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JEWISH MASONIC DISABILITIES IN  
PRUSSIA.

WE rejoice to hear the movement inaugurated by the Montefiore Lodge, to which we alluded in a recent article, is progressing so satisfactorily. No less than a hundred and twenty Lodges have expressed their readiness to support its efforts to obtain from the three Berlin Grand Lodges that recognition, in practice, as well as in theory, of the universality of Freemasonry which at present the latter decline to acknowledge. We trust that other Lodges will follow suit, and that when the time comes for the question to be dealt with by our Masonic authorities in this country, those who take the lead will find they have not only the enthusiastic, but, likewise also, the unanimous support of the English Craft. We are also rejoiced to hear that the movement has the support of the able German Masonic historian, Bro. Findel. This alone is enough to prove that the intellectual section of the Fraternity in Germany is opposed to the narrow-minded exclusiveness of the Berlin Grand Lodges.

It must be apparent to all our readers that no real community of feeling can exist between the Grand Lodge of Freemasons in this country and her sister Grand Lodges in Prussia, when the former accepts in its entirety, and the latter reject, the admissibility of reputable men of *all* political and religious faiths into the ranks of Freemasonry. It is one of our fundamental laws that no man shall be questioned as to his religious or political views. All that is necessary is that he must be a law-abiding man, and one who believes in the existence of a God and a future state. Jews are admittedly loyal to the Government under which they live, be it republican or monarchical. No kind of government, indeed, has more loyal subjects, while in the matter of religion none are more strictly observant of the principles they profess. They believe in the Creator of the Universe, and are as truly religious, according to the light that is in them, as any other sect. They have suffered in former days for the tenacity of their faith, as Christians have suffered, and as, indeed, men of all creeds have suffered, and will continue to suffer; so long, at least, as there are religious differences, and the charity we all profess is not universally practised. In England the principles of toleration have always been practised among Freemasons, at least since the constitution of our Grand Lodge in 1717, and the establishment of a regular system of Masonic Government. A Jew who is known to be a worthy man is, and always has been, and, we may venture to say, always will be, admissible into the ranks of Freemasonry. It would no more occur to an English brother, who was invited to propose a candidate, to inquire what the latter's religious belief was, than what his political views were. It would be enough for him to know that the man he was asked to propose for election was a religious man, as well as loyal to the Government of his country. Above and beyond this, the intending candidate might hold any views he chose, either in religion or politics. Prussia is a great country. It has given birth to many great men, and it is an enlightened country, yet not so enlightened as we are, who are cut off from the rest of Europe by the "silver streak." Prussians have evidently to understand what toleration really means, that is, the Prussian brotherhood at least; and the sooner they make further acquaintance with its character, the better for their own sakes, as well as for the interests of that Freemasonry which they, as we, profess to love so dearly. We do not care to speak harshly of any

brethren. We are too sensible of our own imperfections to advocate a policy of reprisal. Yet see we not how it is possible to fulfil our duty properly and conscientiously, and at the same time pass over unnoticed this most flagrant breach of Masonic law, which our Prussian brethren insist on perpetrating. We feel that when the proper time comes, it will be the duty, albeit a painful one, of the Grand Master to withdraw from all official Masonic intercourse with this or that one of the Prussian Grand Lodges which practically denies the universality of the Craft. We feel that it will be his duty to withdraw our representatives, and to order the withdrawal of theirs, till such time as the true Masonic light shall illumine their minds, and induce them to practise, as well as preach, the true principles of Freemasonry. We shall regret to see any dissension arising between sister Grand Lodges, but it is absurd to expect us to act against our conscience, and accord to our German brethren that recognition which they deliberately withhold from our Jewish brethren.

It is as well, perhaps, we should add a few lines, in order that we may express a hope, that the progress of this movement may not be interrupted by any minor feelings of jealousy, on the ground that one Lodge is taking a more prominent part than its fellows. It matters little what Lodge enjoys the honour of having taken the initiative in raising this question publicly. We have a community of interest as well as of feeling in this matter. We are all equally anxious these Masonic disabilities of the Prussian Jewish Masons should be removed, and if the Prussian Grand Lodges will not do what they are in duty bound to do, there is but one course for our Grand Master to follow. What that course is, we have already indicated with sufficient clearness. Masonry and bigotry are as opposite to each other as the two poles.

THE COMPREHENSIVENESS OF  
FREEMASONRY.

WE often hear maliciously-disposed people affirm that the equality on which we Freemasons so justly pride ourselves has no existence, except in our own perfervid imagination. We are, it is true, all equally admitted into some of the minor and more harmless mysteries. So far the same degree of knowledge is vouchsafed to all, and so far, of course, we are all equally bound to observe the obligations imposed upon us at our admission into the Society. But there is, say they, a Masonry within Freemasonry, into which only a very select few are admitted. It is these select few, we are told, who are the wire-pullers in every foul conspiracy that is hatched against society and religion. These it is to whose machinations are due the overthrow of kings and emperors; the prevalence of atheism and materialism; the calm indifference with which the behests of that sacrosanct personage the Pope are regarded by all but a few religious quacks; and that eternal perdition hereafter which is reserved for all mankind, or for so much of it at least as refuses to believe that the unholy fanaticism of Christianity is in any way representative of the true principles of religious faith. We have no intention of discussing at this moment the charges raised against us by our fanatic assailants of the Romish Church. It does not require any very elaborate argument to demonstrate their worthlessness. To begin with, there is absolutely not a tittle of evidence, either direct or circumstantial, that a single one of them is more than the mere assertion of persons interested in or

anxious for our destruction. It is not necessary a man should be a Mason to have thus much knowledge. Our aims and purposes, our constitutions and laws, are published to all the world. If there are those among us who do not abide by our laws, who deviate from the path of duty as prescribed by our Constitutions, that in no way destroys the purity of Freemasonry. As well might it be said that because some Christians and some Jews have violated, the former the laws of Christianity, and the latter those of Judaism, that Christianity and Judaism are worthless as religions. These so-called arguments must be applied generally or not at all. If we are to condemn utterly the whole Fraternity of Freemasons for the crimes of a few irreligious or political fanatics who happened to have been members of that body, then must we condemn utterly, the whole system of Christianity for the crimes of a Cæsar Borgia, of Alexander VI., the Inquisition, and other Christian persons and societies too numerous to mention. The truth is, we are becoming so influential a body in every country illumined by the sun of reason as well as by that glorious orb of day, which is the emblem, as it is the centre, of all life, both human and divine, that certain perverse-minded priests of the Church of Rome are becoming alarmed for the loss of their own power. None know better than they do that the pretentious system of which they are the professors will be shattered, in fact, is being shattered to pieces, the moment that freedom of conscience is accepted of all peoples. It is only by the most unholy terrorism this priesthood has been able to influence the minds of men; but as the light of reason becomes brighter and still more bright, the system which formerly was so much feared will be laughed to scorn, and the whole fabric of this Pseudo-Christianity will come tumbling to the ground. It is then, for the reason that we are daily increasing in numbers and in influence, that we are almost daily erecting new temples in countries where none previously existed; it is because all men acknowledge that our system is admirable, while even those who are careless in the matter are fain to admit that, in its general character as understood by most people, Freemasonry is perfectly innocuous as regards either religion or morals, that the bigoted section of Roman Catholicism assails us so bitterly. As we advance, so must they inevitably retire. The day of our triumph will be the day of their destruction. We can understand fully the savage determination with which they seek to avoid their doom. We are ready to concede it is human-natural they should struggle fiercely to this end. Yet none the less will they fail in their efforts, and when we triumph, then whatever form or forms of religious worship may prevail throughout the world, they will have at least one element in common which in some is wanting now. They will all be animated by the spirit of love—the love of God and of one's neighbour. This will, at all events, be something for which the world will be indebted to Freemasonry.

We commenced these remarks with a reference to the charge so frequently laid against us, that we are a society, into the innermost circle of which only a few choice spirits are admitted. The princes and nobles who are received into Freemasonry are said to be admitted only to a limited knowledge of our system. What is vouchsafed to them is perfectly harmless. They live, therefore, in the belief that the Fraternity of which they are proud to be members is likewise harmless. Moreover, these princes and nobles are inveigled into our ranks for the express purpose of giving an appearance of respectability to a Society whose real aim is the destruction of religion and morality. Nothing more clearly exhibits the woful ignorance of our enemies than these assertions. There is no inner circle in Freemasonry. Craft Masonry is the basis of the superstructure, and most intimately associated with this is what is known as Royal Arch Masonry. In addition, are Templarism and a large number of high and side degrees, all more or less respectable. But these are not recognised in this country as part and parcel of Freemasonry. On the other hand, most of our distinguished Craft Masons are members of these grades. Every one, indeed, who is so minded and is thought worthy may receive them. It is clear, then, that so far from the greater number of our mysteries being restricted only to a few, they are open to as many as desire initiation, there being only one degree to which a numerical limit is imposed. But this is of far less importance than the comprehensiveness which is the most striking characteristic of Freemasonry pure and simple. Within its fold are admissible men of all gradations of rank in society, the one condition being that they must be free men, of reputable cha-

acter. But as one tittle of evidence is worth more than a whole bundle of statements, how authentic soever these may be, we will just mention the names and status of the candidates for admission to the various grades who presented themselves on the 13th instant in one of our Craft Lodges, to wit, the Wanderer's Lodge No. 1604, which meets at Freemasons' Hall. On this occasion there were elected as joining members of this Lodge the following, namely, Bros. Will. Francis Mimms, Visitor I.S.B., late Troop Serjeant Major 8th (King's Royal Irish) Hussars, Richard Philips, Pioneer Serjeant Scots Fusilier Guards, and Capt. the Hon. Richard S. G. Stapleton Cotton, a near relative of Viscount Combermere. The following were passed to the second degree, namely, Bros. Capt. Ralph Vivian, Capt. W. S. Montgomery, Captain Lord Francis C. Gordon Lennox, a son of the Duke of Richmond and Gordon, Lord President of the Council, and Capt. Fred. Lorn Campbell. The following were initiated, namely, Messrs. Richard Bryant, late Regimental Clerk Coldstream Guards, John Holloway, Quartermaster Serjeant in the same regiment, and George Hendry, late Regimental Clerk, and Henry R. Filcher, late Quartermaster Serjeant, both of the Grenadier Guards. Who will deny that Freemasonry comprehends men of every rank in society, when we find members of the nobility, gentry, and commonalty elected members of one and the same Lodge on one and the same occasion? The select body of conspirators against religion and morality must be very dull fellows indeed if they accord to men of high as well as men of modest birth exactly the same privileges and knowledge of our Masonic rites.

## MASONS OF MANY DEGREES.

(From the *Voice of Masonry*.)

NOT unfrequently we hear it stated by members of the Masonic Institution, and, occasionally, see the same idea put forth in our Masonic journals, that Masons, who are recipients of what are called the higher degrees of the Order, become careless of their obligations to the Lodge; neglect to attend its communications; deprive it of their aid and council, and neglect its interests and disregard its prosperity. This charge—for it amounts to a charge—is grave, and, if sustained, ought to call upon those who are amenable to it, the severest reprehension. If not true, it should cease to be made. It is, probably, one of the multitude of questions upon both sides of which something may be said and a fair argument exhibited, and yet we cannot concede the general truth of the allegation. Were we to make up our opinion on the subject from our own personal experience in the matter, we should at once conclude that the charge is mostly without foundation. Where we have been connected with the Lodge, it has almost invariably been the case that that body has principally been governed, supported and sustained by officers and members who were in possession of the secrets of the Chapter, Council and Commandery. In one instance that is recollected there were but two Knights Templars belonging to the Lodge; they were decidedly the most prompt in attendance on the meetings of that body of any of the members. If they were not present it was known that there was a good and sufficient reason for their absence. But this was not all. They willingly filled the offices to which they were called, either permanently or temporarily, and were ready to assist wherever they could be of service, for, in fact, they were the pillars and supports of the Lodge; and no one there thought that they were derelict in their duties towards the "foundation of all true Masonry,"—the first three degrees.

In another case that fell under our observation, there were several Lodges in the place, while the Chapter, Council, Commandery, and the various degrees of the Scottish Rite were represented by a single organization for each. It was not discovered that those who were members of these so-called higher bodies were lukewarm or careless of the progress and prosperity of the Lodges. On the contrary, one of the Knights Templars served year after year as a Lodge officer; and another, a past officer in the Consistory, discharged the duties of Warden and Master for a series of consecutive terms; and two others, equally far advanced in the condemned bodies, officiated in the office of Secretary—an office that would certainly not be sought for the honour it would confer. This was in one Lodge. In another, a Past Commander of the Commandery held the office of Master, and when he succeeded in convincing the brethren that it would be better to have a new presiding officer, they rewarded him by electing him Secretary—a place which he filled for a number of years—and this was about the way the Lodges were officered.

As regards the members not in the chairs, the facts were about coincident with these. It was not often that a special communication of any of the other organisations, if it became necessary after the Lodge was closed, could not be held without going out of the hall for a quorum; and in not very isolated cases a majority of the Lodge members present were, also, members of the so-called higher degrees. These are facts that have come under our own observation, and it is not to be supposed, and will not be contended for a moment, that these are exceptional cases. "All the rest are like these."

The charge we are considering is usually predicated upon the supposition that those who take the higher degrees are so much better

pleased with them than they are with the Lodge that they lose all interest in the latter, and are entirely absorbed in the greater beauties of the ceremonies and rites of the former. It is believed that this supposition is founded on a misconception of facts. We must admit, to the discredit of Masonry, but more to the discredit of the humanity of which Masons are made, that many become Masons through motives of mere curiosity. They go through the first three degrees, but they are not satisfied because there are other mysteries which have not been unveiled in their presence, and their curiosity still leads them on and on until they have passed through them all, when they sit down and cry, Alexander-like, because somebody will not give them the eighty-four degrees of the Egyptian Rite in addition to the thirty odd of the American and Scottish Rites. Having satiated their curiosity so far as possible by the reception of the degrees within their reach, they lose interest in them all, and attend on the administration of none of them. They have got what they wanted—have satisfied their foolish curiosity—and why should they pay any further attention to the matter? As a rule, this class attend neither the Lodge nor the consistory, and, if the facts were submitted to a scrutiny, we believe it would clearly appear that the great majority of those who are now set down by Lodge members as absenting themselves from Lodge because they like the higher degrees better, are as often absent from the one as the other, and that the reason of their absence is not that they care more for the one than the other, but rather that they care for neither. On inquiry made, we should find them absent from one place as well as the other, and attending neither, unless on particular occasions, and at long intervals.

Were an extended view of the facts touching the subject taken, it would probably appear that the best workers in the Lodge are, generally, the best workers in the higher bodies; and we assume it would be found to be equally true that members of the higher bodies do their full share in keeping up the interests of the Lodge, in proportion to their numbers. We have not yet found the first individual member, who is a thoroughly active and efficient worker in the newer degrees, who does not reverence the ancient landmarks, and hold it to be his duty to preserve them in their vigour and full strength, as well as inviolate. The three degrees are the base and the ground-work of all true Masonry, and are conceded that position by every widely prevailing Rite or system in the world.

We are unwilling, hence, to believe that there is any considerable number who prefer to labour for the up-building of the superstructure without a proper regard for the soundness and perfection of the foundation. The man who builded his house on the sand instead of a rock is designated as a fool, and the saying has long since passed into a proverb. How much wiser is that Mason who, having a sure foundation prepared for him on which to build his moral and Masonic edifice, builds on a new or untried foundation, or on none at all, and finds his structure, like the tenement house of Chicago, based on nothing but mud? But we trust there are few of this class of builders in Speculative Masonry. All have been taught better how to erect their moral and Masonic edifice. Let every one build as well as he has been taught, and his work will be strong and permanent.

But the charge we have so briefly examined may teach those of the so-called high degrees a salutary lesson, if heeded and practised. They cannot be ignorant of the truth that there are large numbers of those who have taken the Lodge degrees only, who really believe those who have been inducted into the others are remiss in Lodge duties, and look upon that body as secondary in importance. It is for those of the higher degrees, so-called, to dispel this illusion. It is in their power to do it. They are the only power which can do it. Let them, in pursuance of this fraternal work, see that a full share of time, work and influence is given to the Lodge. If need be, to correct this wrong impression, let them give more attention, proportionally, to the first three than to the last thirty-three degrees, that no brother may be able, truthfully, to say that they build on any other foundation than that which has been laid.

These last remarks are addressed only to true Masons, who love the Fraternity, and who are willing to labour for its welfare, and suffer that it may prosper. Those who have passed through the various degrees to gratify an idle curiosity, and who attend the Convocations and Conclaves only on public occasions, and think all the good of the higher degrees is covered by a baldric, a sword, and an ostrich feather, will never heed our advice or profit by our exhibition of the facts. But let all true and genuine brethren of the Fraternity remember that in well-regulated communities some must obey if others rule, and that there need be no contention among them except that noble contention, or rather emulation, of who best can work and agree.

## DEDICATION OF THE NEW MASONIC TEMPLE, KEOKUK, IOWA.

**W**E gather the following particulars from the *Weekly Constitution* :—

It has been scarcely a year since a violent wind cloud burst over our city, and destroyed the hall occupied by the Masonic fraternity. They had been at great expense the fall preceding in entertaining and banqueting the grand bodies of the State which assembled here, and the loss entailed upon them by the destruction of their hall and paraphernalia was heavy. But they were not discouraged. Temporary quarters were secured, and a committee, consisting of members from each of the Lodges, was appointed to see about building a new temple. Thursday, the Masonic fraternity of Keokuk dedicated one of the best arranged, most convenient, finest finished and furnished halls in the west.

At half-past 2 o'clock on Thursday, 1st March, the Grand Lodge met at 7th and Main streets. It was soon joined by Eagle and

Hardin Lodges, when a procession was formed in the following order :—Eagle and Hardin Lodges under charge of their officers. The Grand Lodge of Iowa, under the charge of Grand Master H. W. Rothert. The bodies then moved off and marched out Blondeau to Tenth, from Tenth to Main, down Main to Third, from Third to Johnson-street, out Johnson-street to Fourth-street to the Hall.

On the arrival of the bodies at the Hall, the Grand Lodge was greeted with public grand honours. Music by the band followed, after which the dedication exercises began. Grand Master Rothert, after addressing the Craft, briefly recited, in an impressive manner, the dedicatory ode.

After this the hall was inspected by the Grand Lodge, the members marching through all of the rooms and corridors in the building. The consecration prayer by the Grand Chaplain, Rev. R. C. McIlwain followed, then came the address to the Grand Master, by the Grand Architect, R. F. Bower, who presented Grand Master Rothert with the Square, Level and Plumbet, remarking that, "having, according to the best of my ability, accomplished the task assigned me, I now return my thanks for the honour of this appointment, and beg leave to surrender up the implements which were committed to my care when the foundations of this fabric were laid—humbly hoping that the exertions which have been made on this occasion will be crowned with your approbation and that of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge. The Grand Master replied in the usual form, after which he was addressed by Deputy Grand Master Cross who expressed the desire of the Craft to have the hall dedicated.

The Grand Lodge then formed a procession around the hall, during which the Craft sang the dedication ode. The Junior Grand Warden, S. L. Baylies, then presented the Grand Master with a vessel of corn, which he spread on the Lodge, saying: "In the name of the Great Jehovah, to whom be all honour and glory, I most solemnly dedicate this hall to Freemasonry."

A second procession was then formed, and marched around the hall, after which the Senior Grand Warden, John R. Carpenter, presented the Grand Master with a vessel of wine, which he sprinkled over the floor, accompanying the action with these words: "In the name of the most holy St. John, I do most solemnly dedicate this hall to virtue." A third procession followed this act, the Craft singing an ode as the procession marched around. The Deputy Grand Master then presented the Grand Master with a vessel of oil, which was sprinkled over the Lodge, the G.M. repeating: "In the name of the whole fraternity, I do most solemnly dedicate this hall to universal benevolence." The public Grand honours were then thrice repeated, when the G.M. retired to his station. After the Invocation by the Grand Chaplain, Dr. Shaffer delivered a very eloquent oration, which brought the proceedings to a close.

We hope in a future number to publish Dr. Schaffer's oration which we are sure will be read with great interest.

## GLASGOW.

### PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE VISITATIONS.

Bro. Col. Walter Montgomerie Nelson, P.G.M. of Glasgow, commenced his visitation for the present year, by a visit to the Union and Crown, No. 103, on Monday, 26th March, and highly complimented the Lodge on the very efficient state of the books, and also of the finances. He, with several P.G.Os., went to the St. Clair. That Lodge in the absence, through illness, of the Master, had been opened by Bro. Hogg I.P.M., assisted by the whole of the remaining office bearers. The report showed that since last visitation there had been 22 initiations, and the funds had been increased by above £30. The P.G.M. congratulated them on their financial as well as their moral prosperity. It was very desirable they should look strictly into the morals of those they were about to admit into the Order.

### NOTICES OF MEETINGS, &c.

The Holy Palestine Preceptory will meet at the Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square W. on Wednesday, 4th April at 5.30., Sir Knt. John Boyd E. Preceptor to instal the E. Preceptor Elect, Sir Knt. H. C. Levander M.A., to invest the Treasurer, appoint the officers, and instal candidates.

The Vigne Chapter, Rose Croix will meet at the Pembroke Hotel, Bournemouth, on Wednesday, 4th April, at 6 p.m. for the perfection of candidates and election of the M.W.S. for the ensuing year. Ex. Bro. S. G. Kirchhoffer, 18°, M.W.S.

The Studholme Lodge of Mark Master Masons will meet at the Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square, W., on Thursday, 5th April, at 4.45, Bro. Lieut-General J. Studholme Brownrigg, C.B., W.M.

The Bayard Lodge, No. 1615, held a Lodge of Emergency on Monday, 26th March, at the Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square, W., at 4 p.m. Present—W. Bro. Lieut.-Colonel H. Somerville Burney P.M. P.P.G. Deacon of Essex as W.M., and several others. Bros. the Rev. G. Sutton Flack, Maitland and Herbert were raised. Bros. Egerton and Longcroft passed to the degree of Fellow Craft, and the Rev. Hugh Pearson initiated into the mysteries of the Order. On the proposition of the W.M., seconded by the Treasurer, a donation of ninety guineas was voted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. Several candidates having been proposed for initiation at the meeting on 30th April, the Lodge was closed in due form.

**Old Warrants.**

No. 61.

No. 204, "Ancients;" No. 255 at the "Union" (1814) No. 181 A.D. 1832, and No. 155 from A.D. 1863.

ATHOLL, GRAND MASTER.

LAURENCE DERMOTT, D.G.M.

THOMAS CARTER, S.G.W.

ROBERT DAVY, J.G.W.

To all whom it may concern.

We, the Grand Lodge of the most Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, according to the Old Constitutions granted by His Royal Highness Prince EDWIN, at York, Anno Domini Nine hundred twenty and six, and in the Year of Masonry Four thousand Nine hundred twenty and six, in ample form assembled, viz., The Right Worshipful and Most Noble Prince John, Duke, Marquis and Earl of Atholl, Marquis of Tullibardine, Earl of Strathtay and Strathardle, Viscount of Balquidder, Glenalmond and Glenlyon, Lord Murray, Belveney and Gask, Heritable Captain and Constable of the Castle of Kinleaven, and Hereditary Keeper of the Palace of Falkland, and that part of Great Britain called England and Masonical Jurisdiction thereunto belonging . . . . . GRAND MASTER OF MASONS, The Right Worshipful Laurence Dermott, Esquire, Deputy Grand Master, The Right Worshipful Thomas Carter, Esq., Senior Grand Warden, and the Right Worshipful Robert Davy, Esq., Junior Grand Warden (with the Approbation and Consent of the Warranted Lodges held within the Cities and Suburbs of London and Westminster), Do hereby

authorise and empower our trusty and well beloved brethren, No. 204 viz., The Worshipful Thomas Beeley one of our Master Masons, The Worshipful George Royle his Senior Warden, and the Worshipful Thomas Tyrer his Junior Warden, to Form and Hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons aforesaid, at the sign of the Cock, or elsewhere, in the town of Stratford, in the County of Lancaster, upon the First and Third Friday in every Calendar Month, . . . . . and on all seasonable Times and lawful Occasions. And in the said Lodge (when duly congregated) to admit and make Free Masons according to the most Ancient and Honourable Custom of the Royal Craft in all Ages and Nations throughout the known world. And we do hereby farther authorise and empower our said Trusty and Well beloved Brethren Thomas Beeley, George Royle, and Thomas Tyrer, with the Consent of the Members of their Lodge, to nominate, chuse, and install their Successors, to whom they shall deliver this Warrant, and invest them with their Powers and Dignities as Free Masons, &c. And such Successors shall in like manner nominate, chuse, and install their Successors, &c., &c., &c. Such installations to be upon (or near) every St. JOHN'S DAY, during the continuance of this Lodge for ever. Providing the above named Brethren and all their Successors always pay due Respect to this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, otherwise this Warrant to be of no Force nor Virtue.

Given under our Hands and the Seal of our Grand Lodge in London, this Twenty-seventh day of July, in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy and Seven, and in the Year of Masonry Five Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy and Seven.

JAS. JONES,  
Grand Secretary.



NOTE.—This Warrant is Registered in the Grand Lodge, Vol. 8, Letter H.

ENDORSEMENTS.

To be held at the Legs of Man in Preston, or elsewhere, in the County of Lancaster, upon the first Monday in every month, and on all lawful occasions, being first duly registered pursuant to the statute in that case made and provided.

THOS. HARPER, D.G.M.



COUNTY OF LANCASTER.  
WESTERN DIVISION.

Whereas, by patent bearing date the 14th day of September 1826, His late Royal Highness Prince Augustus Frederick of Brunswick, Lunenburg, Duke of Sussex, Earl of Inverness, Baron of Arklow, Knight of the Most Noble Order of the Garter, &c., &c., &c., Grand Master of the most Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of England, constituted and appointed Le Gendre Nicholas Starkie, Esq., M.P., &c., &c., &c., of Huntroyde, in the said County, and whereas the said Le Gendre Nicholas Starkie hath duly appointed me to be his Deputy Provincial Grand Master, in and for the said County, Now I Gilmour Robinson Clerk, by virtue of the Great Power, Trust and Confidence reposed in me, do hereby make known my Will and Consent, and I do hereby authorize and empower you, Brother Gem, the W.M. of Lodge No. 181, to remove the Warrant of Constitution, together with all the Furniture, Clothing, Jewels and property belonging to your Lodge, from Preston to the

Royal Hotel, Dale Street, Liverpool, in the said Division, for doing thereof this shall be your authority.

Given under my Hand and Seal of the Provincial Grand Lodge at Liverpool aforesaid, this 7th day of May, in the year of Masonry 5852, and of our Lord 1852.

So mote it be.

Recorded in the Minutes of the Provincial G. Lodge.

JOSHUA WALMSLEY, Prov. G. Secretary.  
GILMOUR ROBINSON, D.P.G. Master.

The present title, No., &c. are, The "Lodge of Perseverance," No. 155, Liverpool.

We are indebted to W. Bro. John R. Goepel P.M. 155, 823, P.P.G.D.C., for the following interesting description of the above Warrant:—

DESCRIPTION AND REMARKS OF THE WARRANT OF THE LODGE OF PERSEVERANCE, NUMBER 155.

The body of this Warrant is printed from a plate, the requisite portion being filled in with writing; its length is 22 inches by 17 inches broad, and was granted by the Fourth Duke of Atholl, and is dated the 27th July 1777. It has a blue Government stamp value 1s 6d. On the bottom margin of the Warrant is a blue ribbon 2½ inches wide, laced through, forming three blue bars rather less than ½ an inch deep; there are also 2 cuts where a ribbon has been laced through about 1½ inches broad. On the top margin of the Warrant there is a ribbon laced through showing 3 bars of about ¼ of an inch deep, and ¼ inch broad, equally divided yellow and blue. On the back of the Warrant at the top right hand corner is the written authority of the Deputy Grand Master of England, Thomas Harper Esquire, empowering the removal of the Lodge from Stratford to Preston. On the top left hand corner, also on the back of the Warrant, is a printed dispensation, and filled in with writing, granted by Gilmour Robinson Esq., Deputy Provincial Grand Master of the Western Division of Lancashire, to empower the removal of the Lodge from Preston to Liverpool. This Warrant is one of the class known as the Ancients, and like all of this class, is printed from a plate, space being left for inserting, in writing, the names and dignities of the Grand Master, and of all Grand Lodge Officers on their being elected or appointed, and also to whom the Warrant is granted and where to be held. This Warrant purports to be held at the sign of the Cock at Stratford in Lancashire; this is evidently a mistake, as it should be Stretford, and not Stratford, as there is no such place as Stratford in Lancashire; but the Cock Inn at Stretford is still in existence, and from it omnibuses start to Manchester, being four miles distant. The word Viscount is spelt without the letter S as Vicount. The dark blue paper Government stamp is 2 inches long and 1½ broad, in the centre is a rose surrounded with the garter, and surmounted by a crown; across the bottom is the word one shilling; up each side and across the top is the word VI. pence, the stamp is affixed in the margin of the Warrant, and there is also a strip of thin silver, looping it to the parchment, which is bent flat at the back and covered by a white piece of paper, on which is printed the letters G.R., surrounded by a crown, and underneath the letters G.R. interlaced, the whole being pressed together, the blue stamp being ornamented with a spray. This is the only Warrant I know of that has a Government stamp affixed to it. There is no seal of the Grand Master attached to this Warrant, as is usual in those of later dates. The Grand Lodge seal is broken away, the Warrant in its earlier days being folded into one-eighth its size. The original number of the Warrant is 204, at the Union 1814 it became 255, in 1832 it was 181, and in 1863 it was as it is at present No. 155. Taking all things into consideration, the Warrant is in a good state of preservation, the written part being partially faded.

There is no record of the volume or letter under which this Warrant is registered. The James Jones who was Grand Secretary at the time this Warrant was granted appears to have held that office for two years, viz., 1776-8.

The Consecration of the Phoenix Chapter, No. 173, will take place on Saturday, 7th April. Comp. J. D. Massey is the M.E.Z. designate, George Wilson H., and G. R. Green J. The ceremony of Consecration will be performed by Comp. Jas. Terry, P.Z. Nos. 174 and 975.

On Thursday, 22nd inst., a party of gentlemen met at the Holborn Restaurant, for the purpose of presenting the courteous and excellent manager, Bro. I.J. Hamp with a testimonial, consisting of a silver tea and coffee service of the value of 50 guineas. The inscription showed that it was presented by the subscribers as a token of their appreciation of his uniform courtesy as manager of the establishment. The chair was occupied by W. E. Brougham Esq., supported by N. G. Pennyton F. Adlard, F. B. Davage, &c.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Throat Affections.—All the varieties of these distressing complaints may be readily and effectively treated by rubbing this Ointment twice a day upon the neck and chest, and supporting the strength by suitable nourishment. By this simple means diphtheria, ulcerated and relaxed throat, irritation of the windpipe, quinsy, and all glandular enlargements will have their progress arrested and the destruction they have caused repaired. Holloway's Ointment is the most trustworthy remedy for all internal and external throat ailments, and may be safely and effectively employed in every case, without regard to season, sex, age, or constitution. It is highly extolled for its ready cures of spasmodic coughs, chronic hoarseness, and disagreeable discharges from the throat and nose.

## PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF MIDDLESEX AND SURREY.

**A**n important gathering of the Mark Masons of this Province was held at the Masonic Hall, Air-street, Regent-street, on Wednesday, the 21st inst., and the attendance and proceedings were of the most gratifying nature. Prior to the meeting of the Prov. G.L. the Grosvenor Mark Lodge 144 was opened by the W.M. Bro. W. G. Brighten, the G. Sec. of the Province, and as soon as the ordinary business of the Lodge was disposed of, four brethren were in regular order duly advanced, viz., Bros. Chas. Coupland 106, F. W. Goddard 19, A. D. Everingham 569, and J. H. Evans 1017.

Bro. F. H. Cozens officiated as Organist, and with Bros. Theodore Distin and H. D. Martin conducted the musical and choral part of the ceremony, which was thereby rendered the more impressive. By the time the advancements were completed, the Lodge-room was full in every part, on account of the Prov. G. Officers and many visitors arriving to witness the working of the Grosvenor Mark Lodge. The W.M. then called upon the brethren to salute the Prov. G.M. Col. F. Burdett, who replied in most suitable terms.

The ceremony of installation was then proceeded with, and Bro. W. Wigginton presented Bro. G. A. Rooks the W.M. elect to Bro. Brighten to receive, at his hand, the benefit of installation; the usual questions were put and answered satisfactorily by Bro. Rooks. Bro. Brighten then formed and declared a duly constituted Board of Installed Masters; (probably one of the largest in the Mark Degree). After the installation of Bro. Rooks in due form, the brethren were re-admitted, and listened to the various addresses delivered by the Prov. G. Sec. in an able manner. The new W.M. Bro. Rooks then presented the retiring Master with an elegant and valuable P.M.'s jewel, voted to him by the brethren of the Grosvenor Mark Lodge, and that Lodge was closed soon after six. A procession of the officers of Prov. G. Lodge was then formed, and they were received by the brethren present in Masonic form. The Prov. G. officers present were, the R.W. Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Col. Burdett, the V.W. Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. F. Davison, Col. Stallard G.S.W., J. Baxter Langley, LL.D., G.J.W., Rev. D. Shaboe P.G. Chaplain, E. S. Baikie G.M.O., Wm. Wigginton G.S.O., Chas. Pulman G.J.O., C. Hammerton G. Treasurer, J. M. Klonck G. Reg., W. G. Brighten G. Secretary, G. A. Rooks S.D., J. T. Ritchie J.D., E. B. Bright Superintendent of Works, J. B. Shackleton D.C., J. K. Pitt Asst. D.C., H. Court Sword Bearer, W. Taylor Standard Bearer, F. H. Cozens Grand Organist, and C. H. Rogers Harrison and R. P. Spice Stewards, and among the numerous brethren present were, R. G. Glover P.G.S.W., Thos. Parker P.S.D., R. J. Moore P.M.O., H. C. Levander G.R., Geo. Yaxley 198, A. Wolton 104, John Close, E. Hopwood 181, A. W. Hall Chaplain 7, H. A. Pocock 198, E. Passover 5, A. W. Hume 5, H. R. Cooper Smith 7, Theo. Distin 104, H. D'Almanie 1, Geo. Huddock, Major Harding 7, Bernard Meyer 176, Chas. Legg 198, W. J. Nicholls 198, Saml. Griffiths, R. W. Brown 198, Dr. Ramsey, Louis Beck, E. H. Thiellay 1, and several other brethren of the Grosvenor Lodge.

The Provincial Grand Lodge having been opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting, held at Richmond in July last, confirmed, the Roll of Lodges was called over by the Prov. G. Sec., whose report thereon was received with much satisfaction, the great increase in the number of members during the past year being observable, and a new Lodge, the Croydon, having been consecrated.

The Provincial Grand Master then said that the special business of this meeting was the nomination of a Prov. G.M. for the ensuing three years. He had been already re-elected for a second period of three years, which latter term had passed by so pleasantly and quickly that it seemed scarcely a year since that election; as he thought it his duty to leave the brethren free and unfettered in the full discussion of the matter, he would leave the Lodge while that business was being settled. The Rev. Bro. Shaboe at once stated that such a course was not required or wished for by the brethren present (universal applause), and in a few words proposed the re-election of Bro. Col. F. Burdett.

Bro. Col. Wigginton seconded the nomination. The motion being put by Bro. Col. Stallard, it was carried unanimously and with acclamation. Col. Burdett then thanked the brethren and congratulated them upon the great and increasing prosperity of the Order in general and of their Province in particular.

The list of Prov. G. Stewards not having been filled up last July, owing to the apathy of some of the Lodges who had failed to recommend any brother for such honours, the Prov. G. Secretary stated how those vacancies arose, and read over certain recommendations now to hand, when the Prov. G.M. appointed Bro. Sanderson, the W.M. of the Mallet and Chisel Lodge, Bros. Legg and Pocock, of the Croydon Lodge, and a brother to be named by the Macdonald Lodge as Prov. G. Stewards.

The Prov. G.M. then adverted to the great family bereavement lately sustained by the head of the Order, the Grand Mark Master of England and Wales, &c., &c., the Earl of Limerick, and proposed that a letter of condolence on the death of Lady Limerick be written by the Prov. G. Sec., and sent from the Province to the Grand Master. The motion having been seconded by Bro. Dr. Ramsey, it was duly put from the chair and carried unanimously.

No further business being before the Lodge, the same was closed, and the brethren adjourned to an elegant banquet, at which the R.W. Prov. G.M. presided, assisted by the Prov. G. Wardens. On the right was the V.W. the Dep. Prov. G.M., and on his left Bro. W. G. Brighten, acting for the W.M. of the Grosvenor Lodge, the banquet for which was provided at the same table. Accordingly, Bro. Brighten was assisted by the Wardens of the Grosvenor Lodge in such duties as were required of him and that Lodge. The toast of the Queen, the Prince of Wales, Prince Leopold, and the members of the Royal Family, were duly honoured, as was also that of the Grand Master—the Earl of Limerick. Each of the above toasts, as well as the subsequent ones, was followed according to programme by suit-

able music, wherein the services of Bro. F. H. Cozens, the Prov. G. Org., and Bros. Theo. Distin and H. D. Martin were rendered in a most agreeable and pleasant manner. Bro. Levander responded for the Grand Mark Officers. The toast of Col. Burdett as proposed by the Dep. G.M. was received with much enthusiasm. The G.M. replied in terms of unmixed satisfaction; not only with the progress of the Province and Mark Masonry, but with the gathering round that table. He expressed his pleasure at being again nominated, although he felt they might have nominated a better. (No, no.) He would not conceal the fact that he was pleased to be further associated with the Province as Presiding Master now they had reached their present height of prosperity, which promised yet to increase. Bro. Brighten then proposed the health of the D.G.M. F. Davison, and the rest of the Prov. G. Officers, and bore testimony to the manner in which they performed their duties, and all took their part in the work; to Bro. Davison and the officers was due much of the success they were met to celebrate. Bro. Davison, at the close of his reply, said he should turn the tables upon Bro. Brighten, for he was sure that all the brethren would agree with him (Bro. Davison) that Bro. Brighten had been proposing his own health in reality; for the Province now owed much to him. The brethren had that evening been able to see him work, as Master of a Lodge, the ceremony of advancement, and also that of installation. The gathering this evening bore testimony to his ability as Provincial Grand Mark Secretary.

After Bro. Brighten's reply, in which he referred with regret to Bro. Rooks having been compelled to leave, he proposed the Past Masters of the Grosvenor Lodge, viz.: Bro. C. Hammerton, the first Master of that Lodge, the first Grand Secretary of the Province, and the present Grand Treasurer, and Bro. Barker, Past Grand Deacon. Those brethren having replied, the next toast was that of the newly-advanced brethren, to each of whom Bro. Brighten briefly referred. Bro. Goddard returned thanks in an able and entertaining manner. The toast of the Visitors, Bros. Dr. Ramsey and Major Harding, was replied to by the former, and soon after concluded an evening which was frequently spoken of as one of the most pleasant and successful ever remembered.

## INAUGURATION OF THE CORINTHIAN LODGE, NEW ZEALAND.

**T**he inauguration of the new Lodge, formed at the Thames, under the English Constitution of Freemasonry, which has been named the Corinthian Lodge, took place on Thursday, 16th November, and was conducted with all the display of Masonic solemnities peculiar to such occasions. That great interest was felt in the inauguration of this Lodge was manifested by the large attendance, not only of the older Lodges—the Lodge of Light I.C., and the Lodge Sir Walter Scott S.C.—at the Thames, but by the large number of visitors who attended from Auckland and Ohinemuir. The Corinthian Lodge being the first under the English Constitution started at the Thames, and the first in the North Island province since the appointment of Bro. Sir Donald McLean as P.G.M. under this Constitution, a greater amount of interest was manifested than is customary. It had been intended that the P.G.M. himself should have inaugurated the Lodge and installed its W.M., but Sir Donald McLean finding himself unable to attend, appointed Bro. M. S. Leers, P.M. of the Prince of Wales Lodge E.C., Auckland, acting D.P.G.M. for the occasion. He was accompanied from Auckland by that veteran Mason, Bro. T. Jenkins, who officiated as Master of Ceremonies and Grand Marshal. Amongst the other visitors from Auckland were Bros. C. M. Nelson Chaplain Prince of Wales Lodge E.C., Reece P.M. Ara Lodge I.C. and Prince of Wales Lodge E.C. Visitors from Mackaytown and the Ohinemuir district also attended, and amongst these were Bros. A. J. Allom, D. H. Bayldon, and J. Hayman of the Ara Lodge, W. Climo of Lodge of Light I.C., Keddell P.M., &c. Sir Walter Scott Lodge was first to assemble, before 11 o'clock, at the Freemasons' Hall. The Lodge was opened in form by Rev. James Hill, who was supported by all his Lodge officers, and Past Masters Brodie and Black, and 40 brethren, who were joined by about 10 others shortly after. The Lodge of Light I.C., met at the Masonic Hall, Queen-street, about half-past 11 o'clock, when the Lodge was opened in form by Bro. J. L. Bagnell W.M. with his officers and about 25 members. The Lodge was at once called off, and at noon exactly the members of the two sister Lodges joined their brethren of the new Lodge in the Masonic Hall. Bro. Leers as D.P.G.M. presided, and the following officers of the Grand Lodge officiated:—Bro. Jenkins Director of Ceremonies, C. M. Nelson G. Chaplain, G. S. Graham G.S.W., W. R. Robinson G.J.W., W. Davies G.S.D., J. Reece G.J.D., A. Brodie G.I.G. The whole of the officers were Past Masters. The Grand Officers having been received with the customary rite, the Grand Lodge was opened by the D.P.G.M.

The Secretary of the new Lodge, Bro. Woodward, intimated to the D.P.G.M. that on behalf of the new Lodge he desired that they might be inaugurated as the Corinthian Lodge, under the English Constitution. He had, as required, a copy of the petition, with the names of the new members appended; also the warrant, under the hands of the P.G.M., Sir Donald McLean, and the minutes of the last meeting of the proposed members of the Lodge. He read the documents and minutes, and the latter, after being put to the brethren of the new Lodge, were signed as correct by the D.P.G.M., who then read his own warrant, under the hands of Sir Donald McLean P.G.M., to officiate. The brethren then intimated their satisfaction with the officers named in the dispensation. The Grand Lodge being then fully constituted, was saluted by the brethren with grand honours, and the choir sung an anthem, Bro. Bell presiding at the harmonium. Bro. Rev. C. M. Nelson then read the first seven verses of the 95th Psalm, and pronounced an invocation to the Great Architect of the Universe to bless the object of the present assembly. The Grand Officers and Past Masters then marched round the hall (the choir in the meantime

singing suitable selections) and poured out the customary oblations of corn, wine, and oil, and the Chaplain, having invoked the Divine blessing on the officers and members of the new Lodge, and on the brethren scattered throughout the world, and the usual responses and honours being given, the Grand Director of Ceremonies, Bro. Jenkins, made the following declaration:—"Brethren, I am directed by the Most Worshipful the Acting Deputy Provincial Grand Master to make proclamation that by virtue of the power and authority of Grand Lodge, these brethren are now constituted a regular Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, by the title and designation of the Corinthian Lodge. And from henceforth they are fully entitled to exercise all their rights and privileges agreeably to the tenour of their charter, the laws of the Grand Lodge, and the ancient usages of the Fraternity, and may God be with them. So mote it be." Bro. Rev. C. M. Nelson G. Chaplain then read a selection from the 8th chapter of the First Book of Kings, after which the R.W.M. of Sir Walter Scott Lodge, the Rev. J. Hill, delivered an address to the brethren assembled. After suitable anthems had been sung by the choir, this portion of the ceremony was brought to a termination. Bro. Leers officiated as Installing Master. Bro. Wildman, the W.M. elect of the Corinthian Lodge, was presented by Bro. Bagnall W.M. Lodge of Light I.C. and Bro. the Rev. J. Hill R.W.M. Lodge Sir Walter Scott S.C. in the customary form. Bro. Wildman having given his adhesion to the charges and regulations, which were read to him by the Secretary, was received by the Installing Master, and having taken the obligation of Worshipful Master, he was duly installed with the insignia and implements of his office. The following officers were then invested by the Worshipful Master:—Bro. L. Ehrenfried S.W., H. Goldsmith J.W., Rev. V. Lush Chap., F. R. G. Woodward Sec., J. Osborne Treas., T. Bell Organist, G. Best S.D., D. Boone J.D., Hopkins I.G., O. Garrett Tyler. The new Master then thanked the Installing Officer and the officers of Grand Lodge, and also the brethren of the Lodge who had elected him to his present position.

**Royal Veterans Encampment, Plymouth.**—The annual Convocation was held at the Huyshe Masonic Temple, on Thursday, 22nd March. Comp. John P. Sawyer having been duly incepted, was then installed a Knight of the Order. The installation of the Eminent Commander followed, both ceremonies being performed very efficiently by the retiring E.C. Sir Knight Godtschalk. The newly installed E.C. Sir Knight J. B. Gover appointed and invested the following officers:—Sir Knights S. Jew 1st Captain, W. Browning 2nd Captain, L. D. Westcott Prelate, J. Austin Treasurer, V. Bird Registrar, J. H. Keats Ext., T. Heath C. of L., Templar Almoner, Charles Godtschalk I.P.C. A Priory of Malta was then opened, and Sir Knight J. B. Gover was installed Prior, this ceremony being performed impressively by Sir Knight V. Bird. The customary salutations, proclamations, &c., having been made, the Encampment was closed in ancient form. The Sir Knights assembled at the Globe Hotel for the purpose of dining. The usual loyal and other toasts of the Order were given and heartily responded to. Sir Knight Charles Godtschalk the I.P. Commander, rose and proposed the toast of the evening, that of the Newly Installed Commander, Sir Knight J. B. Gover, in the following terms:—Our Brother graduated through all the important chairs of Masonry, and displayed skill and great judgment in the work. He was recognised as worthy of honours by the then aristocratic chief of this important Province, the late Earl Fortescue, and a Provincial collar was conferred on him. Our Brother is yet in harness, zealously working for the Order with a well digested knowledge of our laws and constitutions. He is Secretary of your Committee of Petitions, which in itself unites the functions of a Lodge of Benevolence and Board of General Purposes for the whole Province. The duties of this important office, with the large amount of other Masonic matters undertaken by our brother, can only be done by one who has both heart and soul in the work. It having fallen to me, Sir Knights, to instal our brother in the chair of our Encampment, I am honoured thereby and proud of my task. I ask you all to drink long life, health and prosperity to him. The E. Commander, Sir Knight J. B. Gover, feelingly and with emotion, alluding to the high honour of his present position in the Commandery, said, the Sir Knights knew quite enough of him to know he would do his duty and preserve the honour of the Encampment, but they would remember that if he did not work the ceremony perfectly it would be for the reason that in after life or in later years the memory was not so retentive. Ceremonies learned when a young man adhered with more tenacity, and at all times came readily to aid when wanted. Neither could he help saying the Order was in a transitory state. They even did not know but the ceremony of installation they had heard and witnessed that day from Sir Knt. Godtschalk would be denied them in future, and a new ritual attempted to be thrust upon them. These thoughts led him to express a fervent hope that every Installed Commander in the Province would make it his business to be at the next Convent General in May, to support the majority of the Sir Knights of the Order in confirming the proceedings of last Convent General, the majority at that meeting wishing for a return to the names and forms dear to us as Knights Templar. He was proud to have taken his obligation as an Installed Commander and not as a Preceptor. Sir Knt. Isaac Watts, P.G.T. of the Province, then proposed the health of the I.P. Commander, Sir Knt. Charles Godtschalk. Adverting to the work he did in the various degrees, his connection with the Charities, and his late most successful Stewardship for the Province, he was very sure they all could have but one opinion in reference to the brother who was that day amongst them. This having been responded to by the I.P. Commander, the health of the Novice who had that day been installed into the Order was proposed, and replied to in a few well-chosen remarks. The conversation then turned upon the best means for the organisation of a strong party of E. Commanders to attend Convent General in May next, to support the motions, &c., carried last December.

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## THE JEWISH QUESTION.

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

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Before "Equity" had written in yours of the 17th inst., concerning the Lodge of Montefiore, No. 1017, I think it would have been well if he had made an inquiry of our excellent brother Secretary, one of the Grand Officers of England, who would have assured him that this Lodge is conducted on the purest principles of Freemasonry. I myself am an instance, having been initiated in the Montefiore about seven years ago, and having passed through each successive office to the chair of S.W., and I can only say that all the brethren have cordially endorsed each successive appointment; that I am not an Israelite has not made any difference at all. Indeed, I can truly say that in this Lodge, which includes brethren of various creeds, the only desideratum to ensure being received in good fellowship, is that a man approve himself a good Mason.

I am,

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

W. H. GULLIFORD S.W.,  
Montefiore, 1017.

11 Caroline-street, Bedford-square,  
22nd March 1877.

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

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I was very glad to see in your last impression that several brethren, high in authority in the Montefiore Lodge, had come forward to give you the information which I took the liberty of asking you on this matter. There was likewise an indirect answer to my question, supplied in the shape of an explanation of what the Jewish Lodges are; information which I perused with interest, because it conveyed to me matter of which I was to some extent formerly ignorant.

Of course, to me it was so natural to have a Jew sitting by my side, and to consider him an equal-born brother without an *arrière pensée*, that when the circular appealing for the intervention of the Grand Lodge of England, was submitted to the private Lodge for their support, for the purpose of averting the threatened exclusion of the Jews from the Lodges in Germany, I gave it my hearty and undivided approbation.

Now, sir, you will, of course, want to know, as you have a perfect right to know, what should have prompted me to ask such a question. Well, it was neither idle curiosity nor, as was hinted, a love of mischief which induced me to appeal to you. It struck me, when I saw the circular of the Montefiore Lodge, that it was the very same Lodge which some eight or nine years ago—I won't be certain about the exact year—refused me, on the ground which I have stated. However, in the bustle of life, the incident had long since totally escaped my memory, until it was suddenly revived by the circular in question. Now, why should the brother who brought me the answer of which I complain have tumbled on such an excuse, of all the excuses in the world, he himself being a Jew, if it was not true? If the Montefiore Lodge now repudiates such an imputation as never having had any foundation in fact, nothing, I assure you, can be more gratifying to me; and I commend the readiness and the thoroughness of their repudiation.

All I can say, then, is, that I or my friend, or both of us, must have been the victims of a mystification which can only be explained in one way, viz., that the Montefiore Lodge, being a so-called Jewish Lodge, and the then W.M. or Secretary, I do not exactly know which, with whom my friend communicated on the subject, being a more zealous Jew than others, would rather not admit any more non-Jewish members, without a pressing or particular reason.

My apology for intruding upon your valuable space must therefore be my anxious desire to have an impression removed from my mind, which if it was true, must have made the Montefiore Lodge appear to put themselves forward as the champions of the universal Fraternity of all Freemasons without distinction, whilst they themselves were hatching narrow-minded and exclusive privileges, which, if they existed, must have been at once torn up root and branch by every lover of

EQUITY.

London, 26th March 1877.

## THE ELECTION OF GRAND SECRETARY OF SCOTLAND.

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

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—As the unsuccessful English candidate for the Grand Secretaryship of Grand Lodge of Scotland, may I beg space in your columns for a few remarks?

The office was, I believe, declared vacant at Grand Lodge 5th February last, and no intimation to the contrary appearing, it was, I imagine, pretty generally understood that a native of Scotland only would be eligible. In the London Times, however, of the 3rd inst., appeared an advertisement inviting application from efficient members

of the Craft, such application, with testimonials, to be lodged at Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh, not later than Saturday, 10th inst. The appointment was thus at the last moment thrown open, to all intents and purposes, to qualified candidates, under the English as well as the Scotch Constitution, and then only did I consider myself at liberty to enter the field. At some considerable expenditure of time I procured most powerful testimonials from many friends, some of them brethren holding or having held the highest executive offices in the Grand Lodge of England, and, by advice, I personally visited Edinburgh, on the 10th inst., to deposit my testimonials with formal application, naturally imagining that an advertisement issued under authority of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, or its Grand Committee, was *bonâ fide*, and that, accordingly, every candidate would be placed at the election upon an equally fair footing. To my surprise, I soon discovered that the appointment was really a foregone conclusion, and had been so for some weeks. That the two most important of the native candidates had, from the date of the vacancy, enjoyed the advantages of a very powerful organisation, distributing among members of the Grand Lodge (the elective body in Scotland,) fervid appeals and copies of testimonials, &c., receiving as a result, and by active canvass a large majority of promises; and that even the greater number of the brethren constituting the Grand Committee had actually pledged themselves to one or other of those candidates, even before waiting to ascertain the result of the advertisement they themselves had sanctioned. It was therefore evident, notwithstanding my name was placed as one of the three on the short or reduced list, I had not the slightest prospect of success on the day of election, and, indeed, I was given to understand, that although my qualifications and testimonials were most unexceptionable and important, it was feared they would prove of little avail against personal influence; and further, that I was so very late in the field, although I fail to see how I could well have presented myself before being invited.

Now I would not be considered so impertinent as to presume, for one moment, to say a single word as to the choice of Grand Lodge, but I do contend I have a perfect right to complain of the manner by which the result was arrived at. The advertisement was either real or—may I say delusive? It can scarcely pretend to have been the former in face of what I have stated, and it is therefore the more to be regretted that it was allowed to appear, seeing that it could only have one effect—that of misleading.

These are the facts which, not only in justice to myself, but for the information of my Masonic friends, I think it well to make known, and I shall be mistaken if, in face of these facts, it is not admitted that instead of having suffered what, without this explanation, might be regarded as an overwhelming defeat, I have every reason to be justified at having, as an English Mason, received the support of even so few independent brethren in Scotland.

My experience may, perhaps, enable the brethren in England to estimate the value of such advertisements in future.

Yours fraternally,

W. B. HEATH,

London, 29th March 1877.

P.M. 198, 504, &c., &c.

### THE COMMEMORATIVE LIFEBOATS.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—On the motion being recently carried in Grand Lodge relative to the endowment of two lifeboats to celebrate the safe return of our Grand Master from India, I hoped that the county of Devon might have had the honour of having one appropriated to it, and, by an Exeter paper, I am sorry to find my hope will be realised. The expression may seem strange, but it is a true one, for I find that it is proposed to place one at Hope Cove, at the eastern extremity of Bigbury Bay. I am not quite sure that it would be of the slightest use in such a position, for recently "Lucretius," whose *nom de plume* is well known to the National Lifeboat Institution and to the Board of Trade, when examining the coast, arrived at the conclusion that Dartmouth was the only spot between Torbay and Plymouth where a lifeboat, to be of any use, should be placed, a steam tug being always available there. I fancy such arrangement has been made, and that a lifeboat is projected for Dartmouth, but still such boat would be useless for Hope. The assertion, however, remains the same (I was going to say the fact, but I do not pledge myself to its accuracy), that the only spot where a lifeboat could be of any use is at Dartmouth. I would, though earnestly desirous of seeing one of the boats appropriated to the county, sooner find that it was stationed at the furthest extremity of the kingdom, or anywhere, where one single life might be saved, than placed where it might prove but a useless luxury. Before the matter is settled, it would be well to be sure that a boat would be of service at Hope. I know the coast is a very dangerous one, and a lifeboat is a necessity, but do not let one be stationed unless it can be of use when wanted. There is one now at Salcombe, not five miles from the proposed spot as the crow flies, and I should like to know if, during the years it has been established, it has ever saved a single life, or been off to a single wreck, or been manned in a single storm? I am not disparaging the valour of the Salcombe men (I believe there is no fixed crew), for they might as well attempt to navigate the boat on land as put out to sea without the aid of a steamer in a storm. What I want is, before the establishment of a lifeboat at Hope, that the Craft may be assured that the money so liberally and unanimously voted may be invested to the very best advantage. We shall have no gratification in knowing that we have given and endowed a lifeboat. Our gratification will be that the lifeboat we have given and endowed shall be the means of saving the lives of many cast upon our rock-bound coast.

I am, yours fraternally,

March 26, 1877.

A SOUTH DEVON P.M.

### CRAFT MASONRY AND THE HIGH GRADES.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The seal of which Bro. Whytehead speaks in his letter of last week is, undoubtedly, a very curious relic of former days. But let me ask him, Is he justified in arriving at the conclusion that it is an official seal? May it not have been a mere trinket worn by some brother who was a Craft, Arch, and Templar Mason? The combination of Craft with Arch is not so surprising, for under the "Ancients" the Arch degrees were worked under the warrants of Craft Lodges. Templarism, moreover, was patronised by the most august personages during the last century, as a correspondent of yours showed indirectly in connection with the late Bro. Dunckerley. Nor, if he turn to the pages of Bro. Hughan's *Old Charges of British Freemasons* will he have any reason to wonder at the occurrence on this seal of the Letters I.H.S. In these Charges, the three persons of the Christian Trinity are invoked severally and in their usual order.

Yours fraternally,

P. T. T.

### ETIQUETTE.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Kindly inform me what the Masonic etiquette is in the following case:—A brother sued another in the county court of this town for the value of a work on Masonry, lent and lost. A third brother, who is high in office in the Province, acted as solicitor to the plaintiff. I want to know if it was not his duty as a Mason to refuse to have anything to do with the case.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother, yours truly,

A PROVINCIAL OFFICER.

Stonehouse, Devon, 27th March.

[We fear, in this case, that *temper* has been introduced. So trivial a matter should not have been allowed to go to extremes. The solicitor might say, so far as he was concerned, it was a matter of business.—Ed. F.C.]

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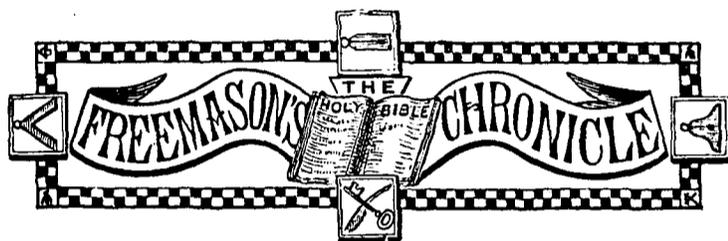
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## OUR WEEKLY BUDGET.

**T**HERE has been but little business transacted in the House of Lords, the meetings having been very brief, except on one occasion, when the Earl of Dudley made a speech on the Eastern Question, in the course of which he passed a severe censure on Sir Henry Elliott, our Ambassador at Constantinople, now on leave of absence in this country, owing to ill health. The Earl of Derby in his reply, deprecated any such attack on a public servant who had rendered such valuable services. Sundry measures received the Royal assent, and the House stands adjourned till the 13th prox. In the House of Commons, too, there has been more talk than business. Several motions and questions have been raised as to the conduct of Ministers and our Ambassador in Turkey. These have led to somewhat long and wearisome debates, especially as at this moment important negotiations are in progress, and the tongues of ministers are tied. Some further progress has been made with the Estimates and the Prisons' Bill, but by no means so much as might have been made had not these motions, &c., been interposed. The house has adjourned over Easter till the 5th prox.

The contemplated cruise of the Prince and Princess of Wales has been postponed, owing, unfortunately, to His Royal Highness's indisposition. The Prince's general health is good, but he has been suffering, it seems, from a boil, to which those who have had typhoid fever are said to be peculiarly liable. We sincerely trust he will be restored to health, and be able to make his projected trip to the Mediterranean at an early date.

General Ignatieff has left England, and is now, at the moment of writing, in Berlin, having taken Paris and Vienna by the way. He will speedily return to St. Petersburg, and then we shall know perhaps a little more about the designs of Russia. It is said his object in visiting England was not accomplished, as our ministry declined to sign the Protocol, unless Russia gave assurances she would demobilise her army forthwith. We cannot say we are surprised at the conduct of Russia and her diplomatic agents, or at the refusal of the British Cabinet.

On Saturday evening, about ten o'clock, a fire broke out in the Cold-Bath Fields Prison. The flues in the region of the bakery got over-heated, and in the result the whole of that portion of the building, including the bakery, the treadmill, &c. &c., was destroyed. Two firemen received injuries in the performance of their duty. Some of the prisoners had to be removed from their cells, but none of the inmates received the slightest injury. Some difficulty was experienced in extinguishing the flames, owing to the great height of the walls, but the task was eventually accomplished. This is the second fire that has occurred in a prison within a brief interval of time, and as in the case of railway and other accidents, verifies the old saying, "It never rains but it pours." In this case, however, the element which distinguished itself was fire, not water.

There has been great excitement during the last few

days in the athletic world, and no wonder, considering the number of important events which were crowded together at the end of last week and the beginning of this. We take the University Boat Race first, as being first in importance. We find that last week we somewhat overrated our ability to announce the winning crew—for both crews won, if we may be allowed to express ourselves so mysteriously. The race was probably the grandest and most closely contested which has ever taken place. There seems to be little doubt that Oxford would have won by some two lengths, but a mishap befel bow's oar, when only half-a-mile remained to be covered, and he became at once comparatively useless as far as helping the boat forward. A supreme effort on the part of Cambridge enabled them gradually, and amid the wildest excitement of the spectators, to reduce this distance, till, when the goal was reached, honest John Phelps, the judge, delivered his fiat, to the effect that it was a dead heat. Such a result as this was never anticipated. Very few instances have occurred, even in shorter races; but it has never happened over a four-and-a-half-mile course that both boats reached the winning-post at the same moment. Thus the relative positions of Light and Dark Blue remain unaltered by the contest of 1877, and Oxford is still one victory ahead of her gallant rival. The day previous the Inter-University Athletic meeting was held at Lillie Bridge, in the presence of not far short of 10,000 people. There were nine events on the card, and of these Cambridge was fortunate enough to win five. The Hundred Yards fell to Oxford. Then Cambridge won the High Jump, the Mile, and Throwing the Hammer. Jackson was first in the Hurdle Race, and so scored a second victory for Oxford, but Davidson put the weight the furthest for Cambridge, and Churchill won for her the Quarter Mile. Thus the Light Blue success was assured, whatever might befall her champions in the two remaining contests, which, as it happens, both fell to the Dark Blue. The day previous there had been a very fine gathering in the same grounds to witness the Amateur Championship Boxing, Wrestling, and Four Mile Bicycle Contests. On Saturday there was a very novel series of contests, between men and animals, under different conditions. Many of the events created great amusement among the spectators, the race between two camels, a donkey, and a pony, being most ludicrous. The camels ran all over the place in every direction but the right one, and the donkey obstinately refused to move at all for some time, and then it turned off the contrary way, its rider coming to grief, owing to the saddle slipping on one side. The most unruly of the two camels was at length caught by a policeman, and some wags in his neighbourhood suggested that the latter should "run his captive in." In the tug-of-war between an elephant and some fifty guardsmen, the latter proved victorious, the animal not appearing to understand what it had to do, or possibly the result might have been different. Keen, the champion bicyclist, won easily in a race of two miles against a trotting mare, "Queen of the Turf," and also against a little pony over two-thirds of a mile, the pony galloping. We trust the experiment will be repeated. On Monday the Amateur Championship sports were held. Webster, of Knotty Ash, near Liverpool, won the Seven Miles walking, within fifty-four minutes, his principal opponent, Morgan, being beaten by only about half-a-yard. Slade had no opponent in the Mile, but he ran it in 4m. 20sec. notwithstanding. For the Pole Jump 10ft. 9in. was cleared by the winner, and in nearly all the other contests there was some excellent sport exhibited. Unfortunately, the weather was most unfavourable, and, consequently, the attendance of spectators was not worthy of the occasion. No doubt on Monday, which is a Bank Holiday, some provision will be made for the sporting world at West Brompton as elsewhere.

Another serious railway accident, this time to the Flying Scotchman, has happened within the last few days, by which five persons were killed, and several others seriously injured. For some reason, as yet unexplained, the engine left the rails, somewhere near the Morpeth Station, and the carriages immediately following were smashed to atoms. For a long time the line was blocked, and all traffic suspended. The usual inquest was opened as soon as possible, and stands adjourned till the requisite inquiries have been made.

A meeting was held on Monday, at the Mansion House, for the purpose of taking the necessary steps to celebrate the four hundredth anniversary of the introduction, by Caxton, into this country of the art

of printing. The Lord Mayor presided, and when he had briefly explained the objects of the meeting, Mr. Anthony Trollope and Count Munster severally proposed and seconded the first resolution, to the effect that such an occasion was worthy of public commemoration. A second resolution, proposing that the celebration should take the form of a loan exhibition of Caxton's works, was proposed by the Deputy-Governor of the Bank of England, and seconded by Sir Charles Reed. This was also carried unanimously, and so was a third resolution, that the pecuniary benefits resulting from such exhibition should be appropriated to the establishment of permanent pensions for aged and decayed printers and their widows, in connection with the Printers' Pension Corporation. A vote of thanks to the Lord Mayor brought the proceedings to a close.

Field-Marshal Sir J. F. Fitzgerald, G.C.B., has died at Tours, at the advanced age of 91. Sir J. F. Fitzgerald was gazetted ensign in 1793, when yet only seven years of age. In the following year he was promoted, first to a lieutenancy and then to a captaincy. He took active duty with the 46th Regiment in 1801, when only fifteen years old. He saw a good deal of service in the Peninsular War, having been present at the siege of Badajos, and the battles of Salamanca, Vittoria, and the Pyrenees. He was taken prisoner at or after the last mentioned, but was afterwards exchanged. By order of the French Minister of War, the same military honours were accorded to the deceased as would have been accorded to an officer of the same distinguished rank in their own army, and the whole of the garrison escorted the remains to the grave. We feel certain this proof of courtesy and good fellowship will be appreciated in England as it deserves.

The outbreaks of Cattle Plague are extending. Hitherto this terrible disease has been confined to the East-end of London, but on Tuesday it made its appearance in the neighbourhood of Shepherd's Bush. Measures are said to be in contemplation by the Metropolitan Board of Works for the stoppage of all movements of cattle in the metropolitan district. This indeed seems absolutely necessary, if we are to prevent a repetition of the fearful losses which occurred in the outbreak of 1865-6, and will be fully justified by the appearance of the disease in a locality seven miles distant from the scene of the earlier outbreaks.

Last week the political atmosphere was lighter than it had been for some time past; now it is once again gloomy, and the prospects of war seem to outweigh all other prospects. It is reported that Russia will not demobilize her army in Bessarabia while the peace negotiations between Turkey and Montenegro hang fire. It is evident that Turkey having a proper respect for her own sovereign independence declines to be coerced, and as Russia is the only European power which has threatened coercion, it is certain she must yield on this particular point or war is, it seems to us, inevitable. There is, perhaps, just the shadow of a shade of a chance that Austria may be able, if at least she is willing, to intervene with some effect, but one of the telegrams received in this country from Berlin represents General Ignatieff as stating that he believes in war. Our readers must be fully alive to the extreme gravity of the situation, but on the principle "while there is life there is hope," we must go on hoping that so terrible a calamity as war will not be the outcome of the negotiations that have been going on, and are still going on, in order, if possible, to preserve the peace of Europe. Once the two powers come to blows, and there is no knowing what the consequences will be. Meantime, it is worthy of mention that the Turks are doing their utmost to set their house in order, but the prospect of an attack from Russia prevents her from doing as much as would otherwise be possible in the way of reform. It is needless to say that almost every capital in Europe is disquieted by these fearful rumours, and we consider we are not saying too much when we affirm that Russia is beyond all doubt—*vis et origo mali*.

### ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

A MEETING of the Stewards for the anniversary Festival was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Friday, the 23rd inst., Bro. John Boyd G.S. and P.G.P. in the chair. The Secretary, Bro. R. W. Little, read the minutes of the

last meeting, which were confirmed. It was decided that the Festival be held at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday, the 9th of May. The R.W. Lord Suffield, Provincial Grand Master of Norfolk, will take the chair. The report of the Musical Committee was read, and the tender of Bro. Theodore Distin was accepted. The Dinner and Wine Committees were appointed, and the proceedings were brought to a close by a vote of thanks to the chairman. Among those present were—Bros. C. F. Hogard, Dr. J. F. Staines, Tanner, R. B. Webster, Davis, J. Bingemann, Jones, Stanwitz, H. Leah, Leggot, S. Rosenthal, Lefaux, B. Swallow, Pixley, Melhuish, Bennett, Loftus, Reed, J. Garner, H. M. Levy, &c.

The *Australian Freemason* for February contains a full account of the proceedings of the Quarterly Communication of the District Grand Lodge of New South Wales, held on the 15th January last, under the presidency of Bro. A. T. Holroyd, Dist. G. Master. A motion to vote a sum not exceeding £20 from the funds of the D.G.L. in order to purchase a copy of the engraving of the Installation as Grand Master of the Prince of Wales was not carried. After the transaction of other business, Bro. Holroyd rose and announced his intention of resigning the District Grand Mastership, which he had held for a period of ten years, having been appointed to that office by the late Earl of Zetland on 20th January 1867. In doing so, Bro. Holroyd gave a short sketch of the D.G.L., from its establishment in 1848, and also a *résumé* of its labours during his term of office. He pointed out that in 1867 there were twenty-four Lodges, with 852 members, while in 1877 the numbers had been increased to twenty-nine Lodges, and 1,262 members respectively. When he assumed office, the D.G.L. was in debt to the extent of about £120, against which there were in the Treasurer's Funds only £17. Since then, in spite of its heavy expenditure, the D.G.L. had purchased five Government Debentures worth £500, and the cash balance in hand at that moment was £115 19s. It also possessed 22 £5 shares in the Freemasons' Hall, of the nominal value of £110, and 159 £1 shares of the value of £159. The Benevolent Fund was also in a healthy condition. In 1867 there was a cash balance in hand of about £100. At the beginning of 1877 the assets consisted of Four Government Debentures, equal to £400; Fixed Bank Deposit £200, and a cash balance of £71 3s 3d. As regarded the Freemasons' Orphan Fund, its investments included Eleven Government Debentures at £100 each, of the aggregate value of £1,100, a fixed Bank Deposit of £100, 533 £5 shares in the Freemasons' Hall Company, of the nominal value of £2,665, and 762 £1 shares of the value of £762, while the cash in hand amounted to £109. Bro. Holroyd also alluded to his efforts to establish a Masonic Library, and expressed his intention, in accordance with a promise of long standing, of presenting to it his own collection of Masonic works, so soon as the needful accommodation was provided. Bro. Holroyd then vacated the chair, and the question of electing his successor was informally discussed, expressions of regret at the D.G.M.'s resignation being general and hearty. We learn, further, from the same source, that at the half-yearly general meeting of the Australian Freemasons' Hall Company on the 8th January, the auditors' report, and the balance sheet were submitted. The directors' report, recommending their acceptance, was agreed to. The balance sheet showed a sum of £163 11s 4d standing to the credit of the Company, with arrears outstanding to the extent of £65 17s 4d. The Directors therefore recommended a dividend of 8 per cent. for the past half-year on the preference shares. It was likewise stated that 1,113 £5 shares had been bought in on account of the Company, which, with the £5 shares previously purchased and exchanged, amounting to 896 £5 shares, representing £3,377, had reduced the capital by that amount.

When we had the pleasure to chronicle the consecration of the Bayard Lodge, No. 1615 (under the Mastership of Lieut.-Colonel Somerville Burney), on 17th May last, we did not anticipate being able to make an announcement so glorious for a Lodge in the first year of its existence, as that it had become already Vice-President of the three Masonic Charities. This progress of the Bayard is unprecedented in our records. We can but add, for the encouragement of others, "Go, and do thou likewise."

## DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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## SATURDAY, 31st MARCH.

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

## MONDAY, 2nd APRIL.

37—Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moors.  
53—Royal Sussex, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath.  
118—Sun, Square and Compasses, Freemasons' Hall, Whitehaven.  
133—Harmony, Ship Hotel, Faversham.  
156—Harmony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth.  
199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover.  
338—Vitruvian, Royal Hotel, Ross, Herefordshire.  
395—Guy, Crown Hotel, Leamington Priors.  
431—St. George's Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields.  
441—Three Grand Principles, Red Lion Hotel, Petty Curry, Cambridge.  
478—Churchhill, Masonic Hall, Oxford.  
492—St. James's, New Inn, Handsworth, Staffordshire.  
597—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead.  
694—Oakley, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Basingstoke.  
804—Carnarvon, Lodge Rooms, Waterloo-road, Havant.  
850—St. Oswald, Assembly Rooms, Ashbourne, Derbyshire.  
1009—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.  
1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire.  
1050—Gundulph, Kings' Head Hotel, Rochester.  
1051—Rowley, Athenaeum, Lancaster.  
1054—Southam, Railway Hotel, Wilmslow, Cheshire.  
1077—Wilton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire.  
1124—St. Oswald, Wynnstay Arms Hotel, Oswestry.  
1264—Neptune, Masonic Temple, 22 Hope-street, Liverpool.  
1573—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Caer-street, Swansea.  
1578—Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales.  
R. A. 262—Salopian, Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury.  
M. M. 37—Wyndham, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Basingstoke.

## TUESDAY, 3rd APRIL.

Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.  
7—Royal York of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
55—Constitutional, Wheatheaf, Hand-court, W.C., at 7.0. (Instruction.)  
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C. (Instruction.)  
101—Temple, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.  
217—Stability, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.  
765—St. James, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark.  
1261—Golden Rule, Café Royal, Regent-street, W.  
1298—Royal Standard, Wellington Club, Upper-street, Islington.  
1381—Kennington, Surrey Tavern, Kennington Oval.  
1471—Islington, Coopers Arms, Silver-street, Falcon-square, E.C., at 7. (Inst.)  
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.

70—St. John, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth.  
103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.  
120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.  
124—Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Durham.  
153—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness-on-Sea.  
209—Etonian, Masonic Hall, Windsor.  
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon.  
393—St. David's, Freemasons' Hall, The Parade, Berwick-on-Tweed.  
493—Royal Lebanon, Spread Eagle, Gloucester.  
558—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.  
673—St. John, Masonic Temple, Hope-street, Liverpool.  
702—Sherborne, Subscription Rooms, Stroud, Gloucestershire.  
734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington.  
847—Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.  
928—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Petersfield, Hampshire.  
948—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard.  
960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Woking-street, Cardiff.  
1002—Skiddaw, Lodge Room, Market-place, Cockermouth.  
1244—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar.  
1322—Waverley, Caledonia Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne.  
1336—Square and Compass, Corn Exchange, Wrexham.  
1498—St. Eleth, Castle Hotel, Amlwch, Anglesea.  
1549—Abercorn, Abercorn Arms Hotel, Great Stanmore.

## WEDNESDAY, 4th APRIL.

193—Confidence, Whittington Tavern, Moor-lane, Fore-st., at 7. (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.)  
1288—Finsbury Park, Finsbury Pk. Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd., at 8.0. (Instruction.)  
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havclock, Albion-road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)  
1595—Royal Commemoration, Star and Garter Hotel, Putney.  
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.)  
298—Harmony, Masonic Room, Ann-street, Rochdale.  
326—Moirn, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol.  
327—Wigton St. John's, Lion and Lamb, Wigton.  
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.  
417—Faith and Unity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester.  
428—Sincerity, Angel Inn, Northwich, Cheshire.  
471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Mon.  
611—The Marches, Old Rectory, Ludlow.  
645—Humphrey Chetham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.  
1010—Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship-street, Hull.  
1063—Malling Abbey, Bear Inn, West Malling, Kent.  
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gowor-street, Derby.  
1091—Erme, Erme House, Ivy Bridge, Devon.  
1144—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne.  
1167—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Alnwick.  
1274—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Chester-le-Street.  
1323—Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea.  
1354—Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh, Lancashire.  
1363—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester.  
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, at 7.0. (Instruction.)

## THURSDAY, 5th APRIL.

3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sc., at 7. (Instruction.)  
10—Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
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.)

## THURSDAY—continued.

554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.  
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.  
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Albion, Albion-road, Dalston, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
1612—West Middlesex, Railway Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
31—United Industrious, Guildhall, Canterbury.  
38—Union, Council Chamber, Chichester.  
41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath.  
50—Knights of Malta, George Hotel, Hinckley, Leicestershire.  
123—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire.  
249—Mariners, Masonic Temple, 22 Hope-street, Liverpool.  
294—Constitutional, Assembly Rooms, Beverley, Yorks.  
295—Combermere Union, Macclesfield Arms, Macclesfield.  
300—Minerva, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton-under-Lyne.  
309—Harmony, Red Lion, Fareham.  
317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.  
360—Pomfret, Masonic Building, Abingdon-street, Northampton.  
442—St. Peter's, Masonic Hall, Boroughbury, Peterborough.  
446—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire.  
463—East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound, Croydon.  
509—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.  
650—Star in the East, Pier Hotel, Harwich. (Instruction.)  
792—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bullring-lane, Grimsby.  
1012—Prince of Wales, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire.  
1074—Underly, Masonic Room, Market-place, Kirkby Lonsdale.  
1282—Ancholme, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire.  
1284—Brent, Globe Hotel, Topsham, Devonshire.  
1304—Olive Union, Masonic Hall, Horncastle, Lincolnshire.  
1473—Boote, Molyneux's Assembly Rooms, Boote, Lancashire.  
1500—Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich.  
1639—Watling-street, Cock Hotel, Stoney Stratford, Bucks.

## FRIDAY, 6th APRIL.

766—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. (Inst.)  
834—Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-road. (Instruction.)  
933—Doric, Earl Grey Tavern, Mile End-road, at 8. (Instruction.)  
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)  
1260—Horvey, 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, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
1613—Cripple-gate, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.  
1627—Royal Kensington, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
1642—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting-hill. (Consecration.)  
127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate.  
539—St. Matthew, Dragon Hotel, Walsall.  
574—Loyal Berkshire of Hope, White Hart Hotel, Newbury.  
601—St. John's, Wrekin Hotel, Wellington, Salop.  
680—Sefton, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool.  
709—Invicta, Corn Exchange, Queen-street, Ashford.  
839—Royal Gloucestershire, Bell Hotel, Gloucester.  
1387—Chorlton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton Cum Hardy.  
1528—Fort, Red Lion Hotel, Newquay, Cornwall.  
1557—Albert Edward, Bush Hotel, Hexham, Northumberland.  
1561—Morecambe, Masonic Hall, Edward-street, Morecambe, Lancashire.

## SATURDAY, 7th APRIL.

General Committee, Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.  
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)  
1223—Amherst, Kings Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent.  
Sinnai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.  
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester.

## WEST YORKSHIRE.

## MONDAY.

154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.  
827—St. John's, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury, Yorks.  
1108—Wharfedale, Private Room, Boroughgate, Otley, York.  
1211—Goderich, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds.  
1239—Wentworth, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.  
1302—De Warren, White Swan Hotel, Halifax.  
1542—Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford.  
R. A. 302—Charity, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford.  
R. A. 330—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley.

## TUESDAY.

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

## WEDNESDAY.

290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, Huddersfield.  
750—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton.  
R. A. 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds.  
R. A. 337—Moravian, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley.

## THURSDAY.

259—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, Eiland.  
1513—Friendly, King's Head Hotel, Barnsley.  
1514—Thornhill, Dearn House, Lindley, Huddersfield.  
R. A. 208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury.  
R. A. 307—Good Intent, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge.  
R. A. 337—Confidence, Private Rooms, Commercial Inn, Uppermill.  
K.T. 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.  
1648—Prince of Wales, 69 Little Horton-lane, Bradford.

## EDINBURGH DISTRICT.

MONDAY—420—St. Kentigern, Royal Hotel, Penicuik.  
TUESDAY—5—Canongate and Leith (L. and C.), 86 Constitution-street.  
THURSDAY—97—St. James, St. James' Hall, Writer's-court.  
FRIDAY—291—Celtic of Edinburgh and Leith, Ship Hotel E, Register-street.

## NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

**Provincial Grand Chapter of Hertfordshire.**—A meeting of this Prov. Grand Chapter was held at the Shire Hall, Hertford, on 21st March. The officers present were E. Comps. H. C. Finch P.Z. 404 G.H., J. R. Cocks P.Z. 403 G.J., F. H. Wilson Iles P.Z. 404 G.S.E., T. S. Carter P.Z. 1385, H. 403, Grand N., A. J. Copeland P.Z. 404 Grand Treas., R. T. Andrews Z. 403 Gd. Stnd. Br., J. Terry P.Z. 403 G.D.C., T. Thomas 404, and T. Wright 403 Grand Janitors. A Letter was read from the Grand Supt. the M.E. T. F. Halsey M.P., regretting his inability to be present, on account of his being on a Parliamentary Committee, and deputing the G.H. E. Comp. Finch to preside in his stead. The Report of the Committee upon the bye-laws was read and adopted. E. Comp. Copeland, on the proposition of G.N., was re-elected Grand Treasurer. The following Comps. were appointed and invested officers of Prov. G. Chapter, viz.:—E. Comps. T. S. Carter Z. 403 P.Z. 1385 G.H., the Rev. G. Finch P.Z. 404 G.J., F. H. Wilson Iles P.Z. 404 G.S.E., and H. G. Martin Z. 404 G.N., G. Ward Verry Z. 1385, G. P. Soj., J. E. Dawson 404 G. 1st Assist. S., E. A. Simson H. 403 G. 2nd Assist. S. The Rev. H. F. H. Burchell Herne J. 404 G. Reg., David Roberts J. 403 G.S.B., J. Livingston J. 1385 G. Sword B., J. Terry P.Z. 403 G.D.C., Thomas and Wright G. Janitors. The Comps. expressed their deep regret at the unavoidable absence of the Grand Supt. Among the other Comps. present were Comps. Keyser 404, the Rev. L. Deedes 403, J. Parrott 1385, W. Warrenner 403, C. C. Diok P.Z. 403, H. L. Thomas P.Z. 403, J. B. Scriven P.Z., J. Linzell 174, Craven Cobham 1329. The Comps. afterwards partook of a capital dinner, served by Mr. E. M. Davis, of the Salisbury Arms Hotel, and a very agreeable evening was spent.

**Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.**—This Lodge held its meeting at the Old Rodney's Head, 12 Old-street, Goswell-road, on Monday, 26th inst. Present—Bros. R. Pearcy W.M., Isaac S.W., Millward J.W., Stock S.D., A. W. Fenner Secretary, Tolmie acting Preceptor, Halford J.D., Trewinnard I.G., S. Rowley, J. Parkinson, Cook, Killick, L. Finkelstein. Lodge opened in due form. Minutes read and confirmed. Lodge opened in 2nd degree. Bro. Halford answered the usual questions and was entrusted. Lodge opened in 3rd degree. The ceremony of raising was very excellently rehearsed by the W.M., who also gave the traditional history, Bro. Halford acting as candidate. Lodge resumed to 1st, when the W.M. worked the 4th, and Bro. Tolmie the 5th sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Leopold Finkelstein, of Lower Lodge 309 (Scotland), was duly elected a member. Bro. Isaac was chosen W.M. for the next gathering (no meeting will be held on Easter Monday). Lodge was then closed and adjourned.

**London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, No. 58.**—This Lodge held its meeting on Monday, the 26th inst., at 101 Queen Victoria-street, E.C. Present—Bros. Nelson Reed W.M., Sharratt S.W., Shand J.W. and Sec., C. J. Hogg Treas., Hawksley S.D., Whitaker J.D., Bently I.G., Mander Preceptor, and several other members of the Lodge. Visitors—Bros. Morgan and Cull. Lodge opened, the ceremony of installation was worked by Bro. Mander. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Morgan as candidate. The Preceptor worked the 4th and 5th sections of the lecture. Bro. S.W. Sharratt was elected W.M. for next meeting. Lodge closed in due form.

**Prosperity Lodge, No. 65.**—The installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Thursday, 22nd inst. Present—Bros. J. Carruthers W.M., Beadel as S.W., C. Daniel J.W., J. H. Goodwin P.M. Treasurer, G. Broom Secretary, E. W. Braine I.G.; P.M.'s Bros. A. L. Leins I.P.M., T. Davey, Cornwall, E. Arnold, J. Betterby, &c. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes confirmed. Ballots were taken for the admission of Messrs. H. Stadden, A. Plater, and T. Sewell. The former gentleman was initiated by Bro. A. L. Leins, and the two latter by the W.M. A Board of Installed Masters was formed, Bro. Davey P.M. acting as D.C. Bro. C. Daniel S.W. and W.M. Elect was presented to the Lodge, and was duly installed into the chair by Bro. A. L. Leins, in his usual careful and impressive manner. On the admission of the brethren, the W.M. was saluted according to ancient custom, and invested his officers, Bros. J. C. Carruthers I.P.M., G. F. Burge S.W., G. T. Brown J.W., Goodwin P.M. Treasurer, C. F. Ferry Secretary, E. W. Braine S.D., Matthews J.D., Sim I.G., A. L. Leins P.M. D.C., Wright W.S., Chicken A.W.S., Speight Tyler. The appointment of the officers was received with marks of approbation. Bro. Leins was warmly congratulated on the conclusion of the ceremony by every brother and visitor. Bro. Muggleton proposed, and Bro. Cornwall P.M. seconded, that the sum of ten guineas be given from the funds of the Lodge for the purpose of presenting a testimonial to the Treasurer, Bro. Goodwin P.M., for the efficient manner he had discharged the duties of that office, and that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes. This was carried unanimously. The report of the Audit Committee was read, showing the Lodge was in a flourishing state, with a balance in hand of £117 16s 6d. A committee was formed for the purpose of carrying out the arrangements for the summer banquet. A vote of thanks was unanimously accorded to Bro. A. Leins P.M. for the efficient manner he had discharged his duties as Installing Master, and also for his valuable assistance rendered to the Lodge in every capacity. The resignation of two Past Masters was accepted, with regret. Bro. Lake then pointed out the loss the brethren had sustained by transferring the worthy Secretary, Bro. G. T. Brown, to the office of Junior Warden, he had discharged the duties of Secretary in every respect to their satisfaction, he had never seen books better kept, and he proposed a vote of thanks to him, which was seconded and carried unanimously. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren, 93 in

number, sat down to a sumptuous banquet and dessert, provided by Bros. Ritter and Clifford. The W.M. proposed the Queen and the Craft. The National Anthem was then sung. The Toast of H.R.H. the M.W.G.M. was enthusiastically received; also that of the Pro G.M., the Deputy G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers. Bro. J. Carruthers rose for the first time as I.P.M. He felt great pleasure in proposing the health of the W.M., who, he considered, was a credit to the Lodge. He had discharged the duties of every office he held satisfactorily, and he would ask them to drink the toast with the enthusiasm it merited. Bro. Brown J.W. then sang a capital song. The W.M. thanked the brethren, he had always worked for the honour and dignity of the Lodge. He might want some assistance from the Past Masters, and he was sure of their support. He hoped, at the expiration of his year of office, to hear the same kind expressions, and he hoped the Lodge would henceforth merit the name, Prosperity. (Cheers.) He then proposed the I.P.M., Bro. Carruthers, who, while occupying the chair, had done his duty, and left a good balance. His year of office was a successful one, and he had much pleasure, in the name of the Lodge, to present him with a valuable gold watch, and a Gold Past Master's Jewel, of very artistic design, with suitable inscription, in recognition of services rendered to the Lodge. He hoped he might live long to wear both. Bro. Hartley then sang a humorous song. Bro. Carruthers in reply, thanked the brethren for their kind expressions and valuable gifts; words almost failed him to utter the sentiments uppermost in his breast, he had always had the interest of the Lodge at heart, he had worked in a straight and undeviating line, and whenever he looked on their valuable presents, it would be a pleasing remembrance of his connection with the Lodge. The W.M., then proposed the newly initiated brethren, and Bro. Speight sang the E. A. song; the toast having been responded to, the W.M. proposed the Visitors. Bro. R. A. Wright P.P.G.S.D. Herts, and H. M. Levy P.M. 188, responded, and in the course of their speeches paid just compliments to the W.M., for the excellent manner in which he had invested his Officers, and also for his genial presiding, both of which showed he was fully capable of fulfilling the duties of the chair. The toast of the installing Master, Bro. A. L. Leins was next honoured. Bro. Leins P.M., in a very excellent speech, responded. The toast of the Past Masters, Wardens, Treasurer, Secretary and Officers were severally given and responded to, the Tyler's toast concluded a very agreeable evening. Bro. Speight officiated as Toast Master. The Visitors were W. Foote 948, Drow P.M. 890, R. Russell P.M. 299, Sandham late 65, W. H. Main P.M. 813, Murphy 84, E. Bratton P.M. 1227, T. Parry 8, R. A. Wright P.M. 504, P.P.G.S.D. Herts, T. Fowler 1158, E. Hodgkinson 875, Marfleet P.M. 217, G. Murray 1471, Hillier 1572, J. Batson 25, W. J. Batson 25, J. Boulton W.M. 98, E. Izod 1069, S. Watkins P.M. 212 and 1076, W. Bauson 1471, Wheeler W.M. 60, Lake 1471, and H. M. Levy P.M.

**Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, No. 65.**—Held at Bro. Maidwell's, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, on 27th instant. Present—Bros. Ellis W.M., Daniel S.W., Brown J.W., Hewlett S.D., Lees J.D., Gieberman I.G., Walker, Hollands, Baxter, J. Lipscombe, W. Lipscombe, Harris, West, Wharman. The Lodge was opened in due form. The minutes of the previous meeting confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Harris candidate. Bro. Wharman answered the questions leading to the second degree, and was entrusted. The Lodge was opened in the second, and Bro. Wharman duly passed. The Lodge was resumed to the first. The first section of the lecture was worked by Bro. Walker, second by Bro. Hewlett, third by Bro. Ellis, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Lipscombe jun. answered the questions leading to second degree, for his instruction. It was proposed by Bro. Hewlett, seconded by the J.W., that Bro. Daniel be W.M. for the ensuing Tuesday. It was proposed by Bro. Hollands, seconded by Bro. Walker, that the sum of £1 1s should be devoted to charity, by purchasing to that amount Bro. Constable's tickets. The same was carried unanimously, an example all Lodges of Instruction should follow. It was explained to Bro. Daniel and Brown that the votes (should any be successful) would be for the future benefit of this Lodge. Bro. Cornwall P.M., through Bro. Brown, thanked the brethren for having voted him an honorary member, for what he considered so small a gift. Nothing further offering, the Lodge was closed in due form.

**Joppa Chapter, No. 188.**—A convocation of this Chapter was held on Monday, the 26th, at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street. Comp. E. A. Albert P.Z. as M.E.Z. in the absence of Comp. Emanuel, W. Littaur H., H. M. Levy P.Z. as J., S. V. Abrahams P.Z. Treasurer, P. Dickinson S.E., L. Lazarus P.S.; P.Z.'s S. Lazarus, J. Lazarus, S. Pollitzer; Comps. Grove Ellis, Boeckbinder, W. J. Jennings, N. Baum, J. Klein, C. Haines, Davis, P. Moore, &c. The Chapter was opened and the minutes confirmed. Ballots were taken for the admission of Bros. C. Roberts, No. 212, J. Cohen 205, S. Botibol 188, J. E. Walters, and L. Brall 1017, who were unanimously accepted. The latter Bro. being in attendance, was duly exalted into R.A. Masonry, the ceremony being admirably worked. A sum of five guineas was placed on the list of Comp. H. M. Levy P.Z., who is a Steward for the next anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, in May. After some other business the Chapter was closed. The companions then sat down to a very sumptuous banquet, provided by Comp. W. J. Jennings, and superintended by Comp. Keeping, assisted by Comp. M. Silver. The acting M.E.Z., Comp. E. P. Albert, presided very ably and genially. He proposed the usual Loyal and R.A. toasts. In introducing that of the newly exalted Companion, he said it was a pleasing duty; their new Comp. was one in every respect worthy of their esteem. He has been known and respected in his Lodge, and he was sure every one would be proud to see him among them for many years. Comp. Brall responded. He was greatly pleased to be a member of the Chapter. Comp. H. M. Levy P.Z. then proposed the toast of the acting M.E.Z. Although the absence of the M.E.Z. was regretted,

they had found a very able substitute in Comp. Albert. Comp. Albert, in responding, said he had been a P.Z. for fifteen years; he was always ready to render them any assistance, and he had to thank Comp. Littaur, who had so materially assisted him. He then proposed the toast of the Visitors, Comps. Bloomfield 141, S. M. Harris 406, Newcastle-on-Tyne, and M. Spiegel, severally returned thanks. The toast of the H. and J. was given, and responded to by Comps. Littaur and H. M. Levy. Comp. S. V. Abrahams P.Z. and Treasurer, replied for the Past Principals. In proposing the S.E. and P.S., the M.E.Z. paid them just compliments for the admirable manner they had performed their duties. He hoped in the ordinary course to see them in the occupation of the chair, a post they were eminently qualified to fill. Comps. Dickinson and L. Lazarus replied, and the Janitor concluded a very agreeable and harmonious evening.

**Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193.**—This Lodge met on Wednesday, 28th inst., at the Whittington, Moor-lane, Forest-street, E.C. Bro. F. Croaker presided as W.M., Sayer S.W., Ager J.W., J. Constable P.M. Sec., Tollis S.D., Sadler J.D., Fenner I.G., Turquand P.M., and a number of the usual attendants. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Cleverley acting as candidate. The 4th, 5th, 6th, and 7th sections of the lecture were worked, and Bro. Sayer was elected W.M. for next Wednesday.

**Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.**—This Lodge held its regular weekly meeting on Saturday, 24th March, at the Jolly Farmers', Southgate-road. Present—Bros. I. P. Cohen W.M., Anshell S.W., R. H. Halford J.W., Killick Sec., Brasted S.D., Fenner J.D., Lorkin I.G., Percy Preceptor. The Lodge was opened in regular order, and the minutes confirmed. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Stock acting as candidate, also the ceremonies of initiation and passing, Bros. Fox and Trewinnard being the candidates. Bro. Anshell was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

**Hertford Chapter, No. 408.**—The installation meeting of this Chapter was held on the 21st March. Present—E. Comps. R. T. Andrews P.G. Sd. Br. M.E.Z., T. S. Carter P.G.N. H., E. A. Simson J., H. C. Finch P.G.H., J. R. Cocks P.G.J. S.E.; David Roberts S.N., Willson 1st Assist. S., Hargreaves 2nd Assist. S., J. Terry P.G.D.C., H. L. Thomas, C. C. Dick P.Z.; Comps. Rev. L. Deedes, Warrener and Francis. T. S. Carter was installed M.E.Z., Simson H., and David Roberts J. Comp. Cocks was appointed S.E., J. Shilcocks S.N., Willson P.S. The Rev. L. Deedes 1st Assist. S., E. R. P. Francis 2nd Assist. S., and Wright Janitor for the ensuing year. Visitors—Comps. Craven Cobham 1329, and J. Linzell 174.

**Salisbury Lodge of Instruction, No. 435.**—This Lodge held its weekly meeting on Thursday, 22nd inst., at the Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street. Present—Bros. T. O. Davis W.M., Belfrage S.W., Cornelisson J.W., T. Cull Sec., Watts S.D., Blundell J.D., Giles I.G.; also Bros. Mander Preceptor, G. Davis, Pearce, Irith, Ager and others. Business—The Lodge was opened, and the minutes confirmed. The W.M. then rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Ager being the candidate. The 5th section was worked by Bro. Mander. Bro. Giles, Lodge 1441, was unanimously elected a member. Bro. Belfrage S.W. was chosen as W.M. for Thursday, 5th April. The ceremony of installation will be rehearsed on Thursday next by Bro. J. H. Watts P.M. 1201. The Lodge was then closed. The 15th ballot of the Benevolent Association attached to the Lodge was drawn after the close of the Lodge meeting.

**Fitzroy Lodge, No. 569.**—This Lodge held its meeting on Friday, the 23rd of March, at the Artillery Grounds, Finsbury. Present—Bros. Ensign W. I. Spicer W.M., G. Webster S.W., A. Everingham J.W., Capt. J. Eglese Sec., Capt. R. Helsham Treas., J. Sanderson S.D., Ensign F. J. Stohwasser J.D., W. J. Jolliffe D.C.; P.M.'s Bros. F. Graves, Helsham, Adams and Eglese. Visitors—Bros. Shulbrook, Perry, James, Tryon and others. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Rolfe, and also (by permission of the W.M.) Bro. the Rev. Richard Morris (initiated in the Lewis Lodge, No. 1185) were passed to the second degree. Bros. H. P. Matthews, Fulcher, and Pash were raised. After the Lodge was closed, the brethren adjourned to supper, and the evening's entertainment was enlivened by some capital singing by Bros. H. P. Matthews, J. Shulbrook, and J. Perry.

**Royal Alfred Lodge, No. 780.**—This Lodge held a regular meeting on Friday, the 23rd of March, at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge. Present—Bros. J. Chambers Roe W.M., L. H. Cuzner S.W., Walter Goss J.W., Wm. Hilton P.M. Secretary, C. F. May S.D., Wm. Gomm J.D., Wm. Hale P.M. Steward, J. Dorey I.G., J. Gilbert Tyler. Past Masters Bros. Gardiner, Brown, Hilton, Littlewood, Hale, Potter. Visitors—Bros. H. E. Tucker 1612, E. Woodbridge 1612, A. Heald 269, W. K. L. Hutton 1351, G. Cook 1585, G. H. Lay 569, J. H. Cumming 534, W. Vassila 1326, W. H. Knill-Aholl 1599, Neville Parker 1438, and Wm. Campden 901. Business—The Lodge was opened at 2 p.m. Bros. H. D. Thompson and J. Millross were raised. Bro. White was passed to second degree, and Messrs. Alfred Tolliday, C. P. Brown and James Humphreys were initiated. Bro. W. E. S. Sanderson was admitted a joining member. Bro. Gardiner I.P.M. said he noticed on the minutes a vote of thanks to the W.M. for the very handsome Japanese embroidered silk cushion, which he presented for the use of the Master's pedestal, and he must ask the brethren to accord a vote of thanks to Bro. Goss J.W. for the five new curtains which he had presented to the Lodge; this was seconded by Bro. Brown P.M., and carried unanimously. Some propositions for initiation having been handed in, the Lodge was closed. The brethren then, to the number of 56, sat down to a banquet, provided

by the host, Bro. Stanbury, in regular "Star and Garter" style. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts having been given, Bro. Gardiner I.P.M. rose, and said it was a source of great gratification to him to have the privilege of proposing the health of the W.M. Having introduced that Brother into Masonry, he felt sure that all the brethren must have been delighted with the excellent manner in which the W.M. had performed the ceremonies. The W.M. thanked Bro. Gardiner and the brethren for their kind expressions of feeling. It had always been his ambition to be W.M. of his Mother Lodge, and having reached that position, he trusted he would always deserve the approbation of the brethren. Bros. Tolliday, Brown, and Humphreys replied for the initiates. Bros. Heald, Lay, Cumming, Vassila, and Neville Parker for the Visitors, and Bros. Gardiner, Brown, Hilton and Littlewood for the P.M.'s. Bros. Cuzner and Goss replied to the toast of the officers. The evening was much enlivened by some excellent songs by Bros. Goss, Cuzner, Lay, and Parsons. The Tyler's toast brought a very pleasant evening to a close.

**Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.**—The annual supper of this Lodge took place on Tuesday evening, 27th inst., at Bro. Allen's, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney. Bro. Wallington, the Preceptor, took the chair, faced by Bro. Wright P.M. and a good muster of brethren. Some of those who gave in their names and did not attend, we suppose, in consequence of the unpleasant and very wet night, lost a treat. The supper was served in every way satisfactorily. The wines, &c., were all first class, the attention paid by the host, who not only attended to the wants of those present, but enlivened the company with several capital songs, accompanying himself on the piano, all that could be desired. Songs were also sung by Bros. Wallington, Smith, Dallas, Crouch, Saunders, Defriez, Worsley and Davis, the last-named sang several times, and at each rendering kept the company in roars of laughter. The meeting did not break up till late, every one having thoroughly enjoyed himself.

**Montefiore Lodge, No. 1017.**—A meeting of this Lodge was held on Tuesday, the 27th inst., at the Regent Masonic Hall, W. Present—Bros. Victor Myers W.M., Gulliford S.W., Lazarus P.M. J.W., Albert Secretary, L. Jacobs Treasurer, Hookfield J.D., M. Levy D.C., W. Brale as I.G. P.M.'s—Bros. Eskell, De Solla, W. Abraham. Visitors—Bros. Dickinson W.M. Royal Standard, C. John 1287, Schneider 151, and W. W. Morgan jun. 1385. One brother was raised, after which the W.M. announced that he had received a letter from the Joppa Lodge, requesting the committee of the Montefiore to join them and the Israel and Tranquillity on the Jewish question. Bro. S. V. Abraham informed the members what had been done by the committee appointed at the last meeting. The best result he could show were the petitions that had been signed by the various Lodges and returned to him. These were 120 in number, sufficient to show that the efforts of the committee had been successful. He had also received several letters sympathising with the movement. He considered the committee might come to the Lodge with some amount of confidence. They did not desire the Montefiore Lodge to be put prominently forward. They were anxious to join any other Lodge willing to take up the matter, and give what assistance they could. In the petition they had stated that three Grand Lodges in Germany excluded Jews, and although this was hardly the case in theory, it was in practice the fact. In a letter from Bro. Weudt, it was stated that Jews were admitted to the three blue degrees by the Royal York Lodge of Friendship. This implied that they were admitted, and this was all the concession that was made. A letter from Bro. Findel was referred to, and after some further discussion, Bro. C. Eskell proposed, and Bro. Brall seconded, that a further sum of £5 be voted from the Lodge towards paying the expenses incurred by the committee. With reference to the letter from the Joppa Lodge, Bro. Abrahams remarked that they would be glad to co-operate, but he considered that the petitions they had in their possession were held by them as trustees, and they ought to hand them over to Grand Lodge only. Whatever position they eventually took up, they were bound morally, as well as Masonically, to hand over the petitions to Grand Lodge. He stated this that there might be no misunderstanding between them and other Lodges, as to the terms on which the various committees would meet. They were the first to take energetic steps and communicate with the various Lodges throughout the kingdom; it was not for their own aggrandisement, but as they had asked other Lodges to give their names, they were bound to make use of them in the way they had promised. Bro. Eskell asked if any letters had been received in opposition to the petition, and was answered in the negative. It was proposed and seconded by Bros. Eskell and Brall respectively, that the letter from the Joppa be referred to the Montefiore committee. Full power to act was given to the committee, after which Bro. Breidenbach proposed that the W.M. sign the petition on behalf of the Montefiore Lodge. This was seconded by Bro. Cooper, and carried unanimously. Bro. P.M. Abrahams proposed, and Bro. Loewenstark seconded, that Bro. M. Levy be elected on the committee of the Montefiore Lodge, which was carried. The Lodge was then closed, after which the brethren adjourned for refreshment. A very pleasant evening was spent under the presidency of the W.M. who proposed the usual toasts.

**Wandsworth Lodge, No. 1044.**—An excellent gathering of this Lodge, including many visitors, was held at the Spread Eagle Hotel, on Wednesday, the 21st inst. Bro. Landon was very ably raised to the third degree by Bro. Body P.M. Mr. A. A. Denham was initiated into Freemasonry by Bro. J. G. Carter P.M., in the unavoidable absence of Bro. P. Cooke W.M. The Lodge was closed in due form, and a banquet followed. The Queen and Craft, and other Masonic toasts, were ably given by the W.M., followed by the Health of the Initiate. This having been acknowledged, Bro. A. A. Denham responded, and thanked his brethren heartily for the honour they had conferred upon him. The Tyler's toasts concluded a happy evening.

**Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227.**—Held at Bro. Bolton's, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, on Friday, 23rd inst. Present—Bros. R. W. Percy W.M., Andrews S.W., Smith J.W., Powell S.D., Townsend J.D., Simpson I.G., Bolton, Cleverley. Lodge opened in due form. Minutes read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was very ably rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Simpson acting as candidate. Bro. Andrews was elected W.M. for ensuing meeting. All business being ended, Lodge was closed, and the meeting adjourned.

**Dundas Chapter, No. 1255.**—The regular convocation of this Chapter was held at the Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth, on Wednesday, the 21st inst. The Chapter was opened in due form: minutes of last meeting confirmed. The Comps. proceeded to the exaltation of Bro. S. B. Harvey P.M. 1255, already accepted. There were present—Comps. Charles Godtschalk Z., J. B. Gover P.Z. P.P.G.P.S. Treas., W. Bell P.Z., Isaac Watts P.Z. as H., J. Gidley as J., W. H. Triplet P.G.J. P.S., John P. Rogers S.E., S. W. Crimp 1st A.S., and several visitors from Sister Chapters. Upon the conclusion of the exaltation of P.M. Harvey, Comp. Godtschalk called the attention of the Chapter to the fact, that during his late Stewardship for the Province, on behalf of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, he had not had the opportunity of bringing the claims of that Institution before the Chapter at a regular meeting, but that he had adopted what he considered the next best course, viz.: he had individually brought the matter before their worthy Treasurer, Comp. Bell, out of Chapter, and had mentioned the matter to the P.Z., Comp. J. B. Gover. In fact he had communicated to all connected with the Chapter, that it was his intention to make the Chapter a Life Governor of the Institution, and that if he had their sanction and support, he should enter upon his Stewardship the sum of £10. He scarcely need mention to the Comps. that this list was handed in to the Secretary of the Institution on the 12th of February last. This therefore, was the proper time, under the circumstances explained for the £10 to be voted. He called to the recollection of the Comps., that the Chapter had been founded last year by himself, with the able assistance of others present, that he was in the honourable position of the first Z., and concurrently with this, he had undertaken the Stewardship for the Province, which this year had sent up the largest amount of any Province of England; their Lodges and Chapters had sent up £596; out of this £596, himself and Bro. Curteis had got together £565. As a matter of form, and with the fullest confidence, he proposed that the sum of £10 be voted to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. This being duly seconded by Comp. J. B. Gover, was carried with acclamation. A question having arisen with a sister Chapter, holding its meetings in this Temple, as to the regular and actual days of meeting of the Dundas Chapter, Comp. J. B. Gover P.Z. requested that the S.E. might be requested to read the bye laws, in one of which the actual days were named, viz.:—the 1st Wednesday following the third Monday in March, June, September and December, and these were the days expressed in the petition upon which the Charter of the Chapter had been granted. Exd. Comp. Watts P.Z. expressed a wish to have a copy of these bye-laws for the good working of a Chapter he was connected with; these bye-laws of Dundas Chapter, as worthy Comp. Watts expressed it, embodying the true principle that should rule in every well regulated Chapter. After the closing, the Comps. retired for the accustomed social half hour.

**Tregenna Lodge, No. 1272, St. Ives, Cornwall.**—The annual festival of this Lodge was held on Friday, the 23rd inst., at the Masonic Rooms, Fore-street. After the formal business was disposed of, the W.M. Bro. the Rev. J. Balmor Jones, P.G. Chaplain of Cornwall, proceeded to install Bro. T. Broking, the W.M. elect, as W.M., and he proceeded to invest his officers for the ensuing year. They were, Bros. J. B. Jones P.G.C. I.P.M., J. T. Short S.W., M. Daniel J.W., J. E. Short Treas., James Wearne P.M. Sec., Rev. J. B. Jones, M.A., Chap., F. H. Gibbone, C.E., S.D., James Martin

J.D., A. R. Harry P.M. Organist, John Richards P.M. D.C., Capt. John Richards I.G., J. P. Trevorrow Tyler, J. T. Short, Steward Cornwall Masonic Annuity and Benevolent Fund. After the business the brethren adjourned to the White Hart Hotel, where a capital banquet was provided by Bro. Richards. There were several visitors from the neighbouring Lodges. After the dinner the usual Masonic toasts were honoured, and the brethren separated having spent a very pleasant evening.

**Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction, No. 1298.**—This Lodge held its weekly meeting on Friday, the 23rd inst., at the Castle Tavern, Holloway-road, N. Present—Bros. Eldridge W.M., Hunter S.W., Passingham J.W., Sparrow S.D., Chant J.D., Ager I.G., T. Cull Preceptor, Wright, Yeomans, Shackle, Sheffield, and several others. The Lodge being opened in due form, the minutes of the last meeting were confirmed. The ceremonies of the 1st and 2nd degrees were rehearsed, Bros. Gianella and Yeomans respectively acting as candidates. Lodge then resumed to the 1st degree. The 1st and 4th sections were worked by Bro. Cull. Bro. Francis 1598 was elected a member, and Bro. Hunter W.M. for Friday, 6th April. The Lodge was then closed, and adjourned. The 15 sections will be worked in the Lodge on Friday, 27th April, when Bro. Cull will preside.

**Chiltern Lodge, No. 1470.**—This Lodge held its regular meeting on Tuesday, the 20th of March, at the Town Hall, Dunstable. Present—Bros. Haselgrove W.M., Randall S.W., Otway J.W., Howell P.M. acting as Secretary, Rev. C. B. Harris Chaplain, Sinkwell S.D., Cutler J.D., Russell D.C., Saunders as I.G., Day Tyler; Bros. Beart, Crew, Ballans, &c. Bro. McLean, 935 Wexford, visitor. The Lodge having been opened, and the minutes confirmed, the ballot was taken for Mr. James Eames, which proving satisfactory, he was initiated in the W.M.'s most careful manner. The charge was given by Bro. Howell I.P.M. The W.M. then gave the lecture in the first degree. It was a great treat to the brethren, and a unanimous vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Haselgrove, and recorded on the minutes. The Lodge was closed. After other business had been transacted, the brethren adjourned to sup together at Bro. Saunders, Sugar Loaf Hotel.

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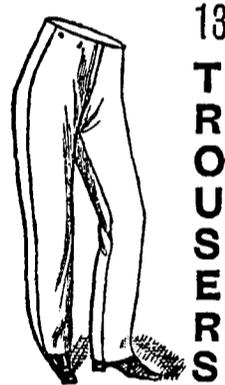
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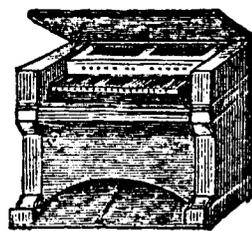
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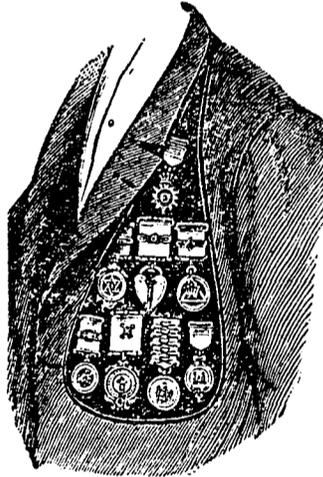
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