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THE CONTEMPLATED EXTENSION OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

OUR readers will have gathered from a paragraph which recently appeared in these columns, that an idea has been started for the purpose of making a very considerable addition to the Boys' School. Indeed, at the Quarterly General Court, held on the 15th instant, an influential supporter of the Institution brought forward a distinct motion, to the effect that additional accommodation be forthwith erected for fifty boys, and that at the October election that number of Candidates be elected in order to make up the required number. The motion was not discussed at very great length, and it was stated on competent authority that the scheme, so far as any additions to the present building were concerned, was impracticable. The general feeling of the Committee was manifestly, that before any steps were seriously taken to enlarge the Institution, the subject should be thoroughly considered by the House Committee, that their Report should be submitted to the General Committee, and by them referred to the Quarterly Court. In such case it was obvious that the whole question from every imaginable point of view would be fully and fairly discussed, before it reached its final stage, and came on for approval or rejection before the Court. An amended amendment, therefore, proposing the reference of the whole subject as stated above was unanimously carried, and there for the present the matter rests. There, likewise, we should be disposed to leave it, but for two reasons, the large amount of subscriptions made these last two years by the Craft, and the heavy demands made upon the establishment by the slow but steady increase which has been taking place in the numerical strength of the School.

By the labours of the Executive the school has been brought to a highly satisfactory state. The Educational Staff has also done its duty, as is shown by the repeated successes of the pupils at different public examinations. The finances of the School, thanks to the energy of "Our Hercules," and the valuable support he has received from the Boards of Stewards at the last two Annual Festivals, are flourishing. The debt incurred in erecting and fitting the present building has been cancelled. Kent House has been purchased for use as an infirmary, fitted and paid for. The modest sum of a few thousands of pounds has been invested, and the respectable balance of a little over £2,550 remained to be carried forward for the expenses of the year just entered upon. All this, we say, is eminently satisfactory. On the other hand, the number of applicants for admission is hugely out of proportion to the number of vacancies which occur from time to time. To take only the case of the election in October last, there were fifty-seven candidates for fifteen vacancies. Thus forty-two of the former were left out in the cold, and of these two lost their only or remaining chance of election, so that forty have been left over for another ballot in April next. This number has been further increased till it has now reached fifty-nine, and these will compete for the twelve vacancies which have thus far been announced. As the ratio of candidates to vacancies is about the same at every election, the numbers we have given above will suffice to show that while the School has been steadily increasing in numbers, the number of applicants has been also on the increase. It is clear then that if we wish to do good service, and relieve more parents and guardians of a burden they find it most grievous to bear, something substantial must be done in the way of extending the Institu-

tion, so that its ability to render aid may be more commensurate with the demands made. Any addition, however slight it may be, is an undoubted boon. But, taking on three or four, or half-a-dozen, more pupils, is far from making an appreciable difference in the list of candidates. What is certainly needed, is a substantial increase, such as Bro. Snow proposed the other day. There must be room provided to accommodate, at least, an additional fifty or sixty boys, and the question which has now to be considered is how can this provision be made. Will the existing premises admit of the necessary enlargement? This seems more than doubtful—at all events, in the manner proposed by Bro. Snow. Shall there be a Preparatory School for the reception of small boys, who, when they have reached a certain stage of progress, are to be drafted into what will then be the Upper School? There is a great deal to be said in behalf of this scheme, but it has been objected to by some, that it would interfere with the extension of the main establishment. We are well aware that every scheme is likely to meet with a certain amount of opposition. It is only indeed by comparing notes and studying carefully the commendable points in each successive plan that is submitted, that we can possibly hope to arrive at a settlement which will give general satisfaction. It is to the interest of the Boys' School that this question of enlarging its sphere of operations should be canvassed everywhere throughout the Craft. It is agreed on all sides that more must be done to meet the demands of applicants. The School must be enlarged if it is to keep pace with the requirements of the day. There are now 185 pupils on the establishment, and room must be made by hook or by crook for quite 250. Even then there will be a large number of deserving youngsters who will be denied the benefits of a sound education for want of room. The idea of a Preparatory School is an excellent one; but there may be a better. It will be a great relief, for instance, to those whom it so materially concerns, if their little boys are taken into the School at the age of six, instead of at the minimum age as at present fixed. All matters of this kind, however, are merely matters of detail, which a brief sitting of the Executive would speedily arrange. Admirable a plan as this undoubtedly is, there may, we repeat, be one still more admirable. The one point, which admits of no question whatever is, that the Boys' School is not large enough for present purposes by one-third. We want an establishment that will accommodate quite 250. It will have to be done sooner or later, and it had better be done sooner than later. Nor do we apprehend there will be the slightest difficulty in the matter. Taking the strength of the School at, in round figures, 174 boys, and the cost per boy at £42 per annum—which we know is in excess of the sum expended on each—the annual expenditure is only £7,700. If we add between 70 and 80 boys at the same rate of expenditure, the annual outlay for a school of 250 pupils will be, speaking roundly, £10,500; that is, less by over £2,500 than was subscribed at the Festival of 1876, and less by nearly £5,000 than the total amount of receipts from all sources in the course of the year just ended. Our readers will thus perceive most clearly that what we are now saying must be done is practicable. We can clothe, feed, and educate 250 pupils, and yet have a good sum over and to spare. But even were there a slight risk in venturing further, we have it, on the authority of our Pro Grand Master, that our Charities will never appeal in vain to the Craft for the pecuniary support they may be in need of. And, again, the Craft are not roused into sufficient activity about our Institutions. The close on £40,000 that

was given to our three *asyla* should have been £60,000. The additional £20,000 is sorely needed, and the Pro Grand Master has openly complimented the Craft on its readiness to do what is needful. It will have to be done, this raising of an additional £20,000 for the service of charity, and the sooner we meet the question fairly, and do what *must* be done, the better for all classes, especially for the distressed brethren, the widows, and the orphans, whom the G.A.O.T.U. has entrusted to our care.

NORTHERN LIGHTS.—No. II.

A PROVINCIAL LIGHT.

VERY much of the success attained by our Order is, unquestionably, owing to the unsparing efforts of the brethren to whom the virtual direction of our Provinces is entrusted; the unflagging industry and zeal which they bring to bear on the administration of provincial affairs is truly marvellous, and tends greatly to uphold the character of English Freemasonry. The work of a Deputy Prov. Grand Master is beyond measure onerous, and is never finished. He has to contend with conflicting elements of all kinds, and yet is the pivot upon which the peace and well-being of the Province turns. To consider the recommendations for appointment to Provincial Grand Office is no slight portion of his labours, and, we may add, of his difficulties; to choose, for promotion, from so many efficient and eager candidates is a task that might baffle the most astute, and yet, as a rule, so intimately do the majority of Deputy Prov. G. Masters understand the working of their Provinces, that they almost invariably put the right men in the right places, and generally contrive to avoid the heartburnings and jealousies that might crop up, even amongst Masons. The management of Provincial Funds and Charities, and the discreet husbanding of Provincial influence, so that it may be always readily available, whenever or wherever needed, are both arduous duties, and these, together with the many exigencies that are constantly presenting themselves, render the office of Deputy Prov. G.M. not quite the honorary sinecure and bed of roses it is supposed to be; and the Provincial G.M. who appoints a thoroughly efficient Deputy confers a lasting obligation on the Craft generally.

Our province is not a large one; we cannot boast, like East Lancashire, of being octogenarians as to the Roll of our Lodges; we have what we have, and are steadily increasing, and with the superabundant energy (already referred to) that distinguishes us, there is no knowing what we may arrive at. Whether at times that same superabundant energy is not a source of difficulty to the Provincial authorities is hard to say, but there must always be more satisfaction in directing such a feeling, even if too exuberant, than in endeavouring to rouse up apathetic lethargy. That the V.W. Brother who occupies so worthily the position of Deputy Prov. Grand Master thinks so is certain, from the evident pleasure with which he enters upon his duties. Some men are born to hold office, and even to confer honour on it; such an one is now before us. A commanding presence, a deep earnestness in all things Masonic, and a familiarity with every detail of the working of his Province, distinguishes him, at once, as one to be respected and obeyed; whilst his kindness, his consideration, and his real sterling work in the cause of Freemasonry have made him beloved by all under his sway. A patient urbanity gives unlimited confidence in his judgment, and his great administrative powers have served to raise the influence of the Province to such a degree that its support is not only eagerly sought, but is acknowledged as of weight. The management of the Provincial Charitable Funds, by the Finance Committee under his guidance, is most excellent; while the manner in which the votes of the Province are husbanded, leaves nothing to be desired. A happy gift of combining the *suaavior in modo* with the *fortiter in re* has frequently served to smooth down the occasional acerbities that will obtrude themselves; and what might have resulted in a serious scandal, has passed away, leaving scarcely a ripple on our usually placid surface, entirely owing to his calm judgment and quiet common sense. In fact, our V.W. Brother knows no fatigue, and shirks no labour in the discharge of his multifarious duties,

his aim being at all times to study the interest of the brethren, while his every act shows the great pleasure and pride he takes in his office.

In addition to Craft honours our V.W. Brother holds the exalted rank of Prov. Grand Superintendent for the R.A. Province of Northumberland; and here, again, the same zeal and fitness for direction is apparent. As Prov. Grand Z. he has been singularly happy in the choice of his officers, and the dignified and impressive manner in which he carries out the working of Grand Chapter is a constant theme of admiration amongst Companions of Royal Arch. Occupying the important position of Coroner for the Southern Division of the County of Northumberland, his peculiar judicial capacity and his soundness of judgment have served to impress a reverence for this time-honoured post, and he has won as many friends and gained as much approbation by his straightforward public life as he has by his strictly Masonic career.

A LETTER FROM FREDERIC THE GREAT OF PRUSSIA.

WE have translated the following copy of a letter, which will be found in the columns of our contemporary *Le Monde Maçonnique*, addressed by the Great Frederic to certain priests of Aix-la-Chapelle, who had excited the people of that city against the Freemasons. The letter is dated the 7th of February 1778, and is couched in the following terms:—

Very Reverend Fathers,—Various rumours, which have been confirmed by the public journals, have brought to my knowledge the zeal you have displayed in sharpening the sword of fanaticism against certain quiet, virtuous, and honest people called Freemasons. As a former dignitary of this estimable Order, it is my duty to combat, with all the power I possess, against those calumnies which injure it, by endeavouring to raise the veil of mystery which hides from you the temple we have erected to all the virtues, in such a manner as to make it seem to be the assembly of all the vices. What, my right reverend Fathers! Would you again recal to us that age of ignorance and barbarism which was for so long a time a disgrace to all the human mind; that period of fanaticism when the eye could not fix itself without abhorrence of what it saw; the ages when hypocrisy, seated on the throne of despotism, between superstition and folly, held the world in slavery, and, without any distinction whatever of age or sex, burnt those as sorcerers who knew how to read. You not only bestow on Freemasons the epithet of "sorcerers;" you, likewise accuse them of being knaves, men perverted from the true faith and the forerunners of anti-Christ! And you incite a whole people to extirpate this accursed race! Knaves, my reverend Fathers, do not concern themselves as we do with the duty of sustaining the poor and the orphans. On the contrary, knaves rob them, oftentimes depriving them of the share they are entitled to, and fattening on their spoil in the midst of idleness and hypocrisy. In short, knaves lead people into error, abuse their confidence, and make them their dupes; Freemasons enlighten them. The Freemason who returns home from the Lodge where he has received instruction on the good of humanity, cannot fail to become, in the bosom of his family, a better husband and a better father. In calling them the forerunners of anti-Christ, your labours will only lead to the destruction of the laws of the Almighty; on the other hand, Freemasons would not be able to violate them without destroying their own temples. How can such men be an accursed race, who make their glory to spread everywhere, and also with a zeal that never wearies, a knowledge of all the virtues?

(Signed)

FREDERIC.

The Jubilee Ball of the Licensed Victuallers' Asylum was held on the 18th inst., at St. James's Hall, in aid of the funds of the Institution, and was, as usual, crowded in every part. Dancing was kept up with great spirit. Bro. T. A. Adams' band emitted sweet sounds in the large hall, and a second band played in a room on the ground floor. Bro. T. Butler was M.C.; he was assisted by Bros. T. Meekham, W. Fowler, T. Underhill, and Johnson. The arrangements were satisfactorily carried out, under the direction of Bro. H. Gabb, Chairman, Bro. E. R. Bass, Chairman elect, and Bro. A. L. Anett, Secretary.

We have received, and offer our fraternal thanks for the *Bulletin du Grand Orient de France* for the month of November, and a pamphlet or letter, entitled *La Première au F. Bagary*, with the motto *Amicus BAGARY, sed magis amica Veritas*. The latter we shall refer to at an early date. With the contents of the former we have already, thanks to *Le Monde Maçonnique*, been able to acquaint our readers.

CORRESPONDENCE.

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HUGHAN'S LIST OF LODGES, A.D. 1734.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I notice a second review of my List of Lodges in your columns of the 20th of January, and this time with especial reference to my corrections of the former friendly criticism of my work. My reply shall be as brief as possible, so as not to intrude on your valuable space more than is essentially needful.

1. Your reviewer agrees as to my location of No. 20:
2. Pine's No. 35 is accepted as fixed by me.
3. "Strong Man" Lodge is still an open question, and there I leave it pro tem.

4. Your reviewer states that "it must be that either Nos. 1, 3 and 4 of the four old Lodges, or Nos. 1, 2, and 4 are at this time represented by Nos. 2, 4, and 18." In my humble opinion (he says) and taking the note in Preston, and Pine's, Rawlinson's, and the 1738 Lists as the foundation of my belief, it is the former of the two alternatives which is correct," &c.

The main reason, apparently, for this opinion is that in "Preston's Illustrations" of 1821 is a note to the effect—"Old No. 2, formerly held at the Crown in Parker's Lane, Drury Lane, has been extinct above fifty years, by the death of its old members," and that the demise, so to speak, of the Lodge, did not occur until about A.D. 1770, whereas No. 3 joined No. 10 some years before that period, and lost its original time-immemorial constitution.

The fraternal reviewer fortifies his position carefully, by saying the footnote in question "must have been written, not by Preston, who died in 1819, or by Oliver, though I found it in his edition of Preston, but by Stephen Jones, a P.M. of Antiquity, to whom was intrusted the publication of the thirteenth edition of the Illustrations, which made its appearance in 1821." If this reasoning be correct, then No. 2 of the original numeration of 1717 should be in the authorized Lists of Lodges until about 1770, whereas the fact is from 1738 only the original number "one" and the original number "four" occur; the latter, however, being styled No. 2, and these two are the only time-immemorial Lodges to be found in any authentic lists from 1738. Now, if No. 2 had not been extinct until 1770 (circa), its name and number would, of course, have been duly engraved in its proper position!

But the argument is seen to be entirely worthless when the various editions of "Preston's Illustrations" are examined, as the footnote in question was inserted by Bro. Preston himself in the 1738 edition, and, strange to say, from that time to the issue of the last edition of 1861 (by Bro. Spencer) the clause occurs, "has been extinct above fifty years!!!"

The bye-laws of the present No. 4 state that it was the original No. 4 of 1717, and by the dropping off the roll of 2 and 3, it became No. 2, until the union of 1813, when it became No. 4 again. However, I have said enough on this point, and have pleasure in agreeing in the main with your reviewer as to his analysis, and had he the same materials at hand for the production of his review as I had for the editing of my List of Lodges, I feel certain there would have been a mistake for me to note on his part.

Fraternally yours,

WM. JAMES HUGHAN.

Truro, 22nd January 1877.

MASONIC HALL AT BOURNEMOUTH.

LAYING THE FOUNDATION STONE.

A GRAND ceremony took place on Monday, 15th January, on which occasion the foundation stone of a Masonic Hall was laid by the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P. Lodge Hengist, No. 195, now held at Bournemouth, was established 23rd November 1870, at Christchurch, under a warrant from the Grand Lodge of England, on the petition of Henry Dagg, Thomas Jeans and another. It was continued at Christchurch from the date of its formation down to the year 1851, when it removed to Bournemouth. Since that time Bournemouth has made great progress, and it will be readily assumed that the Lodge has also met with much prosperity. For many years the brethren have met at the Belle Vue Assembly Rooms, but the room set apart for the use of the members having been found inconvenient for Masonic purposes, a committee was appointed, the result of whose labours has been the selection of a site for the erection of a hall in St. Michael's Rise. The plans for the proposed building have been prepared by Mr. T. Stevens, architect, and the work of building has been entrusted to Mr. J. McWilliam. The erection will be after the Tuscan order of classic architecture. The front of it will be surmounted by pediments with carved emblems of the Order. The lower part of the building will be of concrete, and the upper part of brickwork, with Bere freestone dressings. On the ground floor there will be kitchen and supper-room, also an ante-room. Above this will be the hall, dressing-room, and various offices. The hall will be 48 ft. by 21 ft. in size, and will be lighted by six windows above the side wings. The

building has made some progress, most of the basement walls being completed in concrete. The stone, which was laid on Monday, formed the base of one of the large pilasters on the principal front. The new hall will contain accommodation for from 50 to 60 brethren, with all the necessary ante-rooms, &c., attached. It is hoped that the building will be completed by the 1st of May next. The brethren assembled at the Pembroke Hotel, at two o'clock on Monday afternoon, and at 2.30 the Lodge was close tyled, after which the Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master and his officers having entered, a procession was formed.

On arriving at the site of the proposed hall the brethren halted and divided right and left, turning inwards for the R.W. Prov. G.M. and his officers to pass up the centre, preceded by his standard and sword bearer, and followed by the various lodges in rotation, in inverted order from the bottom of the procession. The platform having been reached, the Masonic Anthem, "Behold how good and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity," was sung, after which the stone was raised, and a prayer was repeated by the Chaplain. The P.G. Treasurer then, by the command of the R.W.P.G. Master, deposited in the stone a bottle containing coins of the present reign, newspapers of the day, and a list of the officers and members of the Lodge. The cement was then laid on the lower stone, and the upper one slowly lowered, solemn music playing the while. The P.J.G. Warden handed the plumb rule, the P.S.G. Warden the level, and the D.P.G. Master the square to the R.W.P.G. Master, who proved the stone properly adjusted. The architect then handed the mallet to the R.W.P.G. Master, and Bro. Beach then declared the stone duly laid, after which he inspected the plans of the building, handed to him by the P.G. Superintendent of Works, and expressed his approval of them. A masonic hymn, composed expressly for the occasion, having been sung, to the tune of the "Old Hundredth."

The R. W. Prov. G.M. said: Ladies and gentlemen and brethren,—At the erection of all stately and superb edifices there is a necessity for wisdom and skill in the design, and for solidity and strength in the execution. In order to carry out these qualities efficiently and well, in former days workmen were formed into guilds and societies, and attained an excellence of work which probably has never been surpassed. They passed away from their generation, but they left behind them no mean record of their skill and ability in those magnificent buildings which have existed from mediæval age. They bear to the later age a record of the skill and unity which animated them. By means of that unity and skill they were enabled to bring to a successful execution some of the most magnificent buildings that have existed on the face of the earth, and we know very well, from certain tokens which are engraven thereupon, that in their day there were Masons who have left impressed upon it the record of the fact. Indeed, these buildings form a sort of bridge by which we are enabled to gulf over the distance of time which has existed between their age and ours. We have succeeded to some extent as their successors. We do not at the present time emulate their example as operative Masons, but we have adopted from them certain principles up to which we try to act. We have adopted their unity as one rule of our conduct, and it is by our unity as brethren that we exist as a large and powerful society. We adopt also their principle of self assistance. They, in their day, assisted each other, and the principle, therefore, of benevolence has never failed to exist amongst us. The principle of charity, too, we also emulate and try to follow out to its fullest extent. While we adopt these principles and apply them as far as we can to our conduct, we do not relinquish our interest or faith in the operative work of our ancestors. We still try to take the greatest interest in all works of Masonry, works of architecture, and all building operations, setting ourselves, as we do, in their place, and trying in our generation to encourage them as far as we possibly can. We are indeed a peaceful society; we try to practise within ourselves those virtues which I have mentioned, and we endeavour to give assistance, not only to ourselves but others, in the practice of virtue and everything which is social and moral. I trust that the practise of social and moral virtue may ever exist amongst us, and, whilst we have the opportunity of conducing to the spread of any useful work, we shall try to do our duty as far as in us lies. I trust that the work which we have had the pleasure and felicity of inaugurating this day may be successful. I trust that the building in harmony with the plans which have been submitted to me will be an ornament to the town of Bournemouth and conduce to the practise of Freemasonry here. In a town, existing as it does, and thriving as it does, it would be strange indeed if you had not a hall in which to carry out the rites and ceremonies of Freemasonry. May the work be crowned with success, and may all assembled here have reason to congratulate themselves on the work we have this day inaugurated.

The procession was then again formed, and the brethren returned to the Pembroke Hotel.

In the evening a banquet was served at the Pembroke Hotel.—*Portsmouth Times and Naval Gazette.*

We have received copy of a catalogue of "Scarce and Valuable Works on Freemasonry," which Bro. Hogg, of Paternoster Row, offers for sale to the Masonic Public. As attempts are being made in different quarters to establish libraries in connection with sundry of our Lodges, we beg to draw the attention of our readers to the very choice selection of our Bro. Hogg. It contains, as is stated, many valuable—we may say, indeed, many invaluable—works on Freemasonry, and they must consider themselves fortunate who are able to secure for their own private use, or that of their Lodge certain of these scarce and choice works. We may add that, considering the importance of these latter, the prices asked by Bro. Hogg, appear to us, to be extremely moderate.

DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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SATURDAY, 27th JANUARY.

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

MONDAY, 29th JANUARY.

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.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)
102—Unity, Kings Arms, North Walsham.
343—Prudence, Three Tuns, Halesworth, Suffolk.
1702—Clifton, Clifton Arms Hotel, Blackpool.
1163—Benevolence, Town Hall, Sherborne.
1177—Tenby, Royal Assembly Rooms, Tenby, Pembroke.
1564—St. John's, Prince of Wales Tavern, Knaphill, Surrey.
M. M. 143—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire.

TUESDAY, 30th JANUARY.

55—Constitutional, Wheatheaf, Hand Court, W.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C. (Instruction.)
141—Faith, Arderton's Hotel, Fleet-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 Office House, St. Michael's alley, Cornhill, at 6.30.

51—Angel, Three Cups Hotel, Colchester.
310—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle.
357—Apollo University, Masonic Hall, Oxford.
573—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen.
1358—Torbay, Town Hall, Paignton.

WEDNESDAY, 31st JANUARY.

193—Confidence, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, at 7.0. (Instruction.)
862—Whittington, Black Bull, Holborn, at 8. (Instruction.)
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7. (Instruction.)
1196—Urban, The Three Bucks, Gresham-street, at 6.30. (Instruction.)
1239—Finsbury Park, Finsbury Pk. Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havolock, Albion-road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)
R. A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
R. A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
996—Sondes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk.

THURSDAY, 1st FEBRUARY.

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.)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
1426—The Great City, 111 Cheapside, E.C., at 6.30. (Instruction.)
1445—Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tavern, Sandringham-road, Kingsland.
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Albion, Albion-road, Dalston, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1612—West Middlesex, Railway Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)

31—United Industrious, Guildhall, Canterbury.
38—Union, Council Chamber, Chichester.
41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath.
50—Knights of Malta, George Hotel, Hinckley, Leicestershire.
123—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire.
249—Mariners, Masonic Temple, 22 Hope-street, Liverpool.
294—Constitutional, Assembly Rooms, Beverley, Yorks.
295—Combermere Union, Macclesfield Arms, Macclesfield.
300—Minerva, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton-under-Lyne.
309—Harmony, Red Lion, Fareham.
317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
360—Pomfret, Masonic Building, Abingdon-street, No. thampton.
442—St. Peter's, Masonic Hall, Boroughbury, Peterborough.
446—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire.
463—East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound, Croydon.
509—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.
650—Star in the East, Pier Hotel, Harwich. (Instruction.)
792—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bullring-lane, Grimsby.
1012—Prince of Wales, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire.
1074—Underly, Masonic Room, Market-place, Kirkby Lonsdale.
1282—Ancholme, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire.
1284—Brent, Globe Hotel, Topsham, Devonshire.
1304—Olive Union, Masonic Hall, Horncastle, Lincolnshire.
1367—Beaminster Manor, White Hart Hotel, Beaminster.
1473—Boote, Molyneux's Assembly Rooms, Boote, Lancashire.
1500—Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich.
1594—Cedewain, Public Rooms, Newtown, Montgomery.
1639—Watling-street, Cock Hotel, Stony Stratford, Bucks.

FRIDAY, 2nd FEBRUARY.

87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8. (Instruction.)
766—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. (Inst.)
834—Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-road. (Instruction.)
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.)
1293—Royal Standard, Castle Tavern, Highbury, at 8. (Instruction.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)

127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate.
539—St. Matthew, Dragon Hotel, Walsall.
574—Loyal Berkshire of Hope, White Hart Hotel, Newbury.
601—St. John's, Wrekin Hotel, Wellington, Salop.
680—Sefton, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool.
709—Invicta, Corn Exchange, Queen-street, Ashford.
839—Royal Gloucestershire, Bell Hotel, Gloucester.
998—Welchpool, Board Room, Railway Station, Welchpool.
1387—Chorlton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton Cum Hardy.
1528—Fort, Red Lion Hotel, Newquay, Cornwall.
1557—Albert Edward, Bush Hotel, Hexham, Northumberland.
1561—Morecambe, Masonic Hall, Edward-street, Morecambe, Lancashire.
1627—Royal Kensington, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

SATURDAY, 3rd FEBRUARY.

General Committee, Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall at 4.
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
1572—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
1622—Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell.
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, at 8.
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester.

WEST YORKSHIRE.

SATURDAY.

149—Peace, Masonic Rooms, Meltham.
1308—Prince George, Station House, Bottoms, Eastwood.
1462—Wharnccliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone.

MONDAY.

61—Probity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax.
264—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, New-road, Batley.
302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford.
307—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hobden Bridge.
408—Three Graces, Private Room, Haworth.

TUESDAY.

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

WEDNESDAY.

290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, Huddersfield.
304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds.
337—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley.
439—Scientific, Private Room, Bingley.
750—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton.
1283—Ryburn, Private Rooms, Town Hall-street, Sowerby-bridge.
1645—Colno Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slaithwaite.

THURSDAY.

289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds.
971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial-street, Batley.
974—Pentelpha, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford.
1231—Savile, Royal Hotel, Elland.
1513—Friendly, King's Head Hotel, Barnsley.
1514—Thornhill, Dearn House, Lindley, Huddersfield.
R. A. 208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury.
R. A. 307—Good Intent, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge.
R. A. 337—Confidence, Private Rooms, Commercial Inn, Uppermill.
K.T. 58—Fearnley Masonic Temple, Dewsbury.

FRIDAY.

212—St. George's, Victoria Room, Doncaster.
306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds.
521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.
837—De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon.
1102—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Eastthorpe, Mirfield.
1649—Prince of Wales, 69 Little Horton-lane, Bradford.

EDINBURGH DISTRICT.

THURSDAY—07—St. James, St. James' Hall, Writer's-court.

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

GLASGOW AND THE WEST OF SCOTLAND.

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

MONDAY—103—Union and Crown, 30 Hope-street, Glasgow.
R. A.—122—Thetis, 35 St. James's-street.

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

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

THURSDAY—27—St. Mungo, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.

465—St. Andrew's, Freemasons' Hall, Garngad-road, Glasgow.

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

347—St. John, Operative, Freemasons' Hall, Cathcart-st., Rutherglen,
Soirée at 7.

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

360—Commercial, 30 Hope-street, Glasgow.

408—Clyde, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.

512—Thorn trees, School Room, Thornliebank.

SATURDAY—23—St. John's, Black Bull, Kirkintilloch.

R. A. 143—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Holytown.

468—St. John's, Freemason's Hall, Busby.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Egyptian Lodge of Instruction, No. 27.—This Lodge held its weekly meeting at Bro. Maidwell's, the Hercules, Leadenhall Street, on Thursday, the 25th instant, at 7.30. Bros. Hogarth W.M., Powell S.W., Atkins P.M. Treasurer, Grammer Secretary, Richards S.D., Biddle J.D., Hollands I.G., and a goodly muster of the brethren. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of the second degree, Bro. Pennell candidate. Bro. Hogarth then vacated the chair, and Bro. John Green W.M. 27 took the position of W.M., and in a very impressive manner rehearsed the ceremony of installation. Bro. Atkins P.M. acting as W.M. elect. All Masonic business being ended, the Lodge was closed in ancient form. Bro. Green will work the ceremony of installation in the Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, which is held in the same house, on Tuesday evening next, the 30th instant. The Lodge will be opened at seven. Attendance of the brethren is requested.

Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, No. 65.—This Lodge held its usual meeting on the 23rd of January, at Bro. Maidwell's Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall Street, E.C. Present—Bros. Walker W.M., Lees S.W., Maidwell J.W., Hollands Secretary, Holtham P.M. Treasurer, Biddle S.D., Daniel J.D., Baxter I.G.; also Bros. Haller, Dart, Wharman, &c. Business—The Lodge was opened in due form. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The Lodge was advanced to the second degree. The usual questions were answered. The Lodge was opened in the third degree, and Bro. Dart was duly raised. The Lodge was closed in the third, and resumed to the first. Bro. Haller answered the questions, was entrusted, and afterwards passed. Bro. Lees, of the Emblematic Lodge, No. 1321, was elected a member, he was also appointed to the chair for the ensuing week. Brethren will notice that this Lodge of Instruction gives every facility to those brethren who hold office in their mother Lodges.

Lodge of Prudent Brethren, No. 145.—The installation meeting of this celebrated Lodge was held on Tuesday, the 23rd instant, at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, and was nume-

rously attended by the members and visitors. The W.M., Bro. E. H. Thiellay, occupied the chair; W. Moulton S.W., G. Haslett J.W., J. Boyd P.G.P. G.S. Treasurer, G. S. States P.G.S. Secretary, Hughes S.D., Leggott J.D., Lister I.G.; P.M.'s Bros. J. Last, G. Parkess, W. Watson, &c. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes of the Emergency Meeting held the week previously (where Bro. F. Lee, Lambe, Doyle, and Lefevre were initiated, and Bro. Graves, Dawson and Groom were passed to the second degree), and also the minutes of the regular Lodge were read and confirmed. Ballots were taken for the admission of Messrs. H. Foster and C. Parnacott, which were in their favour. The former gentleman being present, was initiated into the Order by the W.M. The report of the Audit Committee was read and adopted; it showed a balance in the hands of the Treasurer of nearly £70. The W.M. stated he was a Steward for the R.M. Benevolent Institution at the next Anniversary Festival, where H.R.H. Prince Leopold would take the chair, and he hoped that he should be supported by the brethren of the Lodge on that occasion; also that they, by their contributions, would assist that noble Institution. Before retiring from the chair, he begged to return his grateful thanks to the worthy Treasurer, Bro. John Boyd, Bro. G. S. States Secretary, the Past Masters, and also to every officer, for all had ably supported him during his year of office. A Board of Installed Masters was then formed, and Bro. W. Moulton was presented to the Lodge. Bro. T. Bull P.M. then showed his proficiency by installing Bro. Moulton into the chair; receiving, as he deserved, at the conclusion of the ceremony, the commendations of all present. The W.M. then invested his officers—Bros. E. H. Thiellay I.P.M., G. Haslett S.W., Hughes J.W., John Boyd P.G.S. G.S. Treasurer (re-invested for the 15th time), G. S. States P.G.S. Sec. (re-invested for the 15th time), Manby Assist. Sec., Leggott S.D., Lester J.D., Dr. Wilkinson I.G., Torry D.C., Caffall A.D.C., Wood W.S., Grant Tyler. Bro. John Boyd then gave notice of motion,—That in future the initiation fee be fifteen guineas, and the joining fee twelve guineas. In the event of this being carried, it shall not be enforced until March next. The W.M. then presented a jewel that had been unanimously voted to the retiring W.M. Bro. E. H. Thiellay, for the valuable services rendered by him to the Lodge. The jewel is of highly artistic construction, and bears an appropriate inscription. Bro. Thiellay returned thanks for the elegant gift; it would be a pleasing recollection of the kindness and good feeling evinced to him by every brother in the Lodge. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren, 76 in number, adjourned to the Crown Room, where a sumptuous banquet and dessert was supplied by Bro. Dawkins. Grace having been sung, by Bro. Seymour Smith, G. Carter, Miss Florence Lavender and Miss Ellen Webb, the W.M. proposed the toast of "The Queen and the Craft," also that of "the M.W.G.M. his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales." Miss Florence Lavender sang, with great taste and feeling, "Sweet Spirit, hear my Prayer," which was loudly and deservedly applauded; she also, in response to the loud calls of the brethren, sang "Tell Me, my Heart," with equal taste. The W.M. in proposing the toast of the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, alluded to the honour conferred on the Lodge by having one of its members selected for the post of a Grand Officer; he referred to Bro. John Boyd P.G.P. and Grand Steward, who was one they only required to know to respect. (Cheers). Bro. John Boyd, in his usual eloquent manner, returned thanks, he reminded the brethren that the hour was getting late, so he would not occupy their time; he passed deserved eulogiums on those distinguished brethren who were at the head of the Order, he felt proud in responding on their behalf. Miss Eliza Webb sang a very pretty song, entitled the "Three Fishers." Bro. E. H. Thiellay I.P.M. then rose and said, it was a pleasure to him, now, for the first time, to claim his privilege, and to propose the toast of the W.M. (Cheers). They had seen his working in the various offices he had filled; he was one worthy of their respect. He could say more in praise, but as the W.M. progressed they would see his good qualities. Bro. Carter sang "Sweethearts," in his usual excellent style. The W.M. suitably replied, and before resuming his seat, proposed a special toast,—the Health of an old and respected Brother, whose name and services rendered to the Craft merited their respect. Bro. W. Watson P.M. P.G.S. had been Preceptor to this and many other Lodges; he had devoted his time and energies to Freemasonry, and, as he was present at this installation, he hoped to see him at many a future one. Bro. W. Watson feelingly returned thanks. Miss Florence Lavender again delighted the brethren, her song, the "Wind that Blows," being received with even greater applause than her former one. The W.M. in proposing the toast of the Initiates, said, they had been fortunate in initiating that evening, also at the emergency meeting, gentlemen who he was proud to see among them. Their attention to the ceremonies showed they were impressed, and he hoped they would, in course of time, occupy the chair. The responses of these brethren fully justified the pertinent remarks made by the W.M. The W.M. next proposed the toast of the Visitors. They were numerous, and after mentioning their names seriatim, he would call on Bro. Frances, P.P.G.D. Surrey, to respond. This brother replied, and was followed by Bro. H. M. Levy P.M. 188. Both paid deserved compliments to the admirable working, and thanked the Lodge for the hospitality shown them. The W.M. then proposed the healths of their worthy and respected Treasurer, Bro. J. Boyd, and the Hon. Secretary, Bro. G. S. States. The former brother had been among them for over fifteen years. He had been twice Master, and was the Father of the Lodge, and he (the W.M.) would always look to Bro. Boyd for counsel and advice. (Cheers.) As to Bro. G. S. States, their indefatigable Secretary, he was equally entitled to their regard. He had been invested for the 15th time (cheers); he knew his duties thoroughly, and those duties were always carried out satisfactorily. The W.M. also paid a deserved compliment to Bro. Manby, the Assistant Secretary. Bro. G. S. States thanked the W.M. for his kind expressions. He, as Secretary, was pleased to say he had served over two apprenticeships, and, on looking round the room, he saw many dear, old, and valued friends. In doing his duty, he did it as a Mason should do.

He hoped he had given them satisfaction. In a Lodge numbering 90 members, a large amount of work was entailed, and he thanked Bro. Manby for his kind assistance. Bro. John Boyd followed. He hoped the brethren were satisfied with the manner he had performed his duties. He had been Treasurer for many years, but he had never seen such a balance shown as on this evening. Before resuming his seat, he would ask the W.M. to allow him to propose a toast, and that was the health of a brother well known and respected, although he had arrived late. The Masonic Charities should be looked after, and he was pleased to see Bro. F. Binckes P.G.S., and Secretary of the Boys' School, amongst them. (Cheers.) They all knew how his energies were exerted on behalf of that noble Institution, and he hoped they would drink the toast with the spirit it deserved. Bro. F. Binckes replied, in a speech much to the purpose. On its conclusion, the W.M. consented to act as Steward at the next Anniversary Festival of the Boys' School. Other toasts followed, and the brethren separated. The Visitors were—Bros. Pateman P.M. 1597, J. Buscall 30, J. Kempton 1601, C. Hunt 194, H. Seager 194, J. G. Baker 753, Woodcock 1216, Cox P.M., Pilbeam W.M. 45, J. Boyd 23, Frances P.P.G.D. Surrey, Durham 177, G. Tribbell 1287, H. M. Levy P.M. 188, G. Young P.M. 263, G. Tyson 1314, S. Smith 742, Sultan 188, Lenty 23, G. W. West J.W. 1207, &c.

East Medina Lodge, No. 175, Ryde.—On the 10th inst. the brethren of this Lodge assembled at their Masonic Hall, Ryde, for the purpose of installing the Worshipful Master elect, Bro. T. Morgan, the S.W. of the Lodge. The ceremony of installation having been ably performed by Bro. Captain F. Newman P.M., the Worshipful Master invested his officers:—Bros. J. W. Fardell I.P.M., G. Pack S.W., J. Lowe J.W., F. Newman Treasurer, A. Aylward Secretary, W. Brook S.D., F. Carter J.D., H. M. Harvey I.G., E. Groves and B. Marvin Stewards, T. Brading Tyler. The brethren adjourned to Yelf's Hotel, where an excellent banquet was served by Bro. Wavell.

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193.—This Lodge held its usual meeting on Wednesday, the 24th inst., at Masons' Hall Tavern, Mason's-avenue, Basinghall-street, E.C. Bro. Croaker acted as W.M., Bros. Bone S.W., Abell J.W., Rndderforth as Sec., E. Gottheil P.M. Preceptor, Turner S.D., Triggs J.D., Sayer I.G., Christopher Tyler, John Ross P.M. The business of the evening comprised the rehearsing of the first ceremony by the W.M., the ceremony of installation by Bro. John Constable P.M. and Treasurer, after which Bro. Abbott proceeded to address the Lodge upon the history of Freemasonry, in continuation of his former lectures. He carried the account from 1730 to the commencement of the year 1736, tracing the principal events that occurred during the Grand Master-ships of the following:—The Duke of Norfolk, Lord Lovel, afterwards Earl of Leicester 1731-32, Viscount Montague 1732-33, the Earl of Strathmore 1733-34, the Earl of Crawford 1734-35, and Viscount Weymouth 1735-36. He laid particular stress upon the introduction of Freemasonry into America, mentioning the results of the latest researches in reference thereto; he further traced the extension of Freemasonry to different countries on the Continent of Europe and other parts, also dwelt on the dissensions that arose amongst English Craftsmen, which ultimately led to the unfortunate schism which extended to the period of the Union in 1813. The lecture was shorter than had been intended, owing to the business of the evening having been unusually protracted. We noticed the great attention that was paid to Bro. Abbott's exposition, the facts of which, however interesting and important they may be, are of necessity somewhat trying to recount. After the Lodge had been called on, Bro. Bone was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Bros. Cotter 554 and Solomons 185 were elected members. There were present Bros. J. D. Barnett, D. Posener, W. Snelling, S. L. Hickman, G. L. Walker, Turner, Triggs, Plummer, J. H. Ross, Corner, &c., &c.

Prosperity Chapter, 290.—This Chapter held a Convocation on the 17th of January, at the Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield. Present—Comps. W. Schofield Z., Harrop H., J. W. Turner J., C. Wheawell Scribe E., William Murphy Scribe N., Hutchison P.Z. Treasurer, Wall P.S., E. Dyson A.S., Mitchell A.S.; also Comps. William Smith P.Z., William Dyson, Lewis Brierly, &c. Business—There being no ceremony, Comps. Wall, Brierly, and E. Dyson gave the first, second and third lectures respectively, in a most creditable manner, after which the Companions adjourned for refreshment, and spent a very happy and agreeable evening.

Royal Sussex Lodge, No. 342.—The installation of Bro. H. J. Guy as Worshipful Master of this Lodge took place at the Freemasons' Hall, St. George's-square, Portsea, on Wednesday, 17th inst. The ceremony was performed by Bro. Turney, and subsequently the W.M. appointed his officers as follow:—Bros. R. J. Turney I.P.M., W. Payne S.W., G. P. Arnold J.W., W. C. Redward P.M. Treasurer, J. R. Willson P.M. Hon. Sec., Hackman D.C., J. Willmott S.D., G. C. Adames J.D., J. T. Craven jun. I.G., Parkhouse and Green Stewards. During the evening Bro. G. W. Smith, at the request of a number of the brethren of the Lodge, presented Bro. Turney I.P.M. with a Past Master's Jewel, as a token of their appreciation of his conduct as Master of the Royal Sussex Lodge during the past year.

Peace and Harmony Lodge, No. 359.—Bro. J. Clark was, on the 15th inst., installed W.M. of this Lodge for the ensuing year; the ceremony being performed by Bro. T. P. Payne P.M. The officers for the year were appointed by the W.M. as follows:—Bros. C. A. Dyer I.P.M., E. Cross S.W., Arthur J.W., J. R. Weston P.M. Treasurer, A. J. Miller P.M. Secretary, G. Tilling S.D., J. Andrews J.D., D. Sanby I.G., W. Waters P.M. D.C., K. G. Westly Organist, Higgs Tyler, Norris and Vero assistant Tylers; Coles P.M., E. Cross and Martin Auditors.

Southampton Lodge, No. 394.—At the meeting of this Lodge, on Thursday, the 18th inst, Bro. G. M. Passenger jun. was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year.

Lodge of Union, No. 414.—This Lodge held its installation meeting on the 16th of January, at the Masonic Hall, Reading. Present—Bros. W. H. Strickland P.P.G.O. Berks and Bucks acting W.M., Stephen A. Pocock (W.M. elect) S.W., Robert Bradley P.M. acting J.W., J. Leaver Secretary, the Rev. N. G. Garry Chaplain, George Botly P.M. Treasurer, C. Oades S.D., Samuel Bradley J.D., R. C. Mount D.C., Ferguson, Wheeler, and Sprent Stewards, C. Stephens I.G., William Hemmings Tyler. Past Masters—Bros. Hounslow, Smith, Moxhay, Strachan, Morris, Weightman. Hon. Members—Bros. Dr. Woodhouse P.M. P.P.D.G.M. Berks and Bucks, W. Biggs P.M. Prov. G. Sec. Berks and Bucks, F. A. Bulley P.M. P.P.G.S.B. Berks and Bucks. Members—Bros. Brakspear, Bracher, Blackwell, Butler, Albury, Ayres, Vincent, Withers, Stallwood, Sydenham. Visitors from 1101—Bros. Margrett W.M., Welch S.W., Stransom Treasurer, Ivey P.M. Secretary, Brown P.M., Ferguson J.D., Dowsett D.C., Ridley Steward, Hukins, White, Cottrell, Robinson. Other Visitors—Bros. Reeve W.M. 840, Durand 84, Blackwell 1540, Portsmouth W.M. 694, H. Taylor (Albany), Mitchell 65 G. L. Scotland, Daniels 694, Buss P.M. 1293 P.G.J.W. Middlesex, Hume W.M. 209, Cantrell W.M. 1501, Strachan 14, &c. The Lodge was opened in the first degree, the minutes of the last regular Lodge were read and confirmed. After balloting for initiates, and joining members, the Lodge was opened in the second degree. There was on the agenda paper a candidate for raising, but as he did not put in an appearance, the acting W.M. resigned his gavel into the hands of the Installing Master, to whom was presented Bro. Stephen Augustus Pocock, who had been unanimously elected to occupy the chair of K.S. After proceeding with the ceremony to the end of the second degree, the Lodge was opened in the third degree, immediately after which the Board of Past Masters was formed, in which the ceremony of installation was completed, in Bro. Moxhay's usual correct and impressive manner. After being saluted in each degree, the W.M. returned thanks, and invested his officers: Bro. A. M. Yetts I.P.M., Baker S.W., Oades J.W., Rev. N. G. Garry Chaplain, Botley P.M. Treasurer, Leaver Secretary, S. Bradley S.D., C. Stephens J.D., Ferguson D.C., Wheeler, Sprent and Withers Stewards, Mount I.G., Hemmings Tyler. Upon the completion of the investiture, the Installing Master, with more than his usual fervency, gave some impressive addresses. The musical and vocal accompaniment materially added to the effect of the beautiful ceremonies. The business of the evening being completed, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren retired for refreshment to the George Hotel, where a sumptuous banquet was provided, to which about sixty of the Fraternity sat down, under the presidency of Bro. Pocock W.M., who discharged the duties of the chair with becoming effect. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to, accompanied by the vocal and instrumental music for which this, the senior Lodge, is celebrated. In reply to the toast of the Visitors, Bro. Buss P.M. 1293 P.G.J.W. Middlesex, expressed his great pleasure at seeing the son of his old friend, the late Bro. Pocock P.G.S.D. of England, and P. Prov. G. Secretary of Sussex, installed into the chair of this highly respectable Lodge. He felt assured, from what he had seen of the working that evening, the members of the Lodge would be satisfied with the choice they had made. Bro. Dr. Woodhouse, P.P.D.G.M. Berkshire, replied to the toast of the P.G. Officers Past and Present, and referred with pride to the wonderful advance made by Freemasonry during the past few years. The health of the Chaplain of the Lodge, Bro. the Rev. N. G. Garry, was proposed by Bro. C. Stephens J.D., and, in reply, the Rev. Bro. said he had for some years been desirous of becoming a member of the Craft (he was at present only a juvenile), but the desire had been quickened by a recent event, which showed that there was a determination on the part of a foreign potentate to interfere with the rights of conscience, and he (Bro. Garry) joined the Order as a protest against this interference. He also said it had been a great pleasure to him to be a Mason, because it enlarged the circle of his friends. The "Masonic Charities" was proposed by Bro. Morris P.M., who made an urgent appeal to the members of the Lodge to contribute liberally. Bro. Biggs P.M. Prov. G. Secretary, responded, and stated that last year £39,000 was subscribed in support of the three chief Masonic Charities. Among the other toasts were those of "The Worshipful Master," "The immediate and other Past Masters of the Lodge of Union," "The Installing Master, Bro. Moxhay," "The Worshipful Master, Officers, and Brethren of the Grey Friars Lodge 1101, the Treasurer and Officers of the Lodge of Union," "The Musical Brethren, Bros. Strickland, R. Bradley, Robinson, S. Bradley," "The Tyler's Toast," completed this very successful meeting of the members and friends of 414.

Salisbury Lodge, No. 435.—The installation meeting of this Lodge was held on the 16th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Air-street, Regent-street, London. Present—Bros. E. H. Stammitz W.M., Seeker S.W., Dibdale J.W., Hooper P.M. Secretary, Holden S.D., Berger J.D., Jeff I.G. P.M.'s Bros. W. Ganz P.G.O., S. Rosenthal, Koester, Bigg, Sax, Pigall, J. Rahles F.R.G.S. After the preliminary business, a ballot was taken for the admission of a gentleman to be initiated at the next meeting. Bro. Seeker S.W. W.M. elect was presented to the Lodge by Bro. Koester, and a Board of Installed Masters was opened. Bro. Seeker was then installed into the chair by the retiring W.M., Bro. Stammitz, in a very excellent and perfect manner. Bro. W. Ganz presided at the organ, and added to the solemnity of the ceremony. Bro. Koester efficiently acted as D.C. The appointment of officers resulted as follows:—Bros. Dibdale S.W., Holden J.W., W. H. Hooper P.M. Secretary, Berger S.D., Jeff J.D., Kitchin I.G., Hooper D.C. The W.M. regretted the absence of the Treasurer, Bro. Stohwasser P.M., who was so indisposed that he was unable to be present. Bro. Seeker hoped, however, that he would

be present on the next, and on many future occasions. Their Treasurer merited the esteem of every brother in the Lodge. Great credit was due to the installing Master for his rendering of the addresses; at the conclusion, he was warmly congratulated by the brethren and visitors. The W.M., on rising, said he had a pleasing duty to perform, it was to present the I.P.M., Bro. Stammitz, with a gold P.M.'s jewel. In presenting it he would remark, that there was no one who had ever occupied the chair who had performed his duties more satisfactorily. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren sat down to a sumptuous banquet *a la Russe*, provided by Bro. Nicols. Grace having been said, and the cloth removed, the W.M. proposed the toast of the "Queen and the Craft." The National Anthem was sung, Bro. Ganz accompanying on the piano. The toast of H.R.H. the M.W.G.M. was next given, and was followed by that of the Earl of Carnarvon Pro G.M., the Deputy G.M. Lord Skelmersdale, and the rest of the Grand Officers. He was pleased to see among them Bro. Albert G.P., and also Bro. Ganz P.G.O. He would call on those brethren to respond to the toast. Bro. Albert returned thanks. The Grand Officers were always willing to render assistance, whether in Grand Lodge or in any private Lodge where their services were required. The selection of Bro. Ganz was a proof of the respect in which this Lodge is held. Bro. W. Ganz P.G.O. followed. He endorsed all the remarks made by Bro. Albert. If he was not eloquent at the present time with his tongue, he hoped he would please them with his fingers. He then played a charming new galop of his own composition, which elicited deserved applause. Bro. Stammitz I.P.M., had now to propose the toast of the evening—"The W.M." (Cheers.) Bro. Seeker was one who was capable of every duty that was required of him, and he hoped he would have health during his occupancy of the chair, they would then see the excellent selection the brethren had made. (Cheers.) The W.M. said he was initiated in this Lodge, and he had aspired to become its Master. He urged the junior members to work diligently, they might then occupy the position he now held. Mention had been made of the Charities; he was a Steward for the next Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, a Charity that needs and deserves support; he would be pleased to place the name of any brother on his list. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Visitors. He was proud to see them, they had never had so numerous an assemblage before, he would ask the brethren to do full honour to the toast, he would call on Bros. Freund P.G.S., Jahn, and H. M. Levy to respond. These brethren, in the course of their remarks, testified to the admirable manner in which the ceremony of installation had been rendered; to the hospitality they had received, and to the presence of the goodly band of Past Masters, who had so materially contributed to the comfort of the Lodge and the welfare of the members. The W.M. then proposed the health of the I.P.M., he hoped it would be received with the fervour it merited; that brother was one who deserved every praise; wherever he goes he is welcome; his time was always at their service. In placing a jewel on his breast, he hoped he would live long to wear it, it was given with heartfelt sincerity by every brother in the Lodge. (Cheers.) Bro. Stammitz returned thanks for the valuable gift, and thanked the officers for the kind assistance they had always rendered him. In proposing the toast of the Past Masters of the Salisbury Lodge, the W.M. said they were a host in themselves. They were always ready to give their help. He coupled with the toast the name of Bro. W. Ganz. Bro. W. Ganz said he had belonged to the Lodge 10 years, and he hoped to be a member of it as long as he lived. He knew and appreciated the unanimity of feeling that existed among them. He regretted the absence of Bro. Stohwasser, but he hoped he would be among them on the next occasion. It was his opinion they had chosen a very good W.M., and he thanked the brethren for their kind expressions. The W.M. regretted the absence of the Treasurer, whose illness had prevented him being present. Bro. Secretary was indefatigable in his duties. He hoped both these brethren would be among them for many years. In giving the toast of the Junior Officers, the W.M. referred to the punctuality with which they attended to their duties. He was sure they would materially assist him in carrying out the work of the Lodge, and he hoped to have a successful year of office. The Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close. The brethren experienced a great treat by the performances of Bro. W. Ganz. Bro. E. Terry sang a humorous song in his inimitable style, while the splendid voice of Bro. Mills was most successfully brought into requisition. The Visitors were Bros. Reepe 228, E. P. Albert G.P., Chaffey 1572, E. Terry 1319, Coulson 27, L. Stean P.M. 917, Jahn P.M., C. Burmeister P.M. 538, D. W. Pentecost P.M. 231, Lowe 205, Wimperis P.M. 91 P.G.S., W. Aspinwall late 23, David 1201, E. H. Green, O. H. Harrison, J. H. Walker, Welsford P.M. 548, Fowler 244, A. B. Friend P.G.S., H. M. Levy P.M. 188, &c.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—Royal Edward Triangle, Hackney.—The fifteen sections were worked in the above Lodge on Tuesday, 23rd January 1877. The brethren were presided over by Bro. Horsley W.M., Pinder S.W., Wallington S.W., Perry S.D., Hewlett J.D., Cambridge I.G., Worsley Secretary. The Lodge was opened at 7 o'clock, with solemn prayer, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The following brethren worked the sections:—

1. Bro. Dallas ...	860	8. Bro. Cambridge ...	15
2. " W. J. Smith ...	860	9. " Hogarth ...	1108
3. " E. T. Worsley ...	860	10. " Ellis ...	933
4. " Ashburner ...	1278	11. " Pinder ...	15
5. " Radderforth ...	12	12. " Hewlett ...	141
6. " Pinder ...	15	13. " Ashburner ...	1278
7. " Radderforth ...	12	14. " Wallington ...	860
		15. " Perrin ...	1056

The Lodge was resumed to the 1st degree. Bros. Marks 141, Larkins 192, and Bonner 1524 were unanimously elected members. A

cordial vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Horsley for his able working, there not being a single hitch; and this was ordered to be recorded on the minutes. He was also elected an honorary member. Votes of thanks were recorded to the brethren who had assisted. The Lodge was closed in due form. There was a full attendance, and all were pleased with the evening's proceedings. Bro. Lovelock will be W.M. next Tuesday evening. Officers in rotation.

Dobie Lodge, 889.—On Wednesday, 17th inst., the members of this Lodge assembled in strong force at the Griffin Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames, to assist at the installation of Bro. F. Buckland (P.M. 205) as W.M., in succession to Bro. J. Bond. The ceremony was ably performed by Bro. Elsam P.M. P.P.G.D.C. Surrey, and at its close the brethren adjourned to the banquet hall, the company then numbering about fifty. Under the personal superintendence of Bro. Hardy, son of the host, an elegant repast was served, over which the newly-elected master presided. The officers appointed by the W.M. are—Bros. Saunders S.W., Porter J.W., Cartwright P.M. Treasurer, J. Squire P.M. Secretary, Mitau S.D., H. Linton J.D., A. Nuthall I.G., Long P.M. D.C., Honeywell P.M. Organist. Among the Visitors were Bros. Bateman W.M. 820, May W.M. 1628, Sharpe P.M., Weaver S.W. 820.

City of London Lodge, No. 901.—The installation meeting of this Lodge took place on Monday, the 15th inst., at the Guildhall Coffee House, Gresham-street, under the presidency of Bro. Henry D'Arcy, the W.M. In addition to the large muster of the members there was a goodly number of visitors, amongst whom were Bros. Francis Ruckland P.M. Israel 205, James Mitchell J.W. St. Andrews 231, W. G. Kent 1297, D. Greenhaver 326, W. J. Haycock P.M. 901, Geo. Potter 177, John E. Frade 193, Charles Arkill W.M. elect 192, Thomas J. Turner 198 and Thomas C. Coope 1558. The Lodge minutes having been confirmed, Bro. Smith was passed to the second degree, and Bro. Micklefield was raised. Messrs. H. Harst and W. Waller were duly balloted for and initiated. The W.M. next proceeded to instal his successor into the chair of K.S. The newly installed W.M., Bro. George Porter, appointed his officers as follow: George D'Arcy S.W., W. C. Rubardt J.W., A. Parker S.D., A. Marshall J.D., Henry D'Arcy I.P.M. Treasurer, W. Alder Secretary, A. Ginger 38, E. Borner D.C., T. Wallis W.S. and Woodstock Tyler. The work over, the brethren adjourned to the banqueting room, where an excellent dinner was served. The cloth cleared, the usual Loyal, Patriotic and Masonic toasts were given and duly honoured. During the proceedings Bro. George Porter, the newly installed W.M., invested Bro. Henry D'Arcy with a P.M.'s jewel, the unanimous gift of the Lodge, observing that it afforded him very great pleasure to present the token of the brethren in recognition of the services rendered by the recipient to the Lodge during his term of office. The very able and efficient manner in which he had worked made it a difficult matter for his successors to give the same amount of satisfaction to the brethren, but difficulty was a thing to be overcome, and he trusted he should be able to prove himself a not unworthy successor. Bro. Henry D'Arcy, in a few choice sentences, thanked the brethren for the jewel, observing that he should value it, not for its intrinsic worth but as a token of the regard of the brethren generally, and for the kindly expressions with which the W.M. had accompanied the gift. Bro. Lawrence P.M., in responding to the toast of the P.M.'s, urged upon the brethren the absolute necessity of attending Lodges of Instruction if they desired to attain to a degree of eminence in the Craft. A very excellent Lodge of Instruction had been established at the Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, worked under the City of London Charter, and he trusted that the younger members of the Lodge, as well as the present officers would make a point of attending it every Thursday evening. Bro. James Mitchell thanked the brethren for the manner in which they had been entertained, and said that hospitality was a characteristic of Freemasonry, and it was in no Lodge exercised more worthily than in that of the City of London. The pleasure of his visit had been greatly enhanced by the admirable manner in which the whole of the Lodge work of the evening (and it had been very heavy) had been conducted. Other speakers and toasts followed, and the brethren separated, after having spent a most enjoyable evening.

Wilton Lodge, No. 1077.—This Lodge held a meeting on Monday, the 8th of January, at The Red Lion Hotel, Blackley, Manchester. Present—Bros. John Ford W.M., John Hargreaves S.W., H. E. Clausen J.W., Richard Winfield Secretary, J. T. Sawyer P.M. and Treasurer, T. Heap S.D., J. S. Leach J.D., R. Caldwell P.M. and D.C., Plummer, Proctor and Kempe Stewards, T. W. Matthews I.G., Nicholls Tyler. Past Masters—Bros. Hooper P.G. Treasurer, Jackson, Wolsh, Pearson, Bridgford, Platt. Visitors—Bros. Aldred, &c. Messrs. J. Horsfield and J. Thomson were balloted for, and initiated. Bro. John Hargreaves S.W. was elected W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. J. T. Sawyer P.M. was elected Treasurer, and Bro. Nicholls Tyler. Bros. Davies, Rose, Godby and W. Jackson were appointed auditors. Bros. Ford W.M., Hargreaves S.W., and Clausen J.W., were elected Inventory Committee. After business the brethren adjourned to a banquet.

The Walton Lodge, No. 1086.—This Lodge held its regular meeting on Wednesday, the 17th of January, at St. Lawrence's School Room, Kirkdale, Liverpool. Present—Bros. G. E. Hanmer W.M., G. J. Townsend S.W., William Walker J.W., Rev. Dr. Hyde Secretary, Beckett as Treasurer, Isaac Luco J.D., G. Riley Steward, M. Williamson Tyler; P.M.'s Bros. Joseph Ellis I.P.M. and J. C. Lunt. Visitors—Bros. W. G. Veale 594, 1356, &c., Fingal 203, Shadwick 594 and others. This being the first meeting under the presidency of the new Master, his ability was pretty well tested in working the 2nd and 3rd degrees; these he did in a very efficient

and impressive manner, the officers also performed their duties with credit to themselves and to the Lodge. Bro. J. C. Lunt P.M. having consented to represent this Lodge at the forthcoming Festival of the Royal Benevolent Institution, the brethren voted a donation out of the funds in aid of the above. Two gentlemen were proposed for initiation at the next regular meeting. The Lodge was then closed in due form.

Hyde Park Lodge of Instruction, No. 1425.—This Lodge held its weekly meeting on Monday, the 22nd of January, at The Westbourne, Craven Road, Bayswater. Present—Bros. Davis W.M., W. M. Stiles S.W., Chalfont J.W., G. Read P.M. Secretary, Walker S.D., Lewis J.D., Hallet I.G.; Past Master Bro. Savage; also Bros. G. D. Unite, F. J. Unite, and J. G. Unite, Headon, Death, Alexander, Kelly, Powell, &c. Business—The Lodge was opened in due form, and minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of raising was next rehearsed, the traditional history being given in a most excellent manner by the W.M., to whom a cordial vote of thanks was passed, the same to be recorded on the minutes. Bro. W. M. Stiles S.W., was elected W.M. for the ensuing meeting, and appointed his officers in rotation. The Lodge was then closed in due form.

Metropolitan Lodge, No. 1507.—A meeting of this young Lodge took place at the Metropolitan Club, 269 Pentonville-road, King's Cross, N., on Thursday, 18th January. Present—Bros. Williams W.M., Kingham J.W., Willing P.M. Treasurer as J.W., Stiles Secretary, Scales S.D., Side J.D., Stiles, Coles, Michael I.P.M., Rose, Saintsbury, Van Camp, Wrigley, Raney, Tuck, Tims, Simons, Gilbert, Clarke. Visitors—Bros. Grinstead 13, Willcox 975. After the preliminary opening of the Lodge, Bros. T. J. Clarke, and S. Beattie were raised; after which Bros. C. Kingback and P. H. Thorn were passed. On the motion of Bro. Kingham S.W., seconded by Bro. Scales J.D., and supported by Bro. Willing Treas., it was resolved, by an overwhelming majority, that the Lodge be removed. A committee was appointed, which consisted of the W.M., P.M.'s and Officers, with Bros. Raney, Clark and Tuck, to make necessary arrangements. The number of members of this Lodge, and the inconvenience experienced by the brethren, who have to wait between the closing of the Lodge and the banquet, whilst the room used for Lodge purposes is prepared, no doubt influenced the brethren in this decision. The W.M. called the attention of the brethren to the Lodge of Instruction which works under the banner of this Lodge, and which is under the Preceptorship of Bro. T. A. Adams. He earnestly requested the frequent attendance of the members. Bro. Michael's List, as Steward to represent the Lodge at the ensuing Festival of the Benevolent Institution, was well subscribed to. The brethren then adjourned to a banquet, which was served in the usual excellent manner of the caterer for the Metropolitan Club.

Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, No. 1507.—This Lodge held its weekly meeting on Tuesday, the 23rd January, at the Metropolitan Club, King's Cross. Present—Bros. R. T. Kingham W.M., H. Higgins S.W., Bartram J.W., W. M. Stiles Secretary, H. B. Fowler S.D., G. Clark J.D., J. W. Smith I.G. P.M.'s Bros. T. A. Adams P.G.P. Preceptor, and Bros. Ormiston, Scales, Little, &c., &c. Lodge was opened in due form, and minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. The ceremonies of passing and raising were rehearsed, Bros. Ormiston and Clark being candidates. The first section of the third lecture was worked by Bro. Adams. It was announced that the Second Anniversary Banquet of this Lodge of Instruction would take place at the Metropolitan Club, 269 Pentonville-road, on Tuesday, 30th inst., at 6.30 p.m. Bro. T. Williams W.M. 1507, and Secretary 177, will take the chair; he will be supported by Bros. T. Adams, the veteran Preceptor, Jas. Willing P.M. and Treas. 1507 and W.M. 177, Michael I.P.M. 1507 and W.M. 1107, and a host of brethren well known in the Craft. All Masonic business being ended, the Lodge was closed in due form.

Alexandra Lodge, No. 1511, Hornsea.—The installation of Bro. Wm. Carr took place on Tuesday afternoon, at the Masonic Hall, Hornsea, near Hull. There was a numerous attendance of the brethren, many visitors arriving from Hull and other Lodges in the province. The Lodge was opened at half-past three o'clock, Bro. Benjamin L. Wells, the retiring W.M., occupying the chair; and after some preliminary business had been transacted, the impressive ceremony of installation was performed by W. Bro. George Hardy P.M. P.S.P.G.D. North and East Yorkshire. The newly installed Master invested his officers:—Bros. Benjamin L. Wells I.P.M., George Milner S.W., John Heslop J.W., Tudor Trevor P.M. Chaplain, George Hardy P.M. V.M., John S. Thompson P.M. Treasurer, W. D. Keyworth P.M. P.G.P. S.W., Cooke Laking Secretary, W. Fugill S.D., John Shuttleworth J.D., M. P. Hockney D.C.; Bros. Christopher Bethell, Joseph Dyson, J. P. Loton, and W. Train, Stewards; Bros. C. Laking Organist, W. Bromhead I.G., George Stephenson Tyler. The proceedings having been concluded in accordance with the ancient formularies of the Craft, the brethren adjourned to the Public Assembly Rooms, where a sumptuous banquet was provided by Bro. William Shepherdson, of the George Hotel, Hull. The chair was occupied by Bro. William Carr, who was supported by many past and provincial officers of rank.

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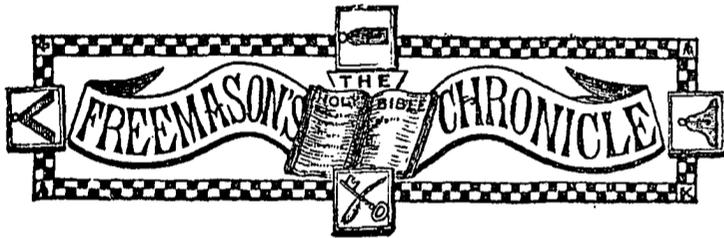
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OUR WEEKLY BUDGET.

THE QUEEN, after remaining at Windsor during the whole of the season of Christmas, and for some time after, has now taken her departure for Osborne, where she arrived on Wednesday, having crossed over from Gosport in the Royal Yacht, *Alberta*. Before leaving the Castle, Her Majesty had been receiving a succession of visitors, the most conspicuous among whom were the Duke of Connaught, the Princess Mary, Duchess, and the Duke of Teck, and the Prince and Princess Christian. On Tuesday, the Princess Beatrice visited the Prince and Princess Christian, at Cumberland Lodge, and stayed to an entertainment given in honour of the Prince's birthday.

The Prince and Princess of Wales concluded their visit to the Duke of Manchester at Kimbolton on Monday, returning to Sandringham in the course of the afternoon. The Ball that was given the Thursday previous, in honour of the visit was of a private character, and was held in a tent erected in the quadrangle within the castle. The guests began to arrive about half-past nine, and about half-an-hour later the Royal party entered the tent, and dancing commenced to Coote and Tinney's Band, lasting till a late hour the next morning. On Wednesday the

Prince left Sandringham for the purpose of spending a few days at Eastwell. The same evening the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh embarked from Malta on board Her Majesty's ship *Helicon* for the Piræus on a visit to the Coast of Greece. The Royal children remain at Malta during their absence.

At a critical moment the Turks, owing to the patriotism of the New Sultan, are enabled to make a most formidable addition to their fleet. A new ironclad, the *Memdohiyé*, the ship in question, is close on 5350 tons burthen, and is protected by armour 12 inches in thickness. Its armament is placed in a centre battery, and will consist of twelve 18-ton guns. This formidable vessel, which has been built by the Thames Ship-Building Company, under the superintendence of British Admiralty officials, was recently tried over the Maplin Sands, with a view to testing the efficiency of the engines and the rate of speed that could be attained. The trial gave the greatest satisfaction, the average speed of six runs over the measured mile being somewhat over 13½ knots per hour. The *Memdohiyé* will soon probably take her departure, in order to join the Turkish Black Sea Fleet, when, no doubt, should occasion arise, she will be able to give a very good account of herself.

On Friday evening Professor Tyndall gave a very interesting lecture at the Royal Institution, on "A Combat with an Infective Atmosphere." There was a very crowded audience, as is invariably the case when the Professor lectures. The lecturer explained the result of a very elaborate series of experiments, which tend to show that perfect preservation can be attained only by the exclusion of the air. It was also shown that the air of the laboratory had been contaminated by the samples of hay brought into it. It was in fact most clearly demonstrated that the infusions always produced organic life, and gave way to putrefaction whenever air was not totally excluded. Another interesting lecture was delivered the same evening, at the United Service Institution, by Lieut.-Colonel C. E. Howard Vincent, commanding the Central London Rifle Rangers, on the "Military Geography of European Turkey." The lecturer dealt statistically with the resources of Russia and Turkey as displayed at this moment, and while fully recognising the splendid valour of the Turkish soldier, dwelt at length on the utter want of preparation to resist an invasion in very heavy force. He also spoke of the great marching powers of the Russian, and his remarkable powers of endurance. A vote of thanks rewarded the lecturer for his interesting paper.

It seems that latterly a considerable quantity of wreckage has been washed ashore on the coast of Devon, giving rise to the belief that a more than usually serious disaster had befallen some ship during the late gales. At length it has been ascertained that an American vessel of 1,000 tons, named the *George Green*, foundered during one of the recent gales, and there is evidence to prove that some of the unfortunate crew, who mustered twenty-six, all told, attempted to save themselves, though unsuccessfully, for the boat in which the attempt was made has been found. The body of the captain's wife has been washed ashore at Kingston, and an inquest was held upon her. It is clear that a fine ship of large tonnage, and with a numerous crew, has perished wholly.

The papers of Wednesday contained accounts of no less than three mining disasters, each of which was attended with serious loss of life. In the first case, a fire broke out in the *Stonchill Colliery*, *Farnworth*, about four miles from *Bolton*, *Lancashire*. There were some three hundred men in the workings at the time the alarm was given, and a rush was at once made to the pit's mouth. But a detached party engaged beyond the place where the fire broke out were unable to make their escape, and it is understood that as many as twenty have perished. The second disaster occurred in a *Lanarkshire colliery*, the property of the Duke of Hamilton, and was caused by an influx of water into the works. This resulted in the death, by drowning, of four men. In the third case, a party of gentlemen had been visiting *Harris's Collieries*, in *Glamorganshire*, which are of great depth, and were being brought up again in buckets, when the winder of one of them failed to stop it in time, and it struck the beam at the top of the colliery with tremendous force. The occupants were a Mr. Briggs, a mining engineer, and Mr. G. Brogden, brother of Mr. Brogden, M.P. The former was crushed to death, and the latter so severely injured that no hope whatever is entertained of his recovery.

There have been latterly several meetings at which dis-

tinguished public men have been expressing their views on the great political question of the day. At Frome, the passage through the town of Mr. Gladstone was made the occasion of presenting the right honourable gentleman with an address, and, in acknowledging this, he naturally took an opportunity of speaking of the conduct of the Government in dealing with the Eastern question. Then, at the Sheriffs' banquet, at York, Mr. Lowther, M.P., who is Under Secretary of State for the Colonies, was present as a guest, and he, of course, referred to the all-absorbing topic of the hour, and especially, of course, defended the conduct of the Government of which he is a subordinate member. But the greatest meeting of all was that held on Wednesday, in Hengler's Circus, Liverpool, where there was an immense gathering of the Liverpool Conservatives. The chair was occupied by Sir Thomas Edwards-Moss, President of the Liverpool Conservative Association, and there were present two Cabinet Ministers, Sir Stafford Northcote and Mr. Cross, and Viscount Sandon, President of Council for Education. Letters of apology for their inability to be present were read from the Earls of Beaconsfield and Derby, and Lord John Manners. Each of the ministers present defended the action of the Government, Sir Stafford Northcote dwelling at considerable length on their policy in the East, and their financial arrangements, while Mr. Cross and Lord Sandon directed their observations to matters more immediately connected with their respective offices. The three speakers were applauded to the echo, and, no doubt, the meeting will exercise a considerable influence over the public mind.

Already there are signs of the near approach of the parliamentary session. Circulars have been issued by the respective party leaders, in both cases inviting the members of their own way of thinking to be present on the first day of the Session—namely, the 8th prox.; and the Earl of Beaconsfield has issued cards of invitation to a distinguished circle of his supporters in the House of Lords, to meet him at a full dress parliamentary banquet on the evening of the 7th prox.: the banquet will be held in the great dining room of the Foreign Office.

We now turn our attention to foreign politics. Even before our remarks of last week had appeared, the news arrived that the Conference was at an end. The Turkish representatives refused to accept even the modified terms of the Great Powers. A Grand Council of the Empire had been held a short time previously, and a resolution rejecting the proposals of the six Great Powers had been passed unanimously, men of all creeds agreeing that such proposals were inconsistent with the dignity and independence of the Empire. The Grand Vizier had, in his opening speech, laid before the Council, calmly and dispassionately, the dangers of rejecting the proposals, but the Council would have nothing whatever to do with them. Hence, the more formal rejection at the Conference. When this happened, there was, of course, no longer any motive for the foreign Plenipotentiaries remaining. The Conference, therefore, was dissolved, and its several members have since taken their departure, or are on the point of doing so. The ambassadors will follow, but the withdrawal of the latter, though it has its significance, must not be regarded as an act of hostility towards Turkey. The several Powers will still be represented by their respective *charges d'affaires*, and in some cases it is reported that new ambassadors will be appointed. Turkey will not recal her representatives at the different courts of Europe; so that, all things considered, the prospects that, after all, peace may be maintained are more hopeful than they have been for some time past. On the other hand, it is rumoured that Russia is continuing her military preparations, and endeavouring to renew the alliance of the three Emperors. Whether she will succeed or not in her purpose time alone will show; but the determination to keep her armies in readiness is not the most hopeful sign. It, of course, necessitates that Turkey should maintain herself in a state of armed expectation, and perhaps, after all, on the arrival of spring, we may wake up and find the whole of the east of Europe in a blaze. Let us hope, however, for the best, and that the efforts of England to have the peace kept will be successful. Indeed, if Turkey carries out her promised constitutional reforms, Russia will not have the shadow of an excuse for attacking her independence. The news from other parts of Europe, except so far as it shows that a sore feeling still exists between Germany and France, is of little or no interest. From the United States we hear that a bill has passed, or is on the point of passing Congress, having for object the

counting of votes at the recent Presidential election, and so settling the knotty point whether Mr. Tilden, Democrat, or Mr. Hayes, Republican, is to be installed as President of the United States on the 4th March next. One other item of news is worth mentioning. An embassy from the Emperor of China to Queen Victoria has reached England.

We notice with regret that Sir H. Edwards, Provincial Grand Master of West Yorkshire, in his address to the brethren recently assembled in Quarterly Communication at Leeds, commented adversely on the management of the Boys' School. He is reported to have said that it is to be regretted "the extravagant management, and the indifferent, educational results so forcibly pointed out by your Committee of Investigation a year ago, still continue, without any evidence of improvement in the future." We repeat, we deeply regret this statement has been made by one holding so responsible a position in Masonry as that of Provincial Grand Master of one of our largest and most influential provinces. All the circumstances of the management of this Institution have been subjected to a most rigid and impartial investigation. It has been shown that the Executive has done its duty ably and conscientiously. All things considered, the rate of expenditure is not high, while the educational results, so far as they have been tested, have been eminently satisfactory. It is quite legitimate for West Yorkshire brethren to hold the opinion that the funds of the Boys' School might have been more economically administered, and that the results of the educational system might have brought forth more and better fruit. But Committees, regularly and constitutionally appointed to investigate the different complaints, have reported that the different School Committees have done their duty ably and worthily. We ask, then, what good will come from keeping these differences open? Is it not reasonable to suppose that the School will go on prospering more and more with each successive year, if we all put our shoulders to the wheel at the same time, and work together harmoniously? Let our West Yorkshire brethren bear in mind the old saying, that "byegones should be byegones." Let them be content with having given rise to a keen criticism, which even the most powerful executive will never venture to set at defiance, and the School, there is no doubt, will prosper, as it deserves.

The Grand Lodge of Benevolence was held on Wednesday, last at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, Bro. Joshua Nunn P.G.S.B. in the chair; Bros. Jas. Brett P.G.P. S.W., Case J.G.D. as J.W. There were thirty one cases, and grants were awarded to the amount of £628. Three cases were deferred, while one was dismissed. There were present Bros. Æ. McIntyre G.R., S. Rawson D.G.M. China, J. Smith P.G.P., C. A. Cottebrune P.G.P., S. Foxall A.G.P., H. Dicketts P.G.S., J. Hervey G.S., T. Cubitt P.G.P., W. Smith P.G.S., F. Binckes P.G.S., G. Allen, Heath, W. H. Myers, Atkins, H. Muggoridge, W. R. Marsh, Howe, Bergman, J. Denton, R. Secker, J. Dyte, Rev. T. Vaughan, H. Massey, T. Moring, Whitmarsh, T. Bull, W. Murlis, Poronal, W. Stephens, W. Mann, W. Marsh, H. Bartlett, &c.

The General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was held on Thursday, the 25th, at the Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Col. Peters in the chair. Bro. Robert Wentworth Little, Secretary, read the minutes of the former meeting of the Quarterly Court, the House Committee, and also the Audit Committee, which were confirmed. Several matters were discussed, and, after passing a cordial vote of thanks to Bro. Col. Peters, for presiding, the meeting was adjourned. There were present—Bros. J. Rucker, T. W. White, A. H. Tattershall, H. Massey, Major E. Finney, H. Browse, H. A. Dubois, Griffiths Smith, H. W. Hemsworth, J. Boyd, W. Stephens, R. Morris, G. Kenning, C. Moutrie, F. Binckes, H. F. Peacock, H. Potter, E. C. Mather, Dr. Morris, S. Rosenthal, E. Faulkner, and H. M. Levy.

The Annual Communication of the District Grand Lodge of Australia was held at the Masonic Lodge Rooms, Eagle Chambers, Adelaide, on the 4th of October last. Bro. Arthur Hardy D.G.M., presided, and there was a numerous assemblage of District Grand Officers and others in attend-

ance. The Lodge having been opened, the minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed. The balance-sheet of the South Australian Masonic Benevolent Fund was then taken as read and adopted. This showed for the year ended the 22nd of September receipts amounting to £109, including a balance brought forward from the previous year of £83 16s 10d. The expenditure was trifling, the balance in savings' bank at the end of the year being £107 3s 5d. The Permanent Fund showed receipts, including balance brought forward £53 16s, and loan on mortgage £100, amounting to £158 18s. Disbursements *nil*. The Available Fund showed receipts, including balance of £30, to the extent of £50 12s; disbursements £2 7s 5d; balance £48 5s 5d. The D.G.M. then appointed and invested his officers for the ensuing year, after which the D.G.L. was closed with the usual formalities. The next Quarterly Communication was announced for the 3rd instant.

A Ball will be given by the brethren of the newly-consecrated Earl of Carvarvon Lodge, No. 1642, on Friday, the 9th February, at Ladbrooke Hall, Notting-hill, under the presidency of Bro. W. J. Murlis W.M. and the following Stewards:—Bros. G. Penn S.W., S. H. Parkhouse J.W., W. Stephens P.M., W. Gordon P.M. and S.D., F. Clench J.D., E. M. Lander I.G., S. Smout D.C., S. Smout jun. W.S., J. Linscott, J. Swift, J. Bartle, W. T. Hook, J. Woodmason, G. N. Watts P.M., E. Frye, E. J. Cave, and Bro. Pushman, Honorary Secretary. The proceeds will be given to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Gentlemen's tickets 10s; ladies' ditto 7s 6d; double tickets 16s. Bro. Linscott has kindly given the use of the capacious hall.

We learn from the *Keystone* that the annual Grand Communication of the Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania was held in the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, on the 27th ult. After the various Reports of the Committees had been read, and the other business of the meeting transacted, the M. E. Grand High Priest, Comp. George E. Wagner, delivered his valedictory address, in the course of which he congratulated those present on the progress of Capitular Masonry. He likewise referred in feeling terms to the death of three Past Grand High Priests, and also dwelt at some length on the work he had been able to accomplish, and especially to the fact of his having visited every Chapter in the jurisdiction. We feel sure the Companions he addressed must have heard with regret that their retiring Chief contemplated removing to Chicago at the beginning of this year. The following were then installed and proclaimed in their several offices, namely, Comps. Alfred R. Potter, M. E. Grand High Priest, William C. Hamilton, M. E. Grand King, Hibbert P. John, M. E. Grand Scribe, and John Thompson, M. E. Grand Secretary. Grand H. P. Potter then appointed his various officers for the year, as well as the different Committees on Work, Finance, Correspondence, &c., and the Deputy High Priests for the several districts into which the jurisdiction is divided.

From the same source we gather that the Masonic Temple, at Portland, Me., was seriously damaged by fire on the 23rd ult. This temple, we are told, contains one of the finest Masonic Libraries in the United States. We trust, however, that this has escaped. Regalia and furniture can be replaced, but not old and valuable archives.

We are indebted to the *Hebrew Leader* for the following statistics relating to the Supreme Council, A. and A. Rite, for the Northern jurisdiction of the United States. Maine has one Consistory, with 143 members, and two Lodges of Perfection, 205 members; Vermont, one Consistory, 49 members, three Lodges of Perfection, 157 members; Massachusetts, one Consistory, 863 members, and six Lodges of Perfection, 1,084 members; Rhode Island, two Consistories, 134 members, and two Lodges of Perfection, 143 members; Connecticut, two Consistories, 128 members, six Lodges of Perfection, 304 members; New York, seven Consistories, 1,098 members, and fifteen Lodges of Perfection, 1,481 members; New Jersey, one Consistory, 245 members, six Lodges of Perfection, 422 members; Pennsylvania, four Consistories, 596 members, and five Lodges of Perfection, 747 members; Michigan, one Consistory, 225 members,

and one Lodge of Perfection, 312 members; Ohio, one Consistory, 515 members, three Lodges of Perfection, 610 members; Indiana, two Consistories, 270 members, two Lodges of Perfection, 381 members; Illinois, four Consistories, 658 members, four Lodges of Perfection, 707 members; and Wisconsin, one Consistory, 122 members, and two Lodges of Perfection, 136 members. Total, 29 Consistories, with 5,194 members; 59 Lodges of Perfection, with 6,895 members. The number of initiates during the year was 520, of whom 144 were initiated in Massachusetts and 129 in New York. Our contemporary expresses regret that, though the financial condition of this Supreme Council is on a permanent footing and its investments are secure, the expenditure for the past year was more than 2,500 dollars in excess of the receipts. Thirteen charters were revoked. The triennial election in August last, resulted in the re-election of most of the old officers, but the twelve standing Committees were remodelled, many of them being reduced in number in order to facilitate the dispatch of business.

The Festival of St. Andrew was celebrated by the members of the various Masonic Lodges in Bombay, under the Scotch Constitution, with the customary festivities. Grand Lodge, according to the *Masonic Record of Western India*, met before dinner, for the purpose of installing the Grand Officers for the ensuing year, and, also, in order to present appropriate testimonials to Bros. E. Freeborn, Honorary S.W., K. R. Kama, Honorary Deputy G.M., and H. G. Rowell, Grand Secretary, as some slight recognition of their services to Freemasonry. The presentation to Bro. Rowell consisted of a handsome Cutch-work claret cup and jug. At the dinner, about sixty guests, including some half-dozen English brethren, sat down. Bro. Morland, Grand Master of Scottish Freemasonry in India, presided, and, on the removal of the cloth, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to with great enthusiasm, the pious memory of St. Andrew being very humorously proposed by Bro. T. Ormiston, Grand Architect. The toast of the "Masonic Charities," in which the Grand Master referred to the efforts he had made, with a view to forming a Scottish Benevolent Society in connection with the Craft, followed. He expressed himself satisfied with the response, thus far, made to his appeal, and announced that the balance standing in the bank to the credit of Masonic Charity, was 2,754 rupees. At the close of the speech, the Widows' and Orphans' box was handed round, the collection realising somewhat over 329 rupees. During the intervals between the toasts, different brethren did their best to entertain the guests with songs, both humorous and sedate, and the proceedings closed with a hearty, if not very artistic rendering of *Auld Lang Syne*.

The *Voice of Masonry*, for December, records the death of Sir Knight William Leffingwell, born at Norwich, Connecticut, 4th January 1799. In 1839, he became a resident of Iowa, and was initiated into Freemasonry on the 11th September 1848. In January 1855, he became a Knight Templar. He had, in the course of his career, held many responsible posts in the different Masonic bodies to which he belonged. The esteem in which he was held may be judged from the fact that his funeral was conducted Masonically, Past Grand Commander T. S. Parvin, representing the Grand Commander, officiating in chief, supported by Sir Knight the Rev. A. C. Shlin, of Ottumwa, acting Grand Prelate, Sir Daniel B. Shelley, of Davenport, Grand Treasurer, and numerous other Knights from Davenport and surrounding towns. These attended with the Knights of the De Molay Commandery, under the escort of brethren of Iowa Lodge, No. 2, Hawk Eye Lodge, No. 30, and Wilton Lodge, No. 167. The *Voice* gives a full, and we should say, justly complimentary notice of the worthy deceased, pointing out how, in every position, both as a citizen and as a Mason, he had comported himself worthily. In the same periodical are given full particulars of the life of Bro. Samuel Lenox, who died at Trenton, N.J., on the 23rd October, full of years and honours. Bro. Lenox was born at Damhead, Co. Antrim, Ireland, in January 1784. In January 1805, he was initiated in Lodge No. 235, Coleraine, Co. Londonderry. The same year, and the beginning of the next, he joined other Masonic bodies, and, shortly afterwards, emigrated to the United States, taking with him his dimits from his Irish Loge, Chapter, and Encampment, and depositing them in Philadelphia. At

the time of his death, he was a member of Trenton Lodge No. 5, Three Times Three Chapter, and Palestine Commandery. Bro. Lenox had been a Master Mason seventy, one years and seven months, and a Knight Templar only a month short of seventy-one years. The death is also recorded of Bro. Bierce, Past Grand Master of Masons in Ohio, at his residence, Akron, on the 11th November. Bro. Bierce had reached the ripe age of seventy-five.

According to the *Freemason's Repository* the number of Royal Arch Masons in New Jersey is 2718, divided among 35 subordinate Chapters. From the same magazine we learn that the expenditure for mileage and daily expenses of the members of the Grand Lodge of Illinois amounted for the year ended in October 1876 to 13,955.60 dollars. The Grand Master receives for his services and expenses the sum of 2,000 dollars, and the Grand Secretary 2,500 dollars, together with his expenses. The total number of Lodges in the jurisdiction is 664, and of these no less than 597 were represented at the last annual Communication in October. We are indebted to the same authority for the following facts relating to Freemasonry at Providence, R.I. There are five Craft Lodges, with an aggregate membership of 1220, What Cheer Lodge, with close on 500 members, heading the list as far as numbers are concerned. St. John's Lodge holds a charter given to it in 1757 by Bro. Jeremy Gridley, Prov. Grand Master of Massachusetts. Mount Vernon Lodge, likewise, dates its origin from the last century. Corinthian Lodge is barely nine years old yet, while Adelphi Lodge is just completing the first year of its existence. There is one Royal Arch Chapter, with nearly 800 members, and in Cryptic Masonry one Council, numbering some two hundred members. Of Masonic Orders of Knighthood, there are two Commanderies, of which St. John's was founded by Thomas Smith Webb, as far back as the year 1802, and claims to be the oldest Templar Body in the United States. It has a membership of close upon 400. Calvary Commandery was founded in 1860, and numbers some 200 Knights. The Ancient and Accepted is likewise well represented.

In Memoriam.

We have, this week, to announce the decease of Bro. Richard Graves, an old Past Master of Lodge 263. He was initiated in 1846, passed the chair in 1849, and continued a subscribing member until 1860, when he fell into business difficulties, which resulted in his election to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Annuity Fund three years ago. He was also a Mark Master, having entered the old Bon Accord Lodge in 1851. Both he and his wife (deceased some time before him) were Life Governors of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and subscribers to the Institutions for Boys and Girls. The immediate cause of his death (supervening upon the advanced age of 75) was bronchitis. He was interred at Abney Park Cemetery, on the 24th inst.

MOTHER SHIPTON'S PROPHECY.

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Carriages without horses shall go,
And accidents fill the world with woe;
Around the world thoughts shall fly,
In the twinkling of an eye.
Water shall yet more wonders do;
Now strange, yet shall be true.
The world upside down shall be,
And gold be found at the root of a tree.
Through hills man shall ride,
And no horse or ass be at his side.
Under water men shall walk,
Shall ride, shall sleep, shall talk.
In the air men shall be seen,
In white, in black, in green.
Iron in the water shall float,
As easy as a wooden boat.
Gold shall be found, and shown
In land that is not now known.
Fire and water shall wonders do;
England shall at last admit a Jew.
The world to an end shall come,
In eighteen hundred and eighty-one.

MARK MASONRY, &c.

Cornubian Lodge, No. 87, Hayle.—The annual meeting of this Lodge took place in the Freemasons' Hall, on Tuesday, the 16th inst. The Lodge was opened in due form by Bro. Eastice, assisted by his Officers, for the purpose of installing Bro. Frank H. Pool, P.P.G.M.O., as Worshipful Master. A Board of Installed Masters was formed of the following distinguished brethren:—Frank Harvey P.P.S.G.W., N. J. West C.E. P.P.J.G.W., Dr. Mudge P.P.J.G.W., John Coombe P.P.G.M.O., G. H. Eastice C.E. P.P.G.S.B., James Pool P.P.G.J.O. The installation was perfectly performed by the retiring W.M., who was assisted by Bro. N. J. West. The newly invested W.M. appointed as his officers—G. H. Eastice I.P.M., H. J. Warren S.W., G. B. Pearce J.W., J. G. Osborn M.O., F. W. Pool S.O., J. J. Taylor J.O., J. P. Smith Secretary, Bigglestone Spray S.D., Thomas Mills J.D., E. Hodge Chaplain, J. Lovell Organist, George Stevens I.G., J. V. Bray Tyler. The W.M. was unanimously re-elected Treasurer. A vote of sympathy was voted the Provincial Grand Master who, recently, whilst shooting, had met with a serious accident, which resulted in the loss of an eye. The following is the text of the resolution:—"We, brethren in Lodge assembled, beg to record our heartfelt regret at the unfortunate accident which has befallen our highly esteemed and respected brother, Sir Frederick M. Williams Bart., M.P., Provincial Grand Master of Cornwall, and express our sympathy with him; and trust that, under the blessing of the Grand Overseer of the Universe, he may soon be restored to full measure of health and strength." The Secretary was requested to forward a copy to the Provincial Grand Master. After the Lodge was closed, the brethren repaired to a room in the Hall premises, where an excellent spread was provided by Bro. Smith. After the usual Loyal toasts, the health of the Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Sir Frederick M. Williams, was proposed—and enthusiastically received. Bro. Lovell gave "The fine old English Gentleman." Bro. G. B. Pearce replied, and remarked how much the expression of sympathy from the brethren would be appreciated by the P.G. Master. The Deputy P.G. Master and the rest of the officers was responded to by Bros. West and Harvey. The health of the W.M. was proposed by Bro. Eastice, in neat and eulogistic terms, and was heartily received by the brethren. In replying, the W.M. expressed his pleasure at seeing so many present. With the assistance of his officers, he hoped to see the Lodge carried on with improved success. Other toasts followed, and an agreeable evening was spent.

Kemeys Tynte Preceptory of Knights Templar.

This distinguished Preceptory held a regular meeting at the Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square, on Friday, the 19th instant, V.E. Sir Knight Lieut.-Colonel Somerville Burney, Preceptor, in the chair; Sir Knights Colonel Randolph as Constable, J. Lewis Thomas F.R.G.S. as Marshal, Captain Portlock Dadson Treasurer, V.E. Sir Knight Major-General H. Clerk F.R.S.P.P.P. of Kent, V.E. Sir Knight Capt. N. G. Philips Prov. Prior of Suffolk and Cambridge, Sir Knights Rev. P. M. Holden, Capt. Compton, Capt. Leeson, Peter Laird, J. T. Gibson, Major Pearson R.A., and Capt. Morris being also present. Companions Sir Thomas Dyer, Bart. J.P., and Robert Fyers were installed Knights of the Order. Sir Knight S. Graham Bake, from the Loyal Brunswick Preceptory, was elected a joining member, and V.E. Sir Knight Hugh D. Sandeman, P. Prov. Prior of Bengal, an honorary member of the Preceptory. A donation of £10 was voted to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, to be placed on the list of the V.E. Preceptor Colonel Somerville Burney. The Sir Knight and Chevalier Habicht F.R.G.S., &c., of the Bard of Avon Preceptory, attended as a visitor.

Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement.—The weekly meeting took place on Tuesday last, at the Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill. Comps. J. Constable Z., C. Nash H., J. Wyer J., G. Leemann S.E., E. H. Finney S.N., J. Dennis P.S.; Comps. S. P. Chatterson, H. McPherson, F. A. White, G. Watsatt, S. Moore, E. B. Grabham, G. J. Row, Barfield, Thos. Massa, John Phythian, R. Z. Bloomfield, Lemaitre, W. W. Morgan, &c. After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, the ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Chatterson candidate. Comps. S. P. Chatterson 79, J. Dennis 907, F. A. White 907, and S. Moore 907, were elected members.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

RESULT OF BRO. CURTEIS' DRAWING.

No. of Ticket.	Purchaser's Name and Address.
7097	T. Bowden, Trafford House, Elm Grove Road, Cotham, Bristol.
23532	Henry Buckley, Hollinwood, near Manchester.
6327	T. Hutton, Paget Terrace, Woolwich, S.E.
7329	Captain Watson, 4th R.L.M., Bowdon, Cheshire.
12021	J. Secra, Kingsbridge, Canterbury.
10031	Thomas Walton, Lorne Terrace, Stockton-on-Tees.
20926	Joseph J. Parker, Caledonia Road, near Batley.
8104	Henry M. Harvy, Hesworthy, Lanchester.
15206	Knights of Malta Lodge, No. 50, Hinckley.
10526	J. G. Billingham, Saffron Walden.
19365	J. Brooks, Albert Street, Rugby.
17925	Charles Bunting, Uttoxeter.
10379	Richmond Layzell, Brightlingsea, Essex.
3563	— Curry, 21 Great Sutton Street, London, E.C.,—£3 only.
2614	Thomas Lamb, Kingston-on-Thames, Surrey.

SCOTCH MEETINGS.

Resuscitation of Robert Burns's Mother Lodge, St. David's, Tarbolton, No. 133.—This Lodge, which has been dormant for thirty-two years, was re-opened, by order of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, on Monday, 15th January, by Bro. B. Wylie P.P.G.M. of Ayrshire, and the Provincial Grand Lodge of Ayrshire, in due Masonic form. An attempt was made some years since to effect this object, but as it was also wished to remove the Lodge to the adjacent town of Mauchline, it fell through. The erection of a statue to the memory of Burns in Glasgow, which is to be unveiled on the 25th instant, again directed the attention of the petitioners to the disgrace that attached to the fact of their allowing this Lodge to be struck off the Roll, and accordingly efforts were renewed to regain the charter which had for some years been in possession of the G.L. in Edinburgh, and this time, through the G.M., Sir M. R. S. Stewart, himself taking an interest in it, the object was happily effected. Leaving Glasgow by an early train, we arrived at Mauchline by midday. The brethren had kindly provided carriages to take the visitors to the scene of operation; but, in company with Bro. Tweed, the antiquarian publisher, we preferred, instead of waiting for that conveyance, to walk the five miles, and traverse some of the scenes immortalised by the poems of the bard. Thus we saw the houses in which he courted both his wife and his "Highland Mary." Took a seat in the public house where he composed and sang his "Jolly Beggars." Saw "Lucy's Thorn," "Ayr Waters," Willie's Mill and the Muckle Stane, where death met Dr. Hornbook. Passed the Castle of Montgomery, and the stream that ne'er runs, as well as the farm of Mossgeil, where he spent what was doubtless the happiest part of his life. Imagined that we saw the field in which grew "The wee modest crimson-tipped flower," and the other in which he ploughed up the *Mouse*. Here, too, he composed "The Cotter's Saturday Night." By the side of this stream he wrote "Man was made to mourn," and by that he took his last farewell of his Highland Mary; on the hill side that strain that still throbs Scottish hearts in all quarters of the globe, viz., "Scots wha hae." From here, too, we can see "Ballochmyle," unfortunately this time without the "bonnie lass," for our "Nannie's awa." But we must hasten into the village, where mine host of the Black Bull receives us kindly, and while we are refreshing the inner man sends for Bro. Jas. McCosh, the Master of the St. James Lodge, No. 135, who manifested at once the true Masonic spirit, and offered to take us to the Lodge room, and show the highly-prized relics of Burns in their possession. By this time the rain had set in earnest, but that does not damp the warmth of his kindness nor our enthusiasm, so out we sally to the end of the village, calling on Bro. Barclay, the S.W., on our way; for here they keep up the good old custom of three locks to the chest, and the keys in the hands of three different brethren. Arrived at the Crown, we are first shown, and of course sit down in the seat, an old high chair, immortalised by the poet in his "Farewell to the Brethren of St. James," Tarbolton, which says, "Here then I oft presided o'er the Sons of Light." The jewel of the Master, which he wore, is next put upon our breasts, then the old minute book is placed in our hands, with his name on the roll of members, as well as that of his Brother Gilbert. John Rankine, whom he calls "Rough, ready-witted Rankine," also those of the Minister, and the Schoolmaster, Wm. Wilson, whom he designated as Dr. Hornbook. R. Morrison, at whose house he wrote the "Haggis," also that of his great opponent, James Humphrey, on whom he composed that stinging satire, "Epitaph on a Noisy Polemic." There were two Lodges in Tarbolton,—St. David's, his mother, under the G.L. of Scotland, and St. James, holding under the then independent Grand Lodge Mother Kilwinning. The poet appears to have early joined the St. James Lodge, as an affiliated member, and as the Master, Colonel Montgomery, a member of the Eglington family, does not appear to have been often present, the minutes for some years are signed by Burns as Deputy Master; but, even as the great Shakespeare was not always particular in the autography of his name, so here we find it at first signed Robt. Burness, then Barnes, and then Robt. Burns. They have also an interesting letter, all on Lodge business, dated Edinburgh, 23rd August 1787, which concludes thus:—

Within your dear mansion may wrong and contention,
Or withering envy no'er enter;
May secrecy sound be the mystical bound,
And brotherly love be the centre.

The outside is subscribed to the officers and members of St. James Lodge, Tarbolton, care of Jas. Mason, Innkeeper. Just opposite is the old parish church, where, on the lady's bonnet, he saw the creeping thing which caused him to write:—"Oh whad some power the giftie gie us to see ourselves as ithers see us." But we must quit these memorials of the olden time, and hasten back to take part in the ceremony of the day. At half-past 4 Bro. R. Wylie opened the Provincial Lodge, with Bros. Halket and Carruthers as P.G.D.M. and S.M., Bros. F. A. Ferguson and J. Tweed of Glasgow P.S.W. and P.J.W., Bros. Whinton and Gibson S.W. and J.W. of Mother Kilwinning, Bro. McKay, Kilmarnock, in the absence of the Rev. J. Inglis, acting as Chaplain, Bro. Pollock R.M. of London, Newmilnes acting S.W. of the Lodge, and Bro. Park R.W.M., St. Paul Irving No. 82 as J.W. There were also present the Masters and Wardens of Lodges 124 Kilwinning, Ayr, 135 St. James, Tarbolton, 138 Operative, Ayr, 157 St. John Beith, 126 St. Andrew's, 109 St. Marnock, Kilmarnock, 149 St. Andrew Irvine, 179 St. Mungo, Mauchline, 165 Royal Arch, Ayr, 204 St. Paul, Ayr, 549 St. Matthew, Dregghorn. The acting P.G.M. said he regretted the absence of Col. Muir, of Caldwell, their P.G.M., who was on the Continent, he had also received letters of apology from W. O. Partrick and W. Partrick, the Deputy and Substitute G.M., and also from Bro. Montgomery, their Proxy Master. He then read the authority from the G.M. of Scotland for the re-opening of the Lodge, and proceeded to instal the officers, namely:—Major James Wallace Dunlop Adair R.W.M., Dr. M. Faulds D.M., John Faulds P.M. 179

S.M., W. Rennie T., James Muir P.M. of 135 S.W., J. Gibson J.W., Dr. Muir, two Deacons, two Stewards, and McCowan Tyler. At the request of the acting P.G.M., Bro. G. W. Wheeler 73 opened a board of installed Masters, and duly placed Bro. Major Adair in the chair of King Solomon, at the same time conferring that degree on three other P.M.'s who had not previously received it, viz., Bros. James Muir P.M. 135, Dr. Faulds 179, and J. Harvey R.W.M. 179, Mauchline. The Board having been closed, the assembled brethren saluted Bro. Adair in the three degrees. The newly-installed Master thanked the P.G. officers and Installing Master for their valuable services, and proposed them all as honorary members of St. David's 133, which was carried by acclamation. He also thanked the brethren for the honour they had done him by putting him in the chair, which he believed he owed to his family connection with Burns, his grandmother being half-sister of Gavin Hamilton Burns, first patron, and his wife being a grand-daughter of the same gentleman. The acting P.M.G. acknowledged the compliment paid to him and the brethren who had accompanied him; they would long look back with pride to that day at the part they had taken in the ceremony, the only drawback to which had been the limited accommodation of the Hall. The Kilwinning brethren remained to dine with the officers of St. James 133, but as the accommodation was so limited the Glasgow and Mauchline brethren accompanied the officers of the re-opened Lodge in carriages to Mauchline, where they dined together in the Lodge room of St. Mungo 179, at the Loudon Hotel, where a most excellent menu was spread, that would not have disgraced any of our large city hotel keepers' establishments. Major Adair R.W.M. 133, St. David's, presided, and Bro. J. Harvey R.W.M. 179, St. Mungo, efficiently filled the Cronprier's Chair. The toasts of the Queen and the Craft; the Prince of Wales and the rest of the Royal Family; the Three Grand Lodges; were given from the chair, in a manner that showed the new Master was at home in presiding over a Masonic gathering. Bro. Gibson proposed the Army, Navy and Reserved Forces, and called upon the gallant chairman to respond. Major Adair, in brief, but pithy sentences, said, that notwithstanding the croakings of would-be prophets, he knew from actual observation that the Army and Navy would well maintain their old prestige, while it would be unfortunate for any invaders should they attempt to try the metal of the Volunteers. Bro. Muir P.M. 135 gave The Immortal Memory of Burns, in a truly eloquent speech, which we are sorry space forbids us to insert. The chairman then gave the Visiting Brethren. Bro. Wheeler responded, regretting that time prevented the others from replying, as the last train was leaving. The toast list was not completed, when we had to leave. We should mention that Bro. Alexander S.D., by his voice, and at the piano, contributed to the evening's enjoyment, and Bro. Cowin also sang, in good style, "Burns's Farewell to Tarbolton Lodge."

Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow.—The annual meeting for nomination of the Election Officers was held on the 11th of January, at St. Mark's Hall, Bro. John Baird P.G. S.M. in the chair. He said he was glad to report that Colonel W. M. Nelson P.G.M. was nearly recovered, and he hoped he would be able to be at their installation meeting. In the meantime, he had sent a commission to Bro. W. H. Bickerton as P.G.S., and it was for them now to elect the subordinate officers. Bro. James Gilles was then re-elected Treasurer, and the following is the list of the officers chosen by the Lodge:—John Morgan I.P.M. 219 S.D., John Miller P.M. 87 J.D., J. Ritchie 3 bis Architect, J. Jack R.W.M. 120 Jeweller, A. Bain P.M. 103 B.B., J. Halkett P.M. 102 D. of M., R. Robb 102 P. of S., J. Balfour D.M. 332 D. of C., D. Reid R.W.M. 465 S.B., Rev. Dr. Penny Assistant Chaplain, G. Sinclair P.M. 27 Treasurer of Benevolent Fund, J. Booth R.W.M. 87 I.G., J. B. Hardie 102 O.G. The P.G.L. was then closed in due form.

St. John's 3 bis.—Bro. W. Kyle jun. R.W.M., D. M. Nelson I.P.M., Fletcher, W. Bell, D. Han D.M., P. Brownlie S.W., Jas. Kyle J.W., J. Ferguson Treasurer, Wm. Cochrane Secretary. The late Treasurer presented his report, which showed a balance of about £138 in favour of the Lodge. The new Master then gave the E.A. degree in an able manner to Mr. Alex. Stevenson. This being the first meeting in the new year, the Lodge went to refreshment for a couple of hours.

Thistle and Rose, No. 73.—Held its regular meeting on the 16th of January, Bro. J. Kinnaird R.W.M. in the chair, supported by G. Macdonald I.P.M., G. W. Wheeler acting S.W., W. T. Kay J.W., G. Macdonald jun. S.D., J. Smith Chaplain. Arrangements were made for holding the 121st anniversary festival next month.

Union Lodge, No. 332.—Held its regular meeting on Monday, the 15th inst., at 213 Buchanan-street. Bro. D. McKirly R.W.M. in the chair, J. Balfour D.M. and a full complement of officers. Visitors—Bros. Jas. Findley R.W.M. 333, M. Stark R.W.M. 419. The Master read a letter he had received from Bro. Allman, from Virginia City, Nevada, enclosing a cheque for £5 as a contribution to the funds of his mother Lodge. The Master said that was the third time Bro. Allman had sent a similar amount, showing that he, at any rate, does not forget his mother Lodge, although in a foreign clime. The auditors account was read, showing that the Lodge is in a highly prosperous state. The R.W.M. then, in his usual style, initiated two gentlemen, Messrs. J. Ross and J. D. Thompson.

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Hemming Lodge, 1512, Hampton.—A full muster of the brethren of this Lodge met on Thursday evening, the 18th inst., under the presidency of the Worshipful Master (Bro. John Hurst), at the Red Lion Hotel. It is seldom there is any absentee among the officers, and on this occasion we were glad to notice they were all in their places. So long as the Master of a Lodge is personally supported by those to whom he naturally looks for assistance in the efficient discharge of Masonic obligations, so surely do we perceive that unanimous desire to promote the good of the science, to enhance the success of the Lodge and the comfort of its individual members. We have, therefore, the pleasure of congratulating Bro. Hurst upon the support he receives from those on whom he has bestowed a collar, and not less upon that he derives from the attendance of the lay brethren. The Lodge having been opened to the second degree, the ceremony of passing was performed, Bros. W. A. Messenger and J. Schmitz being the candidates. The question of establishing a Lodge of Instruction was discussed, but at present nothing definite is settled. Such, or some similar scheme, however, would, if brought into practical shape, prove of infinite advantage, as the officers would thus become better acquainted with each other's working, and certain slight differences in minor details which at present exist, from the mere fact of the brethren obtaining their Masonic knowledge in various quarters, would be toned down, and result in more uniform work. The other business being disposed of, the Lodge was closed down and refreshment served, under the direction of Bro. Murphy. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. Bro. W. Hammond P.P.G.D. responded for the P.G. Officers; Bro. Hopwood, the I.P.M., for the Past Masters; the Worshipful Master, on his own behalf, assured the brethren of his high appreciation of the position they had exalted him to. Bro. John Hammond and Bro. Hill, for the Officers, and Bro. Ockenden for the Charities. The latter has been appointed Steward for the Girls' School Festival, and in acknowledging the vote of Ten Guineas from the Lodge Funds, appealed for supplementary contributions from the various brethren. He reminded them that, though the grand total of nearly £40,000 had been subscribed last year to the three metropolitan Charities, the fraternity was augmenting daily in numbers, and with this increase there was a corresponding demand on the claims of the Charities; more than 160 girls were fed, clothed and cared for at Clapham, there was a long list of candidates waiting admission, and he trusted that their response to his appeal would result in a sum worthy of the Hemming Lodge, and creditable to the province of Middlesex.

Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611.—The first banquet in connection with this young, though remarkably prosperous Lodge, was held on Thursday, at the Queen's Hotel, Micklegate, York, when the landlord (Bro. H. Churchill) placed upon the table a most excellent dinner, served in good style. This banquet was specially held in honour of the Masters and Wardens of the Humber, Minerva, and Kingston Lodges (Hull), who had recommended the petition of the promoters of the Eboracum Lodge last year. At six o'clock, the chair was taken by the W.M., Bro. Thomas Cooper P.M., who was supported by the Right W. Dep. Prov. G. Master for N. and E. Yorkshire (Bro. J. P. Bell P.S.G.D. England), Bros. Ansell P.M. Humber Lodge, P. H. Rowland P.M., G. Balmford P.M. Treasurer of the Lodge, and other brethren. The vice-chair was occupied by Bro. T. B. Whytehead S.W., and the following officers were also present:—Bros. J. S. Cumberland J.W., J. Kay Secretary, M. Cooper J.D., G. Simpson D.C., C. G. Padel Organist, I. G. Soller I.G., and Bro. P. Pearson Tyler; whilst amongst the members of the Lodge and visitors present we noticed Bros. Toozes and Kidd (Humber Lodge, Hull), Bros. Alderman Perry, J. F. Stephenson, J. Morgan, J. Mason, T. Smith, M. Millington, I. F. Taylor, Irving, A. I. B. Turner, T. D. Smith, J. Ward Prov. G. Pursuivant, J. Bleukin, W. H. Bland, &c. Letters had been received from the R.W. Prov. G. Master the Earl of Zetland, the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett S. Prov. G.W., M. C. Peck Prov. G. Secretary, W. Hunt P.M. Kingston Lodge, Hull, G. Wilkinson W.M. Minerva Lodge, Hull, the Rev. W. Valentine, and many other prominent Masons, expressing regret at their inability to be present. After the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts (as well as that of the Prov. Grand Master the Earl of Zetland) had been given from the chair, and duly honoured, the W.M. gave "The W. Bro. J. P. Bell Esq. M.D. J.P., P.S.G.D. England, Dep. Prov. G.M. of N. and E. Yorkshire, and the Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge." In the course of his remarks, he spoke of the sense of gratification felt by the Lodge at numbering on their list of members the names of the Prov. Grand Master, the Deputy Prov. G. Master, and the Prov. Grand Secretary, and they regarded the presence of the Dep. Prov. G. Master on that evening as an honour as well as a pleasure. In replying, the Dep. Prov. G. Master said that, from what he had heard and seen, not only that evening, but during the interval between the consecration of the Lodge, last August, and the present time, he was more than ever convinced that the establishment of the Eboracum Lodge was a wise step, and one that would tend, and had already tended to the good of Masonry in that ancient city—which was regarded as the cradle of Masonry in England. He had every confidence that those who were entrusted with the welfare of the Eboracum Lodge would carry out their responsibilities with the zeal and discretion that they had hitherto exhibited, and would merit all the praise that could be bestowed on them. The Dep. Prov. G. Master then gave some excellent advice to the young members present, as to the objects of Masonry, and the manner in which they should prosecute its study, and concluded by proposing (in complimentary terms) the health of the W.M. The reception accorded to this and the previous toasts was most enthusiastic, as was also that of "The Visiting Brethren," proposed by the S.W., who referred to the special objects of the dinner, and the pleasure it afforded the brethren to see amongst them some of those who stretched out to them a helping hand in the hour of their necessity. Bro. P. H. Rowland P.M. proposed "The Officers of the Lodge," and the S.W., in replying, said that only one of the officers

was absent, the S.D., who was prevented from attending by illness. They had every confidence in their W. Master, in themselves, and in the future of their Lodge. Bro. Ansell P.M., in replying to the toast of the Visitors, said it needed no prophet to foresee for the Eboracum Lodge, as it was conducted at present, a splendid future, and it gave the Hull brethren much pleasure to think they had been at all instrumental in forwarding the formation of such a Lodge. The evening was spent in a most agreeable manner, the proceedings being enlivened by songs, &c., contributed by the Senior and Junior Wardens, the Organist, the Treasurer, and Bros. T. D. Smith, J. Shilleto, and A. T. B. Turner.

West Smithfield Lodge, No. 1623.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Thursday, 18th instant, at the New Market Hotel, West Smithfield. Present—Bros. J. Smith P.G.P. W.M., T. W. Adams S.W., G. S. Elliott J.W., F. Walters P.G.J.D. Middlesex Secretary, J. Howes P.M. S.D., J. Johnson J.D., G. S. Wintle P.M. I.G., A. Black D.C., W. Pennefather P.M. W.S. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. Ballots were taken for the admission of Messrs. W. Smyth, C. Davis, and W. C. Watts, who were duly initiated into the Order. Bros. Leggett, F. W. Evans 1423, and A. Macfarlane 1423, were passed to the second degree. The two latter brethren by the courtesy of the W.M.; Bros. T. McCluer, Butt, W. B. Dolafous, and W. Snow were raised to the third degree. Bro. W. Sugg P.M. 452 and 35 was elected a joining member. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to a capital banquet, provided by Bro. Butt. The usual Loyal, Masonic and complimentary toasts were honoured. The Visitors were Bros. J. Baldwin P.G.A.P. Middlesex P.M. 1423, R. P. Hooton P.M. 765, F. W. Evans 1423, and A. MacFarlane 1423. The testimonial to Bro. F. Walters P.G.J.D. Middlesex, which has been liberally subscribed to by the brethren, will be presented on the 27th inst., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.

Tredegar Lodge of Instruction, No. 1625.—The first meeting of this new Lodge was held on Monday, 23rd inst., at the Royal, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road, E. Bro. E. Gotthei occupied the chair. There were also present Bros. Huggett S.W., Hogard J.W., T. J. Barnes P.M. Treasurer, Geo. Hollington Secretary, Rawley jun. I.G., and a number of ordinary members. It was intended that this meeting should be of a preliminary character, for the purpose of confirming the minutes relating to the proceedings of the committee which had met on the Monday previous. The Lodge having been formally opened, the minutes were unanimously confirmed. Bro. Barnes then read the minutes referring to the resolution of the members of the Eastern Star Lodge of Instruction, No. 93, to merge its interests with that of the Tredegar Lodge, and these were also adopted. Several important points were suggested, by different members, having for their object to promote the well-being of the Lodge, all of which are intended to be embodied in the bye-laws. Bro. Huggett was elected to preside at the next meeting, and on that occasion, after a ceremony has been worked, propositions will be received relative to arrangements to be made for the inauguration of the new Lodge, part of which will probably consist in the working of the ceremonies of consecration and installation, a brother of eminence to be invited to perform the important duty. Six brethren were enrolled as members, after which the Lodge was closed, and the brethren separated.

THE DRAMA.

Pygmalion and Galatea at the Haymarket.

THE announcement of the intended revival of Mr. Gilbert's mythological comedy, *Pygmalion and Galatea*, attracted a large and enthusiastic audience to the HAYMARKET on Saturday last. Idyllic grace and racy humour are here combined with a pathetic and dramatic story; and the result is a comedy which is eminently calculated both to amuse the fancy and to touch the heart. Many playgoers will remember the brilliant success achieved by Mrs. Kendal in the part of Galatea on the first production of the play. Mr. Gilbert has himself admitted that it rests very much with the two principal ladies of the piece to make or mar its success. And certainly there can be no doubt that Mrs. Kendal did a great deal to secure for the comedy the general favour then bestowed upon it. The revival, however, is less fortunate in its representative of the principal character. Miss Marion Terry, who now appears as Galatea, is manifestly inadequate to the requirements of so important a part. Galatea is no *ingénue*, no mere blushing school girl, or Dorothy Druce, but a perfect type of womanhood, with a woman's love, a woman's pity, a woman's capacity of grief, and only the inexperience of a child. When Galatea is uttering her *naïf* speeches, Miss Terry is not ineffective, but in the scenes where love, distraction, grief, or despair have to be portrayed, her deficiencies are painfully apparent. The part of Cynisca is more happily interpreted. Miss Hodson is an actress with a natural power of pathetic expression, and she is besides a more experienced artiste. Her acting throughout is excellent. Mr. Harcourt gives a less finished interpretation of the character of Pygmalion than his predecessor, Mr. Kendal; but it is not wanting in a certain dignity and power. Mr. Backstone is, of course, in his element in a part like Chryso, and the humour of the part could not be better rendered. Mrs. Chippendale is also most effective in the character of Daphne, and Mr. Howe presents a manly and soldier-like portrait of the martial Leucippe. Miss Harris, as Myrene, is hardly suited to her character. The play is well mounted, and has been enthusiastically received during the entire week. The comedy is preceded by a pleasant one-act comedy, entitled *Follow the Leader*, which is cleverly acted by Miss Kathleen Irwin and Mr. Herbert, and followed by the fanciful conceit, *Birds in their Little Nests Agree*.

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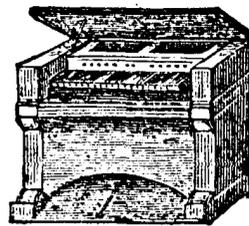
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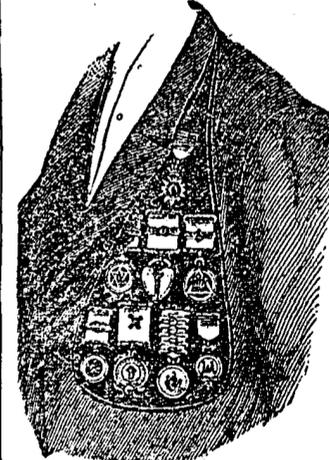
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