Chapter of our Order, at the Masonic Hall, Whitehaven, on the Second Friday of every month, or at such other place and at such time as Our said Companions and their Successors shall, with the consent of Us and Our Successors, Grand Officers for the time being, think meet. The first Chapter to be opened on the day of now

next ensuing, by the Title of "The Sun, Square and Compasses Chapter," with such Privileges, Powers, and Immunities as do of Right belong to Regular Established Chapters and Companions of Our said Most Excellent Order, subject, nevertheless, to the General Laws and Ordinances already or to be hereafter enacted, by Our Most Excellent Grand and Royal Chapter.

Given at London under Our Hands, and the Seal of our Grand and Royal Chapter, this 5th day of November, A.L. 5862, A.D. 1862.

(Emblem.)

WM. GREY CLARKE, E.

R. W. JENNINGS, N.

(Seal.)

MARK MASONRY.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF DEVONSHIRE.

ON Friday, 24th ult., the annual meeting of the Prov. G.L. of Mark Masons was held at Lodge Sincerity, 189, St. George's Hall, Stonehouse, the large room of which had been kindly lent for the occasion. The Right Worshipful Prov. Grand Master, Major Tanner Davy, presided, and there was a very good attendance of brethren from all parts of the province, including:—I. Latimer P.P.G.S.W., S. Jew, J. B. Gover P.G.T., V. Bird P.P.G.T. Sec., J. Way P.P.G.O., P. H. Newnham P.C.C. Eng., H. C. Fitzgerald P.P.M.O., J. H. Toms P.P.G.S.B., C. Godtschalk P.P.G.D.C., B. J. Spry P.P.G.I.O., Charles Leigh P.P.G.M.O., J. Baxter P.P.G.J.W., J. W. Lemon P.P.G.C., E. A. Davis P.P.G.J.D., J. E. Curteis P.P.S.W., J. M. Hiley P.P.G.J.D., T. S. Bailey P.P.G. Treas., W. Hugo P.G.J.W., H. Miller P.P.G.M.O., J. Lynn P.P.G.O., J. Phillips P.P.G.D.C., R. H. Rae P.P.G. Treas., W. Harries P.G.S.D., A. Latimer P.P.G.S.B., D. Cross P.P.G.S.B., C. Cooper P.G. Sup. Wks. The Grand Lodge having been opened in due form, the minutes of the last meeting of the Grand Lodge held at Exeter were read by the Provincial Grand Secretary, Bro. Vincent Bird, and were duly confirmed.

The Secretary's report showed great improvement in the Lodges making their returns, but stated that some of them were yet left much later in the year than was convenient. The Treasurer's receipts and expenditure for the past year showed a balance in hand of £14 11s. On the proposition of Bro. C. Godtschalk, acting as Steward for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, 1876-7, for the province, it asked that the sum of £15 be voted to that Institution, to be placed on the Stewards' list, viz., Bro. J. E. Curteis and himself, who were acting for their province for the next Festival.

In course of his remarks, Bro. C. Godtschalk mentioned that the Province was deeply indebted to the Institution. That the brethren, as a body, were duly bound to do all in their power to support their Stewards for the year in their efforts to carry up a respectable sum in February next; that in so doing they would be supporting the appeal made and nobly answered by the Prov. Grand Craft Lodge in August last, which had voted £100 to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, upon the same undeniable facts and figures brought forward by Bro. Godtschalk. Since then, and upon the facts becoming known, he was proud to state several private Lodges and Chapters (all in Plymouth) had liberally voted to his list the following sums:—

Lodge Prudence, 1550, Plymouth, £10; Lodge St. John's, 70, Plymouth, £10; Lodge Dundas, Plymouth, £10; Chapter Harmony, 156, Plymouth, £10; Chapter St. John's, 70, Plymouth, £5; Chapter Concord, 223, Plymouth, £5, with farther sums promised. To the W.M.'s, P.M.'s, brethren and Principals of these Lodges and Chapters he took the opportunity of tendering his gratitude; they had voted the monies, not as charity only, but as an act of justice to an Institution which was aiding the helpless and needy—their aged fathers and mothers in Masonry.

This was seconded by Bro. J. E. Curteis, P.G.S.W., G.M.D., England, who endorsed every word that had been uttered by Bro. Godtschalk. That the R.M.B.I. was doing good for the province was undeniable. Certain brethren made statements in opposition to grants being made to our great charities, saying that money so voted, when it reached London, went into a "vortex" of—well he would not repeat; but this he would say to brethren holding such views,—look at figures on both sides—see what you as a province, from all sources, have done; then calmly take the number of candidates from your province now on the funds of the Benevolent Institution, and ask yourselves what is the amount annually received. Then say at which end is the "vortex."

Bro. V. Bird, P.M.O., England, and Treasurer, here intimated that the Lodge had no collars for the provincial officers, and thereupon a long discussion ensued, whether it would be better to expend the funds in hand, viz., £14 11s, in collars and jewels for the Prov. G.M. Lodge, or vote it to the funds of the R.M.B.I., as proposed by Bro. Godtschalk.

Bro. V. Bird P.M.O. England, P.G. Secretary, moved as an amendment, that the sum in hand be expended in jewels and collars.

This amendment being seconded, was put to the Lodge, and about 18 votes were announced in support.

Bro. J. B. Gover P.M., P.G. Treas., rose, and in a few forcible but kindly words suggested that £10 should be voted to the Institution, whose interests were being advocated by Bro. Godtschalk. He (Bro. Gover) was intimately connected with our great Charities, so far as the province of Devon was concerned, and he honestly stood there to tell the brethren that, as a province, they owed the R.M.B. Institution a debt of gratitude. This year they were doing their best to rub it off, by liberal grants from Prov. Grand Lodge, and from private Lodges and Chapters, which would be aided by the energetic work of their Stewards, Bros. Curteis and Godtschalk. At the same time he did not want, neither was it pleasant to have, the claims of the R.M.B. Institution at all times thrown at them, for they must

remember that if they had a large number of annuitants on the funds of the Institution, those annuitants did not get there without votes; that the province must have paid for those votes at some time or other. He had much pleasure in suggesting that £10 instead of £15 be voted.

Bro. Chas. Godtschalk expressed his assent to this arrangement, and it was put to the Lodge as the original proposition, and carried.

On the proposition of Bro. I. Latimer, seconded by Bro. J. E. Curteis, a committee was appointed to obtain a set of new collars and jewels for the P.G. Lodge. The P.G.M., the D.P.G.M., the Sec. and Treas. for the ensuing year, were appointed as a committee. Bro. L. D. Westcott was elected the Treasurer, and Bro. John Rogers the Tyler for the ensuing year. The following brethren were appointed the elective members of the Board of General Purposes:—W. G. Rogers P.P.G.J.W. 15, I. Latimer 66, Samuel Jew 66, J. B. Gover 50. The P.G.M. invested the following brethren as the officers for the ensuing year:—The Rev. P. H. Newnham D.P.G.M. 35, Major Shanks R.M., P.S.G.W. 35, J. T. Shapland P.J.G.W. 9, H. Cochrane P.S.G.O. 16, John Brower P.J.G.O. 9, the Rev. T. King, vicar of Southmolton, P.G. Chap. 9, L. D. Westcott P.G. Treas. 50, R. M. Andrews P.G. Reg. 50, V. Bird P.G. Sec. 64, M. Rickard P.G.S.D. 64, E. Patten P.G.J.D. 76, J. T. Avery P.G.D.C. 50, W. Crimp P.G.A.D.C. 50, J. Tonkin P.G.S. Wks. 23, J. B. Price P.G.S.B. 16, J. Billing P.G.O. 169, C. Croydon P.G. St. B. 35, J. H. Filmer P.G. Purs. 16; R. Pengelly 50, J. Stocker 15, T. Searle 16, and A. Bodley 15, Stewards.

At the close of the business Bro. Rae, the oldest Past Master, expressed his thanks and the gratification which Lodge Sincerity felt in having to welcome the Grand Lodge. The Lodge was then closed in due form, and most of the company adjourned to the Globe Hotel, to partake of a banquet, provided by Host Watts in his usual excellent style.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF LANARKSHIRE.

THE annual meeting of this body was held in St. Mark's Hall, Glasgow, on 24th November, Comp. F. A. Barrow, Provincial Grand Superintendent, presiding. In the absence of the 2nd and 3rd Grand Principals, their chairs were filled by Comps. Bell Z. of Chapter 50, and D. Ronald Z. of 67. G. W. Wheeler Z. 73, acting as P.G. Scribe E, T. Halket Treasurer, G. McDonald 1st S., T. M. Campbell 2nd S., Wm. Bilsland as 3rd S. The P.G.Z. congratulated the Chapter on the large attendance of the members, which he trusted was a good augury for the next year's work. As the Scribe E. had now left the Province, he would have to appoint a fresh one, and he trusted they would start with renewed vigour, as the R.A. was an Order worthy of the best energies of its members. The Treasurer's accounts were highly satisfactory. The P.G. Superintendent then appointed and invested the P.G. Officers. W. Smith P.G.H., J. F. Mitchell P.G.J., Jas. Balfour P.G.S.E., G. W. Wheeler Z. 73 P.G.S.N., T. Halket Z. 113 P.G.T., G. Thallou Z. 119 P.G.Co., T. M. Campbell Z. 69 P.G. 1st S., D. Lamb Z. 79 P.G. 2nd S., Geo. McDonald P.Z. 73 P.G. 3rd S., J. M. Oliver 79 P.G. Sword B., J. Duthie P.Z. 67, P.G. Superintendent of Works, J. F. Scott P.Z. 122 P.G. Standard B., J. B. Hardie P.G. Janitor. Arrangements were then made for holding the Annual R.A. Festival for the Province, and the P.G. Chapter was closed.

At the moment of going to press, the result of the School Board election for the City of London reaches us. We congratulate our Bro. Sir John Bennett on his grand success. He heads the poll with a majority of 18½ per cent. over Bro. W. S. Gover, who again is 3 per cent. over Mr. Peek, while Alderman Cotton, the last of the successful candidates, polled nearly 1000 votes over Mr. Spottiswoode. We annex the result of the poll:—

Sir JOHN BENNETT	...	...	...	7461
MR. W. S. GOVER	...	...	...	6299
MR. FRANCIS PEEK	...	...	...	6110
MR. ALDERMAN COTTON	...	...	...	6099
MR. GEORGE A. SPOTTISWOODE	...	...	...	5295

The first four were returned.

LONDON SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION. TO THE CITIZENS OF LONDON.

FELLOW CITIZENS,—

May I be permitted to congratulate the 20,000 electors of the City upon the success of their efforts yesterday to strengthen effectually the next School Board in its maintenance and development of the educational policy of the past.

Half a million of children will have good reason to bless the Citizens for their determination at this eventful crisis to give the light and power of knowledge to the rising generation.

Neither sect nor party will now, as far as the City of London is concerned, succeed in adulterating the quality, or restricting the quantity of that instruction in useful knowledge which the Legislature has put into the power of the Metropolitan Board to bestow. Most respectfully I desire to thank my fellow Citizens for having so handsomely conferred on me the distinguished privilege of heading the poll, and acting as one of their representatives at the Board for the next three years—where I shall be found, working to the full, to secure the great object of the Board,—the thorough education of every child in this nation of London.

Your faithful servant,

JOHN BENNETT,

CHEARSIDE, 1st December 1876.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Kent Lodge of Instruction, No. 15.—This Lodge of Instruction was opened on Thursday, the 23rd instant, at Bro. Hallows, The Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow. The chair was taken shortly after seven p.m. by Bro. J. Pinder, the W.M. of the mother Lodge, with Bros. Groome S.W. 861 as S.W., Cambridge J.W. 15 as J.W., Wallington P.M. 860 as P.M., W. G. Hallows 861 as I.G. The Lodge having been opened in the three degrees, the ceremony of installation was admirably worked by the W.M., who installed Bro. W. T. Christian J.D. 1278 into the chair of K.S., according to ancient rite. Bro. Christian then appointed and invested his officers, and after resuming the Lodge in the first degree, worked the first, second, and third sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Pinder was unanimously elected Preceptor, Bro. W. G. Hallows Treasurer, and Bro. Saunders 1381 Secretary. A cordial vote of thanks, and the honorary membership of the Lodge, was conferred upon Bro. Pinder for the admirable manner in which he had performed the ceremony of installation, and the great service he had rendered in obtaining the sanction of the mother Lodge. Votes of thanks were also tendered to Bros. Wallington, Cambridge, and Jaquin, P.M. 382, P.G.P. Middlesex, for their kindness in assisting in the opening of the Lodge. Bro. Groome was elected W.M. for the ensuing Thursday, and appointed his officers in rotation. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to a most excellent repast, provided by the host, Bro. Hallows, and which was much enjoyed by all. Amongst the brethren present were Bros. Field P.M. 200, Bolton P.M. 1227, F. Hallows 861, Franklin 861, Brand 20, Percy 1227, Evannett 1426, Badkin S.W. 1365, Oldroyd I.G. 1227, Mumford 861, Horner 861. This Lodge will meet punctually every Thursday evening at 7.30, and close at 9.30.

Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.—This Lodge held its weekly meeting on Monday, the 27th November, at the Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell. Present—Bros. H. P. Isaac W.M., Powell S.W., Fenner J.W., Killick Secretary, Halford Treasurer, Samuels S.D., R. W. Percy J.D., J. Hill I.G., Christopher Tyler. The Lodge was opened in regular form, and the minutes confirmed. The first and second ceremonies were rehearsed, Bros. Hill and Mosely acting as candidates. Several sections of the First Lecture were worked. Bro. M. Mosely 228 was elected a member, and Bro. Powell chosen W.M. for the next meeting.

Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction.—The Fifteen Sections were worked by the brethren at the Lord Stanley, Sandringham-road, Kingsland, on Monday, 27th November. Bros. T. J. Barnes P.M. 554 and 933 W.M., T. Austin P.M. 933 and 1415 S.W., W. H. Myers P.M. 820 and 1445 J.W., G. E. Walters S.W. 1598 and 1445. First Lecture—Bros. Baro 1598, Walters S.W. 1598 and 1445, Livermore 554, Constable P.M. 185, Rudderforth D.C. 12, Turquand P.M. 1556 and 890, Pinder W.M. 15. Second Lecture—Bros. Cambridge J.W. 15, Radderforth D.C. 12, Job I.G. 1076, Howe P.M. 1415, Austin P.M. 933 and 1445. Third Lecture—Bros. Cohen S.W. 205, Webb J.W. 1607, Myers P.M. 820 and 1445. There were also present Bros. Pullen 1415, May P.M. 212, Jesse 1556, Jacob 1445, Howlett 141, Morgan 1385, J. Green P.M. 27, Yeomans 167, Hogarth 1107, Skelt 1598, Gillard 657, Bachelor 1365, &c. The working was admirably conducted throughout, and a vote of thanks to all engaged was unanimously accorded. Bros. Howlett, Job, Webb, Cohen, Gillard and Morgan were elected members.

The London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, No. 58.—This Lodge held its second meeting on Monday, the 27th November, at 101 Queen Victoria-street, E.C. (London Masonic Club). Present—Bros. Hubback W.M., Nelson Reed S.W., Walker J.W., J. E. Shaud Hon. Secretary, C. J. Hogg Hon. Treasurer, C. Jardine S.D., James Edell J.D., G. Stevens I.G., James Mander Preceptor, and Bro. Tickle, White, Stevens, Morley, Carter, &c., &c. Visitors—Bros. G. Gardner, City of Westminster 1563, J. E. Pentreath, Duke of Connaught 1558, Burdett 1601. Business—The Lodge (on the principle of all labour and no refreshment) was opened in due form with solemn prayer, minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. Lodge opened in 2nd degree, after answering usual questions, Bro. White was passed. The 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th sections were worked by Bro. Mander Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Reed was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. A vote of thanks was given to the W.M. for his conduct in the chair. The bye laws were discussed, and it was moved that they be adopted and printed. Bro. White proposed, and Bro. Walker J.W. seconded, and it was unanimously carried, that the thanks of the Lodge be given and recorded upon the minutes, to Bros. Hogg, Reed and Shaud (the Committee), for their time and services rendered in framing the Rules, and making the preliminary arrangements for the formation of the Lodge. Nothing farther offering, the Lodge closed in due form, and adjourned till Monday next, 4th December, at 6 p.m.

Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, No. 65.—Held at Bro. Maidwell's, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, on Tuesday, 28th November. Present—Bros. Ellis W.M., Parker S.W., Maidwell J.W., Bone S.D., Sayer J.D., Hill I.G., Rutherford Preceptor, Hollands Secretary, and Bros. Daniel, Davis, Hallar, Marks and Baxter. After the formal proceedings of the evening, Bro. Daniel answered the usual questions, leading to the 2nd degree, and was entrusted. The Lodge was opened in the 2nd, and Bro. Daniel was passed. The Lodge was resumed. Bro. Hill worked the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Hallar candidate. Bro. Ellis resumed the chair, and worked the 2nd section of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bros. Hallar and Bone were elected members. Bro. Parker was selected W.M. for the ensuing week. Bro. Rutherford was elected Preceptor for the ensuing year. He thanked the brethren for having chosen him, and for their kind expression of feeling towards him; it would

always be a pleasure to assist any of its members in the working of the Lodge, to the best of his ability. The brethren expressed their assurance that, under his preceptorship the Lodge will support its name,—The Prosperity. The other officers for the year having been elected, the Lodge was closed in due form, and will meet on Tuesday next, at 7, instead of 7.30.

St. John's Lodge, No. 178.—The stated communication of this large and influential Lodge took place in the Masonic Hall, Castle-street, Lisburn, on the 10th ult., Bro. R. M. Tilly W.M. in the chair. There was a crowded attendance of the members, several visiting brethren from distant Lodges being also present. Unusual interest attached to the proceedings, in consequence of the annual election of officers taking place at this communication. After the Lodge had been duly constituted, the W.M. introduced the principal business, by explaining the alteration in the Constitutions, whereby the system of promotion, so far as the W.M. was concerned, had been abolished. Only those who combined the needful Masonic qualifications, with the perfect confidence of their Lodge, need now aspire to the coveted honour of W.M. The W.M., in continuation, delivered an eloquent and instructive lecture on the principles and practice of Freemasonry, which, at its close, was warmly applauded by the brethren. The election of officers then proceeded, when the following were unanimously appointed:—A. Boyd W.M., J. Higginson S.W., R. M. Comb J.W., W. J. Gilliland Secretary, J. Vernon S.D., A. McClelland J.D., S. Nelson I.G., A. Mussen Chaplain. Bro. J. M'Brice sustained his notice of motion, that Lodge contribute £2 annually to the Female as well as the Male Orphan School, thus constituting the Lodge a Life Governor. After disposing of some routine business, the Lodge was closed in peace, love, and harmony. A special meeting of the above Lodge was held on Friday evening, the 10th ult., when Dr. John Boomer, of Oldpark, was initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry by Bro. John Higginson.

Joppa Chapter No. 187.—The regular convocation and installation meeting of this Chapter was held on Monday, the 26th inst., at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street. Comps. M. Emanuel M.E.Z., M. J. Emanuel H., W. Littaur P.Z. J., P. Dickinson S.E., S. V. Abrahams Treas., Lazarus S.N., L. Jacobs P.S.; P.Z.'s S. Lazarus, E. P. Albert, J. Lazarus, H. M. Levy, S. Pollitzer, Klein, Buderus, Phillips, L. Lazarus, Baume, A. Auerhaan, Bookbinder, Moore, Davids, J. S. Lyon. The Chapter was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. Bros. Haines No. 183, J. Davis 188, E. Miller, Isaacs, O. Tentosama 1263, were duly exalted into Royal Arch Masonry, in a perfect and impressive manner. A Board of Installed Principals was then formed, and Comps. M. Emanuel was installed into the chair of M.E.Z., W. Littaur H., and L. Jacobs J. The beautiful ceremonies were perfectly given by the retiring M.E.Z., Comp. M. Emanuel. The Companions having been admitted, the M.E.Z. then invested his officers:—Comps. S. V. Abrahams P.Z. Treasurer, P. Dickinson S.E., Phillips S.N., L. Lazarus P.S., J. L. Lyons 1st Assist., Myers 2nd Assist., Smith Janitor. The report of the audit committee was read, and was satisfactory. The Chapter was then closed, and the Companions sat down to a capital banquet, provided by Comp. Jennings. On the removal of the cloth, the M.E.Z. gave the usual loyal and R.A. toasts. He then proposed the toast of "The Newly-Exalted Companions." From the recommendations they had brought, and the attention they paid to the ceremony, he thought they would eventually prove a credit to the Chapter. Comps. Davis, Haines, and Isaacs responded, the latter giving an interesting account of his Masonic experience in the East. The M.E.Z. proposed the toast of "The Visitors." Comp. A. Clifford-Eskell was a late member and P.Z. of the Chapter, and had done good service in it. They were also pleased to see Comp. Walford, a P.Z. of a celebrated Chapter, the Prudent Brethren, and holding the position of Common Councilman. Comp. Eskell, in responding, said he had visited many Chapters, and he had never witnessed better working. The installation was perfectly given by Comp. Emanuel. Comp. Walford followed. Comp. S. V. Abraham P.Z. then proposed the toast of "The M.E.Z." He was one who had always studied the true principles of Freemasonry: every duty required of him he had carried out, and he would not have accepted office had he not been fully competent. On leaving the chair he would receive the approbation of all; the Chapter might be congratulated on the selection it had made. The M.E.Z. said he hoped he might be spared to carry out every requirement of the members. Comp. W. Littaur P.Z. and H. then rose, with the permission of the M.E.Z. he had a pleasing duty to perform; it was to propose the health of one who had faithfully discharged every office in the Chapter, and had distinguished himself during his year of office, finishing his duties by installing the three Principals. He referred to our worthy Companion, M. Emanuel. This was not the first time he had held office, for he was a P.Z. of the Segontium Chapter in Wales, and had gone there on every occasion to perform his duties. In the name of the Chapter he had much pleasure in placing on Bro. Emanuel's breast a very elegant P.Z.'s jewel. He had also to present a claret jug, waiter, and two cups, with suitable inscriptions on each. The M.E.Z. said they all knew his regard for every one in the Chapter, individually and collectively. He had been a working Mason in Craft and Arch Masonry for twenty years. Although now out of office, his services were always at their command. He then thanked them for the presentation; he had received many jewels, but he preferred one, not so much for its value, but, living in the country, he liked to have something for the use of his family, that his friends might see, and which would show the kindness of the members of his Chapter. These two cups would be appropriate emblems. He was greatly obliged for the assistance rendered by Comp. Dickinson S.E., who had ably assisted him. The M.E.Z. then proposed the toast of the P.Z.'s. Comp. S. Lazarus P.Z. and Father of the Chapter responded. The toasts of the H. and J., Treasurer, S.E., S.N., and the Junior Officers followed; the Janitor's toast

was given, and the company separated. Visitors—Comp. J. E. Walford P.Z. 145, A. Clifford-Eskoll P.Z., late 188, Van Stavorn late 188.

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, 193.—Just upon sixty brethren assembled at the usual meeting on Wednesday, the 29th inst., at Mason's Hall Tavern, Mason's Avenue, Basinghall Street, E.C., undoubtedly attracted by the announcement, at the previous meeting, that an address would be delivered on a Masonic Historical subject. Bro. Raddlerforth presided. Bro. Tollis was S.W., F. Croaker J.W., J. K. Pitt Secretary, John Constable P.M. Treasurer, M. D. Loewonstark S.D., Fenner J.D., I. P. Cohen I.G., Christopher Tyler. Past Masters E. Gottheil preceptor, S. Moss, T. J. Barnes, &c. The Lodge having been opened and the minutes confirmed, the third ceremony was rehearsed, Bro. Biddle acting as candidate. After resuming the Lodge, it was called off, when the W.M., after a few preliminary remarks, introduced Bro. G. B. Abbott, who commenced his address by stating that he had no intention on that occasion to submit a theory of his own, it would be sufficient for the present purpose to divide the history of the Craft into three parts, namely, the mythical, operative and speculative. He would not touch upon the mythical portion, as it might perhaps prove too abstruse a subject to some who may not have time or opportunity to study a question of this kind. He would commence his observations from the time when non Masons were admitted members of Operative Lodges, which was about the year 1634. Having glanced at the state of the Craft down to the reign of Queen Anne, and the death without issue of that monarch in 1714, the lecturer referred to the Hanoverian succession, and the civil commotions in 1716, during which time the Craft was almost in abeyance. About that period, however, a few zealous Masons made an effort to resuscitate it. There were but four Lodges who participated in that work. One held at the "Goose and Gridiron," St. Paul's Churchyard; one at the "Crown," in Parker's Lane; one at the "Apple Tree," in Charles Street, Covent Garden; and one at the "Rummer and Grapes Tavern," in Chancel Row. In the year 1717 the Brethren assembled at the "Goose and Gridiron," the oldest Master Mason (being a Master of a Lodge) being in the chair. He proposed a list of proper candidates, when, by a show of hands, Mr. Anthony Sayer was elected Grand Master; to him succeeded George Payne, Esq. in 1718, in 1719 Dr. Desaguliers was the chief, after which Bro. Payne was again elected, in 1720. In 1721 the Duke of Montague was elected Grand Master, and he was the first nobleman who occupied that position. The lecturer enlarged upon each of these periods, and concluded a highly instructive discourse amidst the plaudits of a very appreciative audience. Bro. S. Moss P.M. 185, in proposing a vote of thanks, adverted to the method adopted by Bro. Abbott in the preparation of his paper, in which every point is made sufficiently clear, so as to be perfectly comprehensible even by the necessarily ignorant entered apprentice. Reference had been made to the past. Living in the present, it would be well to prepare for the future, by cogitating upon the various reflections which must have suggested themselves in the course of the lecture. He trusted that at no distant time Bro. Abbott would again favour the Lodge, and that he might continue the history down to the present time. Bro. Gottheil seconded the motion, and suggested that, in addition to the vote of thanks, Honorary Membership should be conferred upon Bro. Abbott. It was the highest honour a Lodge of Instruction had in its gift, and there were few worthier recipients than Bro. Abbott. The vote being carried with acclamation, the lecturer expressed his sincere thanks, and thought that his humble services had been greatly overrated, he valued very much indeed being made honorary member, and felt gratified at the appreciation of the brethren. Bro. T. J. Barnes P.M. begged to be permitted to add his testimony to the pleasure he had received listening to the lecturer. As Bro. Moss observed, it was lucid, and capable of being understood by the humblest intellect. Bro. Abbott instead of (as many might have done) showing his learning, by adopting a tone above ordinary comprehension, had spoken simply, up to the level of the average understanding, and thereby succeeded in instructing the higher as well as the humbler capacity. At the request of the Brethren, Bro. Abbott promised, before long, to resume the lecture. Due notice thereof will be given in the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE. The following were admitted members, Bros. S. Cohen, B. Summers and Henry Davies, all of 1017, T. K. Abell jun. 1599, S. C. Hewlett 141, W. W. Snelling 180. Bro. Tollis will occupy the chair on next Wednesday.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—This Lodge held its usual weekly meeting on Saturday, the 25th of November, at the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, Islington. Present—Bros. Powell W.M., Rowley S.W., Cohen J.W., Bidwell S.D., Read J.D., Barlow I.G., Past Masters Bros. J. Constable and Moss. Visitor—Bros. Barlow; and over thirty members. The Lodge was opened in the usual manner, the minutes of previous meeting confirmed. The ceremony of initiation rehearsed, Bro. Fox candidate. Also the ceremony of passing, Bro. Groner candidate. The first and second sections of the first lecture were worked by Bros. J. Constable and Moss. Bros. A. Westerby 185, Goodwin 186, Fenner 1227, and J. Westerby 1613, were elected members.

Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement.—The regular weekly convocation was held on Tuesday last, at the Jamaica Coffee House, St. Michael's-alley, Cornhill, E.C. After the usual preliminaries had been gone through, the M.E.Z., Comp. Constable, rehearsed the ceremony of exaltation, assisted by Comps. G. Newman H. W. E. Gompertz J., Edward S. Norris Assistant Scribe E., Peter Wagner N., J. W. Berrie P.S., Comp. J. B. Lemaitre, one of the founders of the Chapter, acting as candidate. Comp. Dudley Rolls, of Prudent Chapter, No. 12, was elected a joining member. The election of the officers for the ensuing fortnight resulted as follows:—Comps. G. Newman M.E.Z., J. Constable H., W. E. Gompertz J.,

J. B. Lemaitre Scribe N., J. W. Berrie P.S. It was incidentally mentioned that the officers elect would be pleased to vacate their position in favour of any Companion who might be desirous of perfecting himself in either of the offices. The Chapter will resume business on Tuesday next, at 6.30 p.m. There were also present Comps. R. W. Goddard, J. B. Poore, and A. G. Medwin.

Harmony Lodge, No. 309.—There was a large muster of members of the Craft at the Red Lion Hotel, Fareham, on Tuesday, 21st inst., to witness the initiation of Col. Sir Frederick W. Fitz Wygram, Bart., of Leigh Park. The ceremony was ably performed by Bro. H. Ford P.M. 309, P.P.G.S.W., and the concluding charge was impressively delivered by Bro. J. Wale W.M. The musical portion of the ceremony was most effective, the following brethren assisting:—First Tenors, Bros. Pillow P.G.O., and Winterbottom; second ditto, Bros. F. Feltham and Stapleford; Basses, Bros. Sperring and W. L. Smith. Bro. R. Osborne P.P.G.O., who bestowed great attention to the musical department, presided at the harmonium, a fine instrument, of great power and rich tone, supplied by Bro. H. Gilbert, of Fareham. After the Lodge had been closed, upwards of sixty brethren partook of dinner, Bro. Whale the W.M. presiding, and Bro. E. Downing S.W. filling the vice-chair. In the course of the evening the health of the newly initiated brother was proposed by brother H. Ford, and replied to in fitting terms by Bro. Sir F. Fitz Wygram, whose remarks indicated an appreciation of some of the leading characteristics of the ancient Craft.

Lodge Caledonian (Edinburgh), No. 392.—The annual general meeting of this Lodge was held on Saturday, the 25th of November, in Freemason's Hall, 98 George-street, when a very large attendance of the brethren were present. Bro. A. D. Cairns R.W.M. presided, and was assisted by Bros. Swanson P.M., Geddes Calder S.W., Rev. A. Stuart Irwin Chaplain, and others of the office-bearers. The Lodge having been duly opened, Bro. Cairns, in a few choice and eulogistic remarks, moved that Bro. Robert Bryce be elected as R.W. Master for the ensuing year, and this having been seconded by P.M. Swanson, was unanimously and enthusiastically agreed to. Bro. Bryce briefly thanked the brethren for the distinguished honour proposed to be conferred upon him, and thereafter the meeting proceeded to the nomination of the remaining offices, which were filled as follow:—Bros. Geddes Calder S.W., William Archibald J.W., Robert Lumsden Secretary, Rev. A. Stuart Irwin Chaplain, J. Macpherson S.D., R. Steele J.D., John Gray G. Steward, Barnet Reid I.G., David Young Tyler, each of whom expressed their acceptance of office. The offices of Depute Master and Substitute Master being in the appointment of the R.W. Master, when installed into the chair, were left open till St. John's Day, 27th December; but we understand that it is the intention of Bro. Bryce, the R.W.M. elect, to appoint two very well known and old members to these offices.

Salisbury Lodge of Instruction, No. 435.—This Lodge held its weekly meeting on Thursday, the 30th of November, at the Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W. Bros. T. Cull W.M., E. Farwig S.W., G. Davis J.W., A. C. Burrell Treasurer, F. J. Wray S.D., A. C. Woods J.D., F. J. Taylor I.G., J. Mander Preceptor; also Bros. Wilkinson, Dickinson, Burgess, Smith, Elborn, Hirst, Pike, Collett, E. Dutton, E. A. Dutton, Baxter, Blundell, Belfrage, Swallow, Docker, Bentley, Reibold, Rose, Hammond, Neighbour, J. H. Watts, Harrison, Stewart, Filby, Doherty, Day, Willis, Martin, Collens, &c. Business—Lodge opened, and minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. Lodge opened in 2nd and 3rd degrees, and resumed to the 1st, when the fifteen sections were worked. 1st Lecture: Bros. E. A. Dutton, F. J. Wray, B. H. Swallow, G. Davis, D. M. Belfrage, J. Bentley, E. Farwig. 2nd Lecture: Bros. Harrison, J. H. Watts, C. A. Woods A. Stewart, A. Boehr. 3rd Lecture: Bros. F. J. Taylor, W. Neighbour, W. J. Collens. Lodge resumed, and Bros. Burgess, Doherty, Smith, Dickinson, Pike, Collett, and Hirst were unanimously elected members. Proposed by Bro. Mander Preceptor, seconded by Bro. Burrell Treasurer, and carried unanimously, that a vote of thanks be recorded to the W.M., and that he be elected an honorary member. Bro. Cull having responded, votes of thanks were accorded to the fifteen brethren who had assisted in the working, for which Bro. Davis J.W. returned thanks. The Lodge was then closed in due form, and adjourned to Thursday, 7th December.

Royal Alfred Lodge, No. 780.—This Lodge held an emergency meeting on Saturday, the 25th November, at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge. Present—Bros. J. Chambers Roe W.M., W. Gardiner I.M.P. as S.W., Walter Goss J.W., Wm. Hilton P.M. Secretary, A. J. Burr S.D. 1612 as S.D., Wm. Gomm J.D., Wm. Savage D.C., James Squires as Steward, Jos. Dorey I.G., Harrison Tyler. P.M.'s Bros. Wm. Gardiner I.P.M., Thos. Brown, Wm. Hilton, A. Beasley and Littlewood. Visitors—Bros. H. E. Stidolph P.P.G.O. Essex, A. J. Burr S.D. 1612, H. Besley 176, V. J. B. Bennett, 733 and T. A. Woodbridge 1194. Business—The Lodge was opened at 2.30, Bros. Barnes, Morris and Franckel were examined as to their proficiency, and the replies being satisfactory, the W.M. ably worked the ceremony of the third degree in their behalf. Bro. Millross having shown his proficiency as an E. A., was passed to the second degree. The ballot was taken for Messrs. F. H. White, J. E. Carter, John H. Jarvis and H. D. Thompson, and proving unanimous, they were admitted to the mysteries and privileges of the Order, the W.M. performing the three ceremonies in a most able manner. The Secretary here stated that, since the last meeting, he regretted to have to announce the death of a very old and valued P.M. of the Lodge, that of our brother Samuel May, who, Masonically speaking, was a host in himself, and who was known throughout the Craft as a most energetic Mason. The W.M. then proposed, and Bro. Littlewood P.M. seconded, that a letter of condolence be written to the widow, to express the sympathy of the Lodge with her in her bereavement—

this was unanimously carried. The Lodge was then closed, and after a brief adjournment the brethren sat down to a most excellent banquet, provided by the host, Bro. Stanbury. After the cloth had been removed, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given. In reply to that of his health, the W.M. stated that he was proud to see such an assembly of brethren (thirty-six in number) at a Lodge of Emergency, it showed the healthy state of the Lodge, and as he believed there were six or seven gentlemen anxious to join, it would be necessary to call another "Emergency." The toast of the Initiates was then given, and responded to. The Visitors' toast was replied to by Bros. Besley, Stidolph, Bennett, Woodbridge and Burr, the latter saying that he was pleased to have had the opportunity of assisting in the working of the Lodge in the unavoidable absence of the S.D. The W.M. then gave the toast of the P.M.'s, which was duly responded to. Bro. Hilton P.M. replied to the toast of Secretary and Treasurer. The toast of the Officers was replied to by Bros. Goss J.W. and Gomm J.D. The W.M. then proposed the health of the lay members of the Lodge, and said that although the toast was not usually given, he could not let the opportunity pass without thanking some of the lay brethren for the great assistance they had rendered; with this toast he would couple the names of Bros. Squires, Dyer and Atlee. These brethren having replied, the W.M. said he had yet one more toast to propose, which was that of our worthy host, Bro. Stanbury. He said that Bro. Stanbury, on this occasion, had evidently tried to out-Stanbury Stanbury. He had said that there were now three Lodges and one Chapter meeting at the Star and Garter, that if he could get two more Lodges to meet there, he would build a Masonic Hall; this announcement was received with cheers. Bro. Stanbury, in reply, said, that he would at all times endeavour to make the brethren comfortable, by providing such banquets as should be second to none. With regard to what had fallen from the lips of the W.M., respecting the Masonic Hall, all he wanted was the support of the Craft to enable him to defray the outlay, he would then find accommodation worthy of this ancient and honourable institution. Some excellent singing, by Bros. Beasley, Stidolph, Goss, Squires, White and others, helped to enliven the evening. The Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close. We must congratulate the W.M. on his excellent working, and on the honour which he holds in presiding over such a large and influential Lodge. We are pleased also to add our tribute to the worth of Bro. Stanbury as a caterer. We trust he will see his way clear to undertake the task of building a hall for Masonic purposes, and that his enterprise will meet the success it deserves.

Carnarvon Lodge of Instruction, No. 804, Havant.—For the benefit of the members of this and the neighbouring Lodges, we are pleased to announce that a Lodge of Instruction has been formed, under the banner of the Carnarvon Lodge, Bro. J. N. Hillman P.M. 804, P.P.G. St. B. Hants and I.W. being the Preceptor; the first meeting was held on Wednesday evening, 22nd ultimo, when the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, and the first section worked; the second meeting was held on Wednesday the 13th inst., at 7.30 p.m., when the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. The subscription has been fixed at three shillings per annum, and this will be an inducement for brethren in the district to join. Bro. Thomas Francis, P.M. 804, of Emsworth, is the Secretary, and he will be pleased to receive the names of brethren desirous of becoming members.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—The weekly meeting of the above Lodge took place at Bro. Allen's, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, on Tuesday, 28th November 1876. Bros. Weige W.M., Dr. Defriez S.W., Perrin J.W., Hewlett S.D., Saunders J.D., Dallas I.G., Worsley Secretary, and P.M. Wallington Preceptor; also Bros. Smith, Lovelock, Gompertz, Cambridge, Barker, Batchelor, Digman, and W. W. Morgan. The Lodge was opened in due form. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The Lodge was then opened in the three degrees, and resumed to the 2nd, when Bro. Wallington worked the Installation Ceremony, to the delight of all present. The Lodge was resumed to the 1st degree. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Cambridge acting as candidate; Bro. Hewlett worked the 3rd and 4th sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Digman, of Lodge 1524, was unanimously elected a member. Bros. Perrin, Cambridge and Smith were elected auditors; to give in their report on Tuesday evening next. Bro. Dr. Defriez S.W. 45 and S.D. 1278 was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. All Masonic business being ended, the Lodge closed in perfect harmony.—A noteworthy fact in connection with this Lodge of Instruction may be mentioned. At the last half dozen meetings there have been several brethren present before the time fixed for the commencement of the proceedings, their object being to obtain the post of any officer who might be absent. As a consequence the work of the evening invariably begins at 7.30.

Finsbury Lodge, No. 861.—This Lodge held its November meeting on Friday, the 24th ult., at the Rosemary Branch Tavern, Shepperton-road, Islington. Present—Bros. Elias Legg W.M., W. Groome S.W., Thomas E. Purday P.M. and Sec., G. Leach P.M. and Treas., Tolmie S.D., F. Hill J.D., W. Mackey P.M. and D.C., W. Stokes P.M. Steward, Preston I.G., Speight Tyler. Past Masters Bros. Nichols, R. Leach, and about 30 other brethren. Visitors—Bros. E. Parker P.M. 619, W. Hurran 101, Bell 177, G. Jaquin P.M. 382, J. W. Harper 200, Baldwin 1005, and J. W. Barlen 1027 China. After the preliminaries, the W.M. raised Bro. Howe, passed Bros. Parkes, Honey, Hallows and Scharff, and initiated Mr. William Johnson. Bro. G. Leach P.M. and Treas., one of the founders of the Lodge, presented Bro. Thos. E. Parry P.M. and Sec., with a very handsome gold watch, for the admirable manner in which he had discharged the duties of Secretary for the past ten years. The gift was duly acknowledged by the receiver. After closing, the brethren retired for refreshment, and spent a very enjoyable evening.

Whittington Chapter, No. 862.—The installation meeting of this Chapter was held on Friday, 24th November, at Auderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, Comp. W. H. Stephens P.Z. and H., in the absence of the M.E.Z. presided. Comps. W. J. Hargrave Jones, H. M. Levy P.Z. 188 as H., T. Kingston J., Jas. Weaver P.Z. S.E., Grist, Woodward, Glaskin, Parkhouse, Murlis, Norman, Moore, Maedonald, Cuff, &c. The Chapter was opened, and the minutes of the former convocation were read and confirmed. Comp. C. Walker No. 975, W.M. 862, was elected a joining member. Comp. W. H. Stephens P.Z. and H. was then inducted into the chair, and Comp. T. Kingston was installed H., by Comp. Jas. Weaver P.Z., in his usual impressive manner. The following were appointed officers:—Comps. J. Weaver P.Z., S. E. Moore S.N., Murlis P.S., J. High 1st Assist., Norman 2nd Assist., and Gilbert Janitor. The M.E.Z. then took a ballot for the admission of Bro. S. B. Wilmot No. 874, which being in his favour, he was duly exalted into Royal Arch Masonry, all the officers performing their duties creditably. The result of the report of the audit meeting was satisfactory. The Chapter was then closed, and the Companions partook of an excellent banquet, which was superintended by Comp. Smith. The M.E.Z. then gave the usual loyal and R.A. toasts. The M.E.Z., in proposing the health of the I.P.Z., Comp. W. J. H. Jones, alluded to the respect he is held in, and, in the name of the Chapter, presented him with a very elegant solid gold jewel, set with diamonds and precious stones. This presentation having been duly responded to, Comp. Murlis returned thanks for the officers, and, after the Janitor's toast, the Companions separated.

Montefiore Lodge, No. 1017.—A meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday, the 22nd instant, at the Masonic Hall, Airstreet, Regent-street. Bro. J. Blum occupied the chair. Present—Bros. V. Myers S.W., Galliford J.W., L. Jacobs Treasurer, E. P. Albert P.M. Grand Pursuivant Sec., A. Eskell as S.D., Levy as I.G. P.M.'s Bros. J. Lazarus, Do Solla, Pollitzer, Grunbaum, and Loewenstark. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. Mr. S. Cohen was initiated. Bro. B. M. Simmons was passed, and Bro. Davis was raised. The election for W.M. then took place, and Bro. Victor Myers S.W. was chosen. Bro. L. Jacobs was re-elected Treas., and Bro. Smith Tyler. There being no other business, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren separated.

Emulation Lodge, No. 1163, Birmingham.—The regular Lodge meeting of the above was held on the 23rd instant, at the Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham. Present—Bros. T. E. Shaw W.M., P. Howse S.W., J. H. Howells J.W., M. Silverston S.D., S. Toy J.D., B. C. Richardson Sec., A. B. Archers I.G., J. Myers I.P.M., J. M. Pursell P.P.G.S.W. Warwickshire, S. Wood P.P.G.J.D., J. Beresford P.P.G.S.B., and W. Balls P.M. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. The Lodge was advanced to the third degree. The W.M., in the name of the Lodge, presented Bro. Joseph Myers I.P.M. with a handsome massive gold P.M.'s jewel, beautifully enamelled, bearing a suitable inscription. The W.M., in making the presentation, said he felt great pleasure in doing so, as a slight recognition of the zeal and ability displayed by Bro. Myers as W.M., and also as a token of the fraternal esteem and regard entertained for him by the brethren. Bro. Myers, in the course of his remarks, said, it was a great pleasure to attain the proud distinction of being a P.M. of the Lodge, after having filled every office. He cordially and heartily thanked them for the valuable gift, so indicative of the good will of the brethren. The artistic enamelling was the work of Bro. Shaw P.M., and a handsome velvet case was presented by Bro. Ball P.M. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren partook of an excellent banquet. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given. Bros. S. M. Harris 406 and E. J. Samuels 188 were present as visitors.

Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227.—This Lodge held its meeting on the 24th November, at Bro. Bolton's, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, at eight o'clock. Present—Bros. A. W. Fenner W.M., Lane S.W., Percy J.W., Townsend, R. Bolton S.D. Secretary, Townsend J.D. Lodge opened in due form. Minutes were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was ably performed by the W.M., Bro. Bolton being candidate. The first and second sections of the lecture were worked by the W.M., assisted by the brethren. Bro. Lane was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week. The following brethren were then elected auditors—the W.M., Bros. Lane and Percy, together with the Treasurer and Secretary, after which Lodge was closed in due form, and the meeting adjourned.

City Lodge of Instruction, No. 1426.—This Lodge held its weekly meeting on Thursday, the 30th of November, at 111 Cheapside. Present—Bros. Payno W.M., Wale S.W., Pitt J.W., Spiegel Secretary *pro tem*, Colmer Treasurer, Goodman S.D., Brown J.D., Wyler I.G., Past Masters Bros. Poore Preceptor, James Stevens V.P. P.M., W. Parker; Bros. Taylor, Walmsley, Freeman, William Job, of the Corinthian Lodge, No. 1382. This being the fifth Thursday of the month, and, according to the Bye Laws, the 15 Sections should be worked, and although no preparation had been made the brethren present were all willing to assist, so far as their knowledge of the sections would allow, Bro. Goodman worked the 1st 2nd and 3rd, Bro. Stevens the 4th and 5th, and Bro. Poore the 6th and 7th sections. Bro. William Job, of Corinthian Lodge, was elected a member of this Lodge of Instruction. The Lodge was then closed.

Ivy Lodge, No. 1441.—The regular meeting was held on the 23th instant, at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell. Present—Bros. F. F. Cantle W.M., C. Poupard P.M. S.W., Cornelissen J.W., C. S. Jolly P.M. Sec., G. Mutton P.M. Treas., W. Ashwell S.D., Knight Smith J.D., Burgess D.C., Thurkle P.M., and S. Kegg Stewards.

P.M. Bros. C. Smith, J. Noake, C. A. Cottebruno P.G.P., and James Terry P.P.G.D.C. Herts, &c. After the preliminaries Bros. Coldwell and Arnold were raised to the third degree, Bro. Bowley was passed to the second degree, and Messrs. Wm. G. Reynolds and E. W. Catling were initiated into the Order, the ceremony being excellently rendered by the W.M. The W.M. presented Bro. C. S. Jolly P.M. and Sec. with a handsome jewel, as a token of esteem, and in appreciation of his excellent qualities, and his kindness and attention in carrying out the onerous duties of office. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren partook of a banquet, after which the W.M. proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts. Bro. C. A. Cottebruno responded for the toast of the Grand Officers. He was gratified to see the W.M. in the chair, and bore witness to the excellent manner he had worked the ceremonies. He (Bro. Cottebruno) had initiated, passed, and raised him, and he felt he had done honour to the Craft by the introduction. The toast of the Masonic charities found an exponent in Bro. James Terry, whose eloquence had the desired effect of inducing the W.M. to represent the Ivy Lodge as Steward at the next Anniversary Festival of the R.M.B.I. The toasts of the Wardens, Past Masters, Visitors, &c., followed. Some capital singing was heard during the evening. The Visitors were Bros. Eames P.M. 22, White 22, Greaves 22, Frampton P.M. 87, Hart 1101, Carrington 1314, Parsons P.M. 749, Sheard 720, Pawley 151, Drew 749, Hillhouse 228, Fabian P.G.S.W. Hants, &c.

Chiltern Lodge, No. 1470.—This Lodge held its regular meeting on Tuesday, the 21st of November, at the Town Hall, Dunstable. Present—Bros. F. Howell W.M., T. W. Haselgrove S.W., Randall J.W., Saunders Secretary, Otway S.D., Sinkwell J.D., Benning D.C., Warren I.G., Day Tyler; and Bros. Gard, Beart, Ballans, Stevenson, Hopkins, Crew, Middleton, Monk, &c. Visitors—Bros. Alford, Lambie 475, Patmore, Doherty, Bellott 228, Latham, &c. Business—The Lodge having been duly opened in the 1st and 2nd degrees, Bro. Stevenson was, after due preliminaries, passed; a proposition for initiation was made, and the Lodge closed. In the course of the evening, the W.M. announced that active steps were in progress for the formation of a province in the county of Bedford, and three out of the five Lodges had already passed unanimous resolutions in favour. If H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught was to be appointed P.G.M. for Bedfordshire, all the members of the Royal Family who are Freemasons would then hold office becoming their exalted rank. In accordance with a notice given by the W.M., a Lodge of Instruction was opened, and in an excellent manner the ceremony of consecration was rehearsed by him. Most of those present had not had a previous opportunity of becoming acquainted with this beautiful ceremony, and experienced a great treat. The oration of the W.M. elicited many marks of approval, and a very cordial vote of thanks was passed to him for the pains he had taken.

Halsey Lodge, No. 1479.—This Lodge held its regular meeting on Wednesday, the 29th of November, at the Town Hall, St. Albans. Present—Bros. F. Webster W.M., I. N. Edwards S.W., T. Kent J.W., G. R. Hall Secretary, E. Palin Treasurer, W. Marks S.D., A. H. Debenham J.D., C. Miskin D.C., A. Bridges Steward, C. W. Reynolds I.G., E. Kirby Tyler. Past Masters—Bros. J. Lowthin P.M. 506, 1385 and 1479, P.P.G.S.W. Herts; Hayward Edwards P.M. 1385, P.P.G.S.W.; F. Venables P.G.S., J. Purrott, F. Horner. Visitors—Bros. T. Bond of Harmony Lodge, Cawnpore, No. 438, G. W. Russell of Chiltern Lodge, No. 1470. Business—The Lodge was opened and the minutes read and confirmed. The Bye-laws were read, in accordance with the Book of Constitutions. The next business was of a somewhat painful character, as Bro. I. N. Edwards had given notice to bring forward a proposition respecting a member whose joining fee and subscriptions for three years had not been paid. The proposition, seconded by Bro. J. Purrott, was to the following effect: "That the member in question should be excluded from this Lodge." This was resolved unanimously, and, in accordance with the Book of Constitutions, notice was ordered to be given to the Grand Secretary and the Prov. Grand Secretary for Herts, of the decision the members of this Lodge had come to in regard to this unpleasant duty. The Lodge was then closed. After refreshment, the toast of the Queen and the Craft was proposed by the W.M.; this was followed by that of the Prince of Wales, the M.W.G.M. The next on the list was the health of the Prov. G.M., Bro. Halsey M.P., and the Prov. Grand Officers, coupled with the name of Bro. Lowthin P.P.G.S.W., who replied in able terms. "The Visitors" was proposed by the W.M.: He was always glad to see visiting brethren, especially when they came from a distance; he coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Bond, of Cawnpore. This brother said he had never attended a Lodge, but that he had been well received. He spoke most heartily of the good feeling existing between the brethren of England and India. The health of the W.M. was drunk with great enthusiasm. The Tyler's toast concluded a very pleasant evening. The supper, which was excellently served, was provided by Bro. W. Marks, at the Peahen Hotel.

Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, No. 1507.—The weekly meeting of the above was held on the 28th ult., at the Metropolitan Club, 291 Pentonville-road. H. B. Fowler W.M., H. Stiles S.W., R. F. Kingham J.W., W. Stiles Secretary, Jas. Willing jun. P.M. S.D., W. Side J.D., A. E. Wrigley I.G., T. A. Adams P.G.P. Preceptor, and Bros. Solomon, Edwards, &c. The Lodge of Instruction was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Edwards acting as candidate. The 1st, 2nd and 3rd sections were worked by the veteran Preceptor. The inventory of the furniture, jewels, &c. was verified. Bro. Adams was unanimously re-elected Preceptor; Bro. Jas. Willing jun. was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Stiles re-elected Secretary. The excellent working qualities of those brethren were deservedly commented on. They severally returned thanks for the confidence reposed in them, and expressed their willingness to do all in their power to further the interests of the Lodge of Instruction. Bro. Adams gave a just meed of praise to the brethren, who were young in the Order,

for the excellent working they displayed, and for their attendance upon all occasions. Bro. H. Stiles was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The meeting was then adjourned to the following Tuesday. It was announced that the annual banquet of the Lodge of Instruction would be held at the Metropolitan Club, King's Cross, on Tuesday, the 30th January, under the presidency of the W.M. of the parent Lodge.

Upper Norwood Lodge of Instruction, No. 1586.—White Hart Hotel, Upper Norwood. H. E. Frances P.M. P.P.G.S.D. of Surrey, Preceptor, W. Hopekirk P.M. Treasurer, J. Hammond P.M. Sec. The Lodge was opened punctually at eight o'clock, by Bro. H. E. Frances, and, in pursuance of request at the previous meeting, he rehearsed the ceremony of Installation. There was a full attendance of members. Bro. William Jerrit Miller, W.M. Upper Norwood Lodge, assisted as candidate. The ceremony throughout was performed in full, regular, and Masonic manner, and elicited from the brethren their cordial approbation. The 1st degree will be rehearsed on Monday 4th December.

Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611.—An emergency meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday last, at the Queen's Hotel, Micklegate, York, the business on the summons comprized a passing and three initiations. The working was most ably performed by the W.M., Bro. Thos. Cooper P.M., assisted by Bro. G. Balmford P.M. There was a full muster of members, and several visitors from Newcastle, Liverpool and other places. During portions of the ceremony Bro. Herr Padel, organist to the Lodge, performed a beautiful selection of Masonic music. At the subsequent refreshments, the visitors expressed their delight at the excellent working of the Lodge; the several chairs were all occupied by the respective officers. Arrangements are in progress for a winter banquet of the Lodge, which will probably take place early in January.

Angel Lodge, Colchester, No. 51.—The monthly meeting of this Lodge was held on Tuesday evening, the 28th ult. Present—Bros. G. Gard Pye W.M., S. W. Crookes S.W., T. J. Ralling J.W., A. Cobb P.M. Treas., W. S. Sprent acting Sec., I. Harris S.D., J. J. C. Turner Organist, J. Hanly J.D., C. E. Denton as I.G., A. Welch I.P.M., T. R. Quilter P.M., F. A. Cole P.M., W. P. Lewis P.M., Chas. Cobb P.M., T. Mothersole, G. Mercer, J. Farran, C. W. Atkins, and C. Gunner Tyler. A candidate for passing being unable to be present, and there being no other business, the W.M. announced that, since their last meeting, the Lodge and the Province generally had sustained a very great loss, in the lamented and sudden death of the P.G. Sec., Bro. John Wright Carr; and he felt sure that they would be sorry to allow their first meeting since the sad occurrence to pass without expressing upon their minutes the feelings they entertained upon the subject. He therefore moved, "That the brethren of the Angel Lodge, Colchester, No. 51, have heard with deep regret of the death of the W. Bro. John Wright Carr, Grand Secretary of the Province of Essex, and desire to place on record their feeling that the Province had lost a valuable officer, and the Lodge an esteemed friend. They also wish to express to his widow their sincere condolence with her in the affliction that has befallen her." This was seconded by the senior P.M. present, Bro. T. R. Quilter, and supported by Bro. Mothersole, as a personal friend of the deceased, and, it need hardly be said, was carried unanimously. The W.M. stated that, at the funeral of the deceased, on the previous Thursday, the Lodge was represented by himself and Bro. Ralling. A candidate for initiation having been proposed, the brethren adjourned for refreshments.

Urban Lodge, No. 1196.—The regular meeting of this Lodge, which is composed principally of literary brethren, was held on Wednesday, 29th Nov., at St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell. Bro. J. Tickle, the Worshipful Master of the Lodge, presided, and after performing the ceremonies of raising and initiation, proceeded with the other business of the evening. Bro. J. Simpson was elected Master for the ensuing year, and Bro. R. H. Pearson was re-elected Treasurer. The brethren afterwards gave a considerable sum of money to the widow of an actor who died last Saturday, the grant being moved by Bro. Henry Marsh, and seconded by Bro. Dr. J. E. Carpenter.

Gladsmuir Lodge, No. 1385.—This Lodge held its monthly meeting on Friday, the 24th instant, at the Red Lion Hotel, Barnet. Present—Bros. J. Cutbush W.M., Livingston S.W., Young J.W., G. Askew Sec., J. Lowthin P.M. Treas., F. Venables S.D., Grey J.D., Allen Steward, J. Enerby I.G., Goddard Tyler. Past Masters Bros. Lowthin and Edwards. Visitor Bro. Hickman. Business—After preliminaries, Bro. John Brittain was raised, the Bye-Laws of the Lodge were read, after which the election of W.M. for the ensuing year took place, a majority being in favour of the S.W., Bro. Livingston. Bro. Lowthin P.M. was re-elected Treasurer, and the Deacons and I.G. were elected auditors. The sum of £5 was voted from the Lodge, to be placed on the list of the S.W., who will represent the Lodge at the Festival of the R.M.B.I., to be held in February next. The W.M., in reply to one of the brethren, remarked that they would vote five guineas, but he believed Bro. Terry had no use for the odd shillings.* After Lodge the brethren adjourned to slight refreshment, where the usual toasts were given and responded to.

Mother Kilwinning Lodge, No. O.—The Bairs of this Lodge, resident in Glasgow, held a social meeting on 24th November, at Bro. Scabus, about 40 of the brethren were present, and a truly happy evening was spent. Arrangements were made for holding the annual meeting on the 8th inst.

Thistle Lodge, No. 87.—The Installation Meeting of this Lodge was held in the members' own hall on Tuesday. Bro. J. Morgan

* Dear Bro. Terry,—Again we ask, can you not devise some means for fixing these "erratic shillings"?—Ed.

R.W.M. Star 219 was the Installing Master, and performed the ceremony in a very impressive style. The following brethren were installed:—James Booth R.W.M. (re-elected), J. W. Burns I.P.M., A. L. Jeffray D.M., John McLachlan S.W., A. E. Knowles J.W., Thomas Paton T., Arch Callen Sec., Walter Stewart S.D., S. Gunning J.D., B. Butcher Chaplain, J. Love S.S.B., Wm. Collin J.S.B., Samuel McPhee P.G.S., John Miller S.S., R. Barr J.S., J. McBride I.G., T. Cowan Tyler. The brethren afterwards spent some time in harmony.

RED CROSS OF CONSTANTINE.

On Monday the inauguration and dedication of the Do La Polo Conclave, No. 132, took place at No. 58 Charlotte Street, York. Illus. Sir Kt. the Hon. W. T. Orle-Powlett, Most Puissant Sovereign, was enthroned; Eminent Sir Kt. Henry Preston, Venerable Ensebins, was consecrated, and the following were elected and installed:—Sir Kts. Rd. Boggett Senior General, Thomas Cook Junior General, J. T. Robinson High Prelate, J. Thompson Treasurer, J. R. Ansdell Prefect, A. Marshall Standard Bearer, N. H. Wellsted Herald, T. Crier Sentinel, and C. W. Cheesman, Organist. A number of members from Grimsby, Scarborough, Thirsk, and Darlington, were balloted for and installed. A dinner was afterwards held at the Station Hotel.

LODGE RISING STAR OF WESTERN INDIA.

A hiatus has occurred in connection with the relations of this Lodge and the Grand Master of all Scottish Freemasonry in India, that may lead to direful results if the counsels of the wise do not prevail, and terminate amicably a misunderstanding which should never have arisen, and which it is to be hoped, for the honour of the M.W. Provincial Grand Master, and the wisdom of the young, promising, and highly competent Right Worshipful Master, may promptly be adjusted without lowering the dignity of either the Grand or Craft Lodge. But, in common parlance, things look ominous, and, if the discriminating judgment of wise counsellors do not prevail, then it is to be feared a schism in Scottish Freemasonry will occur, which will, *volens volens*, sever a branch from the parent

tree that will no doubt revivify and flourish under happier auspices. May the G.A.O.T.U. avert the impending discord, and, guided by the dispassionate influence of the oldest, ablest, and most respected brethren on all sides, prevent such a calamity.

NOTE.—[It should be mentioned that Lodge "Rising Star of Western India" is the oldest Lodge on this side of India, established by the late Dr. James Burns K.H. in 1812, and stands foremost on the roll of daughter Lodges working under the Grand Lodge of Scotland in Bombay Presidency. At the present time, after contributing to all local charities liberally, it has, we understand, a balance of upwards of 2,000 rupees in the Treasurer's hands, and has just voted 200 rupees towards the relief of the sufferers by the Indian famine, *verbum sat*. In justice to the philanthropy which prompted this highly judicious allocation of the Lodge funds, it should be stated that the proposition emanated from R.W.P.M. Bro. Marzban, who depicted, in glowing language, the duty of the brethren in such an emergency, and the impoverished and hunger-stricken population of the famine districts. We have every reason to believe that this timely aid will be supplemented by large private contributions from the brethren, many of whom have already come forward, *bon accord*, to swell the subscriptions now pouring into the coffers of the Executive Committee, who are exercising their functions most discriminately throughout the length and breadth of the land.]

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THIS Club, which is situate close to the Hackney Station of the North London and the Hackney Downs Station of the Great Eastern Railways, was opened on Monday last. From the circular announcing its establishment, we find that it is intended to be entirely of a non-political character, for the accommodation of all, without reference in any respect to political opinion. In addition to which, the Institution will possess a variety of advantages. The skating rink, which will be open to members, covers a space of 20,000 square feet, and, at the proper season, private swimming and other baths will be added. Any information with respect to the Club can be obtained of our energetic brother, T. Hadley Prestage, 531 Hackney-road, E.

THE THEATRES, &c.

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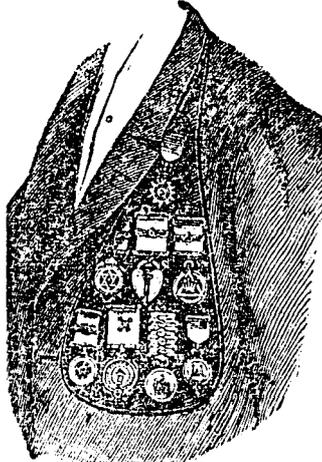
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