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## LODGE RULERS.

IN a recent issue we discussed at some length the important subject of "Lodge Rulers." We were induced to this step by the immense influence which the election of our highest officers must exercise on the general well-being of the Craft. We return to the question to-day, because, in two among the many reports of Lodge meetings which appeared last week, there are evidences that in sundry notable cases the utmost care is taken to elect those only who are qualified to fulfil the high duties entrusted to them. The government of a Masonic Lodge is no child's play. As we pointed out a fortnight since, it involves a far greater degree of responsibility than the mere chairmanship of a social gathering. But even in this latter, success or non-success depends almost entirely on the qualities, good, bad, or indifferent, which distinguish the chairman. Harmony, the utmost geniality, a proper sense of order and decorum, prevail invariably where the chairman is himself a genial, dignified, and discreet man. In the absence of these requisite qualifications, the social gathering degenerates, as we have said, into a confabulation of bears. We take it, then, that above and beyond his other needful recommendations, the Master of a Lodge should be a genial, dignified, and discreet man. Genial he should be, or the Lodge will have in it little or no life. Its labours will be formal, its refreshment tasteless and unenjoyable. Dignified he must be, or the Craft will lose caste during his tenure of office. His duties are important, and he must show, not only that he himself has a sense of their importance; he must likewise endue others with the same particular sense. As to his discretion, the Master who has it not, how, we ask, is it possible for such a one to allay the jealousies, both great and small, which are as easily aroused in the minds of Masons as of other men? How will he reconcile the oftentimes widely-diverging tastes of his fellow members, who for the time being are, so to speak, his subjects? We fancy there are very few who will have the courage to deny that a Master who lacks these three essential qualities of geniality, dignity, and discretion, stands a fair chance of proving a conspicuous failure as the President of a Lodge. But these are only additional to certain other qualities which it is desirable that a Lodge Ruler should exhibit. We say "desirable," instead of requisite, advisedly. Were we to enumerate the characteristics which should distinguish him, our ideal of a Worshipful Master would present the picture of a perfect man, such as is not to be found within the pale of Freemasonry any more than it is outside it. Therefore in this, as in our former article, we shall confine ourselves to a notice of those characteristics, which, in our opinion, it is possible for every brother who aspires to be a Lodge Ruler, to exhibit. Thus, the least we have a right to expect of such a brother that he shall be a good "maistir of wark." We are not calling upon him to make any unusual sacrifice when we ask him to acquire just so much knowledge of his duties as will enable him to pass the chair creditably. By duties we do not mean that he should occupy his chair more or less gracefully, and array himself more or less becomingly in his Masonic clothing. Nor do we limit our sense of duties simply to the occasional utterance of a few monosyllables, and the giving a few strokes of the gavel. We are not greatly overrating the average ability of Masons if we say we think that most of them are capable of doing thus much fairly well. Our notion of a good "maistir of wark," is of one who can open and close his Lodge successfully without the friendly assistance of a

P.M.; who can rehearse the several ceremonies impressively, and with a fair degree of accuracy; who can vacate his seat at the end of his term of office gracefully, by duly installing his successor; who is able to rectify any errors which his officers may commit; who, in a difficulty, has presence of mind enough to offer some kind of solution of it. This is the sum of the knowledge we think a brother on the point of being installed in the chair of his Lodge should possess, or the efficiency of the Lodge will be damaged. We might go further, without seriously trespassing upon the patience of our readers. There is nothing irregular in our suggesting that an intending candidate for the chair of an English Lodge should possess some knowledge of the English language. We do not expect him to be a scholar, a perfect master of diction, a man of letters; but we do expect him to know the meaning of what he utters, and to possess the power of stringing together a few sentences, so that the sense of what he says may be obvious to others, if not to himself. Our proverbial loyalty should forbid us so murdering the Queen's English that even a Queen's speech would be Demosthenic in comparison. In a mixed society like ours, we must look to find a very irregularly graduated scale both of knowledge and ability. We have no right to be disappointed when we find our expectations fulfilled, and that the equality before the Masonic law, which we not only inculcate, but practise, does not manifest itself in this important requisite of Masonic knowledge; but we are justified in exclaiming against Ignorance—downright stolid Ignorance—flaunting itself in our high places. To revert, however, to the main point we have in view. We think a Master should know enough to enable him to fulfil his duties respectably, and we see no obstacle whatever to his acquiring this knowledge. Let us take the case of the Doric Lodge, whose installation meeting was chronicled last week in these pages. "A very wholesome rule in this Lodge," writes our reporter, "is, that each W.M., before being elected to the chair, is required to show his proficiency and capability to perform satisfactorily the duties that may be required of him, and, in addition, that when he shall have completed his year of office, he should instal his successor." And, he adds, "By this wise rule, all the junior officers are careful to perfect themselves in their respective duties, and a thorough state of efficiency throughout the Lodge is thus secured." This—leaving the geniality and the other qualities for a moment out of the question—is, as we have said, the sum and substance of what should be required of every aspirant to magisterial honours. Again, let us take the occurrences at the meeting, also chronicled last week, of the Hervey Lodge of Instruction. On this occasion, the meeting was held "for the purpose of examining the S.W. of the Mother Lodge, previous to the election of W.M." Accordingly Bro. Southwood, the S.W. in question, presided for the evening as W.M. The Lodge was opened, and the ceremony of initiation rehearsed. The Lodge was again opened, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. The Lodge for the third time was opened, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed. It was then duly agreed that the Secretary should write to the W.M. of the Hervey Lodge, informing him of the efficient manner in which Bro. Southwood had worked the various ceremonies, and that a vote of thanks should also be recorded on the minutes, to the worthy brother himself, for having so worked them. Here we have an illustration of the advantages our Lodges of Instruction offer to intending candidates for any and every office in a Lodge. What was done in this instance can be done in the instance of every other aspirant to the Mastership, at

least, in the case of our Metropolitan Lodges; and even in the Provinces, where the facilities for acquiring the requisite knowledge are certainly fewer, it only requires the exercise of a little pains, the devotion of a leisure hour or two now and then, and the intending candidate for the chair of K.S. will readily learn enough to acquit himself fairly well in his office. Let those Lodges which have not already prescribed for themselves such a rule as the Doric insists on having observed, lose no time in doing so. Let W.M.'s elect and designate have grace enough to learn their duties, and prove themselves capable, as did Bro. Southwood in the case we have quoted, of undertaking the office of Master, and we shall very quickly have the labours of our Lodges efficiently conducted. A poet has said—

“Where ignorance is bliss, 'tis folly to be wise.”

This is all very well in certain cases, and, no doubt, if our W.M.'s are permitted to rule in blissful ignorance of their duties, it would be an act of folly in them to acquire the requisite wisdom. There is, however, one objection to the application of this *dictum* in the case under discussion. Masonry is a science, science implies knowledge, knowledge is not to be acquired without study, and so on through the whole category of steps, just as in the nursery tale of the House that Jack Built.

When we look this question of Lodge rulers fairly in the face, is it not, in very truth, an absurdity, that we should be called upon to regard a man who knows nothing as the representative of King Solomon? Is the science of Masonry enriched, when a Lodge is presided over by one who knows not how to open it, how to close it, or what to do in the interim? We readily admit there are cases where a brother may properly be elected to the chair, whose knowledge of our ritual is imperfect. He may, in spite of this, possess many excellent qualities, both of heart and mind, and prove a very efficient ruler. The prompt assistance of his P.M.'s will always be available, and help him through the more laborious functions of his office. The members of the Lodge will certainly exhibit towards him the utmost forbearance, casting out of sight his imperfections, and having regard only to the sterling qualities he possesses. There is a true pleasure in helping so worthy a Craftsman through his duties, nor should we even for a moment pretend to assert that the occasional reception of such a one into the ranks of our experts would exercise any influence upon the Craft that is detrimental. But these are only exceptional cases. The rule is, as we have said, that a brother who offers himself for any responsible position in a Lodge, and especially for its Mastership, must have a knowledge of its duties. The facilities for acquiring this knowledge are many, and the task of no great difficulty. There is an old saying to the effect that, what is worth doing at all is worth doing well. Our remarks are intended to go even beyond this. In the class of cases we cited a fortnight since, the question is not between doing and doing well, but between doing and not doing, what is required to be done. We are content when we enter a Lodge to find that the Master knows his duty. We are pleased when we find he knows it well. We cannot honestly say we experience any sense of contentment when we find he knows and can do nothing. A line must be drawn somewhere, as the *nouvelle riche* said when she excluded from her receptions all below the rank of baronet. In drawing the line somewhere between eligible and ineligible candidates for the Mastership, we cannot be accused of too great exclusiveness if we fix it so as to shut out Ignorance.

#### GRAND COMMANDERY, KNIGHTS TEMPLARS, VIRGINIA, U.S.

WE have received copy of Proceedings of the Annual Assembly of the above Grand Commandery, held in the city of Alexandria, on the 15th and 16th November last. R.E. Robert E. Withers, Grand Commander, presided, and was strongly supported by his Grand Officers, by representatives of ten out of the fourteen subordinate Commanderies, and likewise by a numerous array of visitors. The Grand Commandery having been opened in solemn form, the Grand Commander delivered his usual address, in which he noted the principal incidents of the past year, referred to the courteous invitation received to attend the grand Templar re-union held in Philadelphia in the month of June, to his presence, by the invitation of the

R.E. Grand Commander of Maryland, at the ceremonies incident to the installation of the officers of subordinate Commanderies of that jurisdiction; and also mentioned the decisions he had arrived at on certain questions of jurisprudence which had been submitted to him. This address was, as usual, referred to a committee, and the other business, including the appointment of a Grand Lecturer, having been dispatched, the Grand Commandery was dismissed till the following morning. On re-assembling on the 16th, the first business was the election of Grand Officers, but only a few of these were new elections, the majority of the officers being re-appointed for a further year's service. After their installation, a committee was appointed to prepare suitable resolutions in connection with the services of the late Grand Recorder Sir Knight John Dove, the announcement of whose death had been received only a short time previous to the election. The Committee on the Address then presented its report, thanking the Grand Commander for his eminent services, re-echoing his sentiments as to the duties which Sir Knights should fulfil in private as well as in public, and endorsing all his decisions. To this Report is appended a series of resolutions, by the first of which it was agreed to have a gold pen made, and studded with diamonds, bearing on it the name of “John Dove, Grand Recorder,” to be always placed on the Grand Recorder's desk as a memorial of his services. The Report also authorised the Grand Commander to write a letter of condolence to the Grand Recorder; but this, of course, was rendered nugatory by his death. The Grand Treasurer's account was then presented, showing receipts, including a balance of 375.38 dollars, amounting to 787.38 dollars, and expenditure 353.50 dollars, thus leaving a balance in hand of 433.88 dollars. The Reports of other Committees having been presented, the Grand Commandery was dismissed, a resolution having previously been passed, fixing upon Lynchburg as the place, and the second Tuesday in the month of October as the date, of meeting in the current year. Appended are lists of the different Commanderies in the jurisdiction. They are as follow:—Fredericksburg Commandery, No. 1, twenty-six members; Richmond, No. 2, one hundred and ninety-six; Charlottesville, No. 3, thirty-nine; De Molay, No. 4, eighty-six; Portsmouth, No. 5, fifty-six; Appomattox, No. 6, eighty-one; Dove, No. 7, twenty-four; Stevenson, No. 8, forty; Christiansburg, No. 9, twenty-six; Meherrin, No. 10, no return for four years; Old Dominion, No. 11, fifty-five; Winchester, No. 12, twenty-three; Johnson, No. 14, twenty-seven; Grice, No. 16, seventy-five. No Nos. 13 and 15. The proceedings conclude with other statistical matter, a list of deaths, and the Report of the Committee appointed to prepare resolutions in consequence of the lamented death of Sir Knight Dove. We offer our fraternal thanks for the receipt of these interesting particulars.

#### MASONRY IN INDIA.

THE *Standard* of Bombay for last week, contains an article congratulating the Craft on the near prospect there is of the erection, in the capital of the Great Western Presidency, of a suitable Masonic Temple, where our Bombay brethren may celebrate their rites comfortably and appropriately. It also refers at some length to the installation of Bro. Rustomjee Merwanjee as W.M. of the Lodge Rising Star of Western India, No. 842 under the Scottish Constitutions. The ceremony is reported to have been both ably and impressively performed by Bro. Henry Morland, Grand Master of Scottish Freemasonry in all India. Parsee, Hindoo, Mahomedan, and European brethren were present in considerable numbers, and the speeches of both the newly installed W. Master and Bro. Morland were admirable specimens of neat and appropriate oratory, with the further advantages of being brief, clear, and to the point. The same periodical contains, among other interesting matter, chapters I. and II. of a most valuable work, by Dr. Adolf Rapp, on “The Religion and the Customs of the Persian and other Iranians,” the translation being by Bro. K. R. Cama.

The *Masonic Record of Western India*, published at Jubulpore, opens with a useful and very pertinent article on the subject of “Lodges of Improvement.” The remarks of our contemporary are seasonable as well as appropriate. We notice also accounts of the meetings held on the 30th October and 2nd December respectively, of the District

**Grand Lodges of the Punjab and Bombay.** At the former, Bro. Major W. Mackesey, Dep. D.G.M., presided, and, in the course of his address, congratulated the brethren on the progress which the Craft had made lately in India, as well as elsewhere. The Report of the Fund of Benevolence having been read, and sundry resolutions in accordance therewith having been proposed and carried, the acting D.G.M., before closing the Lodge, expressed his regret at the paucity of attendance on the part of the members, and also that so few, on finding themselves unable to attend, had thought it worth while to send any apology for their absence. Bro. Hon. J. Gibbs presided at the half yearly communication of the Bombay D.G.L. In the course of his address, Bro. Gibbs touched on the rights and privileges of honorary membership. The sum of Rs. 1,000 having been transferred from the Hall Fund to the Grand Lodge Fund, in order to meet certain expenditure incurred in connection with Masonic ceremonies on the Prince of Wales's visit to Bombay, and the other business having been disposed of, the D. Grand Lodge was closed with the customary formalities.

## PROVINCIAL GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF CORNWALL.

### INSTALLATION OF LORD MOUNT EDGCUMBE.

THE Royal Arch Freemasons of Cornwall achieved a notable work last Tuesday, for they secured to themselves the advantage of provincial organisation, and witnessed the installation of the Right Hon. the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe at its head. The event marks the complete resuscitation of this superior degree of the order in the county. In the latter part of the last century there was a Provincial Grand Chapter of Cornwall, but, with the exception of the Falmouth Chapter, which, however, remains dormant, all the Chapters then meeting have died out. The oldest working Chapter is that at Penzance, which dates from 1863, since which Chapters have been established at Truro, Hayle, St. Austell, Liskeard, St. Day, Tywardreath, and St. Germans. There were therefore good grounds for the formation of a Provincial Grand Chapter. The novelty of the occasion, and the ceremony of installing the Earl as Grand Superintendent, drew a large number of Arch Masons from all parts of the county, as well as from across the Tamar, who met in the handsome room of the Masonic Hall, at Truro, Ex. Comp. L. P. Metham Provincial Grand H. of Devonshire kindly undertook to perform the installation ceremony, as the representative of the Grand First Principal (the Earl of Carnarvon).

The Chapter was opened in due form, with Ex. Comp. Metham presiding as Z., and supported by Comp. Colonel Peard, and Comp. N. J. West occupying the H. and J. chairs respectively; Comp. W. Tweedy acting as P. Soj., and Comp. R. John as Master of Ceremonies. Comp. Sir Frederick Martin Williams, Bart., M.P., who, on entering the Chapter, was greeted with hearty applause, occupied a seat near the E.Z. When all were assembled, Ex. Comp. Metham introduced the business by observing on its gratifying characteristics—the constitution of a Provincial Grand Chapter, and the installation at its head of one in whom all felt a pride in the immediate prospect of his filling the office—of one who, always desirous of benefitting the Craft and humanity in general, was sure to receive from the Chapter that cordial welcome which his kindness deserved. (Applause). The patent for the constitution of the Provincial Grand Chapter and the installation of the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe having been read by Comp. John, Comps. F. W. Dabb, W. J. Johns, G. Kerswell, and T. C. Stephens, as the deputation, ushered in the Earl as Grand Superintendent. Designate.

Ex. Comp. Metham, addressing his lordship, said:—"Excellent Companion Lord Mount Edgcumbe: In acting to-day as Installing Officer, it is my pleasing privilege to congratulate you on the distinguished position you have attained, and the Province on their good fortune in receiving as their ruler one, who, both by precept and example, illustrates and adorns the principles of Freemasonry. I am also charged to convey to you the warmest congratulations and good wishes of my Illustrious Chief, the Grand Superintendent, and the Companions of Devonshire. You have already shown, as Provincial Grand Master, that you possess a just and generous mind, which would be more gratified in guiding the judgment and winning the affections of your brethren, than in exercising a despotic power over their lives and fortunes. To all of us our Great Master has committed talents, to some more and to others less, for which we shall have to account at His coming. To you, more than to most, He has committed great and precious talents which I am confident you will not bury in a napkin, but employ to His glory and the welfare of your fellow creatures, more especially the great talent to be committed to your keeping this day. You receive this honourable distinction at a time when the prelates of a Church, hostile to our Order, are every day, with increased virulence, fulminating anathemas against Freemasons as materialists and atheists. It will be your duty by your public conduct, your private life, and your teaching, to contradict so unfounded a calumny. Before administering to you the solemn obligation pertaining to your office, it is my duty to call your attention to the supreme and unsurpassable character of the Royal Arch Degree. It must of necessity be the climax of Freemasonry, for it is intimately blended with all that is near and dear to us in another and a higher state of existence. It is founded on a name which is above every name—the name of the Great I AM, who was from all eternity, is now, and shall be one and the same

for ever; who is the Eternal Ruler of the Universe, the elemental life, the primordial source of all its principles, the very spring and fountain of all its virtues and of all its blessings. Like the ladder of Jacob's dream the base of our system rests on the earth, the intermediate steps are clear and defined, but the summit reaches to the Heavens and is buried in the clouds. When the just and upright brother who has modelled his life according to the principles of truth and virtue; who has made Charity his guide, in thought, word and deed, towards all men; who has cultivated and exercised his intellectual powers to the glory of God and the welfare of his fellow creatures, stands at last on the brink of the grave which is about to receive him into its cold bosom, he quails not, but raises his eyes in faith to that bright morning star whose rising shall bring peace and salvation to the faithful and obedient of the human race. And then, when death has thrown his sable mantle around him—when the last arrow of our mortal enemy has been despatched—when the bow of the mighty conqueror has been broken by the iron arm of time—when the angel of the Lord has declared that time itself shall be no more, and when, by that victory, God has subdued all things unto himself, then will our faithful brother behold the clouds rolled back from the summit of the ladder, and he will find himself in the presence of the Great I AM, his beneficent Creator and merciful Judge, and he shall behold (not as now, through a glass darkly, but face to face) Him whom he has obeyed in life and trusted in death. The Royal Arch Degree, is, therefore, to us a pillar of daily admiration and instruction and a beacon of eternal light guiding us through the intricate windings of our mortal existence, and only leaving us when having passed through the gloomy portals which divide life from death we enter those eternal mansions where the true secrets of Masonry shall be disclosed, never again to be concealed or lost. Were there a thousand degrees, each more beautiful than the other, useful as they may be as illustrations, exponents or incentives, they are, unless connected with or dependent on the Royal Arch degree, weakened as moral teachers and deprived of their most solemn, vital, and instructive character. They would be like the fruit described in Eastern fable, beautiful and tempting to the eye, but stony and cold to the touch and bitter as ashes to the taste. Had the soul no aspirations breathed into its inmost consciousness by which it was convinced it should never perish, the cry of the heathen sensualist, "Let us eat, drink, and be merry, for to-morrow we die," would be the best philosophy and the easiest rule of life. Still superlative as I claim this degree to be, I emphatically call on you to remember that it is but a link, although the most precious link, in the golden chain which binds together in mutual dependence the various parts of our whole system. And if you have carefully followed the teaching of the three degrees of which the Royal Arch is the capstone, you will have learned that there is no more acceptable service or sacrifice you can offer to your beneficent Creator than to look beyond the narrow limits of particular institutions, whether civil or religious, and to behold in every child of Adam a brother of the dust. You obey His will and you do the truest Masonic work when you tend the sick, feed the hungry, clothe the naked, shelter the outcast, visit the widow and orphan in their desolation, cheer the mourners in their sorrow, and extend comfort and consolation to every one of your fellow creatures in their need, irrespective of nation, language, creed, or colour.

He prayeth best who loveth best,  
All things both great and small,  
For the dear God who loveth us,  
Hath made and loves them all.

We are, therefore, bound as Royal Arch Masons, in gratitude for favours so abundantly showered upon us, and in expectation of the fulfilment of His gracious promises for the future, to do our utmost to hasten the completion of that glorious Temple, that Spiritual building which is to supersede the typical Temple erected on Mount Moriah. Let us diligently employ the working tools of this degree, let us perform our allotted task while it is yet day. With the sword by our side let us fight for the true against the false, the good against the evil, and the weak against the strong; with the crowbar let us demolish the strongholds of pride, prejudice, ignorance, and superstition; with the pickaxe let us bury the rubbish of the body of the old Adam; with the shovel let us clear away the ruins of a fallen nature, and prepare the ground for a new structure, fitted for the reception of truth, virtue, and wisdom; with the trowel let us every day add a white and perfect ashlar to the walls of the new Temple, which, though, alas, only too slowly, is gradually and certainly growing up, by-and-by to cover the whole earth, to embrace and fold, within its ample courts, all people, nations and languages, and to be filled with the name, the honour and glory of the Great I AM—(loud and continued applause.)

The installing ceremony was then most impressively conducted, Comps. the Rev. G. L. Church, the Rev. G. Ross and R. John assisting Ex. Comp. Metham. The Earl of Mount Edgcumbe having been invested with the robes of office and conducted to his chair, was cordially greeted and saluted in ancient form. Addressing the Chapter, he first of all thanked Ex. Comp. Metham for his most impressive conduct of the day's ceremony—(applause.) The Chapter, he was sure, would warmly reciprocate Comp. Metham's sentiments with regard to the cordial feeling and congratulations he brought with him from the sister Province—(applause)—and it was a matter of deep regret to him that the G.S. of Devon, the Rev. J. Hayshe, was unable to take upon himself the duties so admirably performed by the second principal of the Devonshire Province. As years rolled on it was his hope that the Royal Arch Masons of Cornwall would look back to this day as an era of no little importance in the Masonic history of the Province—(applause)—not because so humble and inexperienced a person as himself had been placed in the principal chair, but because it was the commencement of anything like provincial organisation in the county in connection with this high degree—(hear, hear)—a degree which was the climax of pure Masonry. (Applause.) He did not mean to say that they

could with great certainty maintain the extreme antiquity some claimed for the degree, as it was at present worked. A great deal was to be said for the opinion that it did not date back farther than the early part of the last century. Many supposed it to have arisen in the time of the great schism between Freemasons. In these days they could happily treat that schism entirely as a matter of ancient history, because of the thorough unanimity that now reigned among Masons of the United Kingdom. (Applause.) In 1738, however, there was a schism, and it was supposed that the Royal Arch degree, as now worked, was then originated by one of the two factions, and no record was said to exist of its having been worked before that. But consideration should be had to the extreme difficulty of obtaining distinctive records of an institution which was almost entirely maintained by oral tradition, especially at a time when there was very little Masonry going on. Another thing to be remembered was that if the Royal Arch Degree, as it now stood, was not of very great antiquity, it was almost positively certain that the mysterious sacred name upon which all its special character hung, must have been preserved in a separate degree in the Master Masons of that time, and in proof of that a tracing board of a Master Mason's Lodge was published on the continent a long time previous to the schism in which that name was placed in a prominent position. Whatever its origin, in the present position of the Master Mason's degree, with its substituted secrets, it was quite clear that it (the Master Mason's degree) would have been very imperfect, but for the addition of the Royal Arch Degree. (Hear, hear). If they took the mysterious name, which was the test and centre of their work in this degree, and investigated it, they would see the impossibility of its being a modern invention. His lordship proceeded to analyse the mysterious name etymologically, with a view to establish its antiquity, and to suggest, as they were making a fresh start, that there was much to interest in the degree. Masonry was not only a most important machinery for carrying out the principles of brotherly love and equality, but it was of great interest as enabling them, if its history was at all true, to trace back the plan or system of laws by which God had from the earliest days, as it were, gradually developed the moral and religious elements of his intellectual creatures, just as geology and other natural sciences enabled man to trace the development of God's plan in the material creation. Royal Arch Masonry enabled them to trace back the development of the conception of God as a Trinity. The principal symbol in the degree was used to indicate a Trinity a thousand years before Christ. The Arch Degree, if studied in accordance with views he had expressed, would teach them a higher view of the Deity than as the mere Architect of the World, and would also give them a truer idea of their inter-dependence on each other. He trusted they would be led to study the origin of the Royal Arch degree, and to see that if Masonry in general was deserving of being kept pure and bright by the non-admission of anything bringing dishonour on it, still more was this necessary in the case of this the highest of its degrees. (Applause).

The G.S. then proceeded to invest his officers as follow:—Comps. Sir Fred. Williams H., Rev. George Ross 151 J., W. Tweedy 331 Treasurer, E. Truebody Carlyon 331 Scribe N., Richard John 331 Scribe E., W. H. Jenkins 331 P. Soj., G. Kerswill 1164 1st Asst. Soj., J. Paull 1006 2nd Asst. Soj., W. J. Johns 331 Registrar, W. Guy 1151 Standard Bearer, N. J. West 450 Sword Bearer, C. R. Courtney 510 M.C., J. Niness 1006 Organist, I. Levin 121 Steward, C. Truscott jun. 496 Steward, J. B. Kerswill 1164 Steward, T. C. Stephens 1151 Steward.

Comp. Tweedy was elected Treasurer on the motion of Comp. T. Webber, seconded by Comp. W. H. Jenkins. The G.S., investing Comp. Jenkins, remarked of him that it was chiefly owing to his exertions Royal Arch Masonry was resuscitated in the county.

A letter of apology for absence was read from E. Comp. Hughan P.Z., Representative Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania, and his offer to assist in the compilation of the new bye-laws was most gratefully accepted.

The first, second, and third Past Principals, Scribes E. and N., and the Treasurer of each Chapter, with the present Z., were appointed a committee to frame bye-laws for the Provincial Chapter; and before the Chapter was closed, E. Comp. Metham was cordially thanked for services so kindly and efficiently rendered.—*Western Daily Mercury*.

## FREEMASONS' BANQUET AND BALL AT BRIGHTON.

ON Tuesday, 16th February, the York and St. Cecilia Lodges of Masons had, at the Brighton Pavilion, a magnificent entertainment—comprising banquet and ball—at which enjoyment was fairly divided between members of the Craft and the members of the softer sex. The banquet was served in the banquetting room, by Messrs. Sayers and Marks, of Western-road. The party was presided over by Bro. Nell W.M. of the York Lodge, and the general arrangements were efficiently carried out by the following committee:—Bros. Start, Peel, Weston Hon. Sec., H. Payne, Pearson, Foat, Sandeman, Eberal, H. E. Cox, R. T. Nye, G. Emery, W. H. Harley, Carden, R. T. Pope, and A. J. Hawkes. The company at the banquet numbered about 120. About nine o'clock the ball was opened in the Music-room, which was hung with white lace curtains. Bro. Devin's orchestral band was engaged, and went through a long and excellent programme. Light refreshments were served in the North Drawing-room, the South Drawing-room being an agreeable promenade. The rooms and corridor were elegantly decorated with flowering plants and evergreens. The success of the ball was greatly due to the exertions of the M.C.'s, Bros. A. T. Hawkes, R. T. Pope, and S. P. Weston, the latter of whom was most indefatigable in his exertions to keep every thing going smoothly.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

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*We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of our Correspondents.*

*We cannot undertake to return rejected communications.*

*All Letters must bear the name and address of the Writer, not necessarily for publication, but as a guarantee of good faith.*

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### LORD CARNARVON AND OUR CHARITIES:

*To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Let me shortly reply to Bro. Constable, whose charitable views entirely coincide with my own, as follows:—

Lord Carnarvon did not say that the Charities did not want money; his Lordship stated that they did not need a special grant; and this I am glad to think is quite correct. The Craft, by its grand exertions, annually supplies the funds required, and the money thus collected is, in the aggregate, almost, if not quite, unprecedented in the history of Charities.

Faternally yours,

20th February 1877.

A V.P. OF BOTH SCHOOLS.

*To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—On the principle that the troubles of others are a slight alleviation of our own misfortunes, I must confess I read Bro. John Constable's letter in your last issue with a certain amount of melancholy satisfaction that I was not the only Steward for the Boys' School who had met with rebuffs on account of Lord Carnarvon's speech.

I have the honour to be a Steward for the coming Festival of the Boys' Schools, and, representing as I do a province which is certainly not the least influential and wealthy, I had made up my mind to a large and hearty response from those to whom I appealed. But my discomfiture has been great where the reason given for not subscribing has been, "We are told, on the highest possible authority, that no Masonic Charity will ever appeal in vain, and that they do not want money, and that of course Lord Carnarvon knows of some hidden and secret mine of wealth to supply the exhausted coffers."

I sincerely hope his Lordship can make good his words, and that the appeal of the Institutions will not be made in vain. For my own part, I fear my individual list will be "beautifully less."

I am, yours fraternally,

Manchester, 19th Feb. 1877.

ROYAL ORDER.

*To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—It really appears to me, from the letter of Bro. Constable, in your last issue, in which he refers to certain remarks of our Pro Grand Master, Lord Carnarvon, that he, Bro. Constable, has somewhat misjudged those remarks, and that instead of injuring his canvass as Steward for the Boys' Institution, they should and will serve the cause of our Charities.

What the Pro Grand Master did in effect say was, that our Charities would never lack the goodwill and noble feeling of the Order, that the Charities would obtain sufficient for all purposes from the voluntary efforts of the Craft.

The truth of these words is evident in the ever increasing amounts brought to the Charities annually by the good work of its Stewards. In this work Bro. Constable is known to play an earnest and diligent part.

The words of the Pro Grand Master stated, the Craft would give, as occasion required, all that the "Charities needed"—not that the Charities had already got all they required.

Therefore, let our Brother be of good cheer in his canvass. He can bear rebukes, must hear insinuations—coming as they do from those who do not know, and who do not even trouble to find out the good work done by these noble Institutions. Such remarks emanate from those who cannot understand the feelings experienced by those who work for our aged and needy, for our parents in Masonry, for our dear orphan girls and boys; work self-imposed, at the expense of time, labour, and cost, and as a labour of love.

Will Bro. Constable, when making an appeal, bring forth authentic and well digested figures, culled from the vouched for records of the particular Institution whose interests he is advocating, and show what our Charities are doing in return for what they secure from the Craft. I have begged for our Charities, have met with rebuffs, heard base and unfounded insinuations, have been told when the money gets to London it goes into a "vortex" of waste, and worse. Very recently, when asking for aid for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and in the capacity of Steward for the Province and the Charity, the worthy Treasurer of the Lodge threatened aloud, that if the motion were carried, he would "give up his collar and leave the Lodge." While the W.M., before putting the proposition, which I had succeeded in getting proposed and seconded by two members of the Lodge, stated he should vote against it. This came naturally, perhaps, from a Lodge that had never given a penny to the Institutions; but then, this Lodge would find it exceedingly difficult to either open or close without the timely aid of visitors. As for work, well, they are wise enough not to attempt it without the aid of neighbouring brethren.

Gladly do I change the scene to very different receptions when on begging expeditions for the Charity, where the right hand of goodfellowship has been freely given, with a warm response, to the

cause advocated. This may be seen at a glance by the various contributions of Lodges and Chapters on my list as Steward for Devon for the late Festival for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

This proves the words of our Pro Grand Master Lord Carnarvon, "That our Charities are the great jewel in the Masonic Crown."

Yours fraternally,

CHARLES GODTSCHALK,

Late Steward for Devon, R.M.B. Institution,  
P.M. 70 and 1255.

### "THINGS NEW AND OLD."

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The case noticed by your Correspondent, "QUIZ," in his letter of last week, if it really occurred, would be very singular, namely, that Comp. Thos. Dunckerley should have appointed himself to the office of Prov. Grand Superintendent of Cornwall. But will "QUIZ" pardon me for suggesting that this point or deduction of his seems hardly to be justified by the circumstances. In the Warrant of Dispensation, a copy of which I read at the time of its appearance, Dunckerley is described as "Grand Superintendent of Royal Arch Masons." The County of Cornwall, therefore, with its one Royal Arch Chapter, would, in my humble judgment, very properly come under the "Superintendance" of the G.S., but it does not, therefore, follow that Comp. Dunckerley appointed himself P.G.S. of Cornwall. I have by me, at the moment of writing, Vol I. of the *Freemasons' Magazine*, which is, I believe, the first in order of priority among Masonic periodicals. The number for October 1793, contains a biographical sketch of the said Thos. Dunckerley. At the very outset are enumerated his several Masonic titles. These are as follow: "Past Senior Grand Warden of England, Provincial Grand Master for the City and County of Bristol, the Counties of Dorset, Essex, Gloucester, Hereford, Somerset, Southampton, and the Isle of Wight, under the authority of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales; Grand Superintendent and Past Grand Master of Royal Arch Masons for the City and County of Bristol, the Counties of Dorset, Essex, Gloucester, Hereford, Kent, Nottingham, Somerset, Southampton, Surrey, Suffolk, Sussex, and Warwick, under the patronage of His Royal Highness the Duke of Clarence; Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master of Knights of Rosa Crucis, Templars, Kadosh, &c., of England, under His Royal Highness Prince Edward, Patron of the Order."

The sketch from which this extract has been made, was written in the lifetime of Dunckerley, and less than two years after the letter quoted by "QUIZ" was written. Yet there is no mention of Cornwall among the counties of which he was Superintendent. I do not expect perfect accuracy in a Masonic or any other journal; but, as Dunckerley was one of the foremost Masons of his day, I think it very likely the writer of the sketch would be as careful as possible to describe him rightly. I do not say "QUIZ" is wrong in his deduction, but I should like to see it resting on more substantial evidence than he has yet given us.

Fraternally yours,

"Q."

### AN OLD MASONIC MAGAZINE.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Turning over a bundle of old papers the other day, I came upon an odd number of the *Scientific Magazine and Freemason's Repository* for 1797, a monthly publication, which appears to have been then in its eighth year of existence. The larger portion of the number, which is for the month of March, is occupied by detailed accounts, with plans, of the victorious action off Cape St. Vincent by the British Fleet under Admiral Sir John Jervis, which had taken place the previous month, and the part devoted to Masonic subjects is very limited. The "Repository" opens with the first portion of "A sermon preached before the Royal Arch Lodge, Dublin, 27th December 1794, by the Rev. Jonathan Ashe, Chaplain to the said Lodge," on the words "A Friend loveth at all times, and a Brother is born for adversity," Prov. xvii. 17, and it is very plain, from the tone of the discourse, that Bro. Ashe regarded Christianity as inextricably bound up with the study and successful practice of the Royal Art; and whilst acknowledging the universality of Masonry in principle, he instances the great friendship of God, as displayed towards mankind by the gift of his Son, as the greatest Masonic lesson, and adds, "as He was a real Friend to us, He expects us to be such to one another."

Amongst the Masonic intelligence, is an account of the laying of the foundation stone of the Mole, at Montego Bay, Jamaica, with Masonic honours. The St. James's and Union Lodges, then bearing the respective numbers of 271 and 272, taking the leading part in the ceremonial. It is worthy of remark that in the public procession the "high grades" took part with the Craft Masons, showing that, in those days, there was no desire on the part of any of those bodies or Craft Masons, to separate or stand aloof from one another. The Masonic part of the procession was as follows:—

Two Tylers with Swords.  
Stewards of the St. James's and Union Lodges,  
Two and two, in their Regalia with White Staves.  
The Holy Bible, carried by an Entered Apprentice.  
And the Symbolic Flag of Craft Masonry borne by another.  
Clergy.  
Entered Apprentices,  
Fellow Crafts.

Book of Constitutions, carried by a Fellow Craft, and the Royal Arch Banner, borne by a Brother of that Order.

Master Masons.

Brethren of the Higher Degrees.

Knights Templars' Banner, borne by a Knight,  
And the Book of Sacred Truths with Seven Seals,

carried by a M.E. of N.

Knights Templars.

Past Masters.

Secretaries of the three Lodges.

Treasurers of ditto.

Junior Wardens of ditto.

Senior Wardens of ditto.

Masters of ditto.

The description of the ceremony is very full, and we are told that the Masonic part of the placing of the stone was performed by the "Right Worshipful" Master of the St. James's Lodge, the honours of Masonry being given under a Royal salute from the fort. The procession then reformed and went to church, where prayers were read by the Rev. Bro. Little, and a sermon preached by the Rev. Bro. Ricard. The brethren afterwards dined together at the Court House. "The King and the Craft were announced by a Royal salute from the ship Princess Royal; a collection was made for the relief of the poor; and the remainder of the day spent with that order and decorum which has ever characterised the meetings of the Fraternity."

Amongst the pages devoted to poetry, I find the following, which I do not remember to have met with before:—

### AN HYMN ON MASONRY.

By Bro. LINNECAR.

Let there be light! the Almighty spoke,  
Refulgent streams from chaos broke,

T'illumine the rising earth!

Well pleased, the Great Jehovah stood,  
The Power Supreme pronounc'd it good,  
And gave the Planets birth!

In choral numbers Masons join  
To bless and praise this Light Divine.

Parent of light! accept our praise,  
Who shed'st on us thy brightest rays—  
The light that fills the mind!

By choice selected, lo! we stand,  
By Friendship join'd, a mystic band,  
That love, that aid mankind!

In choral numbers Masons join  
To bless and praise this Light Divine.

The Widow's tears we often dry,  
The Orphan's wants our hands supply,  
As far as power is given;

The naked clothe—the pris'ner free—  
These are thy works, sweet Charity!  
Reveal'd to us from Heav'n!

In choral numbers Masons join  
To bless and praise this Light Divine!

### SONG.

Said to have been written by the late King of Prussia, for an Order in Germany, called Philipian Masonry.

From Macedonia's confines haste,

To Philippi repair;

Your trials then will all be past,

No doubt they were severe;

But at our Philippi you'll find

A sweet reception, good and kind.

If any mean ignoble knight

Our fortress should assail,

We'll straight deprive him of his sight,

His hearing, too, shall fail;

For sure in this we all agree

That cowards should not hear or see.

The great St. Paul shall be our guide,

Under our Master Grand;

In Timothy we will confide,

With Paphroditus stand;

The ne plus ultra of all good

We've gained at last, with loss of blood.

In friendship, then, let us unite,

Our hearts and hands around,

Each man's a most exalted knight

Who stands on holy ground;

May no misfortune e'er depress

Our friendship, or our happiness.

I am,

Yours fraternally,

T. B. WHITEHEAD, 18<sup>o</sup>.

York, 12th February 1877.

[We thank Bro. Whytehead for his communication, and insert it with a great deal of pleasure. The mingling of the "High Grades" with Craft Mason was no uncommon occurrence at the time to which the letter refers. We shall be able to adduce other instances of it at an early date.—  
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## MEETINGS HELD, &amp;c.

The Cornwall Chapter Rose Croix will meet at the Masonic Hall, Truro, on Tuesday, the 27th instant, at 2 p.m., Ill. Bro. John W. Peard J.P. 30° M.W. Sov., for the election of M.W.S. and Treasurer for the ensuing year.

The Royal Naval Chapter Rose Croix met at Portsmouth on Monday, 19th February. Bro. G. S. Lancaster 18° M.W. Sov. Two brethren were perfected in the 18°.

The Albion Chapter Rose Croix will meet at Eastbourne on Friday, 2nd March, at 5 p.m. for the perfection of candidates. Ill. Bro. Thomas Lane 30° M.W.S.

The Apollo University Lodge will meet at Oxford on Tuesday, 27th February. The Rt. Worshipful Bro. R.H.R. Prince Leopold K.G. W.M., Bro. the Rev. R. W. M. Pope M.A., Prov. G. Chap. Oxon, Worshipful Dep. Master, to instal Bro. Lieut.-Colonel the Hon. W. E. Sackville-West M.A. P. Prov. G.S.W. Oxon, as Worshipful Master.

The Palestine Chapter Rose Croix will meet at the Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square W., on Tuesday, 27th February, at half-past 5, for the perfection of candidates. Ill. Bro. C. Hammerton 30° M.W.S.

The Huyshe Chapter Rose Croix met at the Masonic Temple, Plymouth, on Friday, 23rd instant, at 3 p.m., for the perfection of candidates and installation of the M.W. Sov. Elect, Bro. Leonard Westcott. Ill. Bro. J. Edward Curteis 30° M.W.S.

The Bayard Lodge, No. 1615, will meet on Monday, 26th instant, at 4 p.m., at the Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square W. W. Bro. Lieut.-Colonel H. Somerville Burney P.M. W.M.

The Royal Kent Chapter of Rose Croix met on Friday, the 23rd instant, at 4 p.m., at the Freemasons' Hall, Newcastle, for the perfection of candidates, and the installation of the M.W.S. Elect, Bro. Jens Jensen 18°.

The Oxford and Cambridge University Preceptory Knights Templar met at the Masonic Hall, 33 Golden Square W., on Thursday, 22nd instant, for the installation of the E. Preceptor Elect, and appointment of the officers.

The White Horse of Kent Lodge, No. 1506, met at the Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square W., on Monday, 12th February, for the installation of the W.M.

Canterbury Lodge, No. 1635.—At the regular Lodge meeting, held at 33 Golden-square, W., on Tuesday, 13th February, Bro. the Rev. Dr. John Robbins W.M., a donation of £10 was voted to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

The Invicta Chapter Rose Croix met on Friday, 16th February, at the Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square. Ill. Bro. Thomas J. Hughes, M.D., 30° M.W.S. Present—Ill. Bros. J. W. Figg 30°, Peter Laird, George Powell, &c., &c. Five brethren were perfected in the 18°.

The Grand Metropolitan Chapter Rose Croix met on Wednesday, 14th February, at the Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square, W. Ill. Bros. the Rev. Ambrose W. Hall 30° M.W.S. There was a large attendance of the members, and seven brethren were perfected in the 18°.

The Bard of Avon Chapter Rose Croix met at the Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square, W., on Wednesday, 21st February. Ill. Bro. C. Hutton Gregory C.M.G. 32° M.W.S. Ill. Bro. J. Lambert Sim 31° was installed as M.W. Sov. for the ensuing year. The officers were appointed, and several brethren perfected in the 18°.

The Vigne Chapter Rose Croix met at Bournemouth, on Monday, 19th inst., when Bro. S. G. Kirchhoffer 18° was duly installed as M.W. Sovereign by Ill. Bro. Colonel A. W. Adair Sov. G.I.G. 33° and Ill. Bro. Major George Barlow D.I.G. 33°. Bro. J. N. Frye was appointed Recorder, and several brethren were perfected in 18°.

The Oxford and Cambridge Universities Preceptory met on Thursday, 22nd February, at the Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square, for the installation of the E. Preceptor and appointment of officers for the ensuing year.

Royal Oak Lodge, No. 871.—The installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Thursday evening, at the White Swan Hotel, High-street, Deptford. The Lodge was opened by Bro. H. G. Tuson W.M., who raised Bros. J. Davis and G. C. Whibley. The installation ceremony was performed by Bro. Frederick Walters P.G.J.D. Middlesex, P.M. and Secretary, who placed Bro. J. J. Pakes in the chair as W.M. for the current year. Bro. G. Andrews P.M. gave the addresses. The brethren appointed to office were—Bros. Dr. J. Baxter Langley S.W., G. T. Linn J.W., W. Andrews P.M. Treasurer, F. Walters P.G.J.D. Middlesex P.M. Secretary (15th time), R. Harman S.D., J. G. Volmann J.D., G. Harvey I.G., H. J. Fisher Organist, G. Andrews P.M. D.C., H. J. Tuson I.P.M. W.S., and J. Bavin Secretary. A vote of thanks was passed to Bro. F. Walters for installing, and Bros. G. and W. Andrews for assisting. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to a very choice banquet, which was provided by Bro. Porter, proprietor of the White Swan Hotel. The usual toasts were afterwards proposed and honoured, and the speeches which were delivered, exhibited great ability. The W.M. acquitted himself admirably, and displayed a fluency which is not often experienced in Lodges. Bro. Baxter Langley being called upon to respond to the toast of "The Masonic Institutions," said, that he no sooner joined Freemasonry than he found its prominent characteristic was charity. Delighted as he was with the ceremony of initiation, he felt it his duty at once to become a Life Governor of all the Masonic Charities. He had every reason to hope that he might continue in that

course, and he trusted that before he had passed the chair of this Lodge, if ever he should be honoured with that distinction, he should be a Vice-President of all the Masonic Charities, and have represented the Lodge at the Festivals of each of them. Shakespeare had said that happiness was born a twin, and the heart that threw itself around the sphere in which it found itself must be of necessity a happy, happy thing. In that spirit he always thought that those who sought happiness should seek it through blessing those around them, and create a life of happiness and blessedness in them. If there was any duty prominent among Masons, it was the making others happy. There was a story very prettily told in one of Sir Walter Scott's novels, in which a poor girl who had sacrificed everything thought precious to women to a worthless person, had a sister who travelled all the way to London through difficulties, trials, temptations, starvations and distress to seek the ear of the Queen, and to obtain pardon for her lost sister; and when she had obtained of the Royal Lady, she was asked how it was that she had travelled so far and suffered so much for a person so worthless as her sister? and she replied, in words that should be written in every Mason's heart at least:—"Oh, my leddie, when the hour o' trouble comes, that comes to mony a body, and when the hour o' death comes, that comes to high and low, it is na' what we hae done for ourselves, but what we hae done for ithers that we think o' most pressing." This he considered was the principle of Freemasonry. The Visitors to the Lodge were very numerous, and the brethren had the pleasure of hearing some admirable singing and music in the intervals between the toasts.

Friends in Council Chapter, No. 1383, held at 33 Golden-square, W., on Thursday, 15th February. Present—Ex. Comps. Dr. Robert Hamilton Z. G.S. Jamaica, Samuel Rawson H. P.G.S. China, Hugh D. Sandeman J. P.G.S. Bengal, Colonel Somerville Burney P.Z. Treasurer, W. Hyde Pullen Scribe E., Col. A. W. Adair Scribe N., Colonel Randolph, Major-General Clerk P.Z. 13, Raphael Costa P.Z., Captain N. G. Philips P.Z., Major Pearson P.Z., Sir Thomas Dyer, Captain Portlock Dadson, C. Edwin Willing, R. Fyers, Captain Compton, Rev. F. K. Harford, K. R. Murchison, Major Wemyss, S. Graham Bake, C. E. Hollingworth, The Chevalier Habicht, T. B. Purchas M.D., James Keene, H. H. Riach, James Glaisher F.R.S. Visitors—Comps. H. J. Chapman and W. Rogers, of the Regularity Chapter. Bros. Sir Thomas Douglas Forsyth, the Rev. and Hon. Francis E. C. Byng, and Captain W. S. Gilbert were duly exalted as Royal Arch Masons. Donations of ten guineas were voted to the Royal Masonic Institutions for Boys and Girls.

Gladsuir Chapter, No. 1385.—The installation meeting of this Chapter was held at the Red Lion Hotel, Barnet, on Thursday, 15th inst. Present—Ex. Comps. Lowthin P.G. 2nd A.S. M.E.Z., Verry H., Hayward Edwards J., Terry P.G.D.C. and Carter P.G.S.N. P.Z.'s, Cocks P.G.J. S.E. Comps. Livingston S.N., Cussans 1st A.S., Crutch 2nd A.S., Fisher Young D.C., I. N. Edwards Steward, Purrott, Cutbush. Visitors—Ex. Comp. Neale P.Z. 429, Comp. Willson 403. Bro. F. Venables, Gladsuir Lodge, was balloted for and exalted. Ex. Comps. Verry were installed M.E.Z., Hayward Edwards H., and Livingston J. for the ensuing year. The following officers were appointed:—Ex. Comp. Carter S.E., Comps. Cussans S.N., Crutch P.S., I. N. Edwards 1st A.S., Young 2nd A.S., Lowthin Treasurer, Yolland Steward, Purrott D.C., and Goddard Janitor. Ex. Comp. Lowthin was presented with a P.Z.'s jewel. Votes of thanks were accorded to Ex. Comp. Terry, who had acted as installing officer, and to Ex. Comp. Cocks, who had served the office of S.E. for two years. Ex. Comp. Neale P.Z. 429 was proposed as a joining member.

City of Westminster Lodge, No. 1563.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Thursday, the 22nd Feb., at the Masonic Hall, Air-street, Regent-street, Bro. Rev. P. M. Holden P.G.C. Middlesex in the chair; E. White S.W., B. Phillips J.W., C. A. Cottebrune P.G.P. Treasurer, E. J. Scott P.M. Secretary, H. Turner S.D., J. E. Shand I.G., J. Hutchins D.C., Willis W.S., Potter Tyler, B. Swallow I.P.M. The brethren were honoured by the presence of Bro. Col. F. Burdett Prov. G.M. Middlesex, and Bros. W. Bonham, E. Emanuel, Waugh, Willis, Irving, &c. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes being confirmed, Messrs. A. C. Köhler, F. Schlette, G. Misselbrook, and M. M. Taylor were balloted for and duly initiated into the Order, and Bros. Inge and Solomon were raised. Bro. Stacey presided at the organ. Bro. Swallow I.P.M. proposed that a sum of ten guineas be placed on the list of the W.M., who is a Steward for the next Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls; this was carried. The W.M. proposed that in future all Past Masters, in addition to the usual P.M. jewel, should be presented with a collar and silver jewel attached, and that their I.P.M. Bro. Swallow should be presented with one. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren, 58 in number, sat down to a very sumptuous banquet and dessert, provided by Bro. Nicols, and superintended by Bro. Raef, that gave great satisfaction, the wines and viands being of first rate quality. Grace having been said, the W.M., who very genially presided, proposed the toast of Her Majesty the Queen, coupled with the Craft. The toast of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M. was received with great and enthusiastic plaudits. In proposing the toast of the Pro G.M., the D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, the W.M. said they were all capable of working, not only the ceremonies, but the sections; with that toast he coupled the name of a brother worthy of the respect of every one. He referred to the Provincial Grand Master of Middlesex. All who knew what Freemasonry was, knew him; by his genial and kindly manner he had endeared himself to every one, and his popularity in Lodges is always manifest, not only in the Province, but throughout the country. Bro. Col. F. Burdett said, in the eloquent terms the W.M. had proposed his health, he had spoken in such flattering terms of him that nothing was left for him to say. Grand Offices were given to the highest men of the day, and they were well worthy of them.

He thanked them for their kind mention of his name. (Loud cheers). Bro. C. A. Cottebrune P.G.P. and Treasurer also responded to the toast, and said, After the pertinent remarks of Bro. Burdett, he had nothing more to say than to thank them. Bro. Swallow I.P.M. then proposed the toast of the W.M. He said, You must have heard how beautifully and impressively the W.M. performed the two ceremonies. We have the right man in the right place, and we are pleased to see him as W.M., and hope to have him among us for many years as a Past Master. The W.M. responded to the toast,—The manner they expressed their satisfaction was sufficient to show him that the ceremonies ought to be perfectly, correctly and impressively worked. He was proud of the position he held as W.M., and the hearty manner they had received the toast. The W.M. then said, before he resumed his seat, he would give an appropriate toast, that was the initiates. Their recommendation was sufficient to show that they were welcome among them; as they progress they will see what grand principles they have entered into. He hoped they would not be drones, but working members, and eventually reach higher positions. Bro. Köhler fully justified the expressions of the W.M. by the very able way in which he responded. He thanked the W.M. for the manner the ceremony had been given; that evening's work would never be effaced from his memory. Bros. Taylor, Misselbrook and Schlette followed. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the P.M.'s. Bro. Swallow responded; although he was not the Past Master of the Lodge, whatever was required of him he would do, he hoped to their satisfaction. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Visitors, mentioning their names seriatim; he said the fact of his visiting Lodges, really by the introduction of Bro. Swallow, enabled him to occupy the chair of the Lodge. Bros. H. M. Levy, Treadwell and C. Burmeister severally returned thanks, and all complimented the W.M. on his admirable working. The next toast was that of the worthy Treasurer, Bro. C. A. Cottebrune P.G.P., he was one that looked after our funds, we could not find a better. With respect to Bro. Scott, their Secretary, his services were invaluable, and he hoped they would have them for many years. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Officers; the S.W. was one thoroughly conversant with his duties; and the J.W. one that gathered honey from every flower. All the officers do their duty, but a just compliment is due to Bro. Shand the I.G., whom they all knew and respected; in fact, every officer had performed his duty satisfactorily. This toast was responded to, and the Tyler's was given. The harmony of the evening was well sustained.

**Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement.**—The weekly meeting was held on Tuesday last, at the Jamaica Coffee House, St. Michael's-alley, Cornhill. The ceremony of exaltation was completely rehearsed, Comp. Catterson acting as candidate. Comp. G. K. Lemann worked the first clause of the first section, assisted by the brethren. In accordance with previous notice of motion, Comp. E. Gottheil proposed that the Chapter do meet in future at seven p.m. This was carried unanimously, but subject to the convenience of the host, Comp. Darcy. The officers presiding were:—Comps. E. Gottheil Z., J. K. Stead H., J. Constable J., J. Boyd Treasurer, J. W. White S.E., Major Finney S.N., J. W. Berrie P.S. Besides these there were present Comps. Row, Drew, High, Tebb, Chandler, Moore, Walker. Comp. E. Moody H. 145 was elected a member.

A MASONIC MEMORIAL.

The *Bury Times* (East Lancashire) says:—

"A substantial proof of the respect and esteem in which our late townsman, Mr. John Redfern, was held by the Freemasons of Bury has just been afforded in the erection, by them, of a memorial monument in the burial-ground at All Saints' Church, Ellton. The monument, which is remarkably well-proportioned, was designed by Mr. E. Simpkin, of this town, and consists of a square obelisk and base of dark grey Aberdeen granite, standing upon a pedestal of polished ashlar, its total height being about sixteen feet. On the east side of the base is the following inscription:—

'In Remembrance of  
JOHN SMITH REDFERN,  
Of Bury.  
Born October 6th, 1807.  
Died May 26th, 1875.  
Bowed to his maternal dust,  
Heaven's Grand Master claims his trust;  
May the truth his praise declare,  
Tried by compass, rule, and square.'

On the west side are inscribed the words—

'HOC MONUMENTUM  
SOCIJ EJUS EX ORDINE  
LATOMORUM POSUERUNT.

This monument was erected by his brother Freemasons.'

The shaft of the obelisk bears on its east front five, and on its west front four Masonic symbols or emblems, some of which are of a highly recondite character, inseparable from the mysteries in which the late brother had been initiated, and significant only to those deeply versed in ancient Masonic lore. The inception and execution of the work are alike honourable to the promoters, and must be peculiarly gratifying to the surviving members of the deceased's family.

The late Bro. Redfern was a member of Lodge 42, Bury, and at the time of his death was the oldest Mason in the borough. He had served in various positions in a distinguished manner, and the above is one of the tokens which show how those who knew him best love to keep his memory green.

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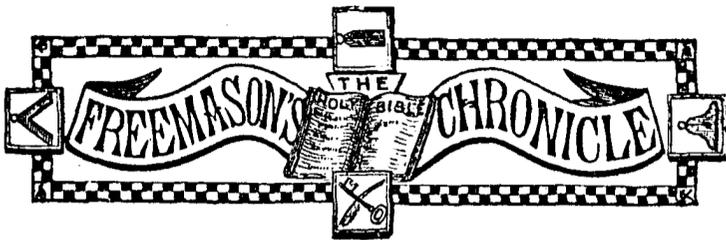
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## OUR WEEKLY BUDGET.

**N**O time has been lost by the Opposition in questioning the policy of Ministers in reference to the Eastern question. On Friday last, in the House of Commons, certain questions propounded by Mr. Gladstone led to a long and interesting, and towards the latter part of the evening, a somewhat stormy debate. The excitement began when Mr. Henry Chaplin discharged a whole volley of inquiries at the devoted head of Mr. Gladstone, and urged that the latter gentleman was bound to give them full and categorical replies. The ex-Premier took a wholly different view of his duty, and called Mr. Chaplin severely to task for the manner in which he had urged his inquiries. Lord G. Hamilton likewise received some sharp castigation at the hands of the right honourable gentleman. All this, however, could only be done in accordance with the rules of the House on a motion for the adjournment of the debate, and this, of course, enabled the Chancellor of the Exchequer to rise in his place and challenge Mr. Gladstone to raise a definite issue as to the conduct of the Ministers on their foreign policy. The Marquis of Hartington also rose, and suggested the continuation of the debate. In the end it was adjourned till yesterday afternoon. On Tuesday, the House of Lords was the scene of the grandest field-day we have latterly had in the Upper House, the subject being, as a matter of course, the interminable Eastern difficulty. The Duke of Argyll, ex-Secretary of State for India, asked several questions, and these, of course, induced a discussion of the whole Ministerial policy. The Earl of Derby replied at great length, and Earl Granville, Mr. Gladstone's Foreign Secretary, as in duty bound, had his say; other Peers took part in the debate. The Marquis of Salisbury's speech was a very effective one, and so, too, was that of the Premier, the Earl of Beaconsfield; and, indeed, the speech of the latter, as it was his first appearance in any important debate, would alone suffice to make this evening a memorable one in the annals of the Hereditary House of Parliament. The House was, of course, well filled, and it is very possible that the "counting out" of the Commons at the early hour of half-past seven, on one of their usually long evenings, may be accounted for by the eagerness of its members to hear what Ministers and Opposition had respectively to say for themselves. In the Commons, the remainder of the week has been devoted chiefly to the consideration of various Government Bills, which have been advanced a further stage in their progress towards becoming law.

The first Levee of the season was held at St. James's Palace on Thursday of last week by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, on behalf of Her Majesty, presentations to his Royal Highness on this occasion being, as usual, considered equivalent to presentations to the Queen. The Prince and Princess Christian have been again in London—this time

at Marlborough House, on a visit to the Prince and Princess of Wales. It may be added that the members of the Royal Family now in London have been frequent visitors at our theatres.

In the early part of the week a strong north-westerly gale burst over the metropolis, causing a considerable amount of damage to house and other property, and it is feared also that some lives have been lost on the river. Several collisions occurred in the Pool, in two cases vessels having broken from their moorings. In other parts of the country, also, the weather has been very stormy, and the services of more than one life-boat have been put in requisition, in order to rescue both lives and property from imminent peril. In the North Sea, however, one casualty, resulting in the loss of four lives, unfortunately occurred. A brig was run into by the s.s. Gilston, of London. The master and mate of the former succeeded in getting on board the steamer, but the remainder of the crew, to the number of four, do not appear to have had time to save themselves, and went down with their vessel. A wreck also occurred off Cape Grisnez, two out of a crew of twenty-six having been drowned. The vessel, however, is well sheltered, and may possibly be saved, unless a South-west wind should blow, when it would break up in a short time.

A singular meeting was held on Tuesday, in the Mission Chapel in Little Wild-street, Drury-lane. About 150 thieves assembled in response to one "Fiddler Joss," who, some years ago, spent six months of his life in Wakefield Gaol, and since then has struggled hard, and, we rejoice to say, successfully, in converting himself into an honest man. Tea and bread and butter were provided in huge quantities, after which there were handed about plentiful scraps of plum-pudding. A hymn was then sung, and then, after an appropriate prayer by Mr. Hutton, "Fiddler Joss" stood up on the platform, and addressed the thieves assembled to hear him. He spoke earnestly, exhorting them to give up their evil ways, and strive to earn for themselves an honest livelihood. In order to encourage them to this step, he narrated the experience of his own life, and pointed out how, on leaving prison, he had resolved to turn honest, and in due time had succeeded in earning for himself a pound a week, as wages of his honest labour. He warned them especially against drunkenness, and pressed upon the notice of his hearers the value of the New Testament as a moral as well as religious book. After this, and after some of the audience had ascended the platform, and given an account of their evil ways, the strange assembly dispersed. The police had previously undertaken in no way to molest those who attended on this particular occasion, and accordingly every variety of the thief, area sneaks, kinchin prigs, counterfeiters, burglars, &c., were fully represented.

An influential deputation from Hull had an interview on Tuesday afternoon with the Duke of Richmond and Gordon, on the subject of the restrictions proposed by the Privy Council to be placed on the landing of cattle at Hull. They represented that the restrictions, if carried out, would cause a serious loss to the town, and submitted a plan, in which it was shown that all danger of contagion would be avoided. His Grace pointed out that this was by no means a new kind of proposition, but while he was prepared to consult their interests as far as possible with, of course, a due regard to the general welfare, he must first of all have the full nature of their proposal distinctly explained to him in black and white. The deputation retired, after thanking his Grace for the courtesy of their reception.

On Wednesday a special meeting of the Royal Agricultural Society was convened at their offices, 12 Hanover-square, for the purpose of considering what steps should be taken in connection with the threatened spread of the cattle plague. Lord Skelmersdale, the President of the Society, occupied the chair, and Professor Brown, chief of the Veterinary Department, was in attendance, and gave the meeting the very latest information in possession of the Government. A series of resolutions was passed, and after the veterinary officer of the Society had expressed his readiness to place his services at the disposal of the Veterinary Department, the meeting dispersed.

The news from the East is still of the same disquieting character as last week. The Russian army at Kischeneff is said to be girding up its loins for an attack on Turkey. It is said to be little, if at all, short of 300,000 men, well provided with all the needful appliances of war. Many, indeed, go so far as to say that the passage of the Pruth will be attempted at an early date. To meet this threatened attack, Turkey, as a matter of course, is also preparing herself; but

her available forces are numerically inferior to those of her powerful antagonist—at all events, as the case stands now, and according to the latest advices. She has, however, a large and warlike population to draw upon, while in the matter of the sinews of war, we do not think there is much to choose between the two powers. The peace negotiations with Servia are reported to be going on most favourably; if terms are arranged, the Turks will have a pretty considerable force set free for other purposes. Turkey and Montenegro, however, do not, it is said, get on quite so well together. So long, however, as there is no collision between the powers, we may go on hoping for the best, though that best offers, admittedly, no very brilliant prospect.

France has lost one of her most gallant soldiers in the person of General Changarnier, who died recently, at the advanced age of eighty-four. Changarnier had earned for himself the reputation of being a very dashing officer, and had distinguished himself in several campaigns, but especially in Algeria, before the overthrow of the Government of the late King Louis Philippe. He was one of those exiled by the late Emperor Napoleon III. at the time of his *coup d'état*, but he might have returned to France had he so chosen, as soon as the Emperor's position on the throne was considered safe. This, however, he did not do. When the war of 1870 broke out, he placed his sword at the Emperor's disposal, and was one of the chiefs who became prisoners of war by the capitulation of Bazaine on October 1870. The gallant officer was buried with such military pompas became his rank and services.

The latest advices from the United States, point to the election next month of the Republican candidate Hayes to be President, though the accounts express a strong belief that his opponent, Tilden, is really the elect—with an honest and substantial majority at his back. Perhaps however, we had better defer naming the successor to General Grant till he has been formally inaugurated at Washington, on the 5th prox.

A special meeting of the House Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys will be held this afternoon, at Freemasons' Hall, for the purpose of considering the most practical way of extending the School at Wood Green, so as to admit of the number of pupils being increased to three hundred, or about one hundred and twenty in excess of the number now on the muster-roll of the Institution.

In our report last week of the regular Committee meeting, on the 14th inst., of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, it was erroneously stated that Bro. Lieut.-Col. Creaton moved that an addition be made to the list of twenty-four male and eighteen female candidates. It should have been an addition of fifteen male and fifteen female candidates, thus bringing up the numbers to twenty-four of the former and eighteen of the latter. The numbers, however, were correctly given in our leading article on the Festival.

The consecration of the Beaconsfield Lodge, No. 1662, will take place this day (Saturday), at the Chequers Tavern, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 3.30 o'clock precisely. V.W. Bro. John Hervey, Grand Secretary, will perform the ceremony; he will also instal Bro. Walter T. Christian as the first Worshipful Master.

The Confidence Lodge of Instruction has been removed to Bro. Ford's, the Blue Anchor Tavern, No. 3 Coleman-street, E.C., where the Lodge will meet in future, at 7 p.m., under the able preceptorship of Bro. Gottheil.

The Truro Rose Croix Chapter will hold its banquet at the Red Lion Hotel, Truro, on Tuesday next, the 27th instant.

We understand that the M.E.Z. Superintendent of Royal Arch Masons for Herts, Ex. Comp. Halsey, M.P., intends holding the next Provincial Chapter at Hertford, on 21st March.

We have received an early number of a new weekly journal, bearing the title of *Cotton*, and intended to be an organ of the cotton trade and its allied and auxiliary industries. To judge from the contents of this particular issue, the protection and promotion of this trade and its connected industries will be in excellent hands. *Cotton* gives us the idea of a well-conducted, carefully written journal. It is also well-furnished with all the important items from foreign parts relating to cotton. The new venture has our best wishes for its success. We trust the career before it may be a long and prosperous one.

In the current number of the *Masonic Advocate*, published at Indianapolis, our esteemed contemporary expresses a hope that successive issues reach us in due course, as they are mailed regularly. They do so reach us, and are always very welcome. The news they contain is always interesting, and, as far as our means of judging extend, trustworthy. In noticing the omission on our part to mention the *Masonic Advocate* among our American exchanges, our contemporary, we presume, is referring to the sketch of the Masonic Year, 1876, at the end of our last volume, and the short account we gave in it of American Masonic literature. The omission in this particular case was purely accidental. Nevertheless, we apologise for the oversight; for oversight it was, to leave unnoticed a journal so well-conducted and written, and to which we are so frequently indebted for important items of news.

At a meeting of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, held at St. Paul's, last month, a series of three resolutions on the Coloured Question was passed by the immense majority of 327 to 7 votes. By the first of these the Grand Lodge of Minnesota declined to recognise the Prince Hall Grand Lodge on account of the irregularity of its formation. By the second, Grand Lodge declared its inability to recognise any charters as having validity in the State except such as are issued by its authority, and to issue charters except to Masons of its obedience. The last resolution declares that colour is neither a *bar* to, nor a recommendation for, the reception of the Masonic degrees in its jurisdiction, and that every subordinate Lodge may make Masons of any persons possessing the requisite qualifications, that is, who are free-born, of lawful age, good report, and well recommended.

It has long been known that the climate of Algeria is favourable to the growth of the tobacco plant, and France has not been slow to take advantage of this. Large quantities of the plant are grown, and the quality is very highly appreciated by competent judges. So excellent indeed are the cigars made from the Algerian leaf, that no less than three prize medals have been awarded to the producer, M<sup>rs</sup>. Melia. We have had several opportunities of testing their merits—that is, we have smoked cigars of two or three different brands, and we were very highly pleased with them. Considering the prices per hundred, ranging from 13s 6d for Palatinas, to 53s for P.U. Non Plus, we were not only pleased, but surprised, as we had again and again paid at far higher rates for inferior qualities of cigars. The sole agent for the sale of these Algerian cigars is Bro. A. Oldroyd, of Leyton, London, E., and as we know that very many of our readers are amateurs of the weed, we recommend them to experiment with a box. To the more cautious we suggest the trial of a sample packet of twenty-five, at prices in proportionate rates—3s 6d Palatinas, 14s P.U. Non Plus. In either case, be the trial made with box or packet, we feel satisfied, from a personal experience of the cigars, that they will be well pleased with the experiment.

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Whereas, it appears, by the Records of our Grand Lodge, that a Warrant, bearing date the 13th October 1812, was issued under the seal of Masonry, authorizing certain Brethren therein named to open and hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons in the West Regiment of London Militia, and which Lodge was then No. 292. AND WHEREAS, by the Union of the two Fraternities of Free and Accepted MASONS on the 27th day of December 1813, the said Lodge became No. 370, and, at the alteration in 1832, the said Lodge No. 292 became, and is now, Registered in the Books of the United Grand Lodge, No. 257, and is held at the DUKE OF SUSSEX, HAGGERSTONE, in the County of Middlesex. AND WHEREAS the Brethren composing the said Lodge have, by their Memorial, prayed that we would grant them a renewed Warrant, enabling them in future to hold their meetings as a Civil and Stationary Lodge, instead as a Military and Transient Lodge. KNOW YE that we being willing to accede to their request, DO GRANT this our renewed Warrant unto our Right trusty and well beloved Brethren CHARLES SPEED, RICHARD MALPASS, WILLIAM PERRIN, JAMES STAINTON, JOSEPH HEMENS, THOMAS RUSH, and GRIFF GRIFFITHS, composing the said Lodge, authorizing and empowering them and their Successors to assemble and hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, at such times as to the Brethren thereof shall appear necessary, and be regulated by their By-Laws, and then and there, when duly congregated, to make, pass and raise FREE MASONS, according to the Antient Custom of the Craft in all Ages and Nations throughout the known world. AND FURTHER, on the Petition of the said Brethren, we do appoint the said CHARLES SPEED to be the MASTER, the said RICHARD MALPASS to be the SENIOR WARDEN, and the said WILLIAM PERRIN to be the JUNIOR WARDEN, for continuing to hold the said Lodge until such time as another Master shall be regularly elected and installed, strictly charging that every member who shall be elected to preside over the said Lodge, shall be installed in Antient form and according to the Laws of the Grand Lodge, that he may be thereby fully invested with the dignities and powers of his office. The said Lodge to be upon the General Register of our Grand Lodge, No. 257. AND WE DO REQUIRE you the said Charles Speed, and your Successors, to take special care that all and every the said Brethren are, or have been, regularly made Masons. AND that you and they and all other the Members of the said Lodge, do observe, perform and keep the said Laws, Rules and Orders contained in the Book of Constitutions, and all others which may from time to time be made by our GRAND LODGE, or transmitted by us or our Successors Grand Masters, or by our Deputy Grand Master for the time being. AND we do enjoin you to make such By-Laws for the Government of your Lodge as shall to the majority of the members appear proper and necessary, the same not being contrary to or inconsistent with the General Laws and Regulations of the Craft, and a copy whereof you are to transmit to us. AND WE DO REQUIRE you to cause all such By-Laws and Regulations, and also an account of the proceedings in your Lodge to be entered in books to be kept for that purpose. AND you are in no wise to omit to send to us or our Successors Grand Masters, or to the Right Honorable JOHN GEORGE EARL OF DURHAM, our DEPUTY GRAND MASTER, or to the Deputy Grand Master for the time being, at least once in every year, a List of all the members of your Lodge, and the name and description of all Masons initiated therein and Brethren who shall have joined the same, together with the fees and monies payable thereon, it being our will and intention that this our Warrant shall be in force so long only as you shall conform to the Laws and Regulations of our said Grand Lodge. AND you the said CHARLES SPEED are further required, as soon as conveniently may be, to send us an account in writing of what may be done by virtue of these Presents.

Given under our Hand and the Seal of the Grand Lodge at London, this 29th day of June A.L. 5835, A.D. 1835.

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The present title, No., &c. are, The Euphrates Lodge, No. 212, Freemasons' Hall, London.

The monthly meeting of the Grand Lodge of Benevolence was held on Wednesday, the 21st, at Freemason's Hall, Great Queen-street. Bro. J. Clabon P.G.D. in the chair; J. Nunn V.P. S.W., J. Brett J.W. There were 18 petitions; grants were confirmed to the amount of £270, and new cases relieved to the amount of £503. There were present the R.W. the Earl of Shrewsbury and Talbot, Earl of Donoughmore, Lord Balfour of Burleigh, Rev. C. J. Martyn, Rev. J. R. Simpson, Dr. Erasmus Wilson, E. P. Albert, W. J. Murlis, J. Bingeman, H. Muggeridge, J. Case, Higgins, H. Massey, J. Smith, C. A. Cottebrune, J. Constable, &c.

The General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was held on Thursday, at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. A. H. Tattershall in the chair. The Secretary, Bro. Robert Wentworth Little, read the minutes of the General Committee of the 23rd January, and of the House Committee of the 15th February, which were confirmed. A notice of motion was given by Bro. Warren—"That, having regard to the increased income of the Institution, and the altered position of the Secretary and Collector, it is expedient that rules 74 and 75 shall be amended, as to provide that the Secretary shall give security for £1,000, the Chief Clerk £500, and any other clerk £250, such security to be provided through an approved guarantee society, the premiums to be paid by the Institution, so as not to be a burthen on the officials." Bro. Peacock proposed, and Bro. H. Dicketts seconded, that a vote of thanks be accorded to the Chairman, for his prompt attention to several matters connected with the Institution, which was carried unanimously. One child was placed on the list of candidates, and a vote of thanks was accorded to the Chairman for his able presiding. Among those present were Bros. H. Browne, J. Boyd, T. W. White, Major E. Finney, Griffiths Smith, J. J. Peacock, J. Stevens, H. Potter, H. Massey, H. Dicketts, H. Venn, R. W. Webster, H. M. Levy, H. G. Warren, A. H. Diaper, F. E. Baker, H. A. Dubois, S. Rosenthal, and J. R. Rucker.

A Masonic Ball in aid of the Institutions will take place at the Agricultural Hall, on Wednesday next, under the presidency of Bro. E. Somers 1602 (Chairman), Bro. Raffety 1602 (Treasurer), and several Stewards. Such meetings as these are not only of benefit to the funds of the Institutions, but serve also as pleasant re-unions. We hope that the efforts of the promoters may meet with the success they deserve, and that a goodly sum may be handed over as the result of their labours. Brethren who may wish to attend should communicate with the Hon. Secs. (Bros. J. Osborn and J. Weston) at 272 Upper-street, Islington, N. The tickets are 10s 6d for ladies, and 12s 6d for gentlemen, or 21s for double ticket.

We extract the following from *Pomeroy's Democrat* :—

"The Grand Lodge of Minnesota has decided not to recognise 'African' Lodges, or Lodges whose Masonic members are coloured men. We think this is uncharitable and un-Masonic. We are a Mason to the 32nd degree, and feel that our Masonic duty is to recognise a *brother Mason*, no matter what his religion, country, colour, creed, or original condition. If Masonry is *universal*, we must admit this. If *sectional*, then it is not Masonry. If prejudice is to stand between us and any other man who is honest and entitled to recognition, if he is custodian of the same secret as we are, then we are unfit to be a Mason. At least this is the way it seems to us, under the light that comes from the East."

Bro. Sam Adams, the manager of the Royal Music Hall announces his annual benefit for the 7th of March. In addition to the regular company, a host of talent will render valuable assistance.

## ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

J. E. C.—We will refer to the matter next week.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

SATURDAY, 24th FEBRUARY.

193—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction.) The Annual Supper.  
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers Tavern, Marsh-st., Walthamstow, at 3.30. (Con.)  
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.

MONDAY, 26th FEBRUARY.

45—Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, 12 Old-st., near Goswell-rd., at 8. (Inst.)  
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7.0. (Instruction.)  
1159—Marquess of Dalhousie, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street.  
1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8. (Instruction.)  
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)  
London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-street, E.C. meets 2nd and 4th Monday in every Month, at 6 o'clock.

102—Unanimity, Kings Arms, North Walsham.  
393—Prudence, Three Tuns, Halesworth, Suffolk.  
589—St. Botolph, Corn-exchange, Sleaford.  
703—Clifton, Clifton Arms Hotel, Blackpool.  
1163—Benevolence, Town Hall, Sherborne.  
1477—Sir Watkin, Savings Bank, Mold.  
1564—St. John's, Prince of Wales Tavern, Knaphill, Surrey.  
1575—Olive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton.

TUESDAY, 27th FEBRUARY.

14—Tuscan, Freemason's Hall, W.C.  
65—Constitutional, Wheatsheaf, Hand-court, W.C., at 7.0. (Instruction.)  
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C. (Instruction.)  
141—Faith, Arderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.  
145—Prudent Brethren, Freemason's Hall, W.C.  
186—Industry, The Restaurant, 2 Westminster-chambers, Victoria-street, S.W.  
205—Israel, Cannon-street Hotel.  
860—Dalhousie, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
1158—Southern Star, Montpelier Tavern, Walworth.  
1196—Urban, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, E.C.  
1441—Ivy, Surrey Masonic Hall, Cumberwell New-road. (Emergency.)  
1472—Henley, Railway Tavern, Stratford New Town, at 8. (Instruction.)  
1507—Metropolitan, 289 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)  
R.A.—Metropolitan Chapter of Instruction, Jamaica Coffee House, St. Michael's-alley, Cornhill, at 6.30.

51—Angel, Three Cups Hotel, Colchester.  
253—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby.  
310—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle.  
357—Apollo University, Masonic Hall, Oxford.  
573—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen.  
1016—Elkington, Masonic Rooms, New-street, Birmingham.  
1358—Torbay, Town Hall, Paignton.  
R. C.—Cornwall, Masonic Hall, Truro.

WEDNESDAY, 28th FEBRUARY.

193—Confidence, Blue Anchor Tavern, 3 Coleman-st., E.C. 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.)  
1238—Finsbury Park, Finsbury Pk. Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd., at 8.0. (Instruction.)  
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)  
R. A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8.0. (Instruction.)  
R. A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
Anniversary Dinner of the Langthorne Masonic Charitable Association, Swan Hotel, Stratford, at 7.

117—Salopian of Charity, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury.  
606—Segontium, Masonic Hall, Carnarvon Castle.  
631—Scarsdale, Masonic Hall, Chesterfield, Derbyshire.  
996—Sondes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk.  
R.C.—Philips, Athenaeum, Lancaster.

THURSDAY, 1st MARCH.

3—Fidelity, Yorkshiro Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 7. (Instruction.)  
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C. (Instruction.)  
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8. (Instruction.)  
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)  
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Steppay.  
1349—Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars' E.C., at 7. Instruction.  
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, E.C. at 6.30. (Instruction.)  
1445—Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tavern, Sandringham-road, Kingsland.  
1459—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.  
39—Union, Council Chamber, Chichester.  
41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath.  
60—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, Re Lion, Fareham.  
317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.  
360—Pomfret, Masonic Building, Abingdon-street, Northampton.  
442—St. Peter's, Masonic Hall, Boroughbury, Peterborough.  
446—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire.  
463—East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound, Croydon.  
500—Teas, 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.  
1232—Anchorage, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire.  
1234—Brent, Globe Hotel, Topsham, Devonshire.  
1304—Olive Union, Masonic Hall, Horncastle, Lincolnshire.  
1360—Royal Arthur, Village Club Lecture Hall, Wimbledon.  
1367—Beaminster Manor, White Hart Hotel, Beaminster.  
1473—Bootle, Molyneux's Assembly Rooms, Bootle, Lancashire.  
1500—Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich.  
1594—Cedewain, Public Rooms, Newtown, Montgomery.  
1639—Watling-street, Cock Hotel, Stoney Stratford, Bucks.

FRIDAY, 2nd MARCH.

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.)  
1237—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)  
1260—Hervey, Punch's Tavern, 99 Fleet-street, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)  
1278—Burdett Coutts, 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.)  
1613—Cripplegate, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.  
1627—Royal Kensington, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

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.  
630—Selton, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool.  
709—Invicta, Corn Exchange, Queen-street, Ashford.  
839—Royal Gloucestershire, Bell Hotel, Gloucester.  
1337—Chorlton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton Cum Hardy.  
1523—Fort, Red Lion Hotel, Nowquay, Cornwall.  
1537—Albert Edward, Bush Hotel, Hexham, Northumberland.  
1561—Morecambe, Masonic Hall, Edward-street, Morecambe, Lancashire.

SATURDAY, 3rd MARCH.

General Committee, Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.  
142—St. Thomas, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C.  
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)  
1223—Amherst, Kings Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent.  
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.

140—Peace, Masonic Rooms, Moltham.  
1308—Prince George, Station House, Bottoms, Eastwood.  
1462—Wharfedale, 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.  
1214—Scarborough, Wilton Arms Hotel, Batley.  
R. A. 448—Regularity, Masonic Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax.  
R. A. 827—St. John's, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury.

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.  
387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley.  
439—Scientific, Private Room, Bingley.  
750—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton.  
1293—Ryburn, Private Rooms, Town Hall-street, Sowerby-bridge.  
1645—Colne 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, Deara House, Lindley, Huddersfield.  
R. A. 307—Good Intent, White Horse Hotel, Hobden Bridge.  
R. A. 337—Confidence, Private Rooms, Commercial Inn, Uppermill.  
K. T. 53—Fearnley Masonic Temple, Dewsbury.

FRIDAY.

242—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.  
1648—Prince of Wales, 69 Little Horton-lane, Bradford.

EDINBURGH DISTRICT.

MONDAY—349—St. Clair, Freemasons' Hall.  
TUESDAY—151—Defensive Band, Alexandra Hall, Cockburn-street.  
" R. A. 40—Naval and Military, Freemasons' Hall.  
WEDNESDAY—112—St. John, Fisher-row, Royal Hotel, Musselburgh.  
THURSDAY—97—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—102—St. Mark's, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.  
" —103—Union and Crown, 30 Hope-street, Glasgow.  
" 219—Star, 12 Trongate, Glasgow.  
" R. A.—122—Thetis, 35 St. James's-street.  
TUESDAY—413—Athol, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.  
" 419—Neptune, 35 St. James's-street, Glasgow.  
" 441—Glasgow, 22 Struthers-street, Glasgow.  
WEDNESDAY—510—Maryhill, 167 Main-street, Maryhill.  
" —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—275—Shamrock and Thistle, 22 Struthers-street, Glasgow.  
" 360—Commercial, 30 Hope-street, Glasgow.  
" 403—Clyde, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.  
" 553—St. Vincent, Freemasons' Hall, Dumbarton-road.  
SATURDAY—29—St. John's, Black Bull, Kirkintilloch.  
" P.G.L.—Royal Order of Scotland 213 Buchanan-street.

## NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

**Albion Lodge, No. 9.**—This Lodge held its meeting on Wednesday, the 14th of February, at the Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, Regent-street. Present—Bros. W. T. Scott W.M., James Abbott P.M. Sec., Thomas Moring P.M. Treas., H. W. Harvey S.D., G. Robey J.D., S. Coste D.C., E. Coste Steward, Geo. Blackman I.G., J. Rawles Tyler. Past Masters—Bros. J. S. Cater, W. Willey, S. Friend, E. Storr, S. Vallentine, H. Albut; A. Saunders, D. King, Salisbury, Coles, Thompson, Pollard, Fredk. Chiffereil, R. Watson, D. Arman, W. Oakley, &c. Visitors—W. Prawles No. 733, D. E. Lake 1364. Business—Bro. Scott W.M. passed Bro. Coles, and performed the ceremony in a most creditable manner.

**Kent Lodge of Instruction, No. 15.**—This Lodge held its weekly meeting on Thursday, the 22nd February, at Bro. Hallows, The Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow. Present—Bros. W. G. Hallows W.M., Oldroyd S.W., Brand J.W., Saunders S.D. and Sec., Franklin J.D., Appleby I.G.; also Bros. Grist, Badkin, F. Hallows, Evennett, Groome, C. Thurston, C. Thurston. Business—The Lodge was opened in due form, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Groome acting as candidate. Bro. Pinder worked the second and third sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. C. Thurston, Lodge No. 9, and G. Thurston 1365, were elected members. Bro. Oldroyd was selected as W.M. for the ensuing week. The Lodge was then closed in due form.

**Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.**—Held at Bro. Gay's, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, on Monday, 19th instant, at eight p.m. Present—Bros. Stock W.M., R. Percy S.W., Millward J.W., Halford S.D., Read J.D., Curry I.G., Tolmie Acting Preceptor, A. W. Fenner Sec., Powell, R. W. Percy, Cook, Leber, Alford, Baker, Trewinnard, Rowley. Lodge opened in due form. Minutes read and confirmed. Lodge opened in 2nd degree. Bro. Powell answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. Lodge opened in 3rd degree, when the ceremony of raising was rehearsed by the W.M. in a masterly manner, Bro. Powell being candidate. Lodge was closed in the 3rd and 2nd degrees. Bro. R. Percy was elected W.M. for the ensuing fortnightly meeting. Lodge closed in due form, and adjourned. This Lodge of Instruction will hold its future meetings at the Old Rodney's Head, 12 Old-street, Goswell-road. Next Monday (the first meeting at their new quarters) the Fifteen Sections will be worked, by Bro. Tolmie, assisted by several others well known in the Craft. Time of meeting 7 o'clock. It is hoped a goodly muster of the brethren will take place.

**Glasgow Chapter, 50.**—The regular meeting of this Chapter was well attended, as it followed on a committee of the P.G.C. There being present, in addition to the officers, Comps. W. H. Smith P.G.H., Jas. Balfour 73 P.G.S.E., G. W. Wheeler 73 P.G.S.N., T. Halket P.G.T., T. M. Campbell P.G. 1st S., George McDonald P.G. 2nd S., J. Duthie P.G.S. of W., and the following visitors:—R. Trainer 1st S. 67, J. Kenaird H. 73, W. Gunn J. 73, J. Bannerman Treas. 73, W. Hoy 1st S. 73, and Comps. W. Harding, J. Pitt, and Smith 73, J. M. Oliver S.E. 79, J. O. Park P.Z. 122, H. J. Shiels P.Z. 143, D. Baker Z. 143, and Comp. W. McBride, of Leicester, &c. Comp. Wm. Bell then opened a Mark Lodge, with J. O. Park as S.W., C. McKenzie J.W., and G. W. Wheeler Z. 73 acting as Conductor. At the request of Comp. Wm. Bell, J. Duthie P.Z. of 67 conferred the Mark degree on Bros. J. Thompson R.W.M. St. Marks 102, and Hugh Tennant M.M. of No. 3 bis. A Lodge of Most Excellent Masters was then opened by Comp. T. Halket Z. 113, when the same two candidates, along with G. J. Galloway and J. Smith, who had previously received the Mark degree, were instructed therein, and the Chapter was opened (as business had called the Z. away) by T. Halket Z. 113, J. Louttit H., C. McKenzie J., J. Morrison S.E., D. Leedes S.N., G. W. Wheeler Z. 73 as 1st S., J. O. Park P.Z. 122 2nd S., R. Trainer 1st S. 67 as 3rd S., and R. Gardner Junior, when the four new-made Excellent Masters were duly exalted. With such a staff of officers it is needless to say the work was well performed.

**Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, No. 65.**—This Lodge held its meeting at Bro. Maidwell's, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, on Tuesday, 20th February. Present—Bros. Maidwell W.M., Sayer S.W., Lees J.W., Haller S.D., Wharman J.D., Parker I.G., Rudderforth Preceptor, Hollands Hon. Sec., Gieberman, Wesh, Goldsmith, Daniel, Marks, Webb 174, Harris 185, and Baxter. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. Bro. Hollands being candidate; Bro. Gieberman answered the questions leading to the 2nd degree, and was entrusted. The Lodge was opened in the 2nd, and Bro. Gieberman (for his Instruction) answered the questions leading to the 3rd degree and retired, he being only a F.C. Bro. Sayer was invested by the W.M., and the Lodge then opened in the 3rd degree, and the ceremony was worked, Bro. Goldsmith as candidate. The Lodge was resumed to the 1st degree, and Bros. Webb 174, and Harris 185 were elected members of the Lodge. Bro. Lees was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week. It was announced that the Sincerity Lodge of Instruction would hold their annual supper at Bro. Maidwell's on the 19th of March.

**St. Andrews Chapter, No. 69 Glasgow.**—This Chapter held its regular meeting on Tuesday, 13th February, at 7 p.m., Comp. Campbell Z. presiding. Visitors—J. Duthie P.Z. 67, G. W. Wheeler Z., and Jas. Balfour S.E. 73, J. O. Park P.Z. 122. A Lodge of Mark Masters was opened by Comp. Campbell, with J. McInnis S.W., R. Bland J.W., and G. W. Wheeler as S.D., when Comp. J. Duthie, at the request of the Master, conferred that degree on

Bro. R. W. Marshall, M.M. of St. Vincent Lodge 553. A Lodge of Most Excellent Masters was then opened by the same officers, and Comp. G. W. Wheeler conferred that and the Super Excellent degrees on Bros. Alex. Currie and John McNeil. The Chapter was then opened, T. M. Campbell Z., Wm. Harper H., R. Prout J., J. Fash Scribe E., and Blackwood Treasurer, Jas. Balfour P.G.S.E. acting as 1st Sojourner, J. McInnis 2nd, and R. Bland 3rd, when Bros. Currie and McNeil were exalted in a very elaborate manner by the Z., Companion Campbell, forming an excellent finish to a good night's work, all the degrees having been well wrought.

**Macdonald Lodge of Mark Masters, No. 104.**—An emergency meeting of this Lodge was held at the Masons' Hall, Mason's-avenue, Coleman-street, E.C., on Friday, the 16th instant. To the great regret of the members the W.M., Bro. T. White, was, in consequence of temporary indisposition, unable to attend. In his absence the I.P.M., Wor. Bro. R. Berridge, opened the Lodge, assisted by Bros. Alfred Williams P.G.S. S.W., North Ritherdon J.W., Edward Moody M.O., F. H. Cozens S.O., W. P. Collins J.O., N. J. F. Bassnett S.D., G. Yaxley J.D., J. K. Pitt I.G., Past Masters the V.W. Bros. Thomas Meggy P.G.M.O. Treas., James Stevens P.G.J.O. and Past Prov. Grand Sec. Middlesex and Surrey, the W. Bros. Charles Hamerton P.G.D.C. Sec., William Worrall P.G. Org., and C. A. Heumann; Bros. W. Johnston, J. Williams, J. Close, F. G. Raggett, H. F. Partridge, and W. Grant; and also visitors the W. Bro. H. C. Levander, Grand Registrar, and P.M. St. Mark's No. 1, J. Boyd, St. Mark's No. 1, and J. Lewis Thomas, Thistle No. 8. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read, a ballot was taken for Bro. Theodore Alexandre De Leliva, of The Great City Lodge, No. 1426 as candidate for advancement, which proving unanimous, that brother was duly admitted to the privileges of the Order. There was no further business before the Lodge on this occasion, and the opportunity afforded by spare time was utilised by the distribution to the several officers of a set of new collars. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet. A very pleasant evening was spent, the visitors expressing themselves highly gratified with the position and progress of the Lodge, which certainly is entitled, both in respect of working and hospitality, to the high rank it has always maintained in the Order of Mark Masters. A regular Lodge meeting was held on the 17th, at which a large majority of those present on the previous evening attended, and, in addition, Bros. Wolton P.M., Crommelin and Drowett. The business was purely formal, and of interest only in confirming a resolution—"That the regular Lodge meetings be in future held on the third Friday in the months of June, October, February and April." This was agreed to unanimously, and the Lodge was closed, and adjourned to Friday, the 20th April.

**Prudent Brethren Chapter, No. 145.**—This flourishing Chapter, whose working is worthy of imitation, met on Tuesday, 13th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street. T. Bull M.E.Z., E. Moody H., J. Boyd P.Z. as J., J. Last Treasurer, G. S. States P.Z. S.E., Belfrage as S.N., J. Cox P.S., Venn 1st Assistant, Haslett 2nd Assistant. P.Z. Long, and Comps. C. W. Davis, Dowding, Masters, Rance, Leggett, Elsley, W. Platt P.Z., J. R. Stilwell, Jermyn, Boyd, Lenty, Bishop, &c. The Chapter was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. Ballots were taken for Bros. Harrison P.M. 145, Moul, W.M. 145 and C. Wood 145, who were duly exalted into Royal Arch Masonry, in a manner that was fully appreciated by the Visitors and Companions present. After the ceremony of exaltation, the P.S. and two Assistants gave the clauses of the 1st, 2nd and 3rd sections of the 1st lecture, Comp. J. Boyd P.Z. rendering valuable assistance. The M.E.Z. said that in the course of his Masonic career, many pleasant duties had devolved on him; he had now to perform one that he undertook with the greatest amount of gratification, that was to present Comp. Long with a P.Z.'s jewel, not only for his excellent working, but for his general courtesy. Comp. Long, in a feeling speech, returned thanks. The Chapter was then closed, and the Comps. sat down to an excellent banquet, provided by Bro. Dawkins. The M.E.Z. gave the usual Loyal and R.A. toasts. Comp. Long I.P.Z. called the attention of the Companions to a toast well deserving their notice—the health of the M.E.Z. All must have seen how during his occupation of the chair, he was qualified to fill that position; rarely had been seen better working. He hoped they would drink the toast with the enthusiasm it merited. The M.E.Z. said, when he was elected he made up his mind to discharge the duties required of him, and from the expressions of Comp. Long, he was pleased to hear that he had given satisfaction. He then proposed the toast of the P.Z.'s, to which Comp. Long responded. The M.E.Z. then proposed a special toast, which he was sure would be properly honoured—namely, the health of Comps. J. Boyd P.Z., also that of the P.S. and two Assistants; they had afforded them a great amount of pleasure, by their instruction. Comp. J. Boyd had made it a study of years to perfect the working of Royal Arch Masonry, and he had worthily succeeded. He had brought to light the hidden beauties of this sublime degree, and to him especial and warm thanks were due; also to the Principal Sojourner and his Assistants. Comps. J. Boyd responded in his usual excellent manner. The toasts of the H., J., Treasurer, S.E. and Officers followed, Comp. G. S. States S.E. responding. The toast of the Visitors was eloquently replied to by Comps. Spice, Sugg, P.Z. Prince Frederick William Chapter, W. A. Malouy, Stanwitz Vane Chapter, Thomas, &c. Comps. Jermyn, Boyd and Rance contributed to the evening's amusement.

**Tranquillity Lodge, No. 185.**—The installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday, at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street. Bro. J. D. Barnett W.M. presided, the attendance of officers, members, and visitors being both numerous and appreciative. The Lodge having been opened with the usual ceremonies, in due course,

Bros. Ager, Solomon, and Westerby were raised to the sublime degree. Subsequently, a ballot was taken for Messrs. Alfred H. Cohen and Edmund Toms, and as it proved clear, these gentlemen were then and there initiated. The foregoing ceremonies were duly and impressively rendered by the Master. The installation of Bro. J. Peartree was next proceeded with, the Board of Installed Masters consisting of not less than twenty-two. On Bro. Barnett, the retiring W.M., devolved the duty of installing his successor in office, and the admirable manner in which he achieved that duty drew forth encomiums from all who witnessed it. Bro. Peartree then appointed and invested, as his officers for the ensuing year, the following members—namely:—Bros. D. Posener S.W., G. S. Pare J.W., W. D. Bayley S.D., F. Croaker J.D., Barber I.G., J. Constable Treasurer, P. Levy Secretary, Sadleir M.C., T. W. C. Bush W.S., and Potter Tyler. To each and every of these brethren the W.M. addressed a few kindly words of congratulation on their progress in the Craft. Bro. Bloomfield P.M. next, and by his own special request, presented to Bro. Barnett I.P.M. a very handsome P.M.'s jewel, the gift of the Lodge, in token of its high appreciation of his invaluable services in the chair. Bro. Barnett suitably replied, thanking the members for their very great kindness, and announcing his utter inability to express his feelings adequately. The reports of the Auditors and of the Committee of General Purposes were highly satisfactory, and were received with well-merited applause, after which the Lodge adjourned to banquet in the Pillar Room of the hotel. The guests were eighty-four in number, and included among the visitors Bros. E. P. Albert G.P., Binckes P.G.S. and Secretary Boys' School, and Bro. Lazarus W.M. of the Joppa Lodge. On the removal of the cloth, grace was sung, and the W.M. proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. Bro. Albert acknowledged that of the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the other Grand Officers Present and Past, and in doing so, he remarked that so long as Lodges had officers capable of fulfilling their duties as admirably as he had seen them fulfilled that evening, there would be no fear whatever of the future prosperity of Masonry. "The Visitors" was acknowledged by Bro. Binckes, who spoke with his usual geniality and warmth, and Bro. Lazarus. The Initiates briefly acknowledged the compliment paid them. Bro. Barnett I.P.M. then proposed, in felicitous language, "The Health of the W.M.," and Bro. Peartree acknowledged the kindness of Bro. Barnett, and the warmth with which the latter's proposal had been received, with more than his wonted earnestness and feeling. In return, he proposed the health of his predecessor in the chair, speaking in the highest possible terms of the ability and kindness he had invariably shown during his period of office. Bro. Barnett replied in suitable terms. The toast of "The Benevolent Fund" was then given and acknowledged by Bro. S. Solomon P.M., after which it was announced, amid appropriate cheering, that the initiates had signalized their entrance into Freemasonry by contributing, each of them, the donation of a guinea towards this fund. Bro. Sydney responded for the "P.M.'s." Bro. Binckes for the toast of "The Masonic Charities," and, in the course of his remarks, he expressed a strong hope that the brethren of Tranquillity would unanimously support Bro. Constable in the severe task he had undertaken of raising, if possible, the sum of £1,000 towards the next Festival of the Boys' School, a sum in excess of any subscription ever previously raised by any single individual. Other toasts followed, that of "The Tyler" concluding the series. Bros. Chaplin Henry, Lester, and Taylor were present, and, together with Bro. Child, contributed very materially to the pleasure which marked the whole course of the proceedings.

**Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193.**—This Lodge held its weekly meeting on Wednesday the 21st of February, at the Blue Anchor Tavern, Coleman-street, E.C. Present—Bros. Sayer W.M., Fenner S.W., Lay J.W., Pitt Sec., Constable Treasurer, Walker S.D., Morson J.D., Abell I.G., Christopher Tyler. Past Masters—Bros. E. Gottheil, Turquand, Rudderforth, Bloomfield, Defriez, Biddell, Cuthbertson, Andrews. Business—After the Lodge had been opened, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of raising, in a very efficient manner. The 1st and 2nd sections of the lecture were worked by Bro. Gottheil, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Baxter was elected a member. Bro. J. Bradgate was elected an honorary member, for signal services rendered to the Lodge; Bro. Fenner was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week.

**Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.**—This Lodge held its regular weekly meeting on Saturday, the 17th inst., at Bro. Fysh's, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, Islington, N. Present—Bros. A. Rowley W.M., Bedwell S.W., A. W. Fenner J.W., Killick Sec., Halford Treas., Read S.D., Ross J.D., Van Raalte I.G. Business—The Lodge was opened, and minutes of last meeting confirmed. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed, with the traditional history. Bro. Cohen acting as candidate. Bro. Howlett worked the 1st section of the 3rd Lecture. Bro. Killick P.M. 781 was elected a member. Bro. Bedwell was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The annual supper will take place this day Saturday—Bro. Cooper W.M. Percy Lodge will preside.

**Prosperity Chapter, No. 290.**—This Chapter held its regular convocation on Wednesday, 14th February, at Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield. Present—Comps. William Schofield Z., W. Harrop H., J. W. Turner J., C. Wheatwill Scribe E., B. Hutchinson P.Z. Treas., Wm. Murphy Scribe N., W. B. Wall P.S., E. Dyson and Mitchell A.S.'s, Allen Haigh and J. Hopkinson Stewards, A. Smith Janitor; Wm. Smith P.Z., Joshua Leo P.Z., W. H. Aston P.Z., L. Brierley, Wm. Dyson, Geo. Sykes, and several others. Visitors—Comps. John Hirst P.Z., Dr. Blackburn P.Z., and Smith Scribe E. Truth 521. Business—The Chapter was opened by the Principals, and the minutes of last convocation read and confirmed. The ballot was then taken for Bros. T. Jackson P.M. Truth 521, Charles Eastwood

Huddersfield Lodge 290, and Joo Booth Whiteley 290. Proving favourable in each case, they were respectively exalted into R.A. Masonry. The election of Principals and other officers was then proceeded with, and resulted as follows:—W. Harrop Z., Jno. W. Turner H., Allen Haigh J., C. Wheatwill Scribe E. (re-elected), B. Hutchinson P.Z. Treasurer (re-elected), T. Fener N., E. Dyson P.S., Mitchell 1st A.S., Lewis Brierley 2nd A.S., A. Smith Janitor (re-elected); the result giving universal satisfaction to the members of the Chapter. The convocation was closed, and the Companions adjourned to an excellent banquet, after which the customary Loyal and Royal Arch toasts were given and responded to. The visitors expressed the great pleasure they had enjoyed in seeing the Chapter so efficiently worked, and congratulated Comp. William Smith P.Z. on the care and attention he must have taken in getting the officers to such perfection in working. This feeling is also reciprocated by the officers of the Chapter, and they were pleased at Comp. Smith receiving the praise to which he is so justly entitled. After spending a happy and convivial evening, the Companions separated, each well pleased with the evening's labour and refreshment.

**Belgrave Lodge, No. 749.**—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on the 14th inst., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street. J. W. Hobbs W.M., Greenwood S.W., E. Booker J.W., W. Ranting P.M. Treas., H. Garrod P.M. Sec., Gardner S.D., J. Coltart J.D., W. Grover I.G., Gilchrist P.M. Tyler, and P.M.'s J. Painter, Batty, William Hester, E. Scott, Grogan and P. Parsons. The Lodge was opened and the minutes were confirmed. Messrs. H. G. Gray and J. Kift were balloted for and duly initiated into the Order. Bros. McCreary, Hobbs (nephew of the W.M.), and Tyrell, were raised to the 3rd degree, the working in every respect being perfect. Four propositions for initiation, and one for joining were handed in to the Secretary. The W.M. announced his intention to act as Steward for the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, at the Anniversary Festival in May. He stated, when he entered Freemasonry, his great aim was to promote charity, and he would eventually serve as Steward for the other two Charities. Bro. Scott P.M. then proposed that the sum of five guineas should be placed on the W.M.'s list, which was liberally subscribed to Bro. Garrod P.M. read a circular, informing them that a testimonial was about to be presented to Bro. Smith, who had always contributed to the comfort of brethren meeting at the Hotel. Bro. Poupard said Bro. Smith had completed his twenty-third year of service, and members of various Lodges had formed themselves into a Committee, of which their W.M. and several P.M.'s, &c., were members. Bro. Hester P.M. said, he had great pleasure in bringing forward, at their last meeting, the fact that a testimonial was to be presented to Bro. H. Garrod P.M. and Secretary, who had faithfully and zealously discharged the duties of Secretary for nineteen years. £20 was subscribed towards a fund for this purpose at the last meeting; the list would close at the next meeting, and the testimonial would be presented in April; he was sure it would be worthy of the acceptance of Bro. Garrod, who, by his zeal and assiduity, had given them much satisfaction. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren, sixty in number, sat down to a very capital banquet, provided by Bro. Clemow. The W.M., in brief but appropriate terms, proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. In speaking to that of the newly initiated, he said, We are always pleased to have additions to our numbers; to-night we have initiated two brethren, who, he was sure, would be a credit to the Lodge. His own personal knowledge of the one, and the excellent recommendations with the other, would be sufficient to induce all to say they were pleased to have them as members. He hoped they would never regret their entrance into Freemasonry. The toast having been briefly responded to, the W.M. proposed that of the Visitors. The members were always pleased to see them, and they might take away with them the recollection of the right hand of fellowship having been heartily accorded them. The visitors severally responded to the toast. All paid deserved compliments to the excellent working of the W.M., his charitable feelings, and the cordial hospitality shown them. Bro. Batty I.P.M. then said he felt a great pleasure in proposing the health of the W.M., he had complimented him on previous occasions, but to-night he had excelled himself; he was worthy of praise and the members were proud of him; he did his work well, and his noble sentiments in regard to the charities, entitled him to respect; he hoped they would drink the toast heartily. The W.M. thanked them for the manner the toast had been received. He had belonged to a charitable association, which was indebted to Bro. Terry for its organisation, where, by a subscription of one shilling per week, he had now in his possession £40. This amount was at the disposal of the Masonic Charities. Through this and similar media, a large amount was subscribed; he hoped the brethren would follow this example. Again he thanked them for their kind expressions. The next toast was that of the P.M.'s. A great debt of gratitude was due to them, they had to encounter many difficulties; the brethren however could see how successfully they had surmounted them. Under such able guidance the Lodge was sure to flourish. Bro. Parsons replied to the toast. He was already Vice-President of the three Charities. He was also a Steward on Monday last, when so large an amount was contributed; all were proud of this. The P.M.'s were always ready to do their duty, and all their efforts were at the service of the Lodge. After the toast of the Wardens and Officers, the Tyler's concluded a very agreeable evening. Bros. H. Garrod and Kift sang some capital songs, and Bros. Hill and Barnard gave excellent recitations. The Visitors were Bro. C. J. Ayton 1209, T. J. Casworth S.W. 813, J. Berliner 1017, H. W. Brown 179, W. Burrows 1333, C. H. Kohler 1331, Macartney 147, Liverpool, and H. M. Levy P.M. 188.

**William Preston Lodge of Instruction, No. 766.**—This Lodge held its usual meeting on Friday, the 16th inst., at Bro. Kennard's, Feathers Tavern, Upper George-street, Edgware-road. Present—Bros. S. Godden W.M., Raddie S.W., Murch J.W.,

Brann Sec., Rudderforth Preceptor, Coates S.D., Davison J.D. Kennard I.G.; also Bros. West, Nichols, E. J. H. Hawkins 1287, J. Jackson I.G. 1287, Parsons, and Dunham. Business—The Lodge was opened in due form, and the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Tribbell being candidate. The Preceptor worked the third section, assisted by the brethren; after this Bro. Davison answered the whole of the questions in the fourth section. Bros. Hawkins and Jackson were elected members. It was proposed, seconded, and carried unanimously, that a fund in aid of the Masonic Charities should be inaugurated on Friday next, entitled the William Preston Lodge of Instruction Benevolent Association, and sixteen brethren gave in their names as members. Bro. S. W. Reddie was elected W.M. for the ensuing Friday evening, and, all labour being ended, the Lodge was closed in due form, with solemn prayer.

**Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 880.**—The usual weekly meeting of this Lodge took place at Bro. Allen's, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, on Tuesday, 20th February. Bro. Barker W.M., Worsley S.W., Lovelock J.W., Smith S.D., Brown J.D., Sanders I.G., P.M. Wallington Preceptor, Worsley Sec., and several brethren. The Lodge was opened with solemn prayer. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The Lodge was opened in the 2nd degree; Bro. Defriez having answered the necessary questions, the Lodge was opened in the 3rd degree, when the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Defriez acting as candidate. Bro. Hewlett worked the 1st and 2nd section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. The Lodge was closed down to the 1st degree. Bro. Worsley was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation; he being Secretary, it happens very rarely that he can take the chair; but the S.W. in rotation not being in attendance, the W.M. took the opportunity of putting him into his place; he said he should like to see a good muster, and hoped that those brethren to whom he is well known will rally round him next Tuesday, the 27th inst., and give him a good reception.

**Strawberry Hill Lodge, No. 946.**—The above Lodge met on Wednesday, 14th inst., at Grotto Hotel, Cross Deep, Twickenham. Bros. Johnson W.M., Wolgemuth S.W., T. Price J.W., W. Platt P.M. Secretary, Johnson Treasurer, G. M. Cook S.D., W. B. Woodman P.M. 1559 J.D., Skinner D.C., Roath Steward, Kipling P.M. as I.G.; and P.M.'s Bros. W. Smeed P.G.J.W. Middlesex, McIlwham P.G.O. Middlesex, and Faithfull. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. A ballot was taken for the admission of Mr. A. T. Ackerman, who was duly initiated. Bros. E. D. Garwood, R. J. Garwood and Doughty were passed to the degree of Fellow Craft, by the W.M. The election for W.M. and Treasurer then took place. The result being that Bro. Wolgemuth was appointed W.M., Johnson Treasurer. A five guinea jewel and a life membership for the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was voted to the retiring W.M., for the able manner in which he had discharged the duties of his office. The Lodge was then closed. A very excellent dinner was provided by Bro. Garwood. The W.M. gave the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. Bro. W. Smeed P.G.J.W. Middlesex, responded to the toast of the R.W. the Prov. G.M. Master, Bro. Col. Burdett, and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers; he also proposed the health of the W.M., which was responded to. The other toasts comprised the Wardens, Visitors and Officers. Bros. Platt, T. Price and Garwood contributed some excellent songs. The visitors were Bros. S. Jewell, T. Darke, J. Sweasey jun., Gilbert and Morris.

**Marquis of Dalhousie Lodge, No. 1150.**—The increasing interest taken in Freemasonry abroad is shown by the desire manifested by foreigners to enter the ranks of English Freemasonry. At the ordinary meeting of this Lodge on Monday, besides the Eastern members who belong to it, there was an initiate from Belgium, a joining member from Venezuela, and a brother passed from Smyrna. The business of the evening was opened by the W.M., Bro. P. L. Simmonds P.M. 141, 554. The officers of the Lodge present were N. Moxon S.W., T. J. Reeves J.W., D. P. Cama P.M., H. T. Wood P.M. Sec., Ch. Cheston J.D., Hyde Clarke P.M. P.D.G.M. Turkey. Visitors—Bros. T. Fenn P.G.D. Prince of Wales Lodge, R. G. Glover P.M. 181, R. E. Barnes P.M. 15 and 30, W. Kelly Minister from Venezuela. The W.M. initiated into Masonry Mr. P. C. Owen C.B., the Director of the South Kensington Museum, and Secretary to the Royal Commission for the Paris Exhibition, of which H.R.H. the Prince of Wales our Grand Master is President. Mr. Gustave Guillam, of Brussels, was also initiated into Masonry, and on the request of the Dekran Lodge, No. 1014, of Smyrna, made through Bro. Hyde Clarke, the D.P.D.G.M. for Turkey, Bro. K. C. Krikoriad was passed to the second degree. Bro. Kelly, of Venezuela, was proposed as a joining member, and some propositions for initiation made. Bro. Moxon having undertaken the duty of Steward for the Festival of the Girls' School, five guineas was voted out of the Lodge funds. This being election night, on the ballot, Bro. H. Moxon S.W. was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year, and Bro. Walter Besant P.M. re-elected Treasurer. All business being ended, the Lodge was closed in due form.

**Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227.**—This Lodge held its meeting at Bro. Bolton's, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, on Friday 16th inst. Present—Bro. A. W. Fenner W.M., R. W. Percy S.W., Lane J.W., Cleverley S.D., Crellin J.D., Kent I.G., Townsend Sec.; Bolton, Simpson, Smith, &c. Lodge opened in due form. Minutes read and confirmed; Lodge opened in 2nd and 3rd degrees. Lodge resumed to 1st degree, when the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed; Bro. Smith candidate. Bro. Smith was elected a member of the Lodge, Bro. Percy S.W., was appointed W.M. for the ensuing

week; Lodge closed and adjourned. This Lodge is without a Preceptor; the members hope that if this becomes known, through the medium of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, their want will soon be supplied. It is a rapidly rising Lodge, and only requires a Brother as Preceptor to ensure its success.

**Hervey Lodge, No. 1260.**—The members of this Lodge met at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on Ash Wednesday, and testified by their large attendance that something more than the usual business had drawn them there. It was the night for the election of the W.M., Treasurer and Tyler, and after the W.M., (Bro. G. Harrison) had raised Bro. Jackson, and passed Bro. Ellis, he resumed the Lodge to the E.A. degree. The ballot was then taken for the W.M., and, as was surmised, proved unanimously in favour of the S.W., who, though a joining member of the Lodge, has, since his connection with it, gained the esteem of the whole of the brethren, by his continuous efforts to promote the welfare of the Lodge, in such a manner that it would have been strange if the brethren had not, when the opportunity arrived, showed the confidence they reposed in him by electing him to fill the chief office in the Lodge. W. Bro. J. Hogg P.G.D. and I.P.M., was again elected Treasurer, and Bro. Speight received the assurance of the appreciation of the brethren by once more being elected Tyler. After receiving hearty good wishes from several visiting brethren, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren proceeded to the Inns of Court Hotel, where a banquet was served in the usual complete manner of that establishment. On the removal of the cloth, the W.M. gave the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts, which, it is needless to say, were received with great enthusiasm. On rising to propose the toast of the evening, the health and prosperity of the W.M. elect. Bro. Harrison said how pleased he was that the brethren had elected so worthy a Mason to fill the chair he then occupied, and what gratification it was to himself to know that the prosperity of the Hervey Lodge was to rest with so energetic a man and so good a Mason. As was natural, he felt to some degree sorry that he had so soon to vacate the chair; it was, however, more than compensated for by the knowledge that in the W.M. elect the members had obtained a brother who would, at all times, be a credit and an ornament to the Lodge. After a snitable and eloquent response from Bro. Southwood (who was heartily cheered), the other toasts of the evening were given and received with the best feeling. Several brethren enhanced the pleasures of the evening by some capital singing. The Tyler's toast brought a happy meeting to a pleasant ending.

**The Great Northern Lodge, No. 1287.**—Held its meeting, under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. P.G. Jupe, on Thursday, the 15th inst.; Bros. Christie S.W., West J.W., Robinson S.D., Arkell J.D., Jackson I.G., Lancaster I.P.M.; P.M.'s Webb Treas., Staten Sec., Reed, Forbes. Business—Bro. Johns was raised, and Messrs. Parry, Watkins, Kempton and Hawkins were initiated. Bro. Lancaster I.P.M., at the close of the above business, rose, and returned thanks on behalf of Bro. Terry and himself, for the kindness that had been shown him on his acting as Steward for the Aged Freemasons; he had received no less a sum than £110. Three candidates were proposed, and the Lodge was closed in due form.

**Friars' Lodge of Instruction, No. 1349.**—This Lodge held its usual weekly meeting on Thursday, the 22nd February, at Bro. J. Wright's, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars, E.C. Present—Bros. Joseph Calverley W.M., John Shepherd S.W., John Blackhall J.W., Wm. Hogg Secretary, John Wright Treasurer, Alfred Ellis S.D., Thomas Watson J.D., Wm. Simmons I.G.; Past Master Bro. Musto Preceptor; Bros. Peterken, Baxter, and several others. Lodge opened in the 1st and 2nd degrees. Bro. Peterken being examined and entrusted, Lodge opened in the 3rd degree, and W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of raising, in a very impressive manner. The 1st section of the lecture was worked by Bro. Ellis, assisted by the brethren. Lodge resumed to the 1st degree, when Bros. Peterken, Shepherd and Watson, were elected to audit the accounts for the past year. Lodge closed in due form with prayer, and adjourned to Thursday, the 1st of March, at seven o'clock.

**The Great City Lodge of Instruction, No. 1426.**—A meeting was held at Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, Basinghall-street, on 22nd February. Present—Bros. Spiegel W.M., Goodman S.W., Payne J.W., Browne S.D., Gladwell J.D., Moss I.G., Poore P.M. Preceptor, Stevens P.M., Colmer, Blackie, Thornes, Parker, Ockenden, Wylar, Shore, Wale, Cnmner. The ceremonies of passing and raising were very ably rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Wale being the candidate. Bro. Cnmner 1426 was unanimously elected a member.

**Hemming Lodge, No. 1512, Hampton.**—The usual monthly meeting of this Lodge took place on Thursday, the 15th instant, under the presidency of Bro. J. Hurst W.M. He was supported by Bros. E. Hopwood I.P.M. and Treasurer, John Hammond P.M. S.W., W. Kraeutler acting J.W., W. Hammond P.M. and Sec., Fox S.D., Jessett J.D., T. W. Ockenden I.G., Walls D.C., and several brethren. The W.M. initiated Mr. C. Hole into the mysteries of the Craft, and vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Hopwood, who raised two brethren to the sublime degree. Bro. W. Hammond presented a handsome Bible to the Lodge, and his kindness was acknowledged by a vote of thanks. Business being concluded, the brethren sat down to the usual frugal meal, and spent a pleasant evening. The W.M., Bros. Walls, Jessett and Schmitz contributed, by vocal efforts, to the harmony of the occasion. During the evening Bro. Kraeutler announced his intention of presenting firing glasses to the Lodge.

THE THEATRES, &c.

**DRURY LANE.**—At 7.0, HIDE AND SEEK, and THE FORTY THIEVES. Also Monday, Wednesday and Saturday afternoons, at 2.0.  
**QUEEN'S.**—At 8, BIORN.  
**ADELPHI.**—At 6.45, LITTLE GOODY TWO SHOES. At 8.15, SHUAUGRAUN.  
**HAYMARKET.**—At 7.30, FOLLOW THE LEADER. At 8.30, PYGMALION AND GALATEA, and BIRDS IN THEIR LITTLE NESTS AGREE.  
**STRAND.**—BABES AND BEETLES, and THE FIELD OF THE CLOTH OF GOLD.  
**PRINCESS'S.**—At 6.45, THE DAY AFTER THE FAIR. At 7.30, LOST IN LONDON. At 10.0, ROBERT MACAIRE.  
**OLYMPIC.**—At 7.0, RAISING THE WIND. At 7.45, THE QUEEN OF CONNAUGHT. At 10.30, CLOCKWORK.  
**PRINCE OF WALES'S.**—At 8.0, PERIL.  
**LYCEUM.**—At 7.0., THE LOTTERY TICKET. At 7.45, KING RICHARD III.  
**GAIETY.**—At 7.15, FARCE. ARTFUL CARDS, and ROBERT MACAIRE.  
**GLOBE.**—At 7.0, THE WAY OF THE WIND. At 7.45, SQUABBLES. At 9.0, THE INVISIBLE PRINCE. (Last night.) On Wednesday, CORA.  
**VAUDEVILLE.**—At 7.30, A WHIRLIGIG. At 8.0, OUR BOYS, and A FEARFUL FOG.  
**ST. JAMES'S.**—At 7.30, FARCE. At 8.15, THE DANISCHEFFS.  
**ROYALTY.**—At 7.30, LITZCHEN AND FRITZCHEN. At 8.0, ORPHEE AUX ENFERS. At 10.0, THE THREE CONSPIRATORS.  
**CRITERION.**—At 7.30, DOROTHY'S STRATAGEM. At 8.45, ON BAIL.

**FOILY.**—At 7.30, PERPETUAL MOTION. At 9, NINE POINTS OF THE LAW. At 9.20, ROBINSON CRUSOE.  
**OPERA COMIQUE.**—At 7.30, THE PROMPTER'S BOX. At 9.15, THE BOHEMIAN GYURL.  
**ALHAMBRA.**—At 7.15, FARCE. At 8.0, FLEDERMAUS. At 9.45, THE GIRARDS. At 10.15, THE FAIRES' HOME. At 11.0, COMIC BALLET.  
**COURT.**—At 8.0, NEW MEN AND OLD ACRES.  
**CRYSTAL PALACE.**—This day, CONCERT. On Tuesday, EASTLYNNE Open daily, AQUARIUM, SKATING RINK, &c.  
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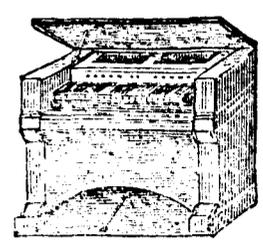
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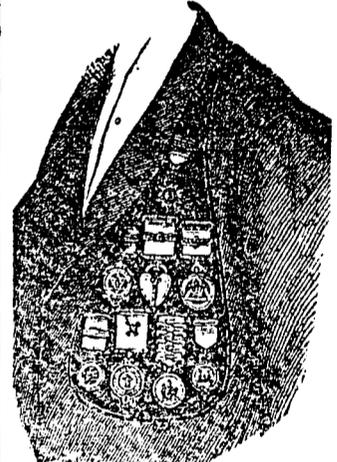
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