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ADMISSION OF CANDIDATES.

WE have more than once referred, at some length, to the necessity there is for exercising the extremest caution in the admission of candidates. We are impelled to recur to the subject, firstly, from its importance, and, secondly, because mention of a special bye-law relating thereto occurred in one of our Lodge Reports last week, to wit, that of Cornubian Lodge, No. 450, Hayle. The occasion was the annual Installation Festival, and it seems that provision is made in the Lodge bye-laws for the appointment of a Committee, consisting of the W.M. and his Wardens, the Secretary, and three Past Masters, whose duty it shall be to make all needful inquiries into the character and antecedents of every candidate who may be proposed for election but is unknown to the majority of the members. None will question the propriety of this law, which is a most salutary one, and, if carried out fully, must secure the object in view, namely, to prevent the acceptance of any candidate about whose merits any shadow of a doubt exists. For, be it known, the result of the Committee's inquiries is reported in open Lodge, before the ballot takes place, so that it is the Lodge's own fault if an undesirable candidate is intruded within its precincts. That this wholesome rule is not a mere matter of form we have a right to assume from the fact that Worshipful Master Pearce, in replying to the toast of his health, laid special stress on the importance of brethren being very cautious whom they sought to introduce into the Lodge. He said he had no wish that his year of office should be signalized by the influx of many new members, but he hoped that those who were admitted would be found, in due time, so worthy of the high honour conferred upon them, that the brethren would hail their rise to office in the Lodge with the heartiest satisfaction. This, unquestionably, was a sound view to lay down. Masters are prone to consider the mere increase in numbers the symptom of a Lodge's increasing strength. The notion is, in some measure, perhaps excusable. It is fair to presume that members who propose candidates do so with a certain sense of responsibility, that they would not lend themselves wittingly or willingly to the introduction of persons who are likely to prove either obnoxious to their fellow-members, or to bring the Fraternity into disrepute. The Master, therefore, generally speaking, regards the addition of new members as a sign that his term of office has been a prosperous one. We regret to say that this is not invariably so. We have it, indeed, on record, on the authority of the Deputy Grand Master of a province adjoining Cornwall, that some very undesirable persons have found their way into the ranks of the Society. We repeat, however, that, as a rule, Masters regard the introduction of more or fewer new members into their Lodges as a good sign. It is, therefore, we hail with all the greater satisfaction this very proper note of warning which it has pleased Bro. Pearce to utter on the first day of his Mastership, and we trust the members of the Cornubian Lodge will treat their Master's caution with the respect it deserves.

It is, indeed, a matter of the gravest moment to the welfare of the whole Masonic community, this cautious admission of members. The more we admire the Craft it is our privilege to belong to, the more anxious must we feel that none but reputable persons should be received into its ranks. By reputable we do not mean merely persons holding a certain position in society—persons with means, and exercising a certain influence in the station of life in

which they move. We attach a far higher meaning to the term, and consider that reputable must be applied to persons who are fitted by their character and general bearing to mix freely and on equal terms with good, honest, and honourable men. They may not be overburdened, perhaps, with this world's goods, but, having a competence, they should be free of all other obligations than those of working honestly for the maintenance of themselves and their families, if so be they have any. The man of wealth is not always a desirable acquisition in any society. It will enable him, no doubt, to write himself down a subscriber to our Charities, or to be lavish of his hospitality among Craftsmen generally, and the members of his own Lodge in particular. But this merely results from the accident of his being wealthy. He may, nevertheless, bring discredit on Freemasonry by his questionable demeanour towards his less fortunately-circumstanced fellows. Again, cantankerous or irascible men are undesirable as companions, albeit they may be just and honourable in all their dealings; *à fortiori*, will they be out of place in a Lodge where, before all things, it is necessary that harmony and good fellowship should prevail. Men of questionable repute and questionable character must at all hazards be kept outside the portals of the Lodge. We seek no addition to our numbers, and therefore we should be the more careful in electing those who offer themselves as candidates. Masonry will be shorn of much of its undoubted value when people are admitted for the asking.

After all, Bro. Pearce was only repeating, in another form, the caution which has been so earnestly and so repeatedly impressed upon us of late by our respected Grand Secretary, Bro. Hervey. Whenever the important duty has devolved upon that eminent brother of consecrating a new Lodge—and that duty has, as our readers are aware, devolved upon him many times within the year that has just ended—whenever, we repeat, the duty of consecrating a new Lodge has been entrusted to our Grand Secretary, he has made it a point of impressing upon the members how necessary it is they should be careful whom they receive into the Brotherhood. Bro. Hervey speaks, of course, with almost a life-long experience of the Craft, and his advice, therefore, is of the weightiest, and cannot be too scrupulously followed. It is doubtful if Freemasonry can ever be more prosperous than it is at this present moment. It is possible, of course, that its virtues may be more generally recognised, for there are still those who wilfully shut their eyes to the good services we are capable of rendering to society at large. Wherever people are free to minister constitutionally to their own wants, wherever tyranny, be it political, religious, or social, is powerless to repress the free exercise of a nation's will, there, invariably, it will be found that Freemasonry lives in the esteem and respect of worthy men. It is so in this country, where, within the limits prescribed by the laws, all men are free to think and act as they please. It is so in the United States of America, and so in other countries which enjoy the blessings of a civilized government. On the other hand, wherever there is any undue restraint exercised over the thoughts and actions of a people, there it will be found that Freemasonry either has no abiding-place at all, or leads but a very precarious existence. This being so, and the Craft generally being so highly esteemed by all reputable governments, we ask, Is it not worth while that we Masons should do our utmost to justify the respect which is entertained towards us? Is it not our duty to take all proper precautions in order to prevent the influx into our ranks of those

who will not only endanger the harmony and good feeling which it is our chief business to promote throughout the Craft, but may likewise lower us and our Society in the estimation of the public? At present, and without the slightest suspicion of Pharisaicism, we may honestly boast that if we do not deserve the high reputation we enjoy, we spare no pains to deserve it. Let us not then relax in our endeavours to maintain that reputation. Let us bear in mind the sage advice so strenuously urged upon us all by one of our ablest and most experienced officers during the past year, and so pertinently impressed upon the members of Cornubian Lodge at the recent installation of its Worshipful Master, that it is impossible to be too cautious in the admission of new members. We see no objection to an increase of the Order numerically, provided it brings with it increased strength in reputation and character. The Craft is deeply indebted to those brethren who take upon themselves to administer such counsel, and we thank them. We trust the example of Bros. Hervey and Pearce will not be lost upon the officers of other Lodges, and that they too will follow such excellent examples.

### GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

WE have received a copy of the Abstract of Proceedings of this Grand Lodge during the year 1875, and offer our most fraternal acknowledgments for the same. It is a very elaborate volume, containing, indeed, far more than is usually to be found in these records. First come the minutes of the Quarterly Communications held in June, September, and on the 1st December, and then follow those of the annual meeting on the 27th December, when the new Grand Master was installed according to ancient custom, together with addresses delivered by the retiring and newly-elected Grand Masters respectively. In addition, are the reports of the various Committees on Finance, the New Temple, the Library, &c., &c., together with those of the Trustees of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund, and Girard Bequest. All these contain the amplest information on the work achieved by Freemasonry in this jurisdiction, and will prove of great interest to all Craftsmen. The bulk of the volume, however, consists of a review of the proceedings of all the North American Grand Lodges, the preparation of which must have been a very laborious task, and reflects the highest credit on Bros. E. Coppée Mitchell, Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, and John C. Uhle, who, between them, shared this important duty. This review offers a complete picture of the Craft in North America during the preceding year. All important points are noted, and some valuable statistics are given, showing the numerical strength throughout the United States and British North America. Lastly comes the Special Report presented at the Quarterly Communication held in March of last year, in which a consideration of the status of different foreign Masonic Bodies forms the chief point of interest. The principal matters to be noted herein are that the Committee of which Bro. Richard Vaux, a Past Grand Master, is the Chairman, submits that the Grand Lodge Diet of Germany, composed of the Grand Masters and certain representatives of the eight Grand Lodges, is not a body with which the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania can hold any Masonic intercourse, or towards which it feels itself justified in extending any recognition. It is further submitted that other Grand Bodies, including, among them, the Grand Orients of France, Brazil, Portugal, Hungary, and Egypt are not in such a condition as to call for recognition from the Pennsylvania Grand Lodge. We shall, doubtless, have occasion to note, on future occasions, sundry of the particulars contained in this very elaborate abstract. Suffice it now to call attention to the statistical table, in which are recorded all necessary information as to the Lodges holding under this Grand Lodge. On the 27th of December, of the year 1874, up to which date the return is made out, there were 529 Lodges, with an aggregate membership of 38,157 brethren. The number of admissions was 600, of initiations 1,974, of resignations 642, of suspensions or expulsions 946, and of deaths 427. These figures are eminently satisfactory, except as regards the one head of suspensions and expulsions, which is really a very formidable figure, representing, as it does, a total of close upon one thousand, or one in every thirty-eight members. Our Pennsylvania brethren will doubtless pardon us if we suggest, that certain remarks of

ours made at different times on the incautious admission of candidates may be considered by them with some profit; in which case we venture to say that this formidable array of brethren who neglect or set at naught the obligations they have contracted will be very sensibly reduced. We note, likewise, with pleasure the compliment paid to Bro. Hughan, in connection with the recent discovery as to early Freemasonry in Philadelphia, a discovery which has settled the precedence—so far as age is concerned—of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania over all other American Grand Lodges. We cannot, of course, marvel that a question of this character should have awakened so strong a sense of interest in the brethren of this jurisdiction. It shows how strong is the Masonic feeling in their hearts when they are thus prompted to lay so much stress on a priority of two or three years only. We have referred to this on previous occasions, and we only do so now, because it would be un-Masonic of us to let pass the tribute of respect which is paid in this abstract to the eminent historical services of a worthy English Mason. We will merely add that our Pennsylvania brethren have our heartiest good wishes for their continued prosperity.

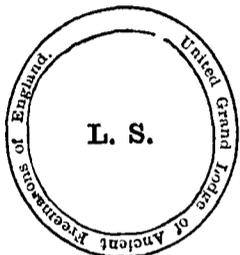
For some time past it has been the custom to give an entertainment to those of the pupils who remain at our Girls' School during the vacation. These, numbering about 30, were entertained on Friday, the 5th, by the House Committee. The decorations, which were executed by the pupils, were tasteful and artistic. Tea having been partaken of, a series of dissolving views, with an amusing description of the scenes, &c., was given, the apparatus being kindly lent by Bro. F. Cox. Dancing was then commenced and thoroughly enjoyed. During the intervals, Bros. Cox and March sang some songs, and Bro. John Boyd afforded great amusement by some mechanical dancing figures of "the cure," &c. Refreshments were then served and bon bons distributed, which caused great amusement. Master Dicketts proposed the health of the young ladies, which was cordially received. All present spent a very pleasant evening, and the children seemed greatly to appreciate the efforts of their friends, who are at all times willing to do all they can to amuse the pupils. Several well-known supporters of the School were present, among them being Bros. Colonel F. Burdett, P.G.M. Middlesex, B. Head, P.G.D., J. R. Rucker, P.G.D., J. Nunn, P.G.S.B., and Mrs. Nunn, J. Boyd, P.G.P., E. H. Finney, T. W. White, A. H. Tattershall, C. Moutrie and Miss Moutrie, H. Dicketts, T. Kingston and Mrs. Kingston, E. Cox and Mrs. Cox, H. Muggerride, T. Massa, J. G. Marsh, J. Faulkener, H. Massey, Mrs. Massey, and the two Miss Masseys, Griffiths Smith, W. Lane and Mrs. Lane, W. Rucker, L. Hirsch and Mrs. Hirsch, Mrs. F. Binckes and the two Misses Binckes, Dr. Eady, H. M. Levy, and also Bro. Robert Wentworth Little and Mrs. Little, whom all were pleased to see among them.

It will be seen from an announcement made in our advertisement columns that some very important business will come before the Quarterly General Court of the Boys' School, to be held on Monday. We allude, of course, especially to the proposition that will be submitted by Bro. Snow, one of the Vice-Patrons of the Institution, to the effect that the buildings surrounding the playground be raised by adding an extra story, so as to provide an increased sleeping accommodation for fifty boys; and further that fifty boys be admitted at the October election. The proposal is very simple, and will, unquestionably, if carried, prove a great boon to those deserving candidates whose admission is at present impossible, owing to want of the necessary space. However, we are not about to discuss the merits of Bro. Snow's resolution. The question of enlarging the School is already before the public—that is to say, it is contemplated to erect a Preparatory School for the accommodation of a hundred little boys; and it may be wise to treat this extension of the School and Bro. Snow's proposition as parts of one general scheme; or it may be considered more expedient to take these several steps *seriatim*, and at intervals, as the financial arrangements of the Institution permit. But whether the proposed entertainment be dealt with summarily or piecemeal, it will always command our support.

## Old Warrants.

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No. 52.

No. 4, "Ancients;" No. 7 from the "Union of A.D. 1813" to the present time. According to Bro. Hughan's "Memorials of the Union," the No. 492 of A.D. 1776 (which joined No. 7 A.D. 1832), was 398 A.D. 1781 (as follows), not 392 A.D. 1792, as the Warrant of Confirmation recites, but No. 322. We presume 392 is an error of the transcriber, as we know, by the Grand Lodge Calendar of 1813, the Lodge was then 322.—J. C.



AUGUSTUS FREDERICK, G.M.

TO ALL AND EVERY OUR RIGHT WORSHIPFUL, WORSHIPFUL AND LOVING BRETHREN.

WE, PRINCE AUGUSTUS FREDERICK, OF BRUNSWICK, LUNENBERG, DUKE OF SUSSEX, EARL OF INVERNESS, BARON OF ARKLOW, KNIGHT OF THE MOST NOBLE ORDER OF THE GARTER, &c. &c. &c.

GRAND MASTER

OF THE MOST ANTIEN T AND HONOURABLE FRATERNITY OF FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF ENGLAND.

SEND GREETING.

WHEREAS, it appears by the Records of Our Grand Lodge, that a Warrant of Constitution, bearing date the 17th day of July 1751, was issued in due form, under the Seal of Masonry, authorizing and empowering certain Brethren therein named to hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, and which was accordingly opened at the Sun Tavern, Ludgate Hill, London, which Lodge was then placed and stood on the Registry of the Grand Lodge, No. 4, but by the Union of the Two Branches of the Fraternity on the 27th December 1813, the same became, and is now, No. 7. AND WHEREAS, it also appears by the said Records, that another Warrant of Constitution, bearing date the 7th May 1776, was issued to certain other Brethren therein named, authorizing them to hold a Lodge, at Kew, in the County of Surrey, and which was accordingly opened at the King's Arms in that Town, and was then placed on the Registry of the Grand Lodge, No. 492, but by the general alteration of the Nos. in the year 1781, it became No. 398, and again, by the general alteration of numbers in the year 1792, it became No. 392, and by the Union of the Two Branches of the Fraternity before mentioned, it became No. 7 and now stands recorded on the Books of the Grand Lodge No. 409, and holds its meetings at the George and Blue Boar Tavern, Holborn, having, some years since, with the approbation of the Grand Master, been removed into London. And whereas, the Brethren composing the said two Lodges, No. 7 and No. 409, have, by resolutions unanimously agreed to at their respective meetings, as appears by their separate Books of Minutes, agreed to unite together, and be for the future only one Lodge, under the title or denomination of "The Royal York Lodge of Perseverance," retaining upon the registry of the United Grand Lodge the No. 7. AND WHEREAS the said Brethren have by their memorial applied to us for our sanction and authority to carry their wishes and intention into effect, and for that purpose have surrendered into our hands the two before recited warrants.

NOW KNOW YE, that we, having taken the subject into consideration, and being willing to grant the prayer of the Brethren, We do hereby grant this our Warrant of Consolidation and Confirmation unto our right trusty and well beloved Brethren Theophilus Gamanf, W. Master of the Lodge No. 7, Simon Andrew Foster, W. Master of the Lodge No. 409, John Robson, William Taylor, William Grinstone, Charles Meyer, James Cull, William Robert George Key, and others, the members of the said Lodges, authorizing and empowering them and their successors to assemble and hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons at the George and Blue Boar Tavern aforesaid, under the title or denomination of

THE ROYAL YORK LODGE OF PERSEVERANCE,

on the third Thursday in each month, or such other times as the Brethren thereof shall appoint, in conformity with the General Laws of the Craft. And then and there, when duly congregated, to make, pass, and raise Free Masons according to the Antient Custom of the Craft, in all ages and nations throughout the known world. And further, on the petition of the said Brethren, we do appoint the said Simon Andrew Foster to be the Master of the United Lodge, the said John Robson to be the Senior Warden, and the said William Taylor to be the Junior Warden, for continuing to hold the said Lodge until such time as another Master shall be regularly elected and enrolled, strictly charging that every Member who shall be elected to preside over the said Lodge shall be installed in Antient form, and according to the Laws of the Grand Lodge, that he may thereby be fully invested with the Dignities and Powers of his office. The said Lodge to be upon the General Register of our Grand Lodge No. 7. AND WE do require you the said Simon Andrew Foster, and your successors, to take special care that all and every the said Brethren are or have been regularly made Masons. And that you and they, and all others the members of the said Lodge do observe, perform, and keep the Laws, Rules, and Orders contained in the Book of Constitutions, and all others which may from time to time be made

by our Grand Lodge or transmitted by us or our Successors, Grand Masters, or by our Deputy Grand Master for the time being. AND WE do enjoin you to make such bye-laws for the government of your Lodge, as shall to the majority of the members appear proper and necessary, the same not being contrary to or inconsistent with the General Laws and Regulations of the Craft, and a copy whereof you are to transmit to us, and we do require you to cause all such By-Laws and Regulations, and also an account of the proceedings in your Lodge, to be entered in Books to be kept for that purpose. And you are in no wise to omit to send to us or our successors Grand Masters, or to THE RIGHT HONORABLE LAWRENCE LORD DUNDAS, our DEPUTY GRAND MASTER, or to the Deputy Grand Master for the time being, at least once in every year, a list of all the Members of your Lodge, and the names and descriptions of all Masons initiated therein, and Brethren who shall have joined the same, together with the Fees and Monies payable thereon. It being our will and intention that this our Warrant shall remain in force so long only as you shall conform to the Laws and Regulations of our said Grand Lodge. And you the said Simon Andrew Foster are required as soon as conveniently may be, to send us an account in writing of what may be done in virtue of these Presents.

GIVEN under our HAND and the SEAL of the GRAND LODGE at LONDON, this 12th day of March A.L. 5832, A.D. 1832.

By command of the

M.W. GRAND MASTER.

(Signed) DUNDAS, D.G.M.

Signed { WILLIAM H. WHITE, } G.S.  
{ EDW. HARPER, }

The present title, No., &c. are, The Royal York Lodge of Perseverance, No. 7, Freemasons' Hall, London.

No. 53.

"Ancients," No. 239. A.D. 1787; No. 299 A.D. 1813, No. 211 A.D. 1832, and No. 180 from A.D. 1863.

ANTRIM GRAND MASTER.

LAU. DERMOTT D.G.M.

THOS. HARPER S.G.W.

J. PERRY 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 and twenty six, and in the year of Masonry four thousand nine hundred twenty and six) in ample form assembled, viz.:—The Right Worshipful most potent and puissant Lord the Right Honourable Randal William McDonnell, Earl and Baron of Antrim, Lord Viscount Dunlinc, Lord Lieutenant of the County of Antrim in the Province of Ulster and Kingdom of Ireland, Knight of the most honorable Military Order of the Bath, one of His Majesty's most Honorable Privy Council, and in that part of Great Britain called England, and Masonical jurisdiction thereunto belonging, Grand Master of Masons, the Right Worshipful Laurence Dermott Esq. Deputy Grand Master, the Right Worshipful Thomas Harper Esq. Senior Grand Warden, and the Right Worshipful No. 239 James Perry Esq. Junior Grand Warden (with the approbation and consent of the Warranted Lodges held within the cities and suburbs of London and Westminster), Do hereby authorise and empower our Trusty and Well-beloved Brethren, viz.: The Worshipful William Brown Esq., one of our Master Masons, the Worshipful Mr. William Scott, his Senior Warden, and the Worshipful Mr. Patrick Walsh, his Junior Warden, to Form and Hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons aforesaid, at the Bull's Head, in Prince's Street, Westminster, upon the second Thursday in each Kalender Month, 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 authorise and empower our said Trusty and Well-beloved Brethren, William Brown, William Scott, and Patrick Walsh (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 Powers and dignities as Free Masons, &c. &c. And such successors shall in like manner nominate, chuse and install their successors, &c. &c. Such installations to be upon (or near) every St. JOHN'S DAY during the Continuance of this Lodge for ever. Provided the above named Brethren and all their Successors always pay due respect to this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, otherwise this Warrant to be of no force nor virtue.

GIVEN under our Hand and the Seal of our Grand Lodge in London this Ninth day of March, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty and Seven, and in the year of Masonry Five Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty and Seven.

JOHN McCORMICK, Grand Secretary.

NOTE.—This Warrant is registered in the Grand Lodge, Vol 6, Letter F.

The present No., title, &c. are, 180, St. James Union, Freemasons' Hall, London.

## LION AND LAMB LODGE, No. 192.

A clique in a Lodge is like a skeleton in a house, it has a chilling effect upon the mass of the members, and causes many who would otherwise take an interest in Lodge matters to absent themselves from Lodge meetings, and ultimately to throw themselves into the ranks of the unaffiliated. C. H.

THE installation meeting of this old Lodge would have been held on Thursday, the 4th inst., but for certain un-Masonic practices which appear to have been carried on for some time past by a clique. Accordingly, above fifty of the old members attended, and determined to put it down at once (and we hope for ever). The Lodge was opened in due form, at 3.30 p.m., and the minutes of the last meeting were read, and submitted for confirmation by the respected W.M., Bro. Cohn. When the votes were called over by the W.M., there were only 9 for the confirmation and 45 against, so that Bro. Arkell's election to the chair of K.S. was rendered null and void. The brethren also refused to confirm the election of the brother who had been appointed Treasurer. Among the un-Masonic practices complained of, are maliciously black-balling two members who were proposed for initiation by a P.M., and admitting them at the next meeting when proposed by a M.M., and seconded by the P.M., and also turning a deaf ear to the distress of the widow of an old member, while others, newly-initiated members, have had immediate relief. These and similar practices have caused the old members to absent themselves from their mother Lodge. But justice has not been dead; she has only slept; the "Lions" have been roused, and are determined to have no private piques brought into their Lodge; but to cultivate that love and harmony which always existed in former days—in short, the brethren are determined to have Masonry pure and simple. Last year, it seems, the brethren presented Bro. J. G. Marsh, P.M. and Secretary, with the sum of fifty guineas for the services he had rendered to the Lodge, as Secretary for the past ten years, and yet, this worthy Mason would have been passed over, and a brother who had only been initiated a year or so appointed in his stead. Again, another most worthy Mason, who has served every office up to J.W., and has been a great supporter of our Masonic charities, was also to have been left out in the cold for reasons which it is not worth while to record. The Lodge having been opened to the third degree, the W.M. raised a brother. The Lodge was then resumed to the first degree, and the case of an old member's widow came before the Lodge for the third time, when Bro. C. Hosgood proposed that the sum of ten guineas be immediately given from the Lodge funds. This was unanimously voted by the brethren, of whom above eighty were present. The brethren then voted a ten-guinea jewel to the W.M., and Bro. Hosgood, the oldest Past Master present, said, when presenting it, in the name of the Lodge, that he (Bro. Cohn) had, by his many genial and social qualities, as well as by the good working he had displayed, won the esteem and respect of every true Mason. Bro. Cohn cordially thanked Bro. Hosgood and the members for the honour they had conferred upon him, and likewise for the kindness and support he had received, of which he should ever retain a grateful recollection. He hoped that unity and brotherly love would continue, as formerly. The Lodge was then closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to a banquet, where the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to. In the hope that the following lines may be read over and over again by our erring brothers, we give this short dissertation:—"Slander of a Mason by a brother Mason.—For such violations of Masonic duty and solemn obligations subordinate Lodges claim the right of expelling an unworthy brother, and the Grand Lodge, where the charge was sustained, would not hesitate to confirm the action of its subordinate; for Freemasonry, far from encouraging injustice or tolerating prejudices, teaches virtue and science, courage and hope, and, spreading its beneficent light throughout the globe, unites all men, of all creeds, of all opinions, and of every persuasion. Truth is its centre, the eternal point whence its radii diverge, pointing out to its disciples not only a knowledge of the eternal Ruler of the Universe, and the moral laws which He has ordained for our guidance, but of those useful arts and sciences which alone distinguish civilised man from his uninformed savage brother. In Freemasonry there should be neither first nor last, strongest nor weakest, highest nor lowest. We should be all brethren, all equal, all wishing the welfare of one another, all united to enjoy the pleasure and happiness of rectifying each other's hearts, of edifying each other's minds, and of promoting as much as possible the social virtues of charity, goodwill, and harmony among ourselves and in the world at large. We would advise these erring brothers at once to discard as their motto, "Vitium sequimur, virtutem fugimus," shun their moral blindness, and learn to discriminate between what is lawful and what is expedient, by avoiding that which is evil, and doing that which is good."

"And live as ye are taught, that men may see  
What human nature can and ought to be.  
Then Masonry—the source of truth and peace,  
Will spread its influence far, and far increase;  
Unfading glory deck the Mason's name,  
While built on virtue stands its spotless fame."

Among those members present were Bros. J. G. Marsh P.M. and Sec., G. Kenning P.M., West S., E. Coleman S., Fitzjohn, Doublett, Mabey, Elliott, Legge S.D., Child Past Inner Guard, Layborn, King P.M., Smith, W. R. Baker, W. Harwood, H. Davis, G. R. Dixon, T. Gardiner, G. Newman P.M., Hyde, C. Cann, J. Kent, Cohn W.M., R. Bright, S. Haynes, T. Fisher, S. Lucas D.C., Figes, Follett, J. Carle, Smale, Regan, T. Barker, R. Stabington, C. Scholes, and Edward Jones J.W.—Communicated.

[We deeply regret there should have been any grounds of complaint by the older members of this Lodge against certain of their fellow members. But those who habitually absented themselves from the Lodge in disgust at the

"malpractices" referred to, must bear in mind they have only themselves to thank for the state of disorder which fell upon their Lodge. Had they fulfilled their duty, by attending the business of the Lodge regularly, it may be taken for granted that the evils complained of would long since have been suppressed. We can quite understand the feelings which prompted them to stay away, and had it been a matter of feeling only, we should have sympathised with, and applauded them most heartily. But by their non-attendance, they were permitting Freemasonry to fall more and more into evil ways, at the same time they rendered it necessary to act more rigorously, when it was found no longer possible to tolerate these scandals. However, on the principle of "better late than never," the older members have now resumed their proper places in the Lodge, and have promptly put an end to this discreditable state of things. We are glad of this—that they have at length awakened to a due sense of their responsibilities, and that there is every chance of the Lodge being henceforth harmoniously conducted. We wish the members a fresh career of prosperity.—ED. FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.]

## MASONIC POPULARITY.

IT is an observable fact that Freemasonry is becoming too popular, and the profane world is becoming as familiar with our Masonic vocabulary, both in the definition and application, as are many Masons themselves. This was not always so; for we remember when a boy that the names of Freemason and Lodge carried with them such a great weight of mysterious awe as made the young folks bate their breath when passing that secluded building, and so quiet and unobtrusive were those brethren of the secret tie that it was scarcely known who of the community were of its membership. But how changed. Now, there is scarcely a family in any community that is not represented in some Masonic Lodge. Then, Masonry was unpopular, because of its unobtrusiveness and the little that was known of it; but having permeated all the better classes of society to such an extent, it has become the most popular Order on the face of the globe, and old and young have learned to look upon it with the greatest favour, and to speak of it in the highest praise.

A very striking feature of its popularity is, that almost every society that has sprung up in these latter days is dubbed with the dignified and ancient term of Lodge, thus borrowing prestige from our ancient Institution. Of course, we appreciate all such special recognition of the high dignity of the Masonic nomenclature, and of the mystic vocabulary, &c., generally, but if those organising these new societies had a better knowledge of our language and symbolisms, we think they would not be so lavish in their appropriation of those terms and symbols of which the very use of them proves them to be ignorant. We beg all such new designers not to be so hasty in their mis-appropriations. Our venerable Institution is hoary with age, but its existence will prove co-equal with its universality, and they will never get even a quit claim, much less a fee simple title to any of our time-worn property.

Again, while on this subject, we will refer to the fact that Masonry is becoming *too popular*, generally, for its own good, and the rush for admission into its fold, just now, is greater than is to be desired. Much of this rush is the result of mere curiosity, personal popularity or individual gain, all of which is the "bias of mercenary motives," and should be guarded against by the Lodges, as with this flood-tide of petitions much of the above-mentioned drift wood will be sure to find its way to the door of the Order. The recent war record of the Order in this particular should be a sufficient warning; as it is ten-fold easier to take bad material into the building than to get it out when once there.

With these views of the case, the uninitiated will excuse us if we do not invite them to join us, or even if we seem to look upon their applications with distrust. These are rushing times, and Masonry must guard with a jealous eye all material that is presented for our mystic edifice. We enjoin this duty upon all Masous, and those who have taken the impressive Mark Master's degree will need no other reminder.—*Masonic Journal*.

A NEW YEAR'S GIFT TO THE PRINCE OF WALES.—A presentation of a superb silver casket was made at Sandringham, on New Year's Day, to Bro. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, by the clergy and tenantry of the estate "in commemoration of his safe and happy return to his country home, after a most successful visit to British India." The casket (specially designed and manufactured by Bro. Emanuel, of the Hard, Portsea,) is in reponssé style, of Oriental design, depicting scenes connected with the Prince's visit, and bears his portrait. H.R.H. is in hunting costume, surrounded by native attendants, while a number of tents are seen in the background. An elephant, with a howdah on its back, is kneeling to receive the Prince, who is preparing for the hunt. The likeness is a faithful one of H.R.H. The reliefs and ornamentations are all sharply defined, and the testimonial itself is a *chef d'œuvre*. The presentation, which took place at the Hall, in the presence of the Marquis and Marchioness of Lorne and other illustrious guests, was made by the Rev. W. L. Onslow, on behalf of the donors, who were also present on the occasion. We understand that Bro. Emanuel has been highly complimented upon the excellence of the design, and the artistic manner in which it has been executed.—*Portsmouth Times and Naval Gazette*.

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## MASONIC QUERIES.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I will endeavour to answer, to the best of my ability, the series of questions propounded by "W.M.C.L.," in your issue of the 30th ult.

1.—It is not necessary the Constitutions should make any provision for filling a vacant chair "when any officer, from S.W. downwards, dies, or otherwise withdraws, during his year of office." The Master, Treasurer and Tyler are chosen by the Lodge, but the Wardens and other officers by the Master. In the event of the death or withdrawal of any one of the latter, it would clearly rest with the W. Master to fill the vacancy. I take it, however, there is, indirectly, a provision made to meet at least one mode of vacating an office, namely, the compulsory mode. Section 9, at p. 79, provides as follows:—

"The Wardens and officers of a Lodge cannot be removed, unless for a cause which appears to the Lodge to be sufficient; but the Master, if he be dissatisfied with the conduct of any of his officers, may lay the cause of complaint before the Lodge, and, if it shall appear to the majority of the brethren present that the complaint be well founded, he shall have power to displace such officer, and appoint another."

2.—I believe the "practice in the oldest Lodges" is governed by what I have stated above.

3.—The Lodge elects its Tyler, and may remove him at any time, "for causes deemed sufficient by a majority of the brethren present at a regular meeting." It follows, logically, that when a Lodge displaces its Tyler, it is acting within its right when it appoints a successor.

4.—The insignia on a Master's apron are improperly described by "W.M.C.L." as "three TAUS," which, in the form of the triple TAU, is an emblem in Royal Arch Masonry. Under the head of "Regalia," the Constitutions provide as follows:—

"The masters and past masters of lodges to wear, in the place of the three rosettes on the master masons apron, perpendicular lines upon horizontal lines, thereby forming three several sets of two right angles; the length of the horizontal lines to be two inches and a half each, and of the perpendicular lines one each."

These insignia then, which mark the rank of a Master and Past Master, are regulated by the Constitutions, and are, in fact, "levels," not "TAUS," as "W.M.C.L." mis-names them. The Scotch Constitutions, indeed, so describe them, roughly. They say:—

"In place of each of the Rosettes on the Master Mason's apron, a horizontal line, two and a half inches long, with a perpendicular line from its middle, one inch high, thereby forming two right angles, in imitation of a rude level. (N.B.—The italics are mine.)

The instructions in both Constitutions as to these "levels," not "TAUS," are clear and precise.

5.—I think if "W.M.C.L." will carry his inquiries further, he will find that "the ritual employed in opening a Board of Installed Masters" was determined at the Union of "Moderns" and "Ancients," in 1813. If he will refer to Articles III. and IV. of that Union, as contained in Preston's *Illustrations of Masonry*, he will find, in the former, these words:—

"There shall be the most perfect unity of obligation, of discipline, of working the Lodges, of making, passing and raising, instructing, and clothing Brothers; so that but one pure unsullied system, according to the genuine landmarks, laws, and traditions of the Craft, shall be maintained, upheld, and practised throughout the Masonic world from the day, &c., &c."

In Article IV., we read:—"To prevent all controversy or dispute as to the genuine and pure obligations, forms, rules, and ancient traditions of Masonry . . . it is agreed that the obligations and forms that have, from time immemorial, been established, used, and practised in the Craft, shall be recognised, accepted, and taken by the members of both Fraternities as the pure and genuine obligations and forms by which the incorporated Grand Lodge of England, and its dependent Lodges in every part of the world, shall be bound."

When, then, the two fraternities of Ancients and Moderns were united, the rituals must have been settled in accordance with the above prescriptions. It is useless, I think, to go further back than this.

Fraternally yours,

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The word *Freemason* is found in a statute of Edward VI., of the year 1548. In the year 1506, John Hylmer and William Vertue, *Freemasons*, were engaged to "vault or doo to be vaulted with free-stone, the roof of the quere of the Colledge Roiall of our Lady and St. George, within the castell of Wyndsoore, according to the roof of the body of the said Colledge." This appears in an indenture dated June 5, 21st year of the reign of Henry VIII. So saith the *Philadelphia Keystone*.

## THE MAGAZINES OF THE MONTH.

*Blackwood* opens the new year with a new story, entitled "The Shadow of the Door." "Inside the House of Commons" is pleasantly written, by one who speaks as with authority, and is well worth reading therefore. Then comes Part viii. of a "A Woman Hater," in which all the principal personages take part. Miss Rhoda Gale evidently has her reasons for rejecting the advances of Mr. Severne, while the latter makes a stupid blunder which greatly lowers him in the estimation of his *fiancée*. Rhoda Gale is also terribly in earnest in her new sphere of work near Vizard Court, and the Klossing re-appears on the scene, and receives a visit from a detective, despatched by Severne for purposes of his own. We are evidently approaching a *dénouement*, and shall look forward to future Parts with great interest. "Weariness: A Tale from France," is well-written, but sad, in accordance with its title, and there is a good biographical sketch of "George Sand." "The New Year" is the title of the political article, the writer of which inclines to the belief that peace, after all, may be preserved. We hope so, but then "The New Year" was written before the latest disturbing news had reached us.

For sufficient reasons, no doubt, the present number of the *New Quarterly* appears without the usual critical article on contemporary literature and criticism. We miss this sadly, and trust it may not wholly have disappeared from the programme of this magazine. The opening article is on "Pessimism, and one of its Professors." The writer handles her subject well, but we do not think it is one that will be very generally appreciated. The two contributions in the way of fiction are "The House on the Beach—a Realistic Tale," by G. Meredith, and "Kate Cronin's Dowry," by Mrs. Cashel Hoey. They are both of the same excellent class and character as invariably are to be met with in these pages. In addition, are an account, of "The Reformation of the Thirteenth Century," by Francis Hueffer, from his forthcoming work on "The Troubadours," and a sketch of "Revolutions and Russian Conquests in Central Asia," by J. H. Tremehere, which will form a special attraction at this period, when the feeling of jealousy is strong between Russia and Great Britain. We cannot say we incline altogether to the writer's views about Russian objects in extending her empire into the heart of Asia. We are not by any means pessimists, but we do not undervalue, as Mr. Tremehere does, the evidences of Russian lust of conquest, which are noticeable throughout Captain Burnaby's book. A picture by E. Barrington de Fonblanque of "Goethe in his Old Age," and a paper by H. Schütz Wilson on "The Pompeii of the Tannenvold," complete the list of contents. The number is a good one, albeit we have read more than one among its predecessors which we consider superior.

*Baily* contains an article on "The Decline of the English Horse," a paper on "Stud Gossip," and another on the question of "Amateur or Gentlemen Huntsman." There is an interesting sketch of the career of "Mr. Robert Peek," well known in racing circles, and, besides this, two other articles to which we would call our readers' attention, namely, "A Fogey's Kaleidoscope" and "A September Holiday." Both are readable. As to "Our Van," need we say more than that it is genial and lively as ever?

In *Cassell's Family Magazine*, the serial stories, "Paul Knox Pitman," and "My Guardian," impress themselves still more favourably upon the reader, and will doubtless develop into excellent tales. But the class of useful articles it is which always predominates in this Magazine, "The Art of Packing Up" is a case in point, and so are the papers "On Healthy Exercise," by a *Family Doctor*, "How we Failed to make Both Ends Meet," by Phillis Browne, "Art Embroidery as an Employment for Ladies," and "Food for Cold Weather," by that excellent caterer of common sense in matters culinary, Mr. A. G. Payne. The directions for "Gardening in January" will be found of use to the amateur, and there is some pertinent advice in the description of "How I engage my servants." Besides these there is a paper on "The Arctic Expedition: its Aims and its Deeds," some pretty little "Miniature Stories" to be read round the Christmas Fire, "Chit Chat on Dress," and "The Gatherer's" very useful array of notes.

The *Leisure Hour* opens with a new serial story of domestic interest, entitled "A Young Wife's Story." The paper on "Old Almanacks" belongs to that class of article which occurs so frequently in this periodical, and which is always welcomed so cordially by lovers of antiquarian lore. The biographical sketch of "Viscount Stafford de Redcliffe K.G., G.C.B.," is that of one of the most eminent diplomatists England has ever had the good fortune to include among her public men. The sketch is well drawn, and we commend it particularly to the notice of our readers. "Australia Felix: Impressions of Victoria," Part I., by Isabella L. Bird, introduces us to one of our most important cities in Australia. "The New Law Courts" explains to us their New Constitution, as far as the brief limits of an article will permit. "An Early Breakfast in the City" is a very entertaining paper, which must be read in order to be thoroughly appreciated. It is specially interesting as containing some interesting information respecting the Religious Tract Society, and the excellent work it does. "Our Ironclads" is a short account of some of our most formidable war ships of the day, and, in one or two cases, a contrast is offered between the ships we possess and those of other maritime powers, among the latter being the Russian Circular Ironclad, the *Popoff*, of which there is an illustration. The coloured engraving of the "Soldier's Dream" makes an excellent frontispiece.

In the *Sunday at Home*, we have noticed a short, yet appropriate Christmas story, entitled "The Echoed Song," No. I. of "Pictures from Jewish Life," by J. Alexander, author of "The Jews, their Past, Present and Future," and "An Indian Chaplain's Recollections." We can further recommend to the notice of our readers, the sketch of "A Portuguese Mountain Village," and an explanation of the "Chinese Tail Cutting Mystery." The usual class of contents will

be found exhibiting the same degree of merit as has been noticeable in all previous numbers. There is an excellent Coloured Engraving as frontispiece, the subject being a passage from the 2nd Chapter of St. Luke's Gospel, while most of the other illustrations are worthy of the periodical in which they appear, "For what we are about to receive," being capitally drawn.

In No. 5 of *The Countries of the World*, we find ourselves gradually leaving the Arctic Regions for a less northern latitude, the latter scenes lying in British North America, and introducing us to life in Columbia and among the Trappers on Lake Superior. The illustrations, like the letter-press, are worthy of all praise.

The *London Magazine* is a new candidate for popular favour, having made its first appearance only at the commencement of the present month. The majority of the contents are to our liking. In particular, the article on "The North Pole," by Mr. F. Whympet and a very chatty critical paper by the *London Lounge*, have greatly pleased us. But these, though the contributions that have taken our fancy the most, are far from being the only ones that are worth reading. We wish the *London* well. If its programme in the future is up to the standard of the opening number, we see no reason why it should not prosper.

## BOMBAY.

**Caledonia Lodge, No. 490 S.C.**—A regular monthly meeting of this flourishing and influential Lodge was held in the Scottish Masonic Hall, Cumballa Hill, on "St. Andrew's Eve," under the Hiram of the R.W. Master, Bro. George B. Thomson, who was supported on the dais by R.W.P. Master Bro. Freeborn—one of the most energetic, indefatigable, and enthusiastic Craftsmen in Western India, and whose Masonic career deserves to find a place in the gallery of the "Masonic Portraits"—and by R.W.P.M. Bro. McClumpha. The "work" of the evening was of a most gratifying character, embracing the affiliation of several well-known and worthily recommended brethren, and the passing and raising of two members of the Craft. It would be supererogatory to comment on the *aplomb* with which the R.W. Master acquitted himself on this occasion. Working the sublime degree for the first time during his tenure of office, R.W. Bro. Thomson at once gave evidence that he had carefully studied and thoroughly mastered the details in all their pristine purity and solemnity. He rendered the whole ceremony most effectively; and the staid and most impressive manner in which he described that immemorial legend of antiquity, enthralled the attention of all present. The R.W. Master was ably supported by his Wardens and Deacons—gentlemen who have secured the respect and esteem of all their *confères*. A happy and judicious division of labour partially relieved the W.M., and afforded the Wardens the pleasing duty of presenting the working tools, and delivering the charge to the newly-raised brethren. It must be acknowledged that, during a lengthened experience of the working of Freemasonry in Scotland, Ireland, and India, I have never witnessed the sublime degree so thoroughly carried out in all its *minutiae*. Business, or rather, to speak by the card, "Lodge work," being most satisfactorily completed in love, peace, and unity, about half-past eight p.m., the members and the visiting brethren, by invitation of the R.W. Master, retired from "labour to refreshment." The banquet was sumptuous and *recherché*, as everything appertaining to Lodge "Caledonia," invariably is; for it "bears the bell away" amongst our Craft Lodges of Western India. The usual toasts of obligation were duly proposed, and the health of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Patron of the Ancient Order, was received, as it always is, most cordially. The good folks at home little know with what feelings of veneration and respect the whole Royal Family are regarded out here in the far Orient. As an illustration of this, I may mention that when present as the guest of the R.W.M. of one of our Parsee Lodges, a few evenings previously, I was delighted to observe the enthusiasm, as universal as it was sincere, with which Her Majesty's name, in connection with the Craft, was received. The "welkin rang again" with the plaudits of the brethren, who vied with each other in giving utterance to their pent-up feelings of loyalty and devotion to the throne which our beloved Queen graces and adorns with all the virtues of womanhood. It was a scene which my feeble pen fails to portray in language commensurate with the occasion. And here, *par parenthese*, I may say that a more attached and appreciative class of British subjects does not exist throughout that vast empire, "On which the sun never sets," than the Parsees of Bombay, and especially amongst those fortunate and favoured ones who have been admitted within the portals of Freemasonry, for they are true to the core. But I have somewhat digressed, so *revenons a nos moutons*. I must state that, at the banquet table of Lodge Caledonia, the R.W. Master was as equally in his element as within the tyled adytum of the Lodge. Congenial, suave, and courteous, he endeavoured to render all happy around him, and his efforts were crowned with success. He never flagged nor faltered; he had an *apropos* and happy word for every one, and cemented the feelings of all by his sage words, fortuitously uttered with Masonic pith and *verve*. The toast of the "Visiting Brethren" was responded to by W. Bro. McClumpha, who, in returning thanks for the strangers present, availed himself of the opportunity to congratulate the Lodge on possessing a R.W. Master and Officers who not only enjoyed their entire confidence, but were so thoroughly efficient in the performance of their respective duties. After participating in the enjoyment of a well-spent evening, the brethren separated, about 11 p.m., many of them hoping to hold high festival at the Masonic banquet to be given on St. Andrew's Day, under the auspices of the R. W. Grand Master of all Asia, Bro. Morland, which it was anticipated would be a great success.—*Communicated*.

## ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The regular meeting of the Committee of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was held on Wednesday, the 10th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, Bro. Lieut.-Col. Creaton, V.P., in the chair. Bro. James Terry, Secretary, read the minutes, which were confirmed. It was announced that the total receipts for the year 1876 were £12,540 15s 7d. Messrs. Halls had sent in twenty-six sacks of coal, which were gratefully acknowledged. The Secretary informed the brethren of the entertainment given at the Institution, and that Bro. W. Hale had presented every male annuitant with half a pound of tobacco, and every female with half a pound of tea. Bro. Fowler presented a case of whiskey; Bros. Webb and Legge a bottle of whiskey to each male and female resident; Bro. Hunter had given a barrel of ale. Bro. Terry also gratefully acknowledged the valuable services rendered by Bro. Dr. Strong, who had been presented with an elegant gold locket and microscope, while Mrs. Strong had received a gold locket, these gifts being subscribed for by the residents at the Institution. It was resolved to rent a field of 6½ acres, adjoining the Institution, on a lease of four or seven years, with the option of purchase on the death of the present proprietor, who is very aged. The deaths of eight males and two females was announced; thirty-eight male candidates and thirty-four female candidates were placed on the list of candidates, there being eight vacancies for males, and two for females. After a vote of thanks was unanimously accorded to the Chairman, the meeting was adjourned until the following month. There were present Bros. S. Rawson, C. A. Cottebrune, J. Brett, T. Cubitt, J. Constable, G. Bolton, H. Muggeridge, Griffiths Smith, F. Adlard, J. Newton, H. G. Warren, J. G. Stevens, W. Stephens, J. A. Farnfield, W. Hale, W. Hilton, C. E. Lacey, Dr. Erasmus Wilson, H. M. Levy, &c.

## SCOTCH MEETINGS.

**Kilwinning Lodge, No. 4, Glasgow.**—Held its first meeting for 1877, on Wednesday, the 10th January, in the New Masonic Hall, Dumbarton-road. Bro. R. Thorburn R.W.M. in the chair, supported by Bros. R. Prout I.P.M., J. Dixon D.M., G. Holmes S.M., R. Jamison acting S.W., McNaughton J.W., Jas. McKeand Treasurer and J. McNair Secretary. There was a good attendance both of members and visitors, among whom we noticed Bros. Harsh and Dina of No. 3 bis, Wheeler and Higgins of 73, T. M. Campbell P.M. 408 and a large deputation from St. Vincent 553. There were six gentlemen proposed for initiation, and 10 for affiliation as joining members; two of the latter being present were duly affiliated by the R.W.M. The S.W. elect, Bro. Orr, as well as the S.B. and B.B. being now present, Bro. Thorburn asked Bro. Wheeler as he had previously installed the rest of the office bearers, to complete the work; this was done, and after some private business, the Lodge was closed.

**St. Andrew's Chapter, No. 69.**—Held its regular meeting in St. Clair's Hall, Glasgow, on the 9th inst., at 7 o'clock. Comp. T. M. Campbell Z. proceeded to open a Mark Lodge. Bro. J. McInnis S.W., J. Brand J.W., who advanced Bro. William Ferguson, of Lodge 510 to that degree. A Lodge of the Most Excellent Masters was then opened, and Comp. Wheeler Z. of 73, conferred the degrees of Excellent and Super excellent Master on six candidates for St. Andrew, and one for the Rosslyn No. 119. The Chapter was then opened with T. M. Campbell Z., G. W. Wheeler H., R. Prout J., T. Blackwood T., J. Fash S.E., J. McInnis 1st S., R. Bland 2nd S., and Capt. Stark 3rd S., exalted five candidates for St. Andrew's, and one for the Rosslyn Chapter, in his usual faultless style. Comp. Thaller Z. of 119 P.G.C. thanked the Chapter for having given these two degrees to his candidates. Comp. Campbell expressed the pleasure he experienced in being able to assist a sister Chapter, and also his gratification at being so well supported, as on this occasion, by the Principals and Past Principals of other Chapters. P.G. officers Comp. Wheeler Z. 73 P.G.S.N., Thaller Z. 119 P.G.C., William Dobbie P.Z. 119, and Comp. Park P.Z. 122, were present.

**Caledonian Railway Lodge, No. 354.**—Held its regular meeting on Wednesday. In the absence of the Master, Bro. John Harley S.M. opened the Lodge, with Bros. Jas. Harley S.W., Wm. Anderson J.W., when Mr. W. J. Gray and Alex. Livinstone were duly initiated by Bro. J. Fyfe D.M. of 465. The 2nd degree was then worked by Bro. Harley, after which the Lodge was raised, and two brethren were raised to the sublime degree by Bro. J. McInnis R.W.M. 408.

**Commercial Lodge, No. 360.**—Held an emergency meeting in their own hall, 30 Hope-street, Glasgow, on Saturday, when there were three candidates for initiation, one from the Marie Stuart 541. The ceremony was worked by Bro. Jules Brode I.P.M. of 541. The Fellow Craft was then worked by Bro. J. M. Olive D.M., after which Bro. Lamb raised one brother to the sublime degree of M.M. All the ceremonies were worked with that excellence which has placed the Commercial in the first rank of Glasgow Lodges. The working of each of the brethren in the several degrees being perfect.

## NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

**Royal Arthur Lodge, No. 1360.**—Met on Thursday, the 4th of January, at the Lecture Hall, Wimbledon, S.W. Present: Bros. Thomas James Lawes W.M., M. D. Loewenstark S.W., J. Reeves J.W., C. S. Stockman P.M. Secretary, W. H. Jackson P.M. Treasurer, J. Brunner S.D., E. Peacock J.D., Sumner D.C., Tarrington Steward, Robinson I.G., Woodstock Tyler. Past Masters H. Smith and E. L. Cockrell. Business—Five gentlemen were balloted for and accepted. One brother was accepted as a joining member. Four gentlemen were initiated. One gentleman, a Lewis, was proposed for initiation next meeting.

**Kennington Lodge, No. 1381.**—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on the 2nd inst. at the Surrey Club House, Kennington Oval, under the presidency of Bro. Geo. Everett. Bros. Higgins S.W., Reeve J.W., E. J. Page P.M. Treasurer, W. Stuart P.M. Secretary, T. C. Walls S.D., Kohler J.D., Robinson D.C., Speedy I.G., Marston Steward, and P.M.'s Bros. W. Mann, Gardner, Drysdale and Koch. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. Bros. Laudan and Bavin were passed to the 2nd degree by the W.M., who exhibited his usual ability. The election for W.M. then took place, and resulted unanimously in favour of Bro. Higgins S.W. Bro. E. J. Page P.G.S. was elected Treasurer, and Bro. Longstaff Tyler. Bros. Robinson, Webster, and Shauger were elected on the Audit Committee. The Lodge was then closed.

**Baldwin Lodge, No. 1398.**—This Lodge held its monthly meeting on Monday, the 8th of January, at 6.30 p.m., in the Lodge room at the Castle, Dalton-in-Furness. Present—Bros. F. Bell W.M., T. Grieves acting S.W., Richmond Whiteside acting J.W., Robert Blake Secretary, James Garden Treasurer, P. Derbyshire acting S.D., Thomas Hosking acting J.D., R. Townley D.C., G. B. Ashburner Organist, Thomas Trombath I.G., William Pratt Tyler. Past Masters Bros. William Whiteside and Francis Henry Clark. Bro. Richard Bell was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason by Bro. F. Bell W.M. The Historical Lecture in the third degree was ably given by Bro. W. Whiteside P.M., to Bros. J. Huddleston and Richard Bell.

**Truth Lodge, No. 1458.**—This Lodge held its regular meeting on Saturday, the 6th of January, at Private Rooms, Newton Heath, Manchester. Present—Bros. James Batchelder W.M., W. J. Kinder S.W., G. H. Needle J.W., J. E. Iiff Secretary, Thomas Tyers P.M. Treasurer, William Cox S.D., James Taylor J.D., M. Kleinmann Steward, James Proctor I.G., Beswick Tyler; P.M.'s Bros. J. W. Turner, Thomas Tyers, John Kinder. Business—The Lodge was opened at 3.45, when the minutes of last regular meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was then taken for two gentlemen, and proved favourable in both cases. One being present, he was duly initiated by the W.M., who performed the ceremony in a masterly manner. The Lodge was opened in the 2nd degree, when Bro. Duckworth answered the test questions leading from the 2nd to the 3rd, and retired. The Lodge was opened in the 3rd degree, when Bro. T. Tyers P.M. occupied the chair of K.S., and most impressively raised Bro. Duckworth to the Sublime Degree. After this, Bro. Batchelder resumed the chair, and closed the Lodge down to the 1st degree. Three gentlemen were proposed for initiation, and one as a joining member. Bro. Turner's notice of motion: "That the sum of Five pounds be given to the E.L.S.B. and E. Institution, to endow the W.M.'s chair in perpetuity," was the next business on the summons, and was carried, after some discussion, a few of the brethren evidently did not understand either the nature of the charity, or the Charity Fund of the Lodge, also, in one instance, proving themselves quite unacquainted with the Book of Constitutions, or the by-laws of the Lodge. The business being completed, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the festive board, where due honour was given to the several toasts.

**Bury St. Edmunds Abbey Lodge, No. 1592.**—Held its monthly meeting on the 8th of January, at the Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds. Present—Bros. W. H. Lucia (Prov. G. Secretary) W.M., W. Armstrong S.W., T. F. Lucia Acting J.W., W. E. Bailey P.M. Secretary, W. J. Nunn S.D., H. Thompson Acting J.D., J. W. Shepherd I.G., C. Gooch Tyler. Visitor—Bro. Silverston 1474. Business—Bro. G. C. Carliell was passed to the 2nd degree by the W.M., and a candidate was elected for initiation. Bro. W. Armstrong the S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year. The brethren afterwards sat down to an excellent banquet under the presidency of the Secretary, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

**Albert Edward Lodge, No. 1557.**—On Friday, 5th inst., the annual meeting was held at the Bush Inn, Hexham, when there was a very large attendance of brethren. The meeting was additionally interesting by the fact that it was the night appointed for the installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. John Ditchburn, of Tyne-mouth, who, since the establishment of the Lodge, has acted as S.W. Amongst those present were Bros. George White W.M., Ditchburn S.W., Fishburn J.W., Turner Treasurer, Catherall Secretary, W. M. Bell S.D., Martin J.D. And amongst the visiting brethren present were Bros. George Hardy 424, W. Beawick 406, John Smith S.D. 1119, W. Hardie 991, J. Ridley 991, Thomas Smith 484, Robert Lumley 24, J. Renton J.W. 1119, J. T. Hope P.M. 1119, P.G.S.B. Durham, J. H. Kendal 48. The Lodge having been opened in due form by the W.M., Bro. George White, who afterwards initiated the Rev. George Robinson, Ulgham, near Morpeth, into the mysteries of Freemasonry, and then called upon Bro. Roddam, P.M. St. Hilda's,

South Shields, to discharge the duties of Installing Master, which were performed in an effective and solemn manner. Bro. Ditchburn W.M. elect, was then placed in the chair of K.S., and appointed the following officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. George White I.P.M., J. Fishburn S.W., W. M. Bell J.W., J. Turner Treasurer, Catherall Secretary, Oates S.D., Hedley J.D., Dr. Kendal I.G., Alexander jun. S.S., M. Robson J.S., Nicholson Organist, Roddam D.C., Rowcastle Tyler. The Lodge was then closed in due form, after which the first annual banquet was held, at Bro. George Pearson's, Bush Inn, under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. Ditchburn, and was attended by about fifty brethren. The banquet was of a most *recherché* character, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

**BRO. SIR MICHAEL COSTA AS A CONDUCTOR.**—Sir Michael Costa has been accused, justly or unjustly we shall not here decide, of sometimes sacrificing voices to the grandeur of instrumental harmony; but no one has attempted to deny that this latter is supreme in his hands. He plays on his orchestra as on one great instrument; and if he has now and then seemed to drown an over-delicato passage of vocalisation, he has oftener, on the other hand, covered defects, and turned them into beauties. A splendidly dramatic but not otherwise impressive baritone, and a basso-profundo, whose nickname was "The Shouter," once sang Bellini's martial duet, "Suona la Tromba," in such style as would hardly have rendered the melody distinguishable had it been unaccompanied. But Costa's *bdton* brought them through, and, what is more, made the house ring with a rapturous demand for repetition, as the two singers struck each his attitude, and went off at opposite sides. "I always thought," said R., the baritone, "that I sang more out of tune than any man on the stage, but F. beats me to night." And on went F. and R. to sound the trumpet once again in queer concord of discordancy. The might of Costa's magnificent band had been the saving of those tuneless ones. The perfection to which this Homeric leader had drilled his army may be significantly told in a simple, brief, and authentic statement of fact. It was no uncommon thing with Mario, in his waning period, to feel apprehensive of an accident with his highest note, and, therefore, to request that his music might be lowered that evening half a tone. Indulging the great tenor in his need, every man of the splendid orchestra would, at sight, transpose the reading of his part in the score by that half-tone. True, it ought to be within the individual capacity of every musician playing in a great orchestra to do this with ease and certainty; but, as a matter of fact, the band consisting wholly of such competent instrumentalists is seldom found. Difficult though it may be to transpose music at sight on any orchestral instrument, it is manifestly a far more trying feat to accomplish the same task on the piano. But Sir Michael Costa, and, indeed, other accomplished musicians having to accompany new and elaborate compositions for the voice, have often been known, at first sight of the notes, to change the music to any given key suitable to the singer.—From *Cassell's National Portrait Gallery*.

**PRINCE HAL AND JUDGE GASCOIGNE.**—As Henry IV. declined in health, he seems to have grown increasingly jealous of the popularity of his son, the Prince of Wales. The young prince had acquired great glory by his conduct at the battle of Shrewsbury, and in his warfare against Owen Glendower. He was free, jocund, fond of pleasure, and of mixing with all classes of the people. Shakespeare has made his life and character the most living and familiar of things. He has surrounded him by a set of jolly companions, the fat and witty Sir John Falstaff, Bardolph, "mine ancient Pistol," and the whole band of roysterers who haunted the Boar's Head, Eastcheap. He has drawn his inimitable portraiture of the merry Prince Hal from the chroniclers of the time, who describe him as the idol of the people. He was as dissipated as an heir-apparent generally is, but with his follies he displayed what his father never possessed—a generous temperament. No sooner was he on the throne than he offered terms of pacification to his most persevering enemy, Owen Glendower. The anecdote of his conduct before Judge Gascoigne has been represented as doubtful by some of our modern historians but it is gravely related by Hardyng and Elmham, his contemporaries, and there is, therefore, no just right to question it. One of the Prince's associates had been arraigned for felony before Chief Justice Gascoigne, the upright magistrate whom we have seen refusing to execute his father's illegal acts at York. The Prince appeared before the magistrate, and peremptorily demanded the release of his boon companion. The chief justice refused, when Henry drew his sword upon him and swore that he would have the man liberated. The judge coolly ordered the Prince to be committed to prison himself as a great offender, since he was, by his position, bound expressly to be a maintainer of the laws. Henry at once, in the innate nobility of his own nature, felt and admired the lofty virtues of the magistrate. He submitted quietly to his order, and it is related that when the fact was mentioned to his father, he said, "Happy is the monarch who possesses a judge so resolute in the discharge of his duty, and a son so willing to yield to the authority of the law."—From *Cassell's Illustrated History of England*.

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ON and after the 1st February 1877, an Entrance Fee of 5 guineas will be imposed on New Members, the Annual Subscription remaining as heretofore, 5 guineas Town Members, 3 guineas Country Members.

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**37 QUEEN VICTORIA STREET,  
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**ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS,**

**Wood Green, London, N.**

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PATRON: HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN.

PRESIDENT: H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES, K.G., &c., M.W.G.M.

A QUARTERLY General Court of the Governors and Subscribers will be held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's-inn-fields, London, on Monday, the 15th day of January, for the transaction of the ordinary business of the Institution; to approve a list of 50 candidates, as recommended by the General Committee, from which 10 boys shall be elected at the Quarterly General Court to be held on Monday, 16th April 1877; also to consider the following notices of motion:—1. By Thomas Meggy, Esq., Vice-President: That, in consideration of the peculiar circumstances attending the election in October last, and having regard to the result of the scrutiny then demanded, the boy Herbert Pattison Wisby be received into the School without further consent should a vacancy occur from death or withdrawal previous to the election in April. 2. By Isaac J. Hooper Wilkins, Esq.: "That in consideration of the past services of Mr. Edward Harris, as Collector to the Institution for a period of nearly 20 years, who has now tendered his resignation, he be granted a retiring pension of £120 per annum from the 1st January 1877." 3. By George M. E. Snow, Esq., V. Patron: "That the buildings surrounding the playground be raised, by putting an extra story thereon, so as to provide increased sleeping accommodation for Fifty Boys. That Fifty Boys be admitted at the October Election, 1877." The Chair will be taken at 12 o'clock precisely.

By order, FREDERICK BINCKES, Secretary.

6th January 1877.

\*\* The 79th Anniversary Festival will be held on Wednesday, 27th June. The services of brethren to represent Lodges and Provinces as Stewards are earnestly solicited. Donations to the "Special Fund" to provide for the erection of a building for a Preparatory School for 100 younger sons of Freemasons will be gratefully acknowledged.

**ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION**

FOR

**AGED FREEMASONS AND WIDOWS OF FREEMASONS.**

THE ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL OF THIS INSTITUTION will take place on Monday, the 12th February 1877, at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, London, upon which occasion

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

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

has graciously signified his intention of presiding.

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

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

\*\* H.R.H. Prince Leopold has been pleased to alter the day of the Festival from Wednesday the 14th February (being Ash Wednesday) to Monday the 12th.

4 Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons.—Every Purchaser of Bro. Curtis's Tickets (price 1s each) is entitled to one chance in the Drawing for Life Governorships, which will be held on the 15th January 1877. Special advantages for Lodges purchasing 100 Tickets. To be obtained of J. Edward Curtis, Stonehouse, Essex.

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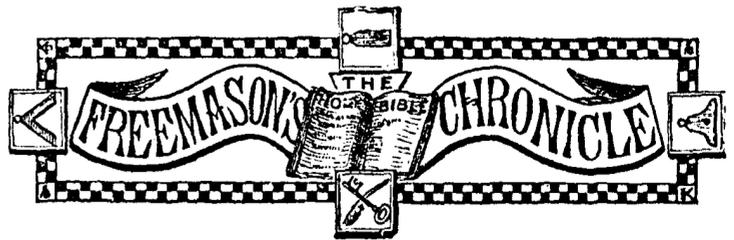
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**EASTERN STAR LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.**

A SPECIAL MEETING of the Members of this Lodge of Instruction will be held at the Royal Hotel, Burdett Road, Mile End Road, on the evening of Monday, 15th January 1877, at 7.30 precisely.

OBJECT: "TO DETERMINE UPON THE FUTURE OF THE LODGE."

THOS. J. BARNES, Treasurer.



67 BARBICAN, E.C.

**NOTICE.—BACK NUMBERS.**

Brethren who desire to complete their sets of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, should make early application for Back Numbers. At present all are in print, but of some we have only a few copies left. Cases for binding the several volumes can be had at the Office, 67 Barbican.

**OUR WEEKLY BUDGET.**

THE Queen is still at Windsor, where she has been taking her usual exercise, or rather where she would have taken it, with her wonted regularity, had it not been for the country round about being under water. One day she had to return to the Castle, as her horses refused to pass through a swollen brook. It is generally understood that Her Majesty will open Parliament in person, with that semi State which she has invariably adopted on all public occasions since her widowhood.

The Prince and Princess of Wales have been for the most part at Sandringham during the Christmas holidays. Sunday was the thirtieth anniversary of the birthday of their eldest son, Prince Albert Victor, and accordingly the event was celebrated in the usual festive manner on the Monday. On the 15th their Royal Highnesses will leave their Norfolk residence, on a visit to the Duke and Duchess of Manchester, at Kimbolton Castle. During their stay there a grand ball will be given in honour of their visit. Preparations are being made to accord the Prince and Princess a right hearty reception *en route*. The Huntingdon magistrates held a special meeting on Monday, for the purpose of making the needful preparations. It was determined that the town should be as gaily decorated as possible, and that the day should be observed as a general holiday. The Duke of Connaught, too, has been over in England during this festive season, on a visit both to Her Majesty and his brother, the Prince of Wales.

The City of Dublin had a gala day on Wednesday, when his Grace the Duke of Marlborough, the new Viceroy in place of the Duke of Abercorn, made his formal entry as the Queen's representative. The ceremonial observed on the occasion was pretty nearly the same as when his Grace's predecessor arrived, at the commencement of his first Viceroyalty. There was a brilliant display of military along the line of route, and the worthy citizens turned out in considerable force to welcome their new Lord Lieutenant. The Duke was accompanied by the Duchess of Marlborough, and the Ladies Rosamond, Georgiana, and Randolph Churchill. In the procession were General Michell, commanding the forces in Ireland, and General Herbert, in command of the Dublin division. The reception along the whole distance traversed was cordial in the extreme, especially at Trinity College, where the students let off a hearty welcome, in the shape of a profusion of crackers. At the City Hall the Lord Mayor offered a few words of congratulation, which were gracefully acknowledged. On Saturday the Corporation of Dublin and the University will present addresses of welcome.

Some further interesting statistics relative to the population of the large cities and towns in England have been furnished by the Registrar General. Assuming that the rates of increase observed in the returns for 1861 and 1871 remain undisturbed, he reckons the population of London in the middle of the current year will be in round numbers 3,533,000. So Brighton, it is reckoned, will number 102,250, Portsmouth 127,150, Norwich 84,000, Bristol close on 203,000, Plymouth 79,100, Wolverhampton 73,400, Birmingham 377,400, Liverpool 527,000, Manchester

359,000, Salford 141,200, Hull 140,000, Leeds 238,000, Sheffield 282,200. In fact, the population of the above and other towns which are specified, which amounted in 1861 to a little over 5,430,000, is now reckoned at 6,945,000, showing an increase of over a million and a-half in these sixteen years. London alone has increased by only three or four hundred short of 730,000, while in some of the Yorkshire and Lancashire towns the increase has been even more remarkable. At this rate, we may anticipate that the population of London at the next census in 1881 will be little short of four millions, or considerably more than some of the smaller States of Europe. And this increase, it must be remembered, is in spite of the heavy emigration to the United States and our American and Australian colonies which occurs annually.

The stormy weather to which we referred in our last issue has continued almost uninterruptedly during the present week. Consequently, there is the same story still to tell of lands inundated in all parts of the country, of wrecks along our coasts, and here and there of loss of life as well as of property. On Wednesday the Harriet Foxtearth Lifeboat put out from Whitby, in order to render assistance to a coal brig which, in foolishly attempting to make for the harbour, drifted to the north piers, and shortly afterwards struck on the beach. Unfortunately the Lifeboat capsized, and, in spite of every effort to save them, three of the crew were drowned, while more than one other had a narrow escape. Great sympathy is felt for the families of the three who perished, who were most respectable and industrious men. At the same time, indignation runs high against the master of the brig, who, by persisting in making for the harbour, in spite of the signals made to caution him against doing so, must be set down, indirectly, as the cause of the loss.

All these inundations, of course, involve a serious destruction of property, and we are glad to see that the Lord Mayor, Sir Thomas White, is following in the footsteps of his predecessors, and organising a Relief Fund for the purpose of administering help in cases where it is most needed. We gladly notice, likewise, that the Earl of Beaconsfield has directed a sum of £250 to be appropriated out of the Royal Bounty Fund, and remitted to Lord Mayor White in aid of the fund that is being raised under his auspices. Throughout the country generally, the most praiseworthy efforts are being made to alleviate the distress caused by the weather. Among others, the Queen has forwarded a cheque for £50 to the Local Windsor Fund. We doubt not these energetic efforts will be crowned with success. The damage done is incalculable, but English charity will do much to make amends.

There have been several political meetings during the week, at which different members of Parliament have been present, and expressed their views on the aspect of affairs. Among the speakers have been Sir W. Harcourt, Sir C. Dilke, and Professor Fawcett, two of whom have spoken very strongly against the conduct of the Ministry. We have already hinted at the unwisdom of such conduct at a time so critical, when before all things it is necessary that the hands of the Government, no matter what its politics may be, requires to be strengthened. Sir C. Dilke's speech was remarkable chiefly for his tremendous onslaught on Mr. Gladstone's policy when a Minister of the Queen. But, doubtless, Mr. Gladstone is quite competent to defend his views, be they never so erratic.

The news that comes to us from the East is as conflicting as ever. One day we are told the Conference is coming to an end, and that war is imminent between Turkey and Russia. Then rumour speaks of a peaceful settlement between the contending interests. Now, it is Roumania which is aggrieved by reason of the proposed Constitutional reforms in Turkey. Then Austro-Hungary is getting more and more uneasy, and Germany is on the point of forcing Russia to show her last card, and will try and bring the Conference to a close at the first opportunity. We can but wait patiently, amid all these conflicting rumours, and trust that all may turn out well. One thing, indeed, appears tolerably clear, and that is, that Russia is by no means as well prepared for war as she imagined, and this is certainly favourable to the maintenance of peace. One other rumour has reached this country, to the effect that Servia will shortly expel the Jews from her territory. Yet this is the country whose cause we are invited to support, either actively or with our deepest sympathies! However, we shall doubtless learn something definite in the course of the next few days, and then we shall know

what precise value attaches to these different rumours. Meantime, we can only hope that all will go on smoothly, and that the local struggle of last year will not be renewed over a more extended area.

We note with pleasure the frequent references made in the *Standard* and other of the daily papers to the doings of the Craft. It speaks well for our Society when the outside world takes an interest in our proceedings. It was quite natural, of course, that when the Prince of Wales was formally installed as Grand Master, a full and particular account should be given by the leading papers of the day. But that was an event of only passing interest to non-Masons, who were, doubtless, not a little puzzled to account for the enthusiasm so rare an event excited amongst us. Since then, however, there have appeared, every now and then, sundry notices about our Charitable Institutions and the doings of the Fraternity. We regard this as a favourable symptom of our growing popularity. There is this also to be said of the majority of these paragraphs, they are brief, but they are strictly accurate. The article which appeared in the *Standard* of Monday, on the "Growth of Freemasonry," is a little shaky in some of its details, but it gives a fair general idea, to the outside world, of the progress we have made of late years, and the extremely flourishing condition in which we find ourselves at this present time. But the paragraphs, we repeat, are unusually accurate. We have so often resented the abuse which has been levelled at us from different quarters, that it is only just we should call the attention of our readers to the kind things that are sometimes said of us by our leading contemporaries.

We see no immediate connection between truth and impertinence. Yet a new journal, which made its first appearance before the public on the 4th instant, under the imposing title of *Truth*, has wantonly gone out of its way to utter an impertinence at the expense of Freemasonry generally, and Prince Leopold in particular. The author of the paragraph in question is one who signs himself "Truthful Tommy." He begins by connecting Prince Leopold's illness with his past appearance in public, which he tells us, "was at a Masonic gathering." Evidently, he remarks, "the practice of Freemasonry is proving too much for his delicate constitution." We do not envy the writer whose taste, or want of taste rather, has prompted him to write thus flippantly of a person's feeble health, even though that person may be a Prince and a Freemason. Having said thus much of Prince Leopold, "Truthful Tommy" utters a nasty commonplace thing or two about Freemasonry, and talks of our snobbery, because, as he suggests, we are never so happy as when princes and nobles preside over us. In saying this, the writer only betrays his ignorance. We do not invite the princes and nobles to enter our ranks; it is they who seek admission, and if, when they are admitted, we invite them to preside over us, we are only paying them a compliment which, in ninety-nine cases out of a hundred, they richly deserve. There is no snobbery in electing the Prince of Wales to be our Grand Master. His rank would entitle him to the highest position in any society of which he became a member. Possibly "Truthful Tommy" is himself so intense a snob as to be incapable of appreciating the respect which Masons in common with most other Englishmen entertain towards the sons of her Majesty.

Bro. E. Baldwin, a subscribing member of Lodge No. 213, is making praiseworthy efforts for the establishment of a Masonic Charities Association, after the manner of those which are so popular in the metropolis, by which almost every brother will be enabled to obtain a life governorship in one or all three of the Masonic Charities. An Association, having a similar object, has also been established in Essex, and is working with marked success and corresponding benefit to the Charities.

The fifteen sections will be worked by the brethren of the Belgrave Lodge of Instruction, in the Royal Jubilee Lodge of Instruction, No. 72, held at Bro. George Arnold's, the Freemasons' Arms, 81 Long-acre, W.C., on Wednesday evening, 31st January, at 7.30.

## 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, 13th JANUARY.

Quarterly General Court, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.  
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)  
1328—Granite, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
1426—The Great City, City Terminus Hotel, E.C.  
1391—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester.  
1556—Addiscombe, Alma Tavern, Addiscombe.  
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W.

## MONDAY, 15th JANUARY.

Quarterly Meeting of Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12.  
45—Strong Man, Old Jerusalem, St. John's-sq., Clerkenwell, at 8. (Instruction.)  
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7.0. (Instruction.)  
185—Tranquillity, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C., at 5.  
236—York, Masonic Hall, York.  
331—Phoenix of Honour and Prudence, Public Rooms, Truro.  
359—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton.  
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge.  
466—Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton.  
622—St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne.  
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.  
725—Stoneleigh, King's Arms Hotel, Kenilworth.  
985—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Holbeach.  
1037—Portland, Royal Breakwater Hotel, Portland.  
1141—Mid Sussex, Assembly Rooms, Horsham.  
1502—Israel, 22 Hope-street, Liverpool.

## TUESDAY, 16th JANUARY.

Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.  
30—United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street.  
55—Constitutional, Wheatsheaf, Hand-court, W.C., at 7.0. (Instruction.)  
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C. (Instruction.)  
73—Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark.  
95—Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.  
194—St. Paul's, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C.  
860—Dalhousie, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
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.  
213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich.  
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon.  
402—Royal Sussex, George the Fourth, Nottingham.  
960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.  
1006—Tregullov, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrier, Cornwall.  
1470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable.

## WEDNESDAY, 17th JANUARY.

General Committee Grand Chapter, Freemasons' Hall, at 3.  
Grand Stewards, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
174—Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street.  
190—Oak, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
193—Confidence, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, at 7.0. (Instruction.)  
862—Whittington, Black Bull, Hoborn, at 8. (Instruction.)  
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7. (Instruction.)  
1196—Urban, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, E.C.  
1288—Finsbury Park, Finsbury Pk. Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd., at 8.0. (Instruction.)  
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)  
R. A. 141—Faith, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.  
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.)  
121—Mount Sinai, Public-buildings, Penzance.  
175—East Medina, Masonic Hall, John-street, Ryde, I.W.  
199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover. (Instruction.)  
200—Old Globe, Private Rooms, Globe-street, Scarborough.  
221—St. John's, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton.  
591—Buckingham, George Hotel, Aylesbury.  
592—Cotteswold, King's Head Hotel, Cirencester.  
683—Isca, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire.  
859—Dobie, Griffin Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames.  
969—Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Workington.  
1040—Sykes, Masonic Hall, Great Driffeld.  
1086—Walton, St. Lawrence Boys' School, Kirkdale.  
1114—Joppa, Corn Hall, Fakenham.  
1129—St. Chad's, Roebuck Hotel, Rochdale.  
1161—Elhot, Private Rooms, St. Germain's, Cornwall.  
1337—Anchor, Masonic Rooms, Durham House, Northallerton.  
1353—Duke of Lancaster, Athenaeum, Lancaster.  
1413—Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon.  
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea.

## THURSDAY, 18th JANUARY.

House Committee, Girls' School, Battersea, at 4.  
3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., Fitzroy-sq., at 7.0. (Instruction.)  
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C. (Instruction.)  
55—Constitutional, Inns of Court Hotel, W.C., at 4.0.  
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8.0. (Instruction.)  
169—Temperance, White Swan, High-street, Deptford.  
181—Universal, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
433—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)  
813—New Concord, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton.  
1139—South Norwood, Public Hall, South Norwood.  
1273—Burdett Courts, Approach Tavern, Approach-road, Victoria Park.  
1426—The Great City, 111 Cheapside, E.C., at 6.30. (Instruction.)  
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Albion, Albion-road, Dalston, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
1507—Metropolitan, 269 Pentonville-road.  
M.M.—Temple, Gun Tavern, Wapping. (Instruction.)  
56—Howard, High-street, Arundel.  
343—Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Starkie-street, Preston.  
524—John of Gaunt, Freemasons' Hall, Halford-street, Leicester.  
663—Wiltshire of Fidelity, Town Hall, Devizes.  
1332—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon.  
1611—Eboracum, Micklegate, York.  
1612—West Middlesex, Railway Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)

## FRIDAY, 19th JANUARY.

House Committee, Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.  
766—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up George-st., Edgware-rd. (Inst.)  
933—Doric, Earl Grey Tavern, Mile End-road, at 8. (Instruction.)  
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)  
1280—Hervey, Punch's Tavern, 99 Fleet-street, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)  
1278—Burdett Courts, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park, at 8. (Instruction.)  
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate.  
347—Noah's Ark, Wagon and Horses Hotel, Tipton.  
516—Phoenix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket.

## SATURDAY, 20th JANUARY.

Audit Committee, Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.  
199—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)  
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, at 8.

## WEST YORKSHIRE.

## SATURDAY.

R. A. 308—Affability, Station House Hotel, Bottoms, Eastwood.

## MONDAY.

R. A. 130—Paradise, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.  
K.T. 29—Faith, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford.

## WEDNESDAY.

1019—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.  
1301—Brighouse, Masonic Room, Bradford-road, Brighouse.  
R. A. 290—Prosperity, Masonic Hall, South-parade, Huddersfield

## THURSDAY.

600—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.  
1042—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds.

## FRIDAY.

1311—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds.  
R. A. 61—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax.  
R. A. 521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.  
R. A. 837—Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon.

## EDINBURGH DISTRICT.

MONDAY—41—St. Luke, Freemasons' Hall.  
TUESDAY—36—St. David, Ship Hotel, East Register-street.  
405—Rifle, Freemasons' Hall.  
WEDNESDAY—160—Roman Eagle, Iona Hotel, 82 Nicolson-street.  
THURSDAY—48—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall.  
R. A. 152—Perseverance, Lodge Room, 86 Constitution-street  
FRIDAY—R.A. 83—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall.

## GLASGOW AND THE WEST OF SCOTLAND.

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

MONDAY—129—St. Mirron's, 5 Moss-street, Paisley.  
" 332—Union, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.  
" 524—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, East Kilbride, at 6 p.m.  
TUESDAY—3 bis.—St. John's, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.  
" 73—Thistle and Rose, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.  
" 87—Thistle, Freemasons' Hall, Cathedral-street, Glasgow.  
" 437—Govandale, Partland Hall, Govan-road, Glasgow.  
WEDNESDAY—117—St. Mary, Freemasons' Hall, Douglas-street, Partick.  
" 351—Caledonian Railway, 30 Hope-street, Glasgow.  
" 571—Dramatic, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow, at 3 p.m.  
" R.A. 150—St. John's, Freemasons' Hall, Shottlesstone.  
THURSDAY—27—St. Mungo, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.  
" 465—St. Andrew's, Freemasons' Hall, Garngad-road, Glasgow.  
FRIDAY—360—Commercial, 30 Hope-street, Glasgow.  
" 408—Clyde, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.  
" 553—St. Vincent, Freemasons' Hall, Dumbarton-road, Glasgow.  
SATURDAY—28—St. John's, Black Bull, Kirkintilloch.

## NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

**Metropolitan R. A. Chapter of Improvement.**—The regular weekly convocation of this Chapter was held on Tuesday last, under the presidency of Comps. C. F. Hogard M.E.Z., C. Nash H., G. K. Lemann J., J. Constable acting S.E., E. Barfield S.N., C. Cox P.S. There was a large attendance of Companions. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Massa acting as candidate. Comp. High, of 862, was elected a member. The sum of five guineas was promised to Comp. J. Boyd, Treasurer, as Steward at the forthcoming Festival for the Girls' School. This being one of the few Chapters of Instruction in the metropolis, we are surprised that its general meetings are so poorly attended. We know full well that this degree requires close study, and Companions, to become perfect in its formula, should embrace the opportunity here offered. We again solicit the attendance of Companions who are desirous of perfecting themselves. The presence of Comp. John Boyd should be a sufficient guarantee of the nature of the instruction herein imparted. In his parent Chapter he has introduced the feature of illustrating the ceremony with explanations and lectures, and it is earnestly hoped that other Chapters will follow this laudable example, so that members may obtain a better knowledge of the ceremonies.

**Kent Lodge of Instruction, No. 15.**—This Lodge held its weekly meeting on Thursday, the 11th of January, at Bro. Hallows, the Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow. Present—Bros. W. G. Hallows W.M., Groome S.W., Brand J.W., Under P.M. Preceptor, Saunders S.D. and Secretary, Franklin J.D., Oldroyd I.G. Bros. E. A. Trebeck, Upward, Simms; also F. Hallows, Brown, and F. Trebeck. Business—The Lodge was opened in due form, with solemn prayer. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The Lodge was opened in the 2nd degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Trebeck acting as candidate. The Lodge was closed in the 2nd degree. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Simms acting as candidate. Bro. Pinder worked the 2nd section of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bros. Simms 1445, F. Trebeck 1445, and Brown 1076 were elected members of the Lodge of Instruction. Bro. Groome was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week.

**Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.**—On Monday, the 8th of January, at Bro. Gay's, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate. Present—Bros. James Hill W.M., Harford S.W., Hewlett J.W., Killick acting Secretary, Millward S.D., Mousley J.D., Morrison I.G., Christopher Tyler. The Lodge was opened, and the

minutes of the previous meeting confirmed. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Trowinard candidate. Several sections of the 1st and 2nd Lectures were worked. Bro. Halford was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

**Egyptian Lodge of Instruction, No. 27.**—Met on 11th January, at the Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C. Present—Bros. Hill W.M., Biddle S.W., Hogarth J.W., Hewlett S.D., Horsley J.D., Powell I.G., Webb Preceptor *pro tem*, Grammer Secretary, Atkins P.M. Treasurer, and several brethren. The Lodge was opened in due form, with prayer, and the minutes of last Lodge meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of the second degree was rehearsed, Bro. Colthrup acting as candidate. The 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th sections of the Lecture were worked by Bro. Horsley, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Colthrup 27, Garnham 27, Marks 141, and Foster 199 were elected joining members of this Lodge of Instruction. Bro. Biddle was elected to the chair for next Thursday. It was proposed, seconded, and carried unanimously that £5 be voted from the Lodge funds to be placed on Bro. Webb's list as Steward for the R.M.B.I. All Masonic business being ended, the Lodge was closed in perfect harmony.

**Union Lodge, No. 52.**—Held its anniversary meeting at the Norfolk Hotel, Norwich, on Tuesday, the 2nd inst., when Bro. W. A. Tyssen Amherst was installed W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being performed by the Deputy Prov. G.M., Bro. Major Penrice. The W.M. appointed his officers as follows—Bros. G. B. Kennett I.P.M., Lieut.-Col. Boileau S.W., J. Bond Cabbell J.W., G. C. Stevens Secretary and Treasurer, Rev. W. Cholmeley Chaplain, G. Cubitt S.D., G. Patman J.D., and J. Sainty I.G. Among the brethren present were Sir F. G. M. Boileau Bart., R. T. Gurdon, Cecil Montgomerie, Lieut.-Col. Bignold, Captain Boileau R.N., G. Marsham, H. Barwell Prov. G.S., C. R. Gilman, J. B. Pitt, G. L. Coleman, J. B. Aldis, J. B. Pearce, M. J. Walker, J. Marshall, &c. The Hon. H. Manners Sutton was initiated by the W.M. The 'working' was succeeded by a sumptuous banquet.

**Love and Honour Lodge, No. 75.**—This Lodge held its regular meeting on the 8th of January, at the Masonic Hall, Royal Hotel, Falmouth. Present—Bros. Arthur B. Harris W.M., Harry Tilly S.W., Wilson L. Fox J.W., William D. Rogers Secretary, W. F. Newman P.M. P.P.S.G.D. Treasurer, Joseph Wallace S.D., R. Hasselwood J.D., Edward May D.C., C. H. Williams I.G., William Rusden P.G.T. Tyler. Past Masters Bros. Francois Dinnis P.P.G. Pursuivant, T. C. Polglase P.G. Steward, W. H. Dunstan P.P.G.S. Works. Visitors—Bros. Bennett Harrington No. 8, Sye Metham No. 1205, and Reginald N. Rogers, Phoenix No. 331. The Lodge was opened in form, and the minutes of the proceedings of last meeting were read and confirmed. The Lodge was then opened in the 2nd degree. Bro. C. S. Jarvis was then examined, and having been entrusted, he withdrew. The Lodge was then opened in the 3rd degree. Bro. Jarvis then returned, and was raised to the sublime degree of a M.M. The ceremony being ably and impressively performed by W. Bro. W. F. Newman P.M. P.P.S.G.D. The Lodge was then closed down to the 1st degree. On the motion of W. Bro. W. F. Newman, seconded by Bro. W. J. Lowry, and supported by Bro. Edward May D.C., it was resolved to give the sum of £5 5s to each of the following institutions, i.e. The R.M. Institution for Girls; the R.M. Institution for Boys; and to the Cornwall Masonic Aunty and Benevolent Fund. On the motion of Bro. Richard Carter P.G.O., seconded by Bro. William Johns, it was resolved that the sum of £1 1s be given as a donation to the Royal National Lifeboat Institution. Nothing more having been proposed for the good of Masonry, or of this, the mother Lodge of the Province, in particular, the Lodge was closed in form, and the brethren retired.

**St. John's Lodge, No. 90.**—Met on Monday, the 8th January, at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street. Present—Bros. Venn W.M., Starmer S.W., Henderson J.W., J. Griffin Secretary, Eglese Treasurer, Margetson S.D., Stephens D.C., Collpoys I.G. P.M.'s Bros. Adam, McDougall, I. P. Griffin. Visitors—Bros. Mirza Khan, of Morland Lodge, India, Gadsby, C. Warwick, Jordan and several other brethren. Business—Bro. Venn, the retiring W.M., installed Bro. W. Starmer as W.M. for the ensuing year. The brethren passed a unanimous vote of thanks to Bro. Venn, and a P.M.'s jewel was cordially voted to him for his able conduct whilst in the chair.

**Unanimity Lodge No. 102.**—Met on the 1st of January, at the King's Arms, North Walsham. Present—Bros. Col. J. Duff W.M., George Wilkinson S.W., William Smith J.W. *pro tem*, George Smith Secretary and Treasurer, B. B. Lapwell S.D., F. Clowes J.D., C. R. Dewhurst I.G., E. White Tyler. Past Masters Bros. Baker, G. Smith, Nutley, Wm. Smith, Horsfield, Wilkinson. Visitors—Bros. Martin from Norwich, Brathwaite from Yorkshire. Business—The Rev. H. H. Lubbock and Mr. George Walker were initiated. Bro. George Wilkinson was installed W.M. for the year 1877. He appointed Bros. J. Bond Cabbell S.W., Sapwell J.W., G. Smith Secretary and Treasurer, Pentreach Chaplain, Clowes S.D., Dewhurst J.D., Rev. B. N. White I.G., E. White Tyler.

**Chapter of Elias Ashmole, No. 148, Warrington.**—A regular Convocation of this Chapter was held at the Chapter Rooms on the 5th of January. The M.E.Z., Comp. W. Sharp, was supported by Comps. P. J. Edelsten H., Robert Brierley J., John Bowes P.Z. &c., D. W. Finney P.Z. &c., Henry Poynter Z. No. 948, and an unusually large number of Companions. The Chapter having

been opened and the minutes read, the ballot was taken for Bros. W. H. Robinson I.P.M. 148, Pickthall S.W. No. 148, and Dr. Joseph I.G. No. 148, all of whom were unanimously accepted. Bro. Robinson being present, was exalted by the M.E.Z. The lectures were given as follows:—Comp. Bowes the Mystic; Comp. Edelsten Symbolic; Comp. Brierley the Historic. The following Companions were elected officers for the ensuing year, viz.:—Edelsten Z., Brierley H., C. Crosier J., Tunstall S.E., John Armstrong P.S., Dr. Hall N.

**St. James's Union Lodge, No. 180.**—The installation meeting of this excellent working Lodge was held on Tuesday, the 9th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street. In the absence of Bro. Gillard W.M., Bro. W. C. Parsons occupied the chair. Present—A. L. Anett S.W., J. B. Pillin J.W., G. Bubb P.M. Treasurer, H. A. Stacey Secretary, E. S. Harrison J.D., E. Farwig I.G., and P.M.'s W. C. Parsons, J. R. Stacey, A. Stonor, L. Herf, and Cameron. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. The names of candidates were down on the agenda paper for passing and raising, but these were not present. The acting W.M., Bro. Parsons, informed the brethren that Bro. J. R. Stacey P.M. had had the pleasure of initiating the W.M. elect, Bro. A. L. Anett, who was then presented to the Lodge, and a Board of Installed Masters was formed. Bro. J. R. Stacey, in his well-known perfect and impressive manner, performed the ceremony, while Bros. P.M.'s Cameron, G. Bubb, and W. C. Parsons gave the concluding addresses. The newly installed W.M. then invested his officers as follow:—Bros. W. C. Parsons I.P.M., Pillin S.W., Harrison J.W., G. Bubb P.M. Treasurer re-invested, H. A. Stacey P.M. Secretary, Farwig S.D., Stollard J.D., Wade I.G., L. Herf P.M. W.S., Fletcher Assist. W.S., Gilbert P.G.T. Middlesex Tyler, &c. The W.M., in investing his officers, addressed appropriate remarks to each, while the expressions of the brethren showed that his selection was appreciated. The resignation of three brethren was accepted. The sum of £2 was awarded to Bro. Gilbert for his services as Tyler during the past year. Bro. H. A. Stacey announced his intention to act as Steward at the Anniversary Festival of the R.M.B. Institute, and he hoped to have the assistance of the brethren. The W.M. also mentioned that the ball in aid of the Benevolent Fund attached to the Lodge would take place on the 6th February. Bro. G. Bubb, P.M. and Treasurer, announced his intention to act as Steward at the Anniversary Festival for the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, on 9th of May. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren, 85 in number, adjourned to the Crown Room, where a banquet and dessert was served by Bro. Dawkins, assisted by Bro. Knill, that gave unqualified satisfaction. Grace having been said, the W.M. proposed the toast of the Queen and the Craft. The National Anthem was then sung by Bros. G. Allen, E. Collins, and Wallace Wells. The toast of H.R.H. the M.W.G.M. was received with great enthusiasm. The W.M. proposed the toast of the R.W. Earl of Carnarvon, Pro G.M., the R.W. Lord Skelmersdale R.W.D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers. He was pleased to see among them a Grand Officer, one whom they all respected,—that was, Bro. C. A. Cottebrune P.G. Pursuivant,—he would couple the name of that brother with the toast. Bro. Cottebrune responded in an excellent speech. The W.M. then proposed the Visitors. He had been honoured by their presence in three distinct phases of his career, and he was proud to see so many present to support him. All held distinguished positions, and all were deservedly respected. On previous occasions he had been supported by many of his friends who belonged to an Institution in which he took a great interest. The Visitors present were numerous, and he feared he could not do justice to all. He would, however, couple with the toast the names of Bro. Captain Baxter W.M. elect Grand Stewards' Lodge, Bro. T. Lumley No. 1, and Bro. H. Gabb. (Cheers.) These brethren were a host in themselves, and all were pleased to see them. The toast was eloquently responded to. The speakers paying a just compliment to the W.M. for his geniality, to Bro. J. R. Stacey for the able way in which he had installed the W.M., and to the members for the hospitality accorded. The W.M. said he was indeed pleased to see, by the enthusiasm with which the toast had been received, that it merited their approbation. Before resuming his seat, he would ask the brethren to listen for a few moments, while he called their attention to a toast. Through the exigencies of business engagements in Italy, demanding his attention, Bro. Gillard had been absent, but he had, during his year of office, found a very able substitute in Bro. Parsons—(loud cheers)—who had done duty as W.M. The grateful thanks of the brethren were due to him for his excellent rendering of every duty that had devolved upon him. Bro. Parsons thanked the brethren. When he was initiated he felt a great pleasure in doing his duty. He had to thank the Past Masters for their kind assistance; they were his guiding stars, and while he occupied the position of P.M. his services would be at their command. (Cheers.) The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Past Masters. Bro. H. A. Stacey was the Father of the Lodge, a position many would be proud to occupy. Bro. G. Bubb, P.M. and Treasurer, was one whose services were always at their command. He was one who to know was to respect. (Cheers.) Past Masters Cameron, Stonor, and L. Herf had shown their Masonic qualifications. The toast of the officers was then given, and these severally returned thanks. The Tyler's toast concluded the evening. Bro. Geo. Allen was Musical Director. He was assisted by Bros. E. Collins and W. Wells. The following is a list of the visitors:—G. Gitterhook 173, Wilkinson 948, Fairchild 1193, C. J. Coles 1329, H. Gabb 172, D. Hill 1293, E. R. Bass 861, E. Collett 1470, C. A. Cottebrune P.G.P., J. C. Jones 946, G. Goodey 34, J. Harris 157, Capt. Baxter S.W. G.S. Lodge, R. Baker 188, B. Swallow P.M. 1563, J. Hannon 156, Hancock 1563, G. Gardner 1563, Liddall 157, H. Dicketts P.G.S., Fish P.G.S., Castle W.M. 1141, H. M. Levy P.M. 188, Pinto Leite 795, W. Sharpe 795, I. Lumley No. 1, Underhill 59, Coles 138, Bass 1083, Worth 136, W. Smalley 177, J. C. Innes 795, &c.

**Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 185.**—This Lodge held its weekly meeting on Wednesday, the 10th of January,

at Masons' Hall, Masons-avenue, Basinghall-street. Present—Bros. Sayer W.M., Croaker S.W., Lay J.W., J. K. Pitt Secretary, J. Constable P.M. Treasurer, Bone S.D., Blackhall J.D., Abell I.G., Christopher Tyler, Rudderforth Preceptor *pro tem.* After the formal opening of the Lodge, and the confirmation of the minutes, Bro. Walker offered himself as a candidate for the 2nd degree, and answered the usual questions. The ceremony of passing was then rehearsed by the W.M. in a satisfactory manner. Some of the sections of the 2nd Lecture were worked by Bro. Rudderforth, assisted by the brethren, Bro. Constable dictating the answers. Bros. R. C. Davis and Dando were elected members, and Bro. Lay was appointed W.M. for the next meeting. On Wednesday, the 21st inst., the Installation Ceremony will be rehearsed, after which Bro. Abbott will deliver the third of his course of Lectures.

**Confidence Lodge, No. 193.**—The first regular meeting of this Lodge since the installation was held on Monday, the 8th inst., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, Bro. H. T. Reed W.M., Phythian S.W., H. Leah S.W., Warne P.M. Treasurer, Schakell P.M. Secretary, Biddle S.D., Foolitt J.D., Shepherd I.G., and Past Masters Bonney, H. Webb, S. Webb, Kershaw, and King; also a very numerous assemblage of the brethren. The Lodge was opened and the minutes were confirmed. Bros. Walter Wood and B. P. Todd were passed to the 2nd degree. Messrs. F. McLaren and R. Webster were balloted for, and duly initiated into the Order. The working of the W.M., who was ably assisted by the officers, was perfect. Bro. S. Webb P.M. proposed that the sum of £5 should be placed on the list of Bro. H. Leah J.W., who is a Steward for the next Anniversary Festival for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and the Widows of Freemasons. This was carried, and the brethren also liberally subscribed. We have no doubt that Bro. Leah will have a goodly amount on his list. The Lodge was then closed. A banquet followed, which was provided by Bro. Clemow, superintended by Bro. Smith, that gave great satisfaction. On the removal of the cloth, the W.M. gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts. The health of the W.M. was duly honoured. The Initiates returned thanks for their toast, and Bro. S. Webb, in an eloquent speech, returned thanks for the Past Masters. The Wardens, Treasurer, Secretary, and Officers' toasts were also given and responded to. During the evening several brethren contributed to the harmony. A brother gave a selection from Shakespeare, which was admirably rendered. There were several visitors present.

**Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.**—On Saturday, 6th January, at the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, corner of Church-road, Islington. Bros. Powell W.M., Holness S.W., Groner J.W., Killick Secretary, Halford Treasurer, Brand S.D., Cohen J.D., Mousley I.G. Past Masters Bros. Moss, Main, Vanderlyn, &c. Business—The Lodge was opened, and minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Millward acting as candidate. The first six sections of the Lecture were worked by the Preceptor and Bro. Moss, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Holness was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

**Star Lodge, No. 219.**—Celebrated their first meeting of the new year by holding a harmony night. The Lodge was opened by Bro. Jasper Martin R.W.M., assisted by Bros. J. Morgan I.P.M., R. Garth S.M., Jas. Horn S.W., David Mewin J.W. Amongst the Visitors we recognised Bros. J. S. Allen R.W.M. 28, J. Kinnan R.W.M. 73, Jas. Booth R.W.M. 87, W. Hurt R.W.M. 178, David Reid R.W.M. 465, A. Bain P.M. 103 P.G.B.B., J. Fyfe D.M. 465, J. Annard S.W. 465, and Jas. Hustin 354. After "The Queen and the Craft," "The Three Grand Lodges and the Provincial Grand Lodges" was given, Bro. Bain P.G.B.B. acknowledging the latter. Bro. Morgan I.P.M. proposed the toast of "The Sister Lodges," expressing the pleasure he felt in seeing so many of them so well and worthily represented at this, the first meeting of the Star in the new year. Bro. Hart 178 suitably acknowledged the toast. Bro. Bain gave prosperity to 219. He attributed a great deal of its success to the untiring energy of its I.P.M., and hoped his mantle would fall on his successor. Bro. Martin said he fully endorsed Bro. Bain's remarks with regard to his predecessor. He was afraid he should fall short of his excellence, but he would do his best. A special vote of thanks was given to Bro. Hustin, who had so generously given them his services, though a professional, Bro. Hustin said that when Bro. Morgan asked him to come he could not refuse, and he always felt with the Stars as if he was at home.

**Lodge of Harmony, No. 309, Fareham.**—The installation of the W.M. elect (Bro. E. Dowling) took place on Thursday, the 4th inst., in the Lodge-room, Red Lion Hotel, Fareham. The ceremony of installation was efficiently performed by Bro. J. Tayler, the senior P.M. of the Lodge. There was a good attendance of members and visitors, including the following Installed Masters:—Bros. John Whale W.M., H. Ford P.P.G. Warden, Rev. Dr. White, J. W. Dallimore, E. G. Holbrook, J. B. Goldsmith, W. Johnston P.M.'s of 309, F. Binckes, Secretary Masonic Boys' School, M. E. Frost W.M. 1069 and P.G. Treasurer, F. Court W.M. 257, R. J. Turney W.M. 312, J. Purnell P.M. 804, the other Visitors including Bros. Townsend S.W. 1428, G. F. Sherman P.G. Steward, G. W. Smith 312, G. L. Green 487, J. W. Stroud 903, and E. Izod 1069. The following brethren received collars as officers of the Lodge:—Bros. J. Whale I.P.M., T. Robinson S.W., A. Nance jun. J.W., Rev. Dr. White Chaplain, Hayles Treasurer, W. Gilbert Heath Secretary, Gamblen S.D., Edgar Goble J.D., A. R. Holbrook I.G., Tayler P.M. D.C., Osborne Organist, H. Jeans and J. R. Heyman Stewards. The W.M. presided at the installation banquet, which was served in excellent style, reflecting the highest credit upon the Misses White. "The Queen and the Craft," and "The M.W.G.M. H.R.H. the Prince of

Wales, K.G.," were duly honoured, after having been proposed in appropriate terms by the W.M. Bro. Robinson S.W., in proposing "The M.W. Pro G.M. the Earl of Carnarvon, the R.W. Deputy G.M. the Earl of Skelmersdale, and the officers of Grand Lodge," said that in the Earl of Carnarvon they had a most zealous and able officer, who had always shown himself interested in the welfare of Masoury. He had by sheer honest work won their admiration and confidence, and they were very fortunate in having such a good man at the right hand of the Prince of Wales, and practically at the head of the Order. Bro. A. Nance jun. J.W. gave "The R.W. Prov. G.M. of Hants and Isle of Wight, Bro. W. W. B. Beach M.P., the V.W.D.P.G.M. Bro. Hickman, and the officers of Prov. Grand Lodge, present and past." They had a Provincial Grand Master who was scarcely equalled in any province in the country, and they had just reason to be proud of him, associating himself closely as he did with the interests of every Lodge in the province. (Applause.) They could congratulate themselves that the Lodge of Harmony numbered several brethren who were past or present provincial officers, and a very distinguished member of the Lodge (Bro. Henry Ford) last year occupied an exalted position in the Provincial Grand Lodge. Bro. E. G. Holbrook, Prov. Grand Registrar, whose name was associated with the toast, endorsed what had been said by Bro. Nance as to the P.G.M., mentioning that in the ensuing week Bro. Beach would pay visits to such opposite parts of the province as Gosport and Bournemouth, and adding that they were fortunate in having so enthusiastic and zealous a Mason at their head. He urged that the manner in which provincial honours were bestowed showed that zeal for Masonry was rewarded at head-quarters, and that kissing did not go by favour. Bro. J. B. Goldsmith P.M. proposed "The Masonic Charities." They all knew that they were wide-spread and well conducted and managed. They could not but feel, that as a province, they were not so well up in the charities as they might be, but he was pleased to state, that all the chairs of the Lodge were endowed in each of the charities. (Hear, hear.) He said this with a great deal of pride, as this was only a small Lodge. Bro. Binckes, Secretary of the Masonic Boys' School, whose name was coupled with the toast, replied in a very effective speech. The fact that every chair in the Lodge was endowed redounded to the credit of the Lodge, and was an example that should stimulate others. They had their three institutions, the oldest being the Girls' School, which was founded in 1788, and was now educating, clothing, and maintaining 153 daughters of Freemasons. They were now expending ten or twelve thousand pounds in enlarging the accommodation, so as to receive 200 girls. Fortunately, the institution was in a very flourishing and prosperous condition, its funded property amounting to something like £40,000. The youngest institution—the Benevolent—was giving relief to 240 aged persons of both sexes, the annuities varying from thirty to thirty-six pounds, and that institution, although comparatively but recently established, possessed a funded property of from thirty-seven to forty thousand pounds, and enjoyed a large amount of prosperity. The institution with which he was more immediately connected—the Boys' School—was founded in 1798. Up to 1856 it had no home at all. It was then enabled to maintain about 40 boys, and the number had been gradually increased to 70. Since 1861, when he had the honour to become connected with the school as Secretary, it had made wonderful strides. It had a magnificent building, which cost £40,000, and 189 boys were receiving an admirable education. The school had had educational successes such as any middle-class school might fairly boast of. The last year had been a very successful one for all their Masonic institutions. This spoke well for Freemasonry, although it was no more than they had a right to expect, considering the advent to supreme power in the Craft of the Prince of Wales. During the past year there had been received over £12,500 for the Benevolent Fund, nearly £11,500 for the Girls' School, and he was happy to say, the Boys' School had received, in subscriptions and donations, £13,230, and including other sources over £15,350. These figures spoke well for a limited body, as they were. But here came the ground of appeal. Although they were a comparatively limited body, they had a large number of brethren of position, social influence, and large means, and they could not ignore the fact that large as was the support that was given to each and all of their institutions it was not at all commensurate with what it ought to be, considering the position the Craft was now occupying in public estimation, or the means the Craft had at its disposal. He would not say that without their charities Freemasonry would be nothing, because before their charities were Freemasonry was; but he did not hesitate to say that without their institutions Masonry would lose the greatest charm it possessed. A scheme had been launched, by which they hoped to raise a fund to erect a Preparatory School for Boys (to the number of a hundred) between the ages of six and eleven. They had ample ground near the older institution, which was now doing such wonderful good work. If they got together a special fund of something like £10,000, they might carry out this extension of the Boys' School. The Annual Festival would take place in June, and he should be glad to receive the name of any brother as a Steward. His greatest pleasure, his highest pride was in working the hardest he could on behalf of the sacred cause of charity. With humble gratitude, not in proud boastfulness, he mentioned that he had been most successful in his efforts, for in sixteen years something like £150,000 had passed through his hands in response to his humble appeals, to some extent, but mainly owing to the kindness and generosity of the brethren amongst whom he laboured, by which the Boys' School had been brought from an almost lost and degraded position to the forefront in the estimation of the Order. (Applause.) A collection amounting to £3 15s, was made on behalf of the Boys' School. It was subsequently announced that Bro. E. G. Holbrook had accepted a stewardship for the Boys' School at the next Festival. Bro. Tayler, in giving "The W.M.," congratulated him upon the honour he had obtained, and expressed a hope that he might be spared until that time twelve months to congratulate the Lodge upon the manner in which he had performed the duties. He knew the W.M.'s capabilities, and believed that he

desired to make a good Master. He succeeded to the chair under happy auspices, for the Lodge was never in a more flourishing condition than at the present time, and he thought that under his auspices it would go on and improve its position. The W.M. appropriately responded, promising that he would do his utmost, and giving expression to a hope that, with the help of the brethren, he might maintain the Lodge and leave the chair as pure and unsullied as it was at the present time. Bro. H. Ford, P.P.G.S.W., in highly eulogistic terms, proposed the Installing Master, and Bro. J. Taylor feelingly responded. The W.M.'s of neighbouring Lodges was given by P.M. Whale, and acknowledged by Bros. F. Court, Turney, and M. E. Frost. Bro. Sir Frederick Fitz Wygram proposed the Visitors. As the youngest, or almost the youngest brother present, he was but a novice, and knew but little of the ancient mysteries of the craft. But he had seen enough to know that there was a very bond of brotherhood of friendship, good-feeling, union, and harmony among those who assembled, and he congratulated the W.M. on having gathered so many brethren from other Lodges. Bros. Binckas and G. L. Green severally responded. The other toasts were, the I.P.M. and P.M.'s of the Lodge, proposed by Bro. Edgar Goble and acknowledged by Bro. Whale, and the S.W. and Officers of the Lodge, proposed by Bro. G. A. Green P.M., and responded to by Bros. Robinson and A. Nance jun.

**Polish National Lodge, No. 534.**—Held its regular meeting on Thursday, 11th January, at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C. Present—Bros. F. Rath W.M., Cumming S.W., Ebner J.W., William Paas P.M. Secretary, John Aspinall S.D., Joshua Taylor J.D., Jagielski I.G., Beckett Tyler. P.M.'s Bros. W. G. Moore, Nowakowski, Mercik, &c. Visitors—Bros. Dr. Ramsay, E. Robbins, T. J. Cusworth, J. R. Jekyll, James Jackson, A. Le Miere, W. Saegert, W. W. Morgan, &c. After Bro. Rath had opened his Lodge and the minutes had received confirmation, the ballot was taken for Mr. John Johnson Rüntz, which was in his favour, and it was arranged he should be initiated at the next meeting. The ballot was again brought into requisition, this time on behalf of Bro. George Richard Forster, of St. James's Union Lodge, No. 180, who was desirous of becoming a joining member, and here again the result was satisfactory. Bros. Brown, James, and Forbes Nixon were then examined as to their proficiency, and were proclaimed qualified to be raised to the sublime degree. The Lodge was then advanced, and the ceremony was performed by Bro. Rath, in a most careful and impressive manner, reflecting on him, as a foreigner, the highest credit. Bros. James and Brown, were then invested by the W.M. with the distinguishing badge of the members of the Polish National Lodge, the Polish National Eagle, permission to wear which was granted by the respected Grand Master the late Earl of Zetland. The W.M. gave a very interesting account of this Jewel, and exhorted those whom he was investing to remember that when it was on their breasts, it merely covered the jewel Truth that should be entwined within their hearts. A notice of motion was given by the worthy Secretary, Bro. Paas, that in future the annual subscription from the members should be paid in one sum, instead of, as formerly, by half yearly instalments. Bro. Paas also read a communication from Bro. R. W. Little, one of the members of the Lodge, requesting that a Steward might be appointed to represent them at the approaching Festival for the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, which is fixed to take place on the 8th May. On this the W.M. expressed his readiness to accept the office, and trusted in so doing he would receive the support, not only of the Lodge, but of its members. The Lodge was then closed and a banquet followed. After the cloth had been removed, the W.M. rose and said: Duty called on him, and in this case pleasure was associated with duty; they would give to God that was due to God, and to Caesar that that was due to Caesar. No words he could use could enhance the pleasure or increase the willingness with which he knew they would receive the toast he was about to propose, namely, the health of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, coupled with the Craft. Bro. Rath then briefly gave the health of the other members of the Royal Family, who, he said, felt the closest sympathy with all the doings of Freemasonry. In proposing the next toast, that of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, the W.M. said it was again his duty, and he should err in the most rudimentary part of his duty if he failed to devote a few words to this toast. It was useless, however, to attempt to paint the lily, or to gild refined gold. The Grand Master was known too well to need any eulogium from him. By the brethren, also, he was appreciated. One fact of sterling value would evidence this. The sum of £4,000, which was proposed to be given to the National Lifeboat Institution, to commemorate the return of our Most Worshipful Grand Master from India, was certainly a better way of spending their money than that it should be allowed to freeze itself to death on top of St. Paul's or St. Albans Abbey. The Lifeboats thus provided would help to assist many a poor brother who might be in extreme necessity on the ocean. The toast was most enthusiastically received. The W.M. then said: The responsibilities entailed on those who had the government of our Order were of no mean character. The Pro Grand Master and the Deputy Grand Master carried out their duties most satisfactorily, and the Craft was honoured by the association of such distinguished noblemen with its ranks. The next toast, the health of the Worshipful Master, was proposed by Bro. Mercik. He would not attempt to enlarge on the merits of Bro. Rath, they were known to every brother in the Lodge; he would at once call upon them to drink the toast. After this had been suitably acknowledged, the W.M. gave the Visitors, and Bro. Morgan was called on to reply; he said: That it was with extreme gratification he had witnessed the good feeling existing amongst the members of this celebrated Lodge; while this good feeling continued, and while they were governed by such brethren as their W.M., prosperity must attend them. Bro. Rath that evening, although a foreigner, had worked the ceremony in a most impressive and careful way; in a way that would reflect credit upon any one who professed to be a practical elocutionist. He

was sure he was echoing the sentiments of his brother visitors when he said this, and he thanked the brethren on their behalf for the kind and hospitable way in which they had been received. Bro. Morgan was followed by several of the visitors, who fully confirmed his remarks. On rising to give "The Past Masters," Bro. Rath regretted that the lateness of the hour had left him with so few members to represent the toast. Bro. Mercik had asked him to pass it over, but this he could not do, more particularly as he had heard that evening, with deep regret, that their worthy Bro. P.M. Mercik was about to leave London; however, he hoped that, as a country member, they would on many future occasions be favoured with the company of Bro. Mercik. He called on all present to give him God speed, and hearty good wishes for his future prosperity. After a reply from Bro. Mercik, who exhibited some feeling at the kind expressions of the brethren, the health of the officers of the Lodge was given, and was acknowledged by each one severally. Bro. Taylor made a forcible speech. He spoke in eulogistic terms of Bro. Mercik, who had introduced him to the Lodge. To Bro. Mercik individually he tendered his sincerest thanks, and wished him health and prosperity in all his future undertakings. He was succeeded by Bro. Dr. Jagielski, who, with great feeling, referred to the high appreciation all had for their esteemed Past Master Mercik, and how, he was sure, all would regret the contemplated disservice of his connection with the Lodge. The Tyler having given his toast, the brethren separated. The proceedings were enlivened by some capital songs, Bros. Jekyll, Jagielski, and Jackson specially distinguishing themselves.

**Star in the East Lodge, No. 650.**—This Lodge held its meeting on Tuesday, the 9th January, at the Pier Hotel, Harwich. Present—Bros. George Gard Pye W.M., W. O. Ward P.M. S.W., Wm. Murray J.W., William Basham Secretary, G. W. C. Butcher P.M. Treasurer, H. Gladwell Organist S.D., S. J. Newton J.D., Thos. Hill Jennings Steward, P. Henderson I.G., R. Barlow Tyler; and Bros. A. T. Chambers, R. Thackeray, G. A. Smith, Walter Balls, Wm. Downes, Israel Howard. Business—Bro. Thomas Canhan was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. Bros. Charles Keeble and Henry Thomas Duffield were passed. Mr. John Robert Watson was balloted for, accepted and initiated. The plans of a new Masonic and Public Hall were submitted to the brethren by the W.M., Bro. G. G. Pye, and Bro. Hayward of Colchester, which in all probability will be carried out, at a cost of from £4,000 to £5,000. The annual audit of the accounts will take place at the White Hart Hotel, Harwich, on the 18th January. Auditors—G. Gard Pye W.M., J. Durrant P.M. D.C., W. O. Ward P.M. S.D., W. Murray J.D., T. H. Jennings Steward, R. Thackeray, H. Gladwell and W. Basham Secretary 650.

**Clifton Lodge, No. 703.**—Met on Monday, the 1st of January, at three o'clock, p.m. Present—Bros. John Bonny W.M., J. Bamber as S.W., Geo. Bonny J.W., Jas. Besford Secretary, Alex. Moore Treasurer, Sergt. Hopwood H.R.A. S.D., Robt. Drummond J.D., Edwin Ash Steward, Jos. Turnbull I.G., T. Hopkinson Tyler. Past Master Bro. J. W. Mycock. Visitor—Bro. Barrowelough 219, Prudence, Todmorden. Mr. C. P. Fish and Mr. G. Sutcliffe were initiated. Bro. J. Bickerstaff was passed. Bro. Capt. Thompson was raised.

**Hanley Lodge, No. 797.**—This Lodge held its annual meeting on Monday, 8th January, at Dartmouth. Present—Bros. W. H. Hole W.M., J. Brown as S.W., J. P. White J.W., W. H. Goodwin P.M. as Secretary, J. Hurrell Treasurer, W. H. Probert S.D., George Owens J.D., J. W. Griffiths D.C., R. Row Steward, A. W. Crocker I.G., R. Wellington Tyler. Past Masters Bros. Goodwin, Sedstone, Coulston 248 P.G.S. Works, Brown 248, Lamswood 248, Clarke 248, and several other brethren. Business—Bro. S. C. Heath, the W.M. elect, was presented, and installed W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony of installation being ably performed by the I.P.M., Bro. W. H. Goodwin, assisted by Bro. Coulston P.M. 248 P.G.S. Works, after which the W.M. invested the following brethren as his officers:—Bros. J. Hurrell S.W., W. H. Probert J.W., W. H. Hole Treasurer, W. H. Goodwin Secretary, George Owens S.D., A. W. Crocker J.D., R. Row D.C., E. Husson I.G., J. Ralph Organist, R. Wellington Tyler.

**St. Oswald Lodge, No. 850.**—Held its monthly meeting on Monday, the 1st January, at the Assembly Rooms, Ashbourne. Present—Bros. Jos. S. Whitham P.M. as W.M., John Hill as S.W., Wm. Prince J.W., James Britton P.M. as Secretary, Percy Wallis as S.D., C. F. Gardner as I.G., Richard Brown Tyler. P.M. Bro. Wm. Britton. Visitors—Bros. Gardner and Geo. Marple. Business—The minutes of the last Lodge were read and confirmed. A discussion took place as to the custody of the furniture. The business of the Lodge concluded with a proposal for initiation of a candidate at the next meeting.

**Dalhousie Lodge, No. 860.**—This Lodge held its monthly meeting on Thursday, 11th January, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. Present—Bros. H. W. Dalwood W.M., J. C. White S.W., Smith J.W., L. F. Littell P.M. Secretary, W. H. Wallington P.M. Treas., G. H. Weige S.D., E. T. Worsley J.D., Seymour Smith Organist, W. J. Smith Steward, W. G. Dickins I.G., Gilchrist Tyler. Past Masters Bros. W. H. Wallington, Robert Thomson, L. F. Littell. Visitors—Bros. G. Maitnes 1589, F. H. Cozens 907, C. Stichling 511, E. L. Harding 1524, G. R. Bowen 65, W. Gray 1489, John Thomson and E. Hornsby 185, H. M. Dalton 1364, Theodore Distin, W. W. Morgan jun., &c. The usual preliminary business of the Lodge having been disposed of, Bros. Pavitt and Giblin were passed, and the ballot proving unanimous for Mr. M. Christian, that gentleman, together with Mr. T. Shore, who had been previously approved of,

were initiated. In the absence of P.M. Bates, the Secretary proposed that the sum of £10 be given from the funds of the Lodge, to be added to Bro. P.M. Wallington's list as Steward at the Festival of the Benevolent Institution. This was duly seconded, and voted unanimously. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet. After grace had been said, the W.M., in proposing "The Queen and the Craft," said he was sure it was quite superfluous to speak of her noble qualities or her lofty position; no one appreciated the virtues and excellent qualities of Her Majesty more than Freemasons. The toast having been enthusiastically received, Bro. Wallington sang the National Anthem. The health of our M.W.G.M., the Prince of Wales, was next given. The W.M. said it was a toast to be honoured with all the zeal it is possible to betray. He had given a great impulse to Masonry, which had been a recognised Order in the Royal Family for years—in fact, the Hanoverians had always taken an interest in it. The W.M. said the Grand Master was not only a Mason in name, but also in quality, and the way in which he worked any ceremony he was called upon to perform shewed he had the cause of Freemasonry at heart. He was beloved by the whole world; it might be said that he never made an enemy, in fact he is incapable of doing so, and, so long as he is connected with Freemasonry, we may be sure it will prosper. In proposing the Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, the W.M. said he might repeat much of what he had said about the Prince of Wales; he was a nobleman highly connected with state matters, and was so fond of Freemasonry that he gave his valuable time for the sake of being among Masons; an example of this was given at Freemasons' Hall, only a few days back, when the noble Earl presided at the meeting of Grand Lodge; on that occasion, the Earl of Carnarvon took a most liberal view of the matter under discussion. Previous to the meeting, the W.M., said he had felt strongly that the money to be voted ought to go to the Masonic Charities, but the arguments of the Pro Grand Master had induced him to alter his opinion. We are all men of the world, and this might be looked upon as a noble act, voting the money outside the Craft, where it would be of service, not only to Masons but to others. The next toast was that of the Earl of Skelmersdale, and the Grand Officers Past and Present. Every brother who had mixed himself up with Masonry must have either read or heard of that nobleman. The Earl of Carnarvon was wonderfully zealous in the Craft, but much of his work devolved on his deputy, who was a real hard-working Mason, and performed a great deal of the business the Earl of Carnarvon was unable to fulfil. Bro. Wallington, the I.P.M., then took the gavel, and proposed the health of the W.M. He said that, since he had passed the chair, it had been his greatest pleasure to propose the health of their present Master. All liked him for his geniality and good working. He hoped he would long be among them. The W.M. said he was grateful for the kindness of P.M. Wallington in proposing his health, he left it to the members to say whether he had done his duty. At all times he had endeavoured to smooth over any little differences that had arisen. He urged them to inculcate those great principles of the Craft—Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth. A few words would often put things straight, for all knew that everything did not go right even in Freemasonry. He thanked the brethren for many acts of kindness he had received, and could say that so long as he had been a member of the Dalhousie Lodge he had never had a word of disagreement with any of its members, with all of whom he had been able to work harmoniously. He might say the Lodge was at its zenith, and at the end of his year of office, he would have the pleasure of saying that he had initiated more during his term of office than had ever been done before by any of its previous masters. He wished prosperity to the Lodge and its members. He would now proceed to the next toast, which was one that the Dalhousie always received well. He alluded to that of the Initiates. As they could not continue in the same groove for ever, they were at all times glad to have new blood. He was happy to say there were two newly-initiated brethren among them that evening, although all of those approved were not present. He hoped the brethren would on this occasion give them a hearty welcome, and he trusted they would make good Masons. He felt sure they had been favourably impressed with the ceremony they had witnessed. We are always glad to see new brethren. We are banded together with certain secrets, but our great principles are Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth. He hoped the two brethren they had that evening admitted would take an interest in the Craft, and one day occupy the chair. Bro. Christian thanked the brethren for the kind way in which he had been received, and asked as a young member to be excused a long speech. He could only say he thanked them, if he continued for an hour. "The Visitors" was then given. The W.M. remarked that there were several eminent brethren among them that evening. The Dalhousie Lodge always offered the right hand of fellowship, and was ever glad to see Visitors. They did all they could to amuse as well as instruct their friends, and instead of long speeches, tried what they could do in the way of songs, which he considered much better. They were all welcome, and the members would be glad to see them again. He coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Thomson, who, in reply, said he had never been better treated. The working and geniality of the W.M. were a credit, and he hoped to have another invite to the Dalhousie. The toast next on the list was a most important one, namely, that of our Past Masters. There were several absentees on the occasion, which he was sorry to note. When we pass the chair we are apt to feel old, and disinclined to move out in wet weather. Although those present were not numerous, he would describe them as a respectable assembly. We owe a deep debt of gratitude to our P.M.'s, to whom we must look in case anything goes wrong. He coupled with the toast the name of the I.P.M. Bro. Wallington, who, in reply, said he was tired of having to reply to this toast; he could only thank the members in a regular stereotype form, and should be glad when he was removed a step further round so as to get out of the job; but he must not fail to express the gratitude of the P.M.'s for the great kindness shown by the brethren. When

a brother became a P.M. he could only rest on his laurels, and they are specially thankful for the indulgence of the brethren. He considered the present W.M. had a most efficient staff of officers. No Lodge in London, he was sure, could surpass them. They could all go a long way beyond their actual requirements, and he hoped they would all have the pleasure of satisfying the desire of their heart to attain the position of W.M. The P.M.'s would always be ready to do what was required of them to further the prosperity of the Dalhousie Lodge. Without making any distinctions, the W.M. would ask the brethren to drink the health of the officers. He considered himself blessed with the best set of officers it was possible for a W.M. to preside over. His work was much lessened by them, every officer being at his post, and doing his duty. When a man works for a position he is doubly honoured on attaining it. All the officers were going on gradually, and he hoped to live to see them all through the chair. Bro. Secretary and Bro. Treasurer should have been included in the toast, for all knew what their work was. The duties of the Secretary were very onerous, and they were blessed in having a member so qualified for the position as Bro. Littell, he very much doubted where they could find an equal. To Bro. Treasurer we are all indebted, for without the sinews of war we cannot get on. He coupled with the toast the names of the Sec. and the S.W. Bro. Littell thanked the brethren. It was always a pleasure to receive a compliment. He could only say their endeavour was to discharge their duties so as to be satisfactory to the members. He did the work of his office without begrudging any time spent thereon, and always felt the greatest interest in the welfare of the Lodge. So long as he held the position of Secretary he would endeavour to discharge any duties intrusted to him. The S.W. also thanked the brethren. The great aim of the officers was to fill the chair, which they all hoped to do in succession. After some very excellent songs, the Tyler's toast was given, and the brethren separated after a most enjoyable evening. The remarks of the W.M. as to the efforts of the Lodge to provide amusement for those present were on this occasion fully illustrated, many excellent songs being given during the evening, by Bros. Wallington, Littell, Thomson, Smith, Weige, Worsley, Giblin, Seymour Smith, and Distin.

**Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.**—The weekly meeting took place at Bro. Allen's, "Royal Edward," Triangle, Hackney, on Tuesday, 9th January 1877. Bro. Saunders W.M., Cambridge S.W., Lovelock J.W., Smith S.D., Perry J.D., Lowles I.G., Worsley Secretary, P.M. Wallington Preceptor; also, Bros. Barker, Pavitt, Watkins, Hewlett, Defriez, Webb, Brand, Cronch, Williamson, Ashburner, and W. W. Morgan. The Lodge was opened with solemn prayer. The minutes of the last two meetings were read and confirmed. Bro. Pavitt having answered the usual questions, the Lodge was opened to the 2nd degree, when the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Hewlett acting as candidate. The Lodge was opened in the 3rd degree, and closed down to the 1st. Bro. Webb worked the 1st, 2nd and 4th sections of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Pavitt, of Dalhousie Lodge, No. 860, was unanimously elected a member. A cordial vote of thanks was ordered to be recorded on the minutes of the Lodge to the W.M., Bro. Saunders, for his very excellent working in the chair. He is a very young member, but his rendering was equal to that of an experienced Past Master. The Fifteen Sections will be worked in this Lodge on Tuesday, the 24th inst., when the Lodge will be presided over by that well-known Preceptor Bro. Horsley. We are sure he will be well supported on the occasion. A full list will be given, in our next week's issue, of the brethren who will assist in working the sections.

**Lodge of Friendship, No. 928, Petersfield, Hampshire.**—Bro. Joseph Cole was, on the 2nd inst., installed Worshipful Master of this Lodge, the somewhat unusual circumstance being witnessed of a son presenting his father for advancement, the outgoing W.M. being Bro. Lewis A. B. Cole. The members met in the Lodge-room at the Red Lion Hotel, the P.M.'s present being Bros. Finley, J. Gammon and Pascott; the Visitors were Bros. J. R. Willson P.M. 342 and 1428, Ubsdell P.M. 487 P.P.G.D.C., Friedeberg P.M. 342, Turney W.M. 342, Guy S.W. 342 P.P.G.A.D.C., Payne J.W. 342, A. R. Holbrook 309, and Moore 811. The ceremony of installation was most impressively performed by Bro. Edgeler, P.M. of the Lodge, and the Worshipful Master then invested his officers, as follows:—Bros. Lewis A. B. Cole I.P.M., Creedon S.W., Peirson J.W., Edgeler Treasurer and Sec., Cordery S.D., Masters J.D., and Nockolds I.G. The members afterwards adjourned to a banquet at the Dolphin Hotel, admirably served by Mr. Harvey. The usual toasts were acknowledged with Masonic honours.

**Walton Lodge, No. 1086.**—This Lodge held an emergency meeting on Wednesday, the 3rd Jan., at St. Lawrence School Rooms, Croylands-street, Kirkdale, Liverpool. Present—Bros. Joseph Ellis W.M., G. C. Hamner S.W., G. J. Townsend J.W., Rev. Dr. Hyde Sec., W. Archer P.M. Treasurer elect, W. Walker S.D., W. G. Sharpe J.D., John Lunt P.Prov. G.D.C. D.C., Casey and Riley Stewards, Isaac Leece I.G., M. Williamson Tyler. Past Masters Bros. W. Archer, J. C. Lunt, R. Abraham, J. P. McArthur, W. Sephton, &c. Visitors—Bros. W. Jones P.M. 220 and 1299, John Jones P.M. 220, H. Ashmore P.M. 1325, F. Knight W.M. 1325, Willis W.M. elect 1035. Business—The members of this Lodge celebrated the Festival of St. John on the above date, when a large number of brethren and visitors assembled. The ceremony of installing Bro. Hamner W.M. elect was performed in the most impressive manner by Bro. Lunt P.Prov. G.D.C., and elicited the warm approval of all present. A gold P.M.'s jewel, of beautiful design, was presented to the I.P.M. Bro. Ellis, for his efficient services during the past year, and a vote of thanks was recorded on the minutes to the installing Master. The Lodge was then closed. The banquet which followed was served in Bro. Casey's best style. The chair was occupied by the newly-installed W.M., when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

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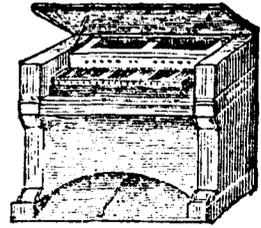
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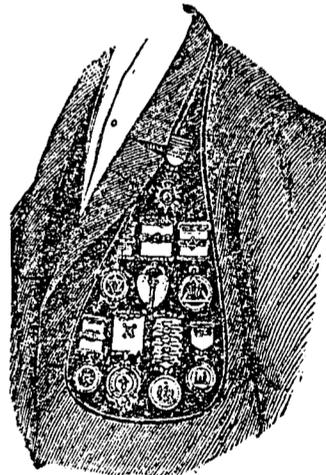
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