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THE GIRLS' SCHOOL ELECTION.

LIEUT.-COL. CREATON presided at the Quarterly General Court of the Girls' School, held at Freemasons' Hall, on Saturday last, at the hour of noon. The regular business having been dispatched, the Court elected Scrutineers, and proceeded to the election, by ballot, of thirty-five out of an approved list of fifty girls. The ballot was opened at 1 p.m. and closed at 3 p.m., and shortly afterwards the result as appended was announced. It will be noted that the votes descend by a slow, but more than usually regular diminuendo, and that, as might have been expected, a more than usually modest number of votes sufficed to carry the lowest successful candidates. In April one candidate failed with 870, one with 838, one with 707, one with 697, two with 477 apiece, and one with 466 votes. At this election 421 votes have sufficed to secure a place; but then there were fifty-four candidates and only thirteen vacancies, while on Saturday last there were fifty candidates and thirty-five to be elected. London, as we pointed out last week, sent up twenty-two candidates, of whom fifteen succeeded, namely—Nos. 1, 2, 3, 9, 11, 13, 17, 21, 24, 26, 28, 31, 32, 33, and 34. Nineteen of the twenty-six Provincial candidates were placed, Middlesex, with its solitary candidate, standing fourth; Yorkshire, N. and E., with two candidates, being fifth and twentieth; Staffordshire and Durham each sent up a candidate, and the former stood sixth and the latter seventh. Devonshire had three candidates, one of whom was placed eighth; Hants and Isle of Wight sent up two, of whom one succeeded in obtaining the tenth place. The Notts candidate was twelfth, the two Lincolnshire fourteenth and twenty-third, the two Yorkshire W. fifteenth and twenty-fifth, and the single Suffolk girl sixteenth. Sussex sent up one representative, who was placed eighteenth, while the two girls hailing from Staffordshire were placed nineteenth and twenty-ninth respectively. One of the two Lancashire W. girls stood twenty-second in order, the daughter of a brother of the 14th Regiment of Foot came twenty-seventh, while the Kent girl was placed thirtieth, and the one from the Province of Cumberland and Westmoreland brought up the rear and secured for herself the thirty-fifth appointment. Of the fifteen unsuccessful candidates, seven belong to the metropolis, seven to the Provinces, namely—two Devonshire, one Lancashire W., two Lancashire E., one Hants and Isle of Wight, one Bristol, and one to a district abroad, Singapore. Thus it will be seen that the Provinces have fared better than the Metropolis, nineteen out of twenty-six being a larger proportion than fifteen out of twenty-two; still the difference is not so perceptible as in the case of the Boys' School, where only two of the twenty-two London candidates got in, and where even if we give the Metropolis the benefit of the boy who is described as belonging to "E. Lancashire and London," the success of the Provincials is hugely in excess. But to return to the successful girls. Nos. 1, 2, and 3, as we have said, are Londoners. No. 1, A. B. Tanare, who has been a candidate at three previous elections, and has a brother in the Boys' School, increased her former score of 838 to 1,000 votes. No. 2, Amy L. Kirke, was a candidate in April, and had 384 votes. She came in a good second, with a total of 995. No. 3, Annie S. Cates, had 477 votes to her credit from three previous attempts, and these she increased on Saturday last to 931. The Middlesex girl, Amelia Line, who has a sister already in the School, and obtained 198 votes in April,

polled this time 692, making her total 890 votes. Laura S. Spurr, a new candidate from Yorkshire N. and E., scored exactly the same number. Annie Nichols, of Staffordshire, had 870 votes standing to her credit, and these were increased to 878. Eleanor M. Peele, of Durham, raised her total to 863, having polled 255 in April, and Diana G. Morris raised hers from 707 votes, the result of five previous attempts, to 835. Annie Potter, of London, with 248 to her credit, came ninth with 822, and Florence Weston, of Hants and Isle of Wight, followed close on her heels with 819 votes, of which only 35 were brought forward from April. Rosa M. Hughes, of London, with 477 votes to her credit, raised her total to 776, and stood eleventh; and Ada Carter (last chance), of Notts, was twelfth with 750, 211 being brought forward. Amelia A. Fordham, of London, like Florence Weston, had only this chance of success left her, and a poll of 400 added to her previous 323 votes, secured her the thirteenth place. The two Lincolnshire girls were both old candidates, Kate L. Parker, with 178 votes to the good, standing fourteenth with 717, and Emily A. G. Moore raising her former total of 62 to 525. Gertrude H. Mey, of West Yorkshire, had already standing to her credit 697 votes: an addition of five raised her total to 702. Maude Violet Muriel, from Suffolk, succeeded, at this her first attempt, with a total of 667, Ellen A. Waud, of London, also a new candidate, being next with 655, and Maud M. Cowley, of Sussex, with a credit of 466 standing over from April last, coming next with 630. A Somersetshire lass, Mona Beatrice Hennes, obtained 619 votes at this her first attempt, and a N. and E. Yorkshire, Annie E. Corney, with 190 brought forward, made up her total to 594. Mary M. C. Smith, of London, increased her votes from 362 to 530, and Lucy J. Busher from 214 to 526. Minnie C. Godden (London) obtained 518 votes, and Harriet Chrimes (W. Yorkshire) 515, which, with two already to her credit, placed her next in order of sequence. Emily J. Priestley (London) had 514, and Florence Annie Hopkins, the "Daughter of the Regiment" (14th Foot) 511 votes. Amelia J. Hocking, London, obtained 503 votes, and Agnes M. Skeates, the second Somersetshire candidate, 495 votes. Helena Pidduck, who hails from Kent, had 478 votes, of which 23 were brought forward, and Eveline E. Pelham, of London, exactly the same number, of which, however, 173 were cast in April. M. A. Rugg, Kate Boyd, and Annie L. P. Richards, all of London, and all new candidates obtained 455, 441, and 424 votes respectively, while Dorah Scott, from Cumberland and Westmoreland, was close up with 421—217 of which were the result of two previous attempts. This was her last remaining chance of obtaining admission, and she is, therefore, to be congratulated on her success. It will be seen that in this case the four girls who had this last and only chance of success remaining to them, have got in, while, if we refer to the list of the Boys we shall find that only one (young Cox) out of seven managed to escape final rejection. Thus the whole of the fifteen girls will be eligible in April, while of the fifty-six rejected boys, six will have their names struck off the list. As to the unsuccessful candidates, Marion L. Cooper, of Bristol, and Lilian Stephenson, of E. Lancashire, each obtained 419 votes; Marion Whyatt, of W. Lancashire, 418, Mary L. Wayne, of E. Lancashire, 405 votes, Eleanor E. Spurgin, of London, 396 votes, Bessie Reed 317 votes, Harriet E. Hood, London, 283 votes, of which 99 were obtained at two previous contests, and Clarrissa E. Wright 217 votes, of which 63 votes were brought forward; while Gertrude A. Jay obtained 215 votes. The last two were Evalina M. Hill

with 11 votes, and Alvena Nettle with *no* votes at *two* elections. Subjoined is the list of successful and unsuccessful candidates.

SUCCESSFUL.

No. on List.	NAME.	Votes forward.	Votes to-day.	Total.
6	Tanare, Ada Blyth	838	162	1000
34	Kirke, Amy Laura	384	611	995
7	Cates, Annie Susannah	477	454	931
36	Line, Amelia	198	692	890
49	*Spurr, Laura Sophia	—	890	890
9	Nichols, Annie	870	8	878
21	Peele, Eleanor Margaret	255	608	863
1	Morris, Diana Gordon	702	128	835
25	Potter, Annie	248	574	822
26	Weston, Florence (<i>last</i>)	35	784	819
8	Hughes, Rosa Marian	477	299	776
28	Carter, Ada (<i>last</i>)	211	539	750
4	Fordham, Amelia Anne (<i>last</i>)	323	400	723
2	Parker, Kate Louisa	178	539	717
17	Mey, Gertrude Henrietta	697	5	702
44	*Muriel Mande Violet	—	667	667
50	*Waud, Ellen Amelia	—	655	655
27	Cowley, Mand Mary	466	164	630
45	*Hennet, Mona Beatrice	—	619	619
37	Corney, Annie Edith	190	404	594
5	Smith, Mary Mildred C.	362	168	530
35	Busher, Lucy Jane	214	312	526
16	Moore, Emily Alice Gertrude	62	463	525
46	*Goddin, Minnie Constance	—	518	518
19	Chrimes, Harriett	2	515	517
12	Priestley, Emily Jane	224	290	514
39	Hopkins, Florence Annie	10	501	511
40	*Hocking, Amelia Jane	—	503	503
10	Skeates, Agnes Martha	323	172	495
24	Pidduck, Helena	23	455	478
33	Pelham, Eveline Edith	173	305	478
42	*Rugg, Mary Alexandra	—	455	455
47	*Boyd, Kate	—	441	441
43	*Richards, Annie Louisa Powis	—	424	424
15	Scott, Dorah (<i>last</i>)	217	204	421

UNSUCCESSFUL.

29	Cooper, Marion Selina	25	394	419
38	Stephenson, Lilian	—	419	419
22	Whyatt, Marion	—	418	418
48	*Wayne, Mary Louisa	—	405	405
13	Spurging, Eleanor Elizabeth	143	253	396
18	Reed, Bessie	85	232	317
14	Hood, Harriett Emily	99	184	283
32	Wright, Clarissa Elizabeth... ..	63	154	217
3	Jay, Gertrude Alice	160	55	215
20	Wilton, Florrance Eliza	57	130	187
41	*Norrish, Susanna Mary	—	178	178
11	Thomson, Louisa Marion	62	79	141
23	Daly, Gertrude Annie	25	91	116
31	Hill, Evalina Mary	3	8	11
30	Nettle, Alvena	—	—	—

* Indicates first application.

THE BOYS' SCHOOL ELECTION.

THE Quarterly General Court of this Institution was held at Freemasons' Hall at noon on Monday. Bro. John Symonds occupied the chair, and among those present were—Bros. J. L. Hine, C. F. Matier, Captain Wordsworth, J. Constable, J. E. Curteis, H. P. Platt, W. Roebuck, Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, &c., and F. Binckes Secretary. The minutes of the last Court having been read and verified, the death of the late Collector was announced amid general expressions of regret, great sympathy being felt with the family. Bro. Roebuck's motion that ten instead of nine candidates be elected having been carried, and the other business, including the appointment of Scrutineers having been transacted, the Court adjourned, and the ballot was opened at one p.m. This part of the day's proceedings necessarily caused great excitement, there being sixty-six candidates for so limited a number of vacancies. In due course the poll was closed, and the result announced somewhat earlier than had been expected. The names of the successful and unsuccessful candidates, with the votes polled for them, are appended, but, as on previous occasions, we proceed to mention any noteworthy particulars connected with the different candidates. First on the poll comes the boy Cox, whose case has attracted such general attention and so much sympathy at this and the two last elections. It rarely happens that a boy makes eight consecutive attempts to be admitted into an Institution; and still more rarely that he succeeds after all. Yet so it has been in this instance. He who stood, in April, ninth on the list of unsuccessful candidates with 551 votes to his credit,

now heads the list with 2,329 votes, his friends and supporters having by a supreme effort obtained for him on this occasion 1,778 additional votes, or over forty more than the total obtained by the lowest successful candidate. This, of course, shows what can be done when those who take up a case work with a will, and the reflection necessarily occurs to us that had Cox's advocates displayed the same amount of energy on previous occasions, the success which has thus tardily attended their efforts would have been obtained and the benefits of this Institution secured much earlier in a very deserving case. However, it is useless to dwell on the might-have-been's in certain contingencies which have not arisen. We congratulate the boy and his friends on his present success, and we hope he will exert himself during his scholastic term, and show that he is worthy of the benefits of which, for the next five years, he will be the fortunate recipient. As Cox hailed from Devonshire, that Province has every reason to be proud of so signal a success. Next in order is an E. Lancashire candidate, T. Herbert Waddington by name, who was on the list for the first time in April last, and then scored 940 votes. This number was further increased by 1,313 votes, the total of Waddington's record being 2,253. No. 3 is a Warwickshire lad, who obtained 249 votes at his first attempt last April, and increased that number on this occasion to 2,138, the number he polled on Monday being 1,889. Nos. 4 and 5, namely, Harry Armitage, the single W. Yorkshire candidate, and Frank Smith, who owes a divided allegiance, part to E. Lancashire and part London, and who obtained, therefore, support from that Province and the Metropolis, obtained respectively 2,119 and 2,097 votes. This, considering that they were new candidates, must be set down as a brilliant success. Nos. 6 and 7 are both Londoners, Alfred Stevens and Percy Aubrey Gedge. The former had stood at two previous elections, and was only beaten in April by nine votes. The 518 polled on Monday added to his credit of 1,482 votes brought forward gave him a total of 2,000. Gedge had not tried before, but his friends worked hard and obtained 1,970 votes. William Stanton, who was a candidate in April and last October, had 1,049 votes to his credit. These were increased to 1,915, and as this boy hails from two counties, namely, Dorsetshire and Gloucestershire, the honours of victory must be apportioned between them. Shrapnel of Wilts, who was seventh on the unsuccessful list in April last with 701 votes to his credit, secured the ninth vacancy, his friends obtaining 1,104 votes on Monday, thus raising his total to 1,805, while Johnston of Sussex, who had stood twice before, increased his score from 602 to 1,736, and came in tenth. Johnston is, indeed, to be congratulated on his good fortune, for R. P. F. Deeley, the next in order, who must now wait till next April, and from whom, under the circumstances, we cannot withhold our sympathy, had 1,748 votes cast for him. Unfortunately, a voting paper containing 61 of these had to be rejected for want of the voter's signature. Consequently, Deeley remains out in the cold for a further six months, but his prospects next April are certainly bright, as he has already 1,687 votes to the good. Next in order of sequence come Shury 12th with 1,655 votes, Searle 13th with 1,448 votes, Dyer 14th with 1,301 votes, Ceeley 15th with 1,207 votes, Bingham 16th with 1,023, and Garstin 17th with 994 votes—all these being London candidates; Taylor, of South Africa, East Div., with 879 votes, and Sharp, of Bengal, with 850 votes coming next. Thenceforward, the votes rapidly diminish, and the last fifteen candidates have either less than 20 votes, or none at all recorded for them. Of these Cole, a candidate for the third, and Frost, a candidate for the second time, already had ten votes apiece, but did not obtain further support. Thus as regards the general result, London, with twenty-two candidates, carried two; E. Lancashire one out of four, while another hailing from both these districts also obtained a place. Devonshire and Warwickshire were successful with one out of three; Dorsetshire and Gloucestershire carried their candidate between them, and the other three who were victorious came from West Yorkshire, Wilts, and Sussex. As the seven highest unsuccessful candidates were all Londoners, it must be evident that if the Lodges in the metropolis would only establish some kind of organisation, such as Devonshire, W. Yorkshire, E. Lancashire, and other Provinces possess, and place over it an energetic committee, they would secure success more frequently. We know that something of this kind is in contemplation, and, indeed, that steps are already being taken by some of the more energetic London brethren to establish such an organisation on a firm and durable basis;

and we trust that, long before the next election comes off, we shall be able to announce that it is in full working order and ready to act on behalf of the most deserving London candidates. We know—we have it, indeed, on record—that when two well-known East London brethren have adopted a case, they have invariably carried it through; and if two have done so, an organisation composed of representatives from several Lodges ought certainly to be in a position to ensure the success of any candidate whose case they may have seen reason to adopt. We offer these remarks in the hope and belief that our London friends may become more inclined to look after their own interests. We do not desire that London should swamp the Provinces, but that it should secure the proportion of success to which it is entitled.

Herewith is the complete list of candidates, both successful and unsuccessful, with all needful particulars as to votes.

SUCCESSFUL.

No. on List.	NAME.	Votes forward.	Votes to-day.	Total.
1	Cox, George Samuel	551	1778	2329
40	Waddington, T. Herbert	940	1313	2253
35	Watkin, Hugh Robert	249	1889	2138
64	*Armitage, Harry	—	2119	2119
62	*Smith Frank	—	2097	2097
14	Stevens, Alfred	1482	518	2000
44	*Gedge, Percy Aubrey	—	1970	1970
25	Stanton, William	1049	866	1915
39	Shrapnel, H. V. N. Scrope	701	1104	1805
20	Johnston, William Studer	602	1134	1736

UNSUCCESSFUL.

27	Deeley, Richard P. Francis	238	1449	1687
7	Shury, Solomon Hiram	997	658	1655
10	Searle, Harry Bulmer	1141	307	1448
33	Dyer, Frederick	726	575	1301
28	Ceeley, John R. Gordon	215	992	1207
49	*Bingham, Herbert	—	1023	1023
41	*Garstin, William Lionel	—	994	994
32	Taylor, Ernest Geo. W. J.	237	642	879
13	Sharp, Colin Bell	495	355	850
52	*Woon, Albert Allen	—	677	677
36	Busher, Samuel Longton	230	420	650
60	*Tayler, Richard Tom	—	612	612
65	*Roberts, Samuel Curry	—	600	600
12	Mackay, J. Montague Hele	448	138	586
18	Crew, Frederick Alt.	406	168	574
29	Fairman, William Henry	399	175	574
21	Wilkinson, Percy Charles	358	155	513
42	*Nash, Stanley Harry	—	428	428
2	Gurney, John Henry	360	45	405
4	Day, Arthur Harris	309	89	398
23	Wait, Emanuel	338	57	395
54	*Shapland, F. G. Lambert	—	344	344
66	*Webb, Charles Thomas	—	301	301
56	*Riley, Robert	—	253	253
17	Green, Charles William	187	61	248
8	Furze, William Ernest	163	76	239
57	*Hutton, John Frederick W.	—	227	227
19	Rogers, Gordon	169	19	188
38	Barclay, Henry G. Hackett	93	66	159
24	Ridpeth, Lovell Hope	93	48	141
6	Williams, George Alfred	128	5	133
58	*Watkins, Fred. Charles	—	116	116
51	*Perrin, Gustav Teasdell	—	106	106
61	*Spalding, Edmund Purcell	—	97	97
31	Denton, Herbert	46	14	60
5	Evans, John McMillan	26	16	42
22	Marshall, Robert James	38	—	38
3	Gover, Joseph	33	2	35
48	*Chandler, Arthur John	—	33	33
53	*Ward, James	—	30	30
11	Newbould, Harry	27	—	27
9	Morley, William Moore	8	7	15
67	*Collins, Joseph Barrett	—	12	12
37	Minshull, Sam Bradford	—	11	11
16	Cole, Alfred Thomas	10	—	10
30	Frost, Christian Frederic	10	—	10
45	*Gibson, Walter James	—	7	7
46	*Bell, James Herbert	—	5	5
63	*Allen, Albert Charles	—	5	5
34	Allin, Charles James Fox	4	—	4
15	Edmonds, Richard Herbert	3	—	3
47	*Giles, Frank Arthur	—	3	3
26	Matthews, Robert	2	—	2
43	*Parker, George Shadwell	—	2	2
59	*Atkin, John Batson	—	—	—
60	*Jepson, James Thomas	—	—	—
55	*Parker, William Jas. (withdrawn)	—	—	—

* Indicates first application.

The consecration of the Sub-Urban Lodge, No. 1702, is announced to take place this day (Friday), at the Abercorn Arms, Great Stanmore, at 2.30. A report of the proceedings will appear in our next.

CORRESPONDENCE.

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

We cannot undertake to return rejected communications.

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

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SWIMMING.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have read with great interest the correspondence under above heading in your valuable paper, from which I assume that swimming is not practised by "Our Boys" at Wood Green.

That bathing is a healthy exercise no one can deny, nor can it be disputed that many persons of both sexes are drowned yearly whose lives would in all probability have been spared had they acquired the art of swimming in their youth.

Unless boys and girls are encouraged to learn to swim during their school days, I fear that very many of them will never attempt it, and if this is the case may I ask how it is swimming is not practised more at our public schools?

One of your correspondents remarks that our Boys' School is singularly fortunate in being situated within a few minutes' walk of excellent open air baths; I should certainly be glad to know if the School regulations prohibit so healthy and useful a pastime, or if it is the always to be dreaded difficulty—"the means,"—if so, I believe it only requires to be known amongst the brethren of the Craft to have it removed forthwith.

Yours fraternally,

ONE OF NEXT YEAR'S STEWARDS.

DISPOSAL OF LODGE FUNDS.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR,—I should be glad to be informed if it is regular and constitutional that the W.M. of a new Lodge should use the general fund of the same for payment of the cost of founders' jewels, such funds being composed of money received from initiates.

Yours, &c.

W.M.

"PECULIAR."

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—There were 17,728 votes issued to the subscribers to the Masonic Girls' School at the election on Saturday last. 17,928 votes were recorded, besides over a hundred spoilt votes, and doubtless many not made use of. Where can the extra votes have come from?

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

WM. C. PARSONS P.M. 180.

MASONIC PRESENTATION TO SIR WATKIN WILLIAMS WYNN.

A MEETING of the Grand Officers of the Province of North Wales and Shropshire has been held at Oswestry, to consider what form the commemoration of the R.W. Bro. Sir Watkin's reign of a quarter of a century over the Province should take, when it was resolved that the P.G.M. should be presented with an illuminated address, congratulating him on the event, and that a Life Presentation to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys should be purchased, to be called "The Sir Watkin Presentation." It was also agreed that the Worshipful Master of each Lodge in the Province should be requested to solicit subscriptions towards this object, both from individual members and from their Lodge funds. From the illustrated history of the Williams Wynn family, called *Wynnstay and the Wynns*, we learn that "In 1852, Sir Watkin received the distinguished appointment he holds at the present time, that of Provincial Grand Master of North Wales and Shropshire. The Grand Lodge Warrant appointing 'our well-beloved Bro. Sir Watkin Williams Wynn, in the County of Denbigh, Bart.; Representative in Parliament for the County of Denbigh; Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant of the Montgomeryshire Yeomanry Cavalry, and Steward of her Majesty's Manorial Courts in Denbighshire—Provincial Grand Master for North Wales, with the County of Salop added,' is dated 13th January 1852, and is signed 'Zetland, G.M.; Yarborough, D.G.M.; William H. White, G.S.' The ceremony of Installation took place at Shrewsbury on the 9th March 1852, when Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Combermere, the hero of Bhartpore, the Right Worshipful the Grand Master for Cheshire, who had taken great interest in Sir Watkin's Masonic movements, was specially deputed by the Grand Master of England, Lord Zetland, to perform the ceremony of Installation. Bro. White, Grand Junior Deacon of England, attended with the warrant of appointment, and the direction of the ceremonies devolved upon Bro. Griffiths, G.S. of the Cheshire Province, at Lord Combermere's request. The Rev. Canon Bowles, D.P.G.M. for Herefordshire, acted as Deputy Grand Master, and amongst the brethren who assisted were Lord Dungannon, Sir Andrew V. Corbet, the Rev. J. Osmond Dakeyne, one of the Grand Chaplains of England, &c. Sir Watkin was introduced and presented by Bro. Colonel Burlton, C.B., Grand Master for the Province of Bengal."—*Oswestry Advertiser*.

INSTALLATION MEETINGS.

The Great City Lodge, No. 1426.—Most of us, at some time or other, have experienced a great amount of enjoyment in referring to an old diary, or to some record of past doings, and so repeat, in fancy, the pleasures and proceedings recorded therein. What can be more enjoyable to any one who has been absent for a number of years than to meet a few old friends and discuss the events of youth. If these remarks have an application in our own circle, the same may be said of Lodges. The annual recurrence of the installation night is essentially a fitting time for such reminiscences to be indulged in. On these occasions it is natural for a brother who has passed the chair to think of the time when he was installed; and to remember how, at the conclusion of his year of office, he received the hearty good wishes of the brethren, and had attached to his breast the jewel he now exhibits with such satisfaction. A visit to one of our Lodges, on Saturday last, brought such thoughts to our mind; since then we have glanced at the accounts given in our columns from time to time of the principal doings of The Great City Lodge. At the time Bro. N. B. Headon occupied the chair, that is about two and a half years since, we read of the reception given by its members to the then Lord Mayor of London, who was accompanied by Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Ellis, and on which occasion was assembled an array of visitors "comprising the *élite* of Masonic Society." On that occasion the distinguished visitor of the Lodge, who was one of the brethren who had signed the petition for its warrant, accepted honorary membership, and in replying to the toast of his health, stated that he felt sure The Great City Lodge was destined to become one of the leading powers in Freemasonry. How far his prophecy has been carried out, we leave any one who was present at the installation meeting of the Lodge on Saturday last, and witnessed the vast assemblage of members and visitors, to decide. Early in 1876 we find The Great City visiting its sister,—The City of Westminster Lodge,—and here again was displayed that spirit which has always characterised the Lodge as a body. On Saturday last, the 13th inst., the formal proceedings of the evening disposed of, the installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. R. Stanway, late S.W., was proceeded with, and most ably carried out by Bro. John Seex, the retiring Master. On the completion of the ceremony, so far as concerned the W.M., the investment of Officers for the year took place, as follow:—Bros. Freeman S.W., Blackie J.W., Headon P.M., Treas., E. Moody P.M. Sec., Catchpole S.D., Hamer J.D., Taylor I.G., Kibble D.C., Jenkins Org., Hook and Hooker Stewards, Steedman Tyler. The W.M. informed the brethren that he was pleased to be able to state that Bro. R. J. Simpson, Past Grand Chaplain of England, had consented to act as their Chaplain for the year, and expressed a hope that Bro. Simpson would be present at an early meeting, when he should have great pleasure in formally investing him. The financial report of the Lodge, which had been prepared by Bro. E. Moody P.M. Sec., was presented by the Auditors. They had added an addenda thereto complimenting Bro. Moody on the excellent way in which the accounts were kept, and tendered their thanks to him for the trouble he had taken in order to make their duties as light as possible. A vote of thanks was unanimously voted to them for their trouble. All business being over, the Lodge was closed. The brethren now adjourned to banquet, and under the presidency of the new Master, spent the evening most enjoyably. At the conclusion of the repast, and after grace had been sung, the chairman introduced the first four toasts on the list. No one took a greater interest in the welfare of the country than Her Majesty the Queen, he was sure that her health, coupled with success to the Craft, would meet a hearty response. The National Anthem having been sung, the W.M. again rose. He believed it was an acknowledged fact that in all societies there should be a head, all would agree that we have at the head of the Craft a Bro. who is entitled to our respect and admiration, possessing as he does all the qualifications that can be required of a Grand Master of Freemasons. Bro. Thurley Beale sang "The Roamer," and met with merited applause. In introducing the toast of the R.W. Pro G.M., the W.M. considered it ill became him to speak on a subject of which he had little knowledge, but from the quiet and dignified manner in which Earl Carnarvon always carried out his duties, he felt sure that this important position was well and worthily filled. After the usual Masonic reception of this toast, Bro. A. Kenningham gave a first-class rendering of "The Message." The W.M. here announced that the terrible distress of our fellow-creatures in India had just been brought under his notice; he should be very pleased to aid the fund being raised for their relief, but not being in a position to propose a vote of Lodge funds, would like suggestions from the brethren as to how to attain this desired end. Bro. P.M. Headon proposed that when the Lodge Charity Box was sent round, in due course, the amount therein should be devoted, not as usual to the Samaritan Fund of the Lodge, but be sent to the Mansion House Fund. This suggestion was the one adopted, and later in the evening the W.M. had the pleasure to announce that he was in a position to send a sum of £10 10s, which had been subscribed in response to his appeal. In giving the toast of the R.W. Deputy G.M. and the rest of the Grand Officers, the W.M. stated that the mere extent of the title marked the toast as a responsible one. As with machinery, so with our Craft; if even one of the smallest parts were out of order the whole suffered. Of our Grand Lodge he might say it is never out of order, and bearing this in mind, we should render honour to the members who comprise it. The toast having been recognised, Bro. Seex, the I.P.M. of the Lodge rose. He had frequently had the honour and privilege of addressing the brethren, but the present was the first occasion he had done so as Past Master. He had now to propose the health of their present Master, whom he had the pleasure that evening of installing. During the term of probation through which Bro. Stanway had passed, he had carried out his duties in a manner which fully warranted the selection of the brethren. In his present position a certain amount of ability and force of character were necessary; these

qualities he possessed in an eminent degree. He trusted that his year of office would be a success, and concluded by calling on the brethren to toast their Master. A trumpet solo, "Should he upbraid," was ably given by Mr. T. Harper, and was encored. Replying to the toast of his health, the W.M. described this task as the most difficult part of his duty. It was an easy matter to say that he returned his thanks, but very difficult to express his feelings. He was extremely proud of the position in which he was now placed, after having worked through the various offices. So far as his health would allow, he should devote all his zeal to keep up the dignity and high character of the Lodge. The next toast was that of the Visitors, of whom forty-six were present. The Master gave them a hearty welcome. If they were not received as they should be, he was sure it was not for want of will to do so. Bro. Mann P.M. and Sec. 186 responded. No one could speak with greater satisfaction; their warrant bore his name, he therefore considered himself in a position to judge of its success. The Great City Lodge has a repute; all over the country one hears of the doings of its members. On behalf of the Visitors he trusted the Lodge would prosper in the future as it had done in the past. The W.M. next gave the health of the I.P.M., Bro. Seex. He was sure his remarks would not fall on inattentive ears. It would ill become them to forget those members who had served the Lodge so well as Bro. Seex. During the early days of its existence, Bro. Seex occupied the post of Deacon, he then laid a foundation which will long continue to be felt. If candidates are received into a Lodge with dignity by the Deacons and other Officers engaged at their initiation, it makes a great deal of difference. The ceremonies during Bro. Seex's term were always conducted in a manner which reflected great credit on him. In his present position he was sure the Lodge might always depend upon his support. The brethren having honoured the toast, before Bro. Seex replied the W.M. stated that he had made a great omission, inasmuch as he had neglected to present Bro. Seex with the Past Master's jewel which had been voted by the Lodge. He must repair the omission at once, and trusted that it came with no less grace than if he had presented it when proposing his health. Bro. Seex returned his grateful thanks for the hearty and sincere manner in which his health had been proposed. He would merely say that the W.M. of a Lodge should have a bed of roses, and he hoped that their present Master would be blessed with such. It was one thing to be a Master, and another to be able to satisfy the whole of the members. He hoped he as W.M. had fulfilled the duties of his year with satisfaction, and wished the present Master a successful term. The P.M.'s was next proposed by the Master. In doing honour to our present Officers we should not neglect those who, in times gone by, have met with as hearty a reception as either himself or their I.P.M., nor forget that they are still worthy of consideration. Bro. Stevens was gratified at the reception the toast had met with. The P.M.'s were naturally pleased to see the increase of the Lodge, the continued prosperity of which they were anxious and willing to further. He could not agree with Bro. Seex in considering the office of Master of so large a Lodge being a bed of roses, although he was very pleased to have had the honour of occupying that position. Bro. Headon was also called for. He stated that as he should speak again later in the evening, he should make his remarks on this occasion very brief, but he did not like the toast to pass without adding his thanks to those of Bro. Stevens. Bro. P.M. Townsend also replied. The next toast given was that of the Initiates. The W.M. considered that when good men were received into Freemasonry, that not only was the Craft conferring an honour on them, but they also conferred an honour on the Craft. He assured the initiates that they would be more and more impressed with Masonry the more they knew of it. He recommended their attendance at Lodges of Instruction, where they would hear a full explanation of the beautiful ceremonies, of which he on this occasion was only able to give but a brief outline. Bro. Hook sang the E.A. song, after which Bro. Moseley responded. He assured the brethren that their new members would do their best for Freemasonry. None of them could regret the step they had taken. If outsiders would only act up to the principles of Freemasonry, great difficulties might be overcome. Bro. Perceval proposed Prosperity to The Great City Lodge, to which Bro. Headon responded. As he was the progenitor, they could see the Lodge had but a very small beginning, but had met with a wonderful amount of success. They had initiated nearly 100 gentlemen since 1874. The furniture was all paid for, and if the members had taken anything in hand they had been complimented on having carried it out thoroughly. The Lodge had subscribed handsomely to all the Masonic Charities, and in addition they had upwards of £90 to the credit of their Lodge Benevolent Fund, and £23 to that of their Samaritan Fund. He hoped their prosperity would continue. The Treasurer and Secretary were called upon by the W.M., who wished that the proposition of this toast had occurred earlier, as he should then have been able to speak of the excellent qualities of these Officers to a larger assembly. In the Secretary the Lodge had a brother thoroughly conversant with every branch of his duty, and with every detail at his finger ends. If they consider that the Lodge numbers over 120 members, they could form some idea of the value of having a Secretary such as Bro. Moody; his qualities being, in fact, inestimable. Bro. Headon briefly replied, and Bro. Moody gave what he terms his annual lecture, consisting of a few remarks on what should be, and what should not be. The "Masonic Charities" was given, after which the Tyler brought the proceedings to a close. In addition to the songs, &c., we have already mentioned, several others were given, Jack's yarn, sung by Bro. Thurley Beale, calling forth an encore. Visitors—Bros. G. Cordwell P.M. 3, J. Walker W.M. 27, W. Read 55, C. J. Gorse P.M. 73, B. C. Badham 156, T. W. C. Bush 185, E. Harfeld P.M. 185, W. Mann P.M. 186, C. W. Noehmer P.M. 186, W. Medwin 192, W. H. Green 403, H. Massey P.M. 619, J. Poore P.M. 720, J. Painter P.M. 749, H. V. Clements 754, J. R. Williams 766, W. Worrell P.M. 766, E. Crolich P.M. 857, A. Stone 889, C. T. Nunn W.M. 889, E. W. Gandy 890, R. N. Field P.M. 902, O. T. Hearne 967, G. W. Saul 1201, T. A. W. Carper 1216, T. P. Staley

1216, Christie S.W. 1287, A. Farey 1287, J. Barron 1287, R. H. Williams P.M. 1314, T. E. Heller 1329, W. W. Morgan jun. 1385, F. Page 1414, W. L. Partridge 1445, J. Clarkon P.M. 1457, J. B. Glenn 1491, J. Hooper 1515, J. C. Mason W.M. 1540, T. Eastgale 1563, C. J. Perceval 1607, G. W. Evans 1632, J. H. Outhwaite 1687, J. Crossland 1687, &c.

Royal Military Lodge, No. 1449.—This Lodge held its installation meeting on Monday, the 8th of October, at the Guildhall Hotel, Canterbury. Present—Bros. Walter W. Turner W.M., H. T. Naylor S.W., E. Beer J.W., B. Anderson Hon. Secretary, E. Plume Treasurer, J. Ball S.D., H. Miskin J.D., E. Nicholson D.C., Stadward I.G., Harnett Tyler; P.M. Bro. W. Greenwood. Business—Bro. Turner P.M. conducted the important ceremony very impressively, after having performed a double initiation. The following brethren were invested by the W.M. as his Officers for the ensuing year, viz., Bros. Beer S.W., Ball J.W., Plume Treasurer, Anderson Hon. Secretary, Miskin S.D., Stadward J.D., Nicholson I.G., Hammond D.C., Harnett Tyler. Bro. Rev. Hort, P.P.G. Chaplain Andalusia, was invested as Chaplain. The Lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned for a brief space, re-assembling in the same room. After the banquet, which was provided by Bro. R. Shaxby, in a manner which called forth general satisfaction, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured. An interesting feature was the decoration of Bro. Greenwood P.M., and Bro. Turner, the Immediate P.M., with P.M.'s jewels. This episode was carried out amidst the acclamations of the brethren, who emphatically endorsed all that the W.M. had said of the *decorées*. Amongst the brethren and visitors present were—Capt. Knight P.M. 31, Greenwood P.M. P.P.G.P., H. Ward P.P.G.W. Wilts, Penney W.M. 1089, Podgevin W.M. 199, Fuhr P.M. 1208, Pilcher P.M. 972, Walker P.M. 972 and P.G.S. Kent, Eve S.W. 1209, Page P.M. 1209 and P.P.G.D. Kent, Welsh W.M. 972, Secra S.W. 972, Tuff S.W. 1273, Plant W.M. 31, and Cosens J.W. 972.

Bagshawe Lodge, No. 1457.—The anniversary meeting in connection with this Lodge, which has now been established four years, was held at the Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill, Essex, on Thursday last, the 11th inst. There were present Bros. Reed P.G.D. Essex W.M., T. W. Nicholson S.W. (and W.M. elect), W. Holloway J.W., Matthew Clark D.G.M. Essex P.M., J. Clarkson P.M. Treas., J. Tanner P.M. Sec., G. J. Thompson S.D., C. J. Edmonds J.D., J. H. Crowther I.G., Bros. S. R. Fuller, Dr. A. M. Roberts, A. G. Challis, W. H. Westin, T. F. Harries. Visitors—Bros. Rev. T. Cochrane W.M. 214 P.G.S.W. Essex, G. Corbell P.M. 453 P.G.J.W. Essex, T. J. Ralling W.M. 51 and P.G. Sec. Essex, Rev. J. Hatch P.M. 160 P.P.G. Chaplain Essex, A. Rogers W.M. 453 P.P.G.C. Essex, W. C. Bell W.M. 1024, J. Egan W.M. 453, H. Webb P.M. 72, 193, 890, C. H. Reed 1580, Ebsworth P.M. Perfect Ashlar, C. H. Alphonse S.D. 108, E. Moss 1706, J. Hodges 1706, R. De Lacy 97, and several other brethren. The business before the Lodge was to pass Dr. A. M. Roberts, which ceremony was worked by Bro. Reed. The installation of Bro. T. W. Nicholson then took place, and on this occasion the Deputy Grand Master, Bro. Matthew Clark, was Installing Master, performing his duty in a very efficient manner. The new Master, after receiving the usual salutations, proceeded to invest his Officers for the year, viz., Bros. Holloway S.W., Thompson J.W., Edwards S.D., Crowther J.D., Fuller I.G., Clarkson P.M. Treasurer, and Tanner P.M. Secretary. Before the Lodge was closed, Bro. Reed I.P.M. was presented with a handsome P.M.'s jewel, in token of respect and for services rendered during the past year. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren sat down to banquet, which was the first installation banquet this Lodge has had in their Hall. The caterer, Mr. Waters, confectioner, of Buckhurst-hill, carrying out the same to the entire satisfaction of the brethren present; the wine being provided by the Lodge. The usual Masonic toast followed, and with some excellent glees, given by Bros. Moss, Hodges and De Lacy, the evening was passed in a pleasant and agreeable manner. The Lodges of the province were well represented, it being the custom of this, as well as other Lodges, to invite the W.M. and Sec. of each Lodge on the Anniversary Festival, by so doing they are enabled to fraternize with each other, and spread good fellowship throughout the province.

West Middlesex Lodge, No. 1612.—It has been our great pleasure, during the last month or two, to chronicle the proceedings at some most successful and eminently satisfactory gatherings of the members of our Order. Amongst those of our Lodges that were consecrated last year, under what we may describe as especially favourable auspices, not one has, so far, better realised the favourable future prognosticated for it than the West Middlesex. The Lodge was consecrated 15th July 1876, by Bro. John Hervey, Grand Secretary, and at once became recognised in the foremost rank as regards the character of its working. It appears that during the first year of its existence no less than 18 candidates have been initiated, and the brethren who attended the anniversary meeting on Saturday last were unanimous in their expressions of approval of the way in which the proceedings were conducted. The Lodge was opened soon after two o'clock by the W.M. Bro. Ammon Beasley, who was supported by his Officers. The Secretary, Bro. J. Chambers Roe, P.M. 780, read the minutes, which received confirmation. The Lodge was then opened up, and Bro. T. C. Jenkin, who was a candidate for the third degree, was examined, entrusted, and in due course raised to the sublime degree. There were four candidates for passing—Bros. Malling, Jones, Clarke, and Etienne. The examination of these candidates evidenced the advantages of a Lodge of Instruction, and what can be done where the powers that be insist on those who are eligible for the second and third degrees making themselves efficient ere they present themselves for advancement. It is the custom in

this Lodge to take each candidate separately, and Bro. Beasley, after he had passed Bro. Malling, vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Kingston P.M. 862, who passed the second,—Bro. Jones. Bro. Roe did the like good office for Bro. Clarke, while Bro. Beasley resumed the chair, and gave the benefit of the second degree to the fourth candidate,—Bro. Etienne. The report of the auditors was then read. The Lodge had paid all expenses attending its formation, charges for furniture, rent, jewels, &c., and had a balance in hand. The Benevolent Fund was also in a most satisfactory condition, a balance standing to its credit of nearly £20. The auditors spoke in the highest terms of praise of the way in which the books were kept, and of the manner in which the accounts had been prepared. It is scarcely necessary for us to add, the report was unanimously adopted. The ballot was now taken for Messrs. Day, Nye, and Wright, as candidates for our mysteries; it resulted satisfactorily, and the three gentlemen were severally initiated into the Order. The heavy character of the day's proceedings was beginning to have its effect upon some of the brethren, but the installation of the W.M. for ensuing year had yet to be carried out. This task was undertaken, and excellently performed, by Bro. Roe, who re-installed Bro. Beasley. The appointment of officers was then made:—Bros. H. L. P. Kasner S.W., Burr J.W., T. Brown P.M. Treasurer, J. Chambers Roe P.M. Secretary, J. Green S.D., W. J. Compton J.D., Tucker I.G., Dyer D.C., Bourne A.D.C., Delevante Organist, Harrison Tyler. The customary congratulations were then given and acknowledged, several communications read and discussed, after which the Lodge was closed. The meetings of this Lodge are held at the Ealing Institute, a compact little building in its way, but there is no accommodation for supplying the wants of the inner man; consequently, the brethren have to repair elsewhere for this attribute to Masonic enjoyment. The hostel of Bro. Brown—he, by the by, no bad judge of what is requisite on these occasions—is where the brethren of the West Middlesex most affect, and here a capital repast was provided. Nearly sixty sat down, and ample justice was done to the good things provided. On the removal of the cloth the customary toasts were briefly given; the W.M. remarking that the esteem in which the brethren at the head of our Order were universally held rendered remarks of his unnecessary to introduce the toasts to the notice of the brethren. Bro. Kingston, in giving the health of the W.M., spoke of the ability Bro. Beasley had displayed in conducting the affairs of the Lodge, and dwelt on the satisfactory position the Lodge had attained. The W.M., in acknowledgment, said he would lose no time in responding to the compliments Bro. Kingston had paid him in proposing his health, compliments which the brethren had so kindly endorsed. He was extremely grateful to the Great Architect of the Universe that, after his serious illness, he was able to perform his duties. He had the will and the desire, and if he continued to have health and strength he would carry out his duties to their satisfaction. In giving the health of the Past Masters, Bro. Beasley said it was a pleasure to him to know that three Past Masters of other Lodges held office in the West Middlesex. In connection with the several offices they held, they had admirably performed their duties, and he had great pleasure in offering the toast for the acceptance of the brethren. Bro. Kingston returned thanks, with great pleasure. He was gratified at the kind way in which he had always been received. He would always do all in his power to promote the welfare and prosperity of the Lodge. Bro. Brown thanked the W.M. for associating his name with the toast; if, as Treasurer, he had assisted the brethren, he was amply repaid by their kind expressions of approval. Bro. Roe might state, in reference to what the Lodge had done, that both the Worshipful Master and he had determined, when they started, that their Lodge should be second to none as regards the character of its working. It had always been his ambition to do his duty thoroughly, and he was glad to know some of the brethren thought he had succeeded. However, much of their success was due to the united efforts of the members. The health of the Installing Master was next given and replied to, and the W.M. then proposed the health of the Initiates. The toast would embrace the names of seven brethren, four of these had been initiated at an emergency meeting, when there was no banquet, and three had joined them that evening; he trusted all would prove a credit to the Lodge, and that what they had seen would lead them to expect great things to arise from their association with our Institution. After replies from each of the brethren whose names were connected with the toast, Bro. Beasley gave the Visitors; he had a kind word of welcome for each, and expressed the pleasure all the members felt at being surrounded by so many. Bro. Major Walsh made a most forcible speech in reply; he illustrated his remarks by several pertinent anecdotes, and expressed the great gratification he felt at being present. Bros. Phillips and Morgan also addressed a few words, eulogistic of the way in which the business of the Lodge had been conducted, and expressing gratification at the high position it had so soon reached. The Officers then received their meed of praise, and the Masonic Press, coupled with the names of Bros. W. W. Morgan and Massey, was next offered. Bro. Massey acknowledged the compliment, and the call for the Tyler concluded a most pleasant meeting. The following were the Visitors present:—Bros. W. Gardner P.M. 780, G. Watts P.M. 194, S. Phillips W.M. 173, Major Walsh 563, George W. Lay 569, Sparrow 192, R. E. Hamies 771, J. Tarling 780, Henry Bourn 780, B. E. Blasby 780, C. S. Costelow 780, George Wills 780, E. S. Foot 1260, E. Massey 1275, W. Gutteridge 1305, J. Hambleton 1319, W. W. Morgan 1385, Wrighton 23, &c.

Shamrock and Thistle Chapter, No. 87, Glasgow.—Held their installation meeting on Wednesday last. Comps. G. Muir Z., presiding, with P. Hepburn H., and M. Clanachan J. On the dais were Past Principals Wm. Phillip and G. C. H. McNaught; also T. M. Campbell Z. 67, and G. W. Wheeler I.P.Z. 73. All the Officers were elected unanimously, when the I.P.Z. Comp. G. C. H. McNaught installed them as follows:—George Muir re-elected Z., Alex. Mercer Depute Z., James McLeish H., Wm. Findly J., John Brice re-elected

S.E., J. Anderson S.N., J. Findly re-elected Treas., Alex. McCulloch first S., J. Cox second S., James Young third S., and J. Peirston Janitor. The charges were excellently delivered by the installing Principal. The Comps. adjourned for refreshment; after the toast of the Queen and the Royal Arch of Scotland had been given, the next was the P.G.C. of Lanarkshire. G. W. Wheeler P.G.S.N. regretted that, as senior Officer present, it devolved on him to reply. He was happy to say the Provincial Grand Chapter were doing good work, and he believed it was, in a great measure, owing to the exertions of some of its members that Royal Arch Masoury had made such rapid strides during the past six or seven years. He was glad to see the advance made in their own Chapter, for when he returned to Glasgow seven years ago it was the first Chapter he visited, and they then required extraneous aid to do their work, now he was proud to say all the Officers appointed that night were fully equal to perform the duties of the respective chairs. Comps. McNaught and Phillip replied for the Past first Principals, the latter proposing Comp. Muir, who, he was glad to say was the right man in the right place. Comp. Muir said, if Chapter 87 was not second to any in the city, it should be no fault of his, for though he had worked hard during the past year, he meant to do more this, and to enable him to do full justice to the Chapter he had declined to take office in his Lodge, as he thought one at a time was enough for any ordinary man; some had tried to fill the first chair of Lodge and Chapter at the same time, and if they did not make the Chapter what it should be he did not wonder. Comp. J. McLeish proposed the Visiting Companions; as a Mason of thirty-five years standing he felt glad to welcome their visitors; it was one of the bright features of Masonry that they had no jealous rivalry of those in the same trade, so to speak, but were happy to see the Officers of other Chapters present; as an old Knight Templar, he was proud to see some visiting Knights,—he was also proud of the position he occupied, though some might think they should have younger men in office, but he was not in his dotage, and would gladly retire for new blood to fill the post whenever the Chapter wished it, but in any capacity he would always welcome Visitors. Comp. Wheeler replied in suitable terms, and then proposed Prosperity to Chapter 87, coupling with it Comp. Mercer, who, for the excellent service he had rendered as first Sojourner, had been promoted to the office of D.Z. Comp. Mercer thanked the Comps., but speaking was not his forte; he would be glad, in any capacity, to help on the business of the Chapter. The Office Bearers of the Chapter was responded to in a neat speech by the Treas. Bro. Findly and first S. Bro. McCulloch. Comp. Findly J. gave the absent members. Comp. Darman replied; though he had contrived to be present to night, yet for two years he had been an absent member, but his heart was still warm towards 87. The Stewards, the Chairman, and Croupiers were given and acknowledged, and the last toast wound up a very pleasant evening, rendered still more so by the excellent playing and singing of I.P.Z. McNaught, and the vocal abilities of Comps. G. Muir, James McLeish, Price, Hepburn, Dorman, Holley and others.

Metropolitan Lodge, No. 1507.—Held its installation meeting on Wednesday, the 17th inst., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street. Lodge was opened by Bro. T. Williams, the W.M., with Bros. J. J. Michael I.P.M., R. T. Kingham S.W., J. T. Douglass J.W., J. Willing jun. P.M. Treasurer, W. M. Stiles Secretary, C. J. Scales S.D., W. Side J.D., H. Stiles W.S., J. Daly Tyler, and several other brethren. The formal Lodge business having been disposed of, Bros. J. Fortescue and P. G. Tombs were raised, T. Poole and J. Shuttleworth passed, and, after ballot, Messrs. George J. Barton and Harry Clark were initiated. The S.W., Bro. R. T. Kingham, was then presented to Bro. Williams as the Master elect, and, after taking the obligation, was formerly installed into the chair. He appointed the following as his officers, viz.:—Bros. J. T. Douglass S.W., C. T. Scales J.W., J. Willing jun. P.M. Treasurer, W. M. Stiles Secretary, and J.D., W. Side S.D., H. Stiles D.C., G. Clarks W.S., H. Lovegrove Steward and Assist. Secretary, and J. Daly Tyler. Bro. G. Colls, who was unfortunately absent through illness, was appointed I.G., Bro. P.M. Michael being invested in his stead. A vote of thanks to Bro. Williams for the way in which he had performed the ceremony of installation, and also for his general work in the Lodge during his year of office, was proposed, and, being put to the brethren by the W.M., was unanimously carried. Bro. Williams suitably replied. One proposition for initiation was handed in, after which the W.M. closed the Lodge, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet table, where ample justice was done to the viands provided. Grace having been sung, the W.M. proposed the health of the Queen, who had reigned with impartial justice for a considerable time over the Empire, and had the best wishes of Englishmen for her future happiness. The Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, was the next toast given. If the progress made by the Craft during the past year or two is in any criterion, then is our Grand Master the most popular brother who has ever presided over it. The health of the Earl of Carnarvon, Lord Skelmersdale, and the rest of the Grand Officers was the next. In the Earl of Carnarvon our Grand Master has a valuable assistant. The grand offices are by no means sinecures; those who fill them have important duties to perform, and are always ready to devote their energies for the benefit of the Craft. Bro. Williams rose: he now had the pleasure of proposing the health of the W.M., who had always worked well, and was a credit to the Lodge. He felt sure their Master would endeavour to excel in his office as W.M., and would do his best, not only for the good of the Lodge, but also for the happiness of its members. The toast having been duly honoured, the W.M. rose to reply. He was much obliged for the kind way in which the mention of his name had been received by the brethren. Bro. Williams, in speaking of his deeds, had spoken more of what should be rather than what was. He had, in fact, spoken as the W.M. wished he could be spoken of. However, he was always anxious to perform the duties of his office to the satisfaction of the brethren. If he failed it would not be for want of endeavour on his part. He fully appreciated the honour

which had been paid him, and would use every exertion to promote the welfare of the Lodge. The Past Masters of the Metropolitan Lodge was the next toast on the list. Not being a very old Lodge, they could not boast of many, but the few they had the W.M. considered equal to any in the United Kingdom. No Lodge could possibly have a more anxious or efficient body than they. Bro. Michael had conducted the affairs of the Lodge during his year of office in a most suitable manner. He hoped Bro. Willing would long be among them; he felt sure that he would always be ready to assist in promoting the welfare of the brethren. The I.P.M., Bro. Williams, was very active in the formation of the Lodge, and since then ever anxious for its success. During his term of office the Lodge had made as great, if not greater, progress than during any other year of its existence. The Master was very grateful for what Bro. Williams had done for him that evening, and trusted he would long have health to be among them. He had now a very pleasant duty to perform—to present Bro. Williams with a P.M.'s jewel, which had been voted by the Lodge in recognition of his services. It was a well-merited reward, and he hoped Bro. Williams would long be among them with it on his breast. Bro. Williams was extremely grateful for the way in which the toast had been proposed and received. He was never happier than when at work in a Lodge of Freemasons. He was glad to know he had the good wishes of the members of the Metropolitan Lodge. Bro. Michael added his thanks. He trusted the Past Masters would never be lost sight of by the members. The Worshipful Master, in greeting the initiates stated that no Lodge had been so much indebted for its progress to new brethren as the Metropolitan. Three years ago they started with fourteen members, they now numbered 80, and nearly all who had joined had done so as initiates. Bro. Clark returned thanks on behalf of himself and fellow initiate. The "Visitors" was next given, and responded to by Bros. Feignton, Massey, Read, &c., all of whom referred to the great musical treat afforded them. The health of the Treasurer and Secretary was next afforded. Their Treasurer had worked heart and soul for the Lodge, and had done all in his power to increase the funds thereof. Since the present Secretary had had the management of that part of the business the prosperity of the Lodge had greatly increased. Both replied. Bro. Willing referred to the peculiar circumstances connected with the foundation of the Lodge. It was the last warranted by the Marquis of Ripon, and the first consecrated under the rule of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. The Secretary also replied, he would endeavour to warrant the trust which had been reposed in him. The "Officers" was given, and responded to by each in turn. During the evening the Masonic Quartette (Bros. Burgess Perry, Arthur Thomas, Edwin Moss, and George Musgrave) enlivened the proceedings by giving some excellent glees, songs, &c., which were rendered with the accustomed ability of this party. Among the visitors were Bros. B. Brown 1, J. K. Simpson 57, J. F. Taylor 79, J. J. Unite W.M. 144, J. Morgan 169, J. H. Bareham 177, J. G. Feignton P.M. 177, W. Harris 177, A. Holt 177, L. Hudson J.W. 315, J. N. Frost P.M. 228, &c., G. Read P.M. 511, R. Welstord P.M. 540, H. Massey P.M. 619, J. F. Wuest P.M. 753, Walter Joyce 1158, H. H. Sutton 1223, J. Maples 1260, E. J. Lowther 907, W. F. Neave 1314, L. Bamberger 1366, J. Stannard 1414, C. F. Henton 1441, W. W. Morgan jun. 1385, C. B. Carter 1662, &c.

Eccleston Lodge, No. 1624.—The installation meeting of this excellent and thriving young Lodge was held on Wednesday, the 17th inst., at the Grosvenor Hall, Pimlico, Bro. Henry A. Hunt W.M. in the chair, supported by his Officers. There was a very large attendance of brethren and visitors. The Lodge being opened, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and the Auditors' report was also adopted. The Lodge was then opened in the second degree, and Bro. Daniel H. McLeod, W.M. elect, was presented to the W.M., to receive at his hands the benefit of installation. All brethren then below the chair retired, and upon re-entering, the Lodge were informed by the installing Master that during their absence Bro. McLeod had been installed into the chair of K.S. The new W.M. was then duly proclaimed and saluted according to ancient custom. The W.M. invested the following brethren as his Officers:—Bros. Joseph C. Flattely S.W., William Vincent J.W., Isaacs Treasurer, Alfred W. Beckham Secretary, Jones S.D., J. Fisher J.D., Powell I.G., G. R. Egerton Org., Gould and Taylor Directors of Ceremonies, Johnson and Jackson Wine Stewards, Thomas Tyler, and Wilson Assist. Tyler. Bro. Poulton P.M. then impressively gave the usual addresses, which were very carefully listened to by the brethren. The musical part of the ceremony was conducted by Bro. Egerton, and was most beautifully rendered. The ballot was then taken for Messrs. Fred. Arnold, W. H. Beams, and Robert Cullingford, who were declared unanimously elected, and, being in attendance, were initiated by the W.M. in a most careful and impressive manner. There were also three gentlemen proposed for the next meeting. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren, mustering about 90, sat down to an excellent banquet, the W.M. being supported by a number of Past Masters and Visitors. The cloth being removed, the W.M., who on rising was received with applause, gave the first toast, the Queen and Craft, "God Save the Queen" being sung by Bro. G. Taylor. The W.M. then gave the health of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Most Worshipful Grand Master, and said the good qualities of the Prince have been so often dilated on that he should be content simply to call on the brethren to drink his health. Bro. Taylor sang "God Bless the Prince of Wales." The next toasts were the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon M.W. Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Skelmersdale Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers. Bro. C. Taylor then sang the "Entered Apprentice" song, in a very excellent way. The W.M. next rose to give the Masonic Charities. He said they were the pride of the world, and he was only sorry the late hour of the evening prevented him from dilating at any length on their qualifications; he should, therefore, simply call on the brethren to drink success to the Masonic Charities, and he would couple with the toast the name of Bro. Coulton P.M. The

W.M. then sang "Our own dear Lodge" (we believe his own composition). He rendered it in a most brilliant style, and it was most enthusiastically received. Bro. Coulton, in reply, expressed his willingness at all times to give his services, either for the purposes of instruction, or on behalf of the Charities. Bro. H. A. Hunt P.M. then rose to propose the health of the W.M. It was his pleasing duty, as the I.P.M., to bring that toast before them. The brethren had already seen a little of Bro. McLeod's working; it at once stamps him as a man who had taken Freemasonry to heart. He was, he might say, the founder of the Lodge, and it was his idea that a Lodge should be established in connection with the Grosvenor Club. This was duly accomplished, this time last year, with eighteen members; now, he was proud to say, they had over sixty. In conclusion, he asked the brethren to drink the health of their W.M. "We have our brave hearts still" was then beautifully rendered by Bro. J. T. Cantle P.M. The W.M. on rising was loudly applauded. He scarcely knew in what terms he could reply to the eloquence which had fallen from Bro. P.M. Hunt. The members had been pleased to elect him to the highest office amongst them, and the honour conferred on him that night would never be effaced from his memory. During the past year they had raised their number from 18 to 61, and he trusted in the ensuing year he should be as successful as his predecessor. In conclusion he had only to say—may God bless Freemasonry, may it bear the "rack of ages," the "crash of worlds." Bro. Egerton then sang "Over the waters lightly." After which the W.M. gave the health of the initiates, to which they severally replied. The W.M. then had the honour to propose the health of P.M. Hunt—the first, and as yet the only P.M. of the Lodge. We all know the excellent qualities of Bro. Hunt, and have already felt our obligations to him. He had to perform a most pleasing duty. As their Master, and thereby their representative, he had to inform Bro. Hunt that at the last meeting it was unanimously agreed to present him with a P.M.'s jewel, as a slight mark of the esteem and love in which he was held by the brethren of the Lodge. The W.M. then placed upon the breast of P.M. Hunt a magnificent gold P.M.'s jewel, quite a work of art, having upon the ribbon the arms of the Lodge, the Westminster Portcullis. Brother J. F. Davis then sang "The Desert." P.M. Hunt in reply thanked the W.M. and the brethren for the mark of esteem which they had given him. If he had known that at the end of his Mastership this presentation would have awaited him, he might have hesitated in taking the office. If it had not been for the long patience and forbearance of the brethren he should never have been able to have carried on the duties of the chair. During his year of office they had initiated 29 candidates, and he trusted the Lodge would continue to prosper. He should now simply ask them to accept his sincere thanks for their great kindness and for the magnificent present they had given him. The remaining toasts were, "The Visitors," responded to by Bro. P.M. Cameron, the Officers, &c.; the Tyler then gave "Our Distressed Brethren." Among the Visitors were Bros. J. Nelson W.M. 1441, J. H. Lunn W.M. 1269, S. Holland P.M. 172 P.P.G.D.C. Suffolk, J. W. Sedgwick P.M. 180, C. Green W.M. 1257, C. Gooden P.M. 1706, J. Wyer W.M. 1314, R. A. Steele P.M. 1194, R. S. Goffe W.M. 1395, G. C. Swallow W.M. 382, L. Beck W.M. 1687, C. Davie W.M. 65, J. Elliott W.M. 1348, A. Smith W.M. 141, G. Wright W.M. 749, H. Smith P.M. 1360, S. M. Harris I.G. 406, &c.

Angel Lodge, No. 51.—The brethren of this old-established Lodge have recommenced their meetings after the recess, the session being opened on the 18th September, with three initiations, four passings, and a raising, two of the first-named being brothers of the new W.M., Bro. T. J. Ralling P.G. Sec. Essex. The meeting was also signalled by a vote of £5 5s to the fund being raised by the mayor of this borough (an old Indian officer) to swell the Mansion House Relief Fund. The Lodge held its second meeting this season on Tuesday last, when there were present Bros. Thos. J. Ralling W.M., Charles Cobb P.M. as S.W., E. Hennemeyer J.W., John J. C. Turner Sec., Alfred Cobb P.M. Treas., Isaac Harris S.D., W. P. Lewis P.M. D.C., George Mercer I.G., C. Gunner Tyler. Past Masters Bros. G. Gard Pye I.P.M., A. Welch, A. R. Clench, H. Samuel, and W. A. Bowler. Visitor—Bros. B. Brayshaw, Liberty of Havering Lodge, No. 1437. The business included three passings and four raisings, at the conclusion of which the brethren proceeded to the election of an acting Tyler, in room of Bro. C. Gunner, who has been compelled to resign in consequence of his increasing duties as Curator of the Colchester Museum. Bro. Simon Munson having been chosen to fill the vacant Tylership, it was decided that, in order to mark the appreciation of the brethren of the value of Bro. Gunner's past services, he should be elected an honorary member of the Lodge, and that some testimonial should also be presented to him. The report of the auditors was presented, and showed a small balance in hand. At the close of the Lodge business about twenty brethren assembled round the festive board.

THE LATE BRO. L. M. JONES.

WE are sorry to record the death of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master of the Western Division of South Wales, Bro. Latimer Maurice Jones. His Masonic career, if brief, was brilliant, as the following short sketch will prove. He was initiated in St. Peter's Lodge, No. 476, May 1863, was appointed Chaplain of the Lodge in 1869; Senior Warden in 1870, and W.M. in 1871. He was appointed Prov. Grand Chaplain in 1870, and in 1874, upon the retirement of Sir Pryse Pryse, and the promotion of Major Lloyd Philipps, of Mabws, to the dignity of Provincial Grand Master of the Western Division, Bro. the Rev. L. M. Jones was selected by Major Philipps to fill the onerous and responsible position of Deputy, an appoint-

ment that he held at the time of his death. When the "Merlin" Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, in connection with St. Peter's Lodge, was resuscitated in 1872 Brother Jones was exalted to the rank of Companion, and in 1873 was made P.S., and in 1876 was unanimously elected M.E.Z., an office which he held at the time of his death. In 1873 he was exalted to the rank of Knight Templar, at the "Palestine" Preceptory, Swansea; in 1874 he was exalted to the rank of Knight of the Red Cross of Rome and Constantine, and founded the "Maurice" Conclave at Carmarthen, of which he was the first S., at the same time he was appointed Intendant General of Carmarthenshire. When labour in the various degrees was over, and Bro. Jones found himself at the banquet table, his high qualifications as a conversationalist became at once apparent, while the goodness of his heart made him a favourite with all. Indeed, so large a heart had our deceased brother that, although a keen and ardent politician, never concealing his opinions, but pressing them with a vigour which at times brought him into sharp conflict with those of different views, these were so impressed by his kindness that he was as much beloved by foe as friend. With him charity really held the position all Masons claim for it. To him it mattered not whether the distressed were Masons or no—whether they were Radicals or Tories, Churchmen or Nonconformists—his hand was open to all alike, and his heart felt for all, and never in vain, whether the distress was pecuniary, or the distress which touches rich and poor alike, and which rapidly makes grey the hair. His sympathy for the distressed was unbounded. The poor have lost a friend, the like of whom it will be difficult to find; the children in the various schools he had established a playmate, who was always ready for a round game, and Masons a brother who was always happy to greet them with a smile wherever and whenever he met them. His funeral was attended by about 3,000 people of all shades of opinion. All sorry to lose, at the early age of 44, a man who lived up to his profession as a Clergyman of the Church of England and a Mason.

THE DRAMA.

THIS evening, at the Surrey Theatre, of which Bro. Holland is the very able manager, Bro. George M. Ciprico, an American actor, will make his first appearance before a British audience; and, if we may judge from the very favourable opinions expressed in the leading Transatlantic papers, it seems almost a matter of certainty that Bro. Ciprico will achieve a brilliant success. He is thirty years of age, and ever since his *début* in 1867, at the Academy of Music in San Francisco, his readings and dramatic impersonations of different characters have been most thoroughly appreciated by the American public. He endured great hardships at the outset of his career, chiefly by reason of the jealousies he excited among his fellow actors. In 1869, as every opportunity of distinguishing himself was denied him in the theatre of his native State, he set out for New York, traversing the whole continent on foot, oftentimes without food, and generally without shelter. Having crossed vast territories lying between California and the Eastern States, he commenced giving public readings, and appeared successfully in 165 cities and towns. Of his reading at the Steinway Hall, New York, on 16th December 1871, the *New York Figaro* spoke in the warmest terms of admiration, describing him as the possessor of genius and a high order of intellect, and as being endowed with a commanding presence. "His readings," it was added, "show a rare intelligence, and seem the counterpart of nature. Altogether, as reader and actor, no man of equal genius has appeared for a long time before a New York public." After playing leading business at St. Louis, we find him, in 1873, at the Chestnut-street Theatre, Philadelphia, in the same company with Charles Fechter and the late E. L. Davenport. Thence he went to the Walnut Street Theatre, where he remained till the fall of 1874. Subsequently, he entered the arena as a "star," and very quickly proved himself to be one of the first magnitude. It was to John T. Ford, of Baltimore, that Bro. Ciprico was indebted for his first opportunity of appearing as a "star," and the Baltimore press spoke in the highest terms of his ability, placing him at once in the foremost rank of American tragedians. Later, at New York, he confirmed the high opinion formed of him, the *New York Herald* remarking, "We are obliged to admit that while other theatres present staring rows of empty benches, Ciprico is drawing crowded houses nightly." Engagements, equally successful, followed with marvellous rapidity, but a severe cold, caught at the Theatre Royal, Montreal, necessitated a retirement, and compelled Bro. Ciprico to return to California in order to obtain rest. In July 1876, he was tempted to quit his retirement by the management of the Grand Opera House in San Francisco, where he appeared as Mons. Albert in *Fates and Furies*, a play expressly arranged for him by the noted dramatist, Mr. G. B. Densmore. This proved one of his greatest successes in a uniformly successful career, and it is in this character he will present himself for the first time before a Surrey audience. The principal scenes in the drama are enacted in Paris, during the years 1791-94, but the fourth of the six tableaux in which *Fates and Furies* is divided, is located at Berlin, and the fifth at Rome. Among the other artists who will take part in the performance are Miss Lamartine and Miss Augusta Stuart, who have been specially engaged, and Messrs. J. A. Arnold, H. C. Sidney, Watty Brunton, Arthur Williams, A. C. Lilly, &c. The scenery has been expressly painted by Messrs. C. Brooke, J. Grey, and assistants. The mechanical effects have been prepared by Mr. W. F. Robinson, properties by Mr. Jackson; and the music, arranged by Mr. Sidney Davis, will be under the direction of Mr. J. H. Doyne. From this it will be seen that the worthy lessee and manager, Bro. Holland, has made every effort to ensure the success of the new romantic drama, and we entertain no misgivings whatever that Bro. Ciprico will repeat on the Surrey stage his latest and most brilliant achievement in the United States;

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No. on List.	Votes.	No. on List.	Votes.
6. Tanare, Ada Blyth ...	1,000	45. Hommet, Mona Beatrice ...	619
34. Kirke, Amy Laura ...	995	37. Cooney, Annie Edith ...	594
7. Cates, Annie Susannah ...	931	5. Smith, Mary Mildred C. ...	530
36. Lane, Amelia ...	890	35. Busher, Lucy Jane ...	526
49. Spurr, Laura Sophia ...	890	16. Moore, Emily Alice G. ...	525
9. Nichols, Annie ...	878	46. Godin, Minnie Constance ...	518
21. Peele, Eleanor Margaret ...	863	19. Chrimes, Harriett ...	517
1. Morris, Diana Gordon ...	835	12. Priestley, Emily Jane ...	514
25. Potter, Annie ...	822	39. Hopkins, Florence Annie ...	511
26. Weston, Florence ...	819	40. Hocking, Amelia Jane ...	503
8. Hughes, Rosa Marian ...	776	10. Skates, Agnes Martha ...	493
23. Carter, Ada ...	750	24. Pidduck, Helena ...	478
4. Fordham, Amelia Anne ...	723	33. Pelham, Eveline Edith ...	478
2. Parker, Kate Louisa ...	717	42. Rugg, Mary Alexandra ...	455
17. Moy, Gertrude Henrietta ...	702	47. Boyd, Kate ...	441
44. Muriel, Maude Violet ...	607	43. Richards, Annie L. P. ...	424
50. Waud, Ellen Annelia ...	655	15. Scott, Dorah ...	421
27. Cowley, Maud Mary ...	630		

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1—1. Cox, George Samuel ...	2329	6—14. Stevens, Alfred ...	2000
2—40. Waddington, Thomas H. ...	2253	7—44. Gedge, Percy Aubrey ...	1970
3—35. Watkin, Hugh Robert ...	2139	8—25. Stauton, William ...	1915
4—64. Armitage, Harry ...	2119	9—39. Shapnel, H. V. N. Scrope ...	1805
5—62. Smith, Frank ...	2097	10—20. Johnston, William Studer ...	1736

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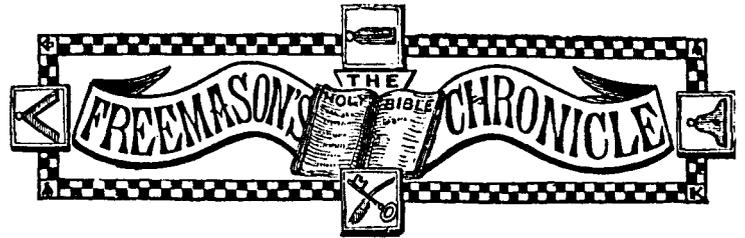
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In consequence of the great pressure on our space we are compelled to hold over several important communications.

OUR WEEKLY BUDGET.

THE Lord Chancellor is still Minister in attendance on Her Majesty, who, with the Princess Beatrice, and attended by the Countess of Erroll, left the Castle on Tuesday afternoon for the Glassalt Shiel. Prince Leopold has been visiting at Abergeldie, and on Sunday the Prince and Princess of Wales lunched with the Queen. On Tuesday, the Prince of Wales, with his two sons, the Princes Albert Victor and George, reached Clarence House from Abergeldie, en route for Dartmouth, where the Britannia training ship is stationed. His Royal Highness, it was expected, would visit Paris before the week was over.

At the close of business on Wednesday, the Indian Famine Relief Fund at the Mansion House had reached £388,000, of which £350,000 have already been remitted to India. Among the latest contributions were a further instalment from Warwickshire £1000, twentieth instalment from Dublin £500, Kendal, third instalment, £500, Bridgewater £150, Saffron Walden £104, Otago, New Zealand, £200, the Union Bank of Australia £200, the Bank of Australasia £105, Cambridge University, additional, £100, the Lodge of Emulation 25 guineas, &c. The Liverpool Indian Famine Relief Fund have remitted a further £7000, making a total already sent out of £27,000. South Australia has also sent £2,000.

One of those dreadful colliery explosions which occur periodically in one or other of our mining districts happened on Thursday afternoon of last week, at the King Pit, Pemberton, near Wigan, and resulted in the deaths of thirty-two men and three explorers, or thirty-five in all. It occurred in what is known as the nine feet mine, where, owing to the dangerous quality of the gas, the greatest caution is necessary. The workings are not very extensive, but they had been laid out very skilfully, and everything that was possible had been done to prevent accident. However, a sufficient amount of coal had been opened out to liberate a great quantity of gas, which is of the character known among miners as "sharp," and fires before there is time for the workmen to escape. Nothing is known as to the cause of the accident, nor is it likely anything will be known, as all those have perished who could have afforded any explanation. Great gallantry was shown in the attempt to liberate those known to be in the working, and three of the exploring party fell victims in the attempt.

Bro. Sir John Bennett having been a third time elected Alderman of the Ward of Cheap, and by a majority of very nearly two to one, presented himself on Tuesday before the Court of Aldermen, but was a third time rejected on the ground that he was not a fit and proper person to discharge the duties and support the dignity of an Alderman of the City of London. Sir John Bennett intimated his intention of not carrying the case before a Court of Law.

The comparative respite from active operations which has taken place both in Asia and on the Danube for these last two or three weeks has been rudely disturbed during the last few days. The Grand Duke Michael has at length something like a decisive victory to boast of, and Moukhtar Pasha can no longer be described as Moukhtar the Victorious. On Sunday the Russians under General Lazareff occupied the heights of Orlok, driving out the Turkish troops and compelling them to fall back in the direction of Kars. On the 15th, a general attack was delivered along the whole line, and after a severe contest extending over four hours, General Heimann carried the Turkish position on Mount Awlias. Thus Moukhtar's army was cut in two. One part was driven headlong in

retreat on Kars, and lost several thousand men and four guns. The other consisting of three divisions was, according to the Russian account, driven from its position, and being at length surrounded, was ultimately compelled to surrender. Many prisoners, among whom were seven Pashas, were captured, together with thirty-two guns and an immense quantity of war material. The Turkish General admits and indeed accounts for his defeat, but as regards the divisions on his right, he declares they were still holding their positions. His dispatch, however, is dated from Kars on the 15th instant, while the Russian account is one day later. This is a heavy and it may be an irreparable defeat for the Turks in Asia; though it is even possible the blow may have been struck too late to allow of the Russians pursuing their success. The present positions of the two armies are exactly what they were in May, and if Kars is sufficiently provisioned, and Moukhtar strong enough to cover Erzeroum, the Russians will be unable to do much more during the present year. On the Lom, near Plevna, and in the Shipka Pass there are renewed signs of activity. Indeed a bombardment of Plevna has been opened along the whole line and this may be simply the forerunner of another general assault. There are very conflicting accounts as to the strength of Osman Pasha, but there seems no reason to doubt that his communications with Sofia are still open, that he has received heavy reinforcements, and therefore that he is stronger than he was at the last attack. On the other hand, the Russians are likewise stronger, and the news of the great victory in Asia will inspire them. Suleiman is certain to come to blows as soon as he gets a chance; but though he may act more energetically, he is more likely to act more rashly than his predecessor, Mehemet Ali Pasha. There has been a renewal of the bombardment of the Russian positions in the Shipka Pass, but no advantage has followed for the Turks; meantime, the Montenegrins are quiet, while Servia seems to be intending to do something at some period, remote or near, but whether that something will take the form of an attack on the Turks, or of attention to their own internal affairs is still an open question.

An Emergency Meeting of the Evening Star Lodge will be held on Tuesday next, at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street. Messrs. G. C. Trewby, Edward Hide, Joseph Manwaring, J. W. C. Holmes, and Alfred Lass, are the candidates who have been selected as the first initiates of this Lodge; it is anticipated they will all be received into the Order on this occasion.

At the Guildhall Tavern on Thursday, the 11th inst., Bro. Captain T. D. Sewell, P.M. Emulation No. 21, P.G.S., was presented with a testimonial, consisting of a purse of 100 guineas and a massive silver salver. The inscription on the plate indicates the object of the testimonial. It is as follows:—

“Presented to Captain T. Davies Sewell, together with a purse of 100 guineas, by nearly 100 members of the Worshipful Company of Shipwrights, to record their personal appreciation of his valuable services as clerk of the company, especially in connection with the competitive exhibition of models and designs for improvements in ship building, 1877.”

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Northumberland will be held in the Assembly Rooms, Newcastle-on-Tyne, under the banner of the De Loraine Lodge, No. 541, on Tuesday, 13th November. The Right Hon. Earl Percy, Prov. G.M., will preside, and during the day will consecrate the New St. John's Lodge, No. 1712.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Lancaster will be held in the Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton, on Monday next, under the presidency of the Prov. G.M.M.M., the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale. Prov. G. Lodge will be opened at 2.45 for 3 o'clock. That of Northumberland and Durham will be held on Thursday, 8th November, at Stockton. Canon H.B. Tristram LL.D., F.R.S., R.W. Prov. G.M.M.M., will preside.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—The finest remedies in the world for bad legs, old wounds, sores, and ulcers. If used according to directions given with them there is no wound, bad leg, or ulcerous sore, however obstinate or long standing, but will yield to their healing and curative properties. Numbers of persons who have been patients in several of the large hospitals, and under the care of eminent surgeons, without deriving the slightest benefit, have been thoroughly cured by Holloway's Ointment and Pills. For glandular swellings, tumours, scurvy, and diseases of the skin there is no medicine that can be used with so good an effect. In fact, in the worst forms of disease, dependent upon the condition of the blood, these medicines, if used conjointly, are irresistible.

CONSECRATION OF THE HARTISMERE LODGE, EYE.

THE Consecration of this Lodge took place on Wednesday last, under most favourable auspices. Lord Skelmersdale, Deputy Grand Master, was the officiating officer, and was assisted by the Right Hon. the Earl of Donoughmore P.S.G.W., who acted as W.M. during the ceremony, John Hervey G.S., and several other distinguished brethren. Due honour having been paid to the rank of the Grand and Prov. Grand Officers who were present, the Lodge was advanced to the third degree, after which the Consecrating Officer addressed the brethren. In the course of his remarks he referred to the text of Masons, that we should live in love and unity; to do this we should be very careful how we exclude any one from our Lodges. The ballot box was intended to guarantee a man to be fit to be a Mason, and should never be used in personal pique or in spite. The Consecration ceremony having been completed, a Board of Installed Masters was formed, and proceeded to instal Bro. Lord Henniker into the chair of the Lodge. He invested Bros. A. Cracknell and W. Fisher as his S. and J. Wardens, and then addressed the brethren. He was sure they were all obliged to their Deputy Grand Master for attending. They would always feel proud that their Lodge had been consecrated by so good and true a Mason. He thanked Bro. Hervey, who was known and respected throughout every Masonic Province in England, as a most zealous brother. As to Lord Donoughmore, with whom he (Lord Henniker) had served as Senior Warden in a London Lodge, he was extremely obliged by his attendance. He was gratified at the compliment paid him by the brethren, who had placed him in the proud position of Master, and felt that the work of that office would be greatly lessened by his having such competent Wardens. He would do his best to conduct the affairs of the Lodge to their satisfaction, and concluded by again thanking all who had been concerned in the establishment of the Lodge. Bro. Bowser was elected Treas. and the following appointments were made:—Bros. F. Woolnough Sec., Godney S.D., C. J. Fisher J.D., and Rush I.G. On behalf of the Visitors, Bro. Clarke, of the Prince of Wales Lodge, expressed a hope that the coming year would be a successful one for their entertainers. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren proceeded to church, where a sermon was preached by the Rev. T. J. Hassall, from 1 Cor. xiii., 13—“The greatest of these is charity.” At the conclusion a collection was made on behalf of the Indian Famine Relief Fund. The banquet took place in the Assembly Room of the White Lion Hotel. The W.M. (Lord Henniker) occupied the chair, supported on the right by the Earl of Donoughmore, W. P. Phillips P.G.S.W., &c., and on the left by Lord Skelmersdale, John Hervey, &c. The regular Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

Bayard Chapter Rose Croix.—On Monday, 8th October, at 33 Golden-square, London, W. Present—*Officers*: Colonel Somerville Burney M.W.S., Rev. C. J. Ridgway H. Prelate, Frank Richardson 1st General, Chas. C. E. Habicht 2nd General, Capt. R. P. Leeson G. Marshall, Capt. W. S. Gilbert Raph., R. Fryers Capt. of Guard, Capt. Chas. Compton Treas., Capt. W. Portlock Dadson, 32°, Registrar, Herr Edward Sauerbrey Organist. *S.G.I.G.* 33°: Capt. N. G. Philips Lt. G.C., Major Shadwell Clerke G.S.G., Raphael Costa 33 D.I.G., Col. A. W. Adair S.G.I.G. *Past M.W.S.*: S. M. P. Montagu G.C. *Visitors*: Daniel R. McCord 32°, Hochelaga, Montreal, Canada, Ambrose Wm. Hall Grand Metropolitan Chapter R.M.W.S. *Members*: R. Joynes Emmerson, Lieut. A. H. Des Barres, R. W. H. Giddy 33°, Capt. A. Palliser, W. B. Thorne, B. L. Rose, E. B. Bernard, F. C. Compton. Letters of regret were read from Genl. Clerke, Sir Thomas Dyer, J. W. Waldron, A. White, and Major Pearson (inability to attend). Bros. F. C. Compton, B. L. Rose, W. B. Thorne, and E. B. Bernard were duly advanced to the sublime degree of Sovereign Prince Rose Croix. A vote of five guineas was made to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. The M.W.S. elect, Ill. Bro. Frank Richardson, was duly installed as M.W.S. for the ensuing year, and appointed his Officers. A P.M.W.S. jewel was presented to Ill. Bro. Col. Somerville Burney, the founder and first M.W.S. of the Chapter. A vote of welcome was accorded to Ill. Bro. David R. McCord 32° of Canada. On the motion of Ill. Bro. Frank Richardson, a vote of thanks was passed to Ill. Bro. Capt. Portlock Dadson, for his services as Recorder. It is to be illuminated, and presented to Capt. Portlock Dadson upon his leaving England. Four candidates were proposed for exaltation at the next meeting.

Friends in Council Chapter Royal Arch, No. 1383.—Met at the Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square, W., on Thursday, 11th inst. Present—Comps. Dr. R. Hamilton, S. Rawson, H. D. Sandeman, Capt. N. G. Philips, Major Shadwell H. Clerke, Colonel Adair, Raphael Costa, H. C. Vernon, J. M. P. Montagu, R. W. H. Giddy, W. H. Pullen, &c., &c. Companion Samuel Rawson, was duly installed as Z. for the ensuing year, and appointed his Officers. Bros. F. C. Compton and Sergius H. d'Avigdor, late 8th Hussars, were exalted as Royal Arch Masons, and several candidates proposed for the next meeting of the Chapter.

Asaph Chapter, No. 1319.—This Chapter met on the 15th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Gt. Queen-street. Comps. J. Weaver P.Z. M.E.Z., E. Stanton Jones P.Z. H. elect, W. A. Tinney S.E., C. S. fekyll S.N., E. Frewin P.S., Wellard 1st Assist., E. Terry 2nd Assist., H. Cox D.C., J. Gilbert J. The Chapter was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. Several letters of apology were read. Comp. E. S. Jones P.Z. and Z. elect was then inducted into the chair of H. by the M.E.Z. There being no candidates, the ceremony of exaltation was very perfectly rehearsed, and the Chapter closed.

DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

SATURDAY, 20th OCTOBER.

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

MONDAY, 22nd OCTOBER.

Prov. Grand Lodge M.M.M. of Lancashire, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton, at 2.30.

45—Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, 12 Old-st., near Goswell-rd., at 8. (Inst.)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1308—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8. (Instruction.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-road, Hackney, 7. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8. (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)
London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-st., E.C., at 6.

48—Industry, Freemasons' Hall, West-street, Gateshead.
102—Unanimity, Kings Arms, North Walsham.
388—Prudence, Three Tuns, Halesworth, Suffolk.
588—St. Botolph, Corn-exchange, Sleaford.
703—Clifton, Clifton Arms Hotel, Blackpool.
1168—Benevolence, Town Hall, Sherborne.
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8 p.m. (Instruction.)
1477—Sir Watkin, Savings Bank, Mold.
1486—Duncombe, King's Arms Hotel, Kingsbridge, Devon.
1564—St. John, Prince of Wales Tavern, Knaphill, Surrey.
1575—Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton.
1611—Eboracum, Micklegate, York. (Emergency.)

TUESDAY, 23rd OCTOBER.

Audit Committee of Girls' School, at 4.
14—Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7.0. (In.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C. (Instruction.)
145—Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
186—Industry, The Restaurant, 2 Westminster-chambers, Victoria-street, S.W.
201—Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
205—Israel, Cannon-street Hotel.
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney. (Instruction.)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)
860—Dalhousie, Sisters Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1158—Southern Star, Montpelier Tavern, Walworth.
1196—Urban, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, E.C.
1446—Mount Edgcombe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1471—Islington, Three Bucks, Gresham-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
1472—Henley, Railway Tavern, Stratford New Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
1507—Metropolitan, 269 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)
1710—Evening Star, Freemasons' Hall, W.C. (Emergency.)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 7.
24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle, 7.30. (In.)
253—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby.
1016—Elkington, Masonic Rooms, New-street, Birmingham.

WEDNESDAY, 24th OCTOBER.

Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, W.C. at 6.
193—Confidence, Greyhound Tavern, Milton-st., Cripplegate, at 7. (Instruct.)
538—La Tolerance, Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, W., at 7.45. (Inst.)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
862—Whittington, Black Bull, Holborn, at 8. (Instruction.)
1017—Montefiore, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, Regent-street, W.
1186—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, Havelock, Albion-road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)
R. A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
R. A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood.
R. A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
117—Salopian of Charity, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury.
606—Segontium, Masonic Hall, Carnarvon Castle.
681—Scarsdale, Masonic Hall, Chesterfield, Derbyshire.
906—Sondes, Eagle Hotel, East Derham, Norfolk.
1030—St. John, George Hotel, Lichfield.
1119—St. Bede, Mechanic's Institute, Jarrow.
1325—Stanley, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.
M. M.—Northumberland and Berwick, Masonic Hall, Maple-st., Newcastle.

THURSDAY, 25th OCTOBER.

General Committee, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 7. (Instruction.)
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C. (Instruction.)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8. (Instruction.)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
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.)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock Tavern, Albion Road, Dalston.
1612—West Middlesex, Railway Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)
78—Imperial George, Assheaton Arms Hotel, Middleton, Lancashire.
100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor Hotel, Quay, Great Yarmouth.
214—Hope and Unity, White Hart Hotel, Brentwood.
807—Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich.
966—St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek, Stafford.
1626—Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle.
R. A. 424—De Burghi, Freemasons' Hall, West-street, Gateshead.
R. A. 431—Ogle, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, North Shields.

FRIDAY, 26th OCTOBER.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
569—Fitzroy, Head Quarters, Hon. Artillery Company, City-road, E.C.
706—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. (Inst.)
831—Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-road. (Instruction.)
902—Burgoyne, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales-road, Kentish Town. (Inst.)
933—Doric, Lion Tavern, Carlton-square, Mile End, at 8. (Instruction.)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 135 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction.)
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1260—Hervey, Punch's Tavern, 99 Fleet-street, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1278—Burdett Courts, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park, at 8. (Instruction.)
1288—Royal Standard, Castle Tavern, Highbury, at 8. (Instruction.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1642—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 7.30. (Inst.)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
385—Gladsmuir, Red Lion Hotel, Barnet, Herts.

SATURDAY, 27th OCTOBER.

108—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
1541—Alexandra Palace, Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill.
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.
1293—Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court.

WEST YORKSHIRE.

SATURDAY.

149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham.
308—Prince George, Station House, Bottoms, Eastwood.

MONDAY.

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

TUESDAY.

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

WEDNESDAY.

290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield.
387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley.
750—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton.
1645—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slaithwaite.

THURSDAY.

810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton.
904—Phoenix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham.
971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial-street, Batley.
1514—Thornhill, Deara House, Lindley, Huddersfield.
R. A. 307—Good Intent, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge.
R. A. 337—Confidence, Private Rooms, Commercial Inn, Uppermill.
K. T.—Fearnley, Masonic Temple, Dewsbury.

FRIDAY.

1102—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Eastthorpe, Mirfield.
R. A. 242—Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster.
K. T.—De Furnival, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.

SATURDAY.

1462—Wharcliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone.

EDINBURGH DISTRICT.

MONDAY—349—St. Clair, Freemasons' Hall.

TUESDAY—151—Defensive Band, Alexandra Hall, 429 High-street.
R. A. 40—Naval and Military, Freemasons' Hall.

WEDNESDAY—112—St. John Fisherrow, Royal Hotel, Musselburgh.

THURSDAY—392—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall.

FRIDAY—223—Trafalgar, 54 Bernard-street, Leith.

GLASGOW AND THE WEST OF SCOTLAND.

During the Tourist Season, for the benefit of our travelling brethren, we purpose giving all the Masonic Meetings in the West. All the Meetings are at 8.0 p.m., unless otherwise stated.

MONDAY—102—St. Mark, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.
219—Star, 12 Trongate, Glasgow.
362—St. Clair, 25 Robertson-street, Glasgow.
541—Marie Stuart, Freemasons' Hall, Crosshill, Glasgow.

TUESDAY—413—Athol, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.
419—Neptune, 35 St. James's-street, Glasgow.
426—Prince of Wales, Freemasons' Hall, High-street, Renfrew.
543—St. John Dalmuir, Freemasons' Hall, Dalmuir.
579—St. Bryde, Freemasons' Hall, Udderstone.
R. A. 67—Cathedral, 22 Struthers-street, Glasgow.

WEDNESDAY—505—Burns' St. Mary, Commercial Inn, Hurlford.
510—Maryhill, 167 Main-street, Maryhill, Glasgow.
No. 3 Conclave Red Cross of Rome and Constantine, 213 Buchanan-st.

THURSDAY—Prov. Grand Lodge of Glasgow, Freemasons' Hall, 30 Hope-st.
167—Free Operative, Freemasons' Hall, Biggar.
570—Kenmuir, Freemasons' Hall, Springbourne, Glasgow.
R. A. 117—Govan, Partland Hall, Govan-road, Glasgow.

FRIDAY—153—Royal Arch, Freemasons' Hall, Cogan-street, Pollockshaws.
195—St. John's, Lennox Arms, Lennox-town.
241—Union, Black Bull, Stonchouse.
321—St. Andrew, Public Hall, Alexandria.
347—St. John Operative, Freemasons' Hall, Cathcart-st., Rutherglen.

SATURDAY—28—St. John, Black Bull, Kirkintilloch, at 6 p.m.
305—St. John Woodall, Freemasons' Hall, Bell-hill, Holytown.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Supreme Council, 33°.—The half-yearly meeting was held on Tuesday, 9th October, at the Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square, W. Ill. Bro. Captain N. G. Phillips, Lieut. Grand Commander, 33°, G. Deacon of England, presided in the absence of M.P. Bro. Lord Skelmersdale, Sov. Grand Commander, 33°, Deputy Grand Master of England, caused by the serious illness of Lady Skelmersdale. There were also present Ill. Bros. Major-General Henry Clerk F.R.S., G. Treasurer General, 33°, Robert Hamilton M.D. M.A., Grand Chaplain, 33°, District Grand Master of Jamaica, J. M. Pulteney Montagu D.L., Grand Chancellor, 33°, P.D.P.G. Master of Dorset, Lieut.-Colonel A. W. Adair S.G.I.G., 33°, P.P.G. Master of Somerset, H. D. Sandeman S.G.I.G., 33°, P.D.G. Master of Bengal, Henry C. Vernon, P. Lieut. G. Commander, 33°, and Major Shadwell Henry Clerke R.B.G., G. Secretary General, 33°, P.D.G.M. of Devon, and Great Sub-Prior of England. A letter was read from M.P. Bro. Lord Skelmersdale, Sov. Grand Commander, 33°, stating his regret at being unable to attend. A circular was read, which had been issued to all the Chapters, &c., expressing the loss the Council had sustained by the death of M.P. Bro. Charles John Vigne J.P., P. Sov. Grand Commander, 33°, who had been closely connected with the A. and A. Rite for nearly a quarter of a century. The Grand Treasurer General, Ill. Bro. General Clerk R.A., 33°, submitted the accounts, as audited to 30th June 1877, showing a balance in favour of the Supreme Council of £1,191 1s 10d, and property valued at £11,739 2s 9d. The following donations were voted:—One hundred pounds to the Indian Famine Relief Fund, Mansion House, Fifty Guineas to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, Fifty Guineas to the Royal Masonic

Institution for Girls, Fifty Pounds to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows; these three latter amounts to be placed on the lists of those brethren representing the Friends-in-Council Lodge, No. 1383, as Stewards. Ill. Bro. Lieut.-Colonel H. S. Somerville Burney, 32°, was appointed and invested as Grand Director of Ceremonies in the vacancy caused by the death of the much esteemed and lamented Bro. Henry Dubosc, 32°.

The Supreme Council of the A. and A. Rite, 33°.—Met at the Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square, W., on Wednesday, 10th October, for the purpose of conferring degrees on those brethren elected and approved. Ill. Bro. Captain N. G. Philips, Lieut.-Grand Commander, 33°, and P.M. P. Sov. Grand Commander, presided, and among those present were:—Ill. Bros. Major-General Clerk R.A., Robert Hamilton M.A. M.D., Major Shadwell H. Clerke R.B.G., Henry C. Vernon, J. M. P. Montagu D.L. &c., Lieut.-Colonel Adair M.A. J.P., and H. D. Sandeman of the Supreme Council, 33°; Major George Barlow D.I.G., Samuel Rawson D.I.G., Charles Fendelow D.I.G. C. J. Banister D.I.G., General Doherty C.B. D.I.G., R. W. H. Giddy D.I.G., Raphael Costa D.I.G., Andrew Hay D.I.G., Lieut.-General J. Studholme Brownrigg C.B.; and W. Hyde Pullen, 33°. The 33rd degree was conferred on Ill. Bro. Lieut.-General J. Studholme Brownrigg, C.B., Prov. Grand Master of Surrey. In the 32° were present Ill. Bros. Rev. T. F. Ravenshaw, Major Molinex, Rev. C. R. Davy, Charles Horsley, Colonel F. Birchall, Thomas Jowitt, David Ross McCord (of Canada), Captain W. F. Portlock Dadson, George Lambert and Lieut.-Colonel Somerville Burney, and it was conferred upon Ill. Bros. Lieut.-Colonel Augustus H. King, R.A., George Lambert, and Lieut.-Colonel H. S. Somerville Burney. In the 31° were present Ill. Bros. Henry Murray, Hugh H. Riach, R. de M. Lawson, Frank Richardson, James Keene, H. C. Levander, Magnus Ohren, H. R. Cooper Smith, Rev. T. G. Beaumont, Thomas Trollope M.D., and Rev. Ambrose W. Hall, and it was conferred upon Ill. Bros. Frank Richardson, the Rev. T. G. Beaumont, M.A., H. R. Cooper Smith, M.A., the Rev. Ambrose W. Hall, M.A., and Thomas Trollope, M.D. Ill. Bros. Sir George Elliot, Bart., M.P., Charles Hammerton, Major J. R. Pearson, R.A., and Henry Seeborn were prevented from attending. In the 30° were present Ill. Bros. John Boyd, Captain Compton, Edward Grisbrook, Rev. Fred. King, Captain F. Turner, Walter Spencer, Major F. I. Ricarde-Seaxer, E. B. Webb, C. Edwin Willing, C. H. Driver, William Russell, J. F. Hoffgaard, Rev. T. W. Lemon, Alfred Richards, Robert Stewart, Mark Batt Tanner M.D., Chevalier C. L. Habicht, E. Ashworth, John Adams-Acton, Thomas Cubitt, Edmund R. Tymons, I. J. Hooper Wilkins, Daniel Nicols, Rudolph G. Glover, S. S. Partridge, George Higgins, John Gibb Smith, Peter Royle M.D., Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, S. G. Kirchhoffer, Sir Charles T. Bright, John Wood, &c., and it was conferred upon Ill. Bros. Sir Charles T. Bright, Alfred Richards, Daniel Nicols, George Higgins, Johannes F. Hoffgaard, Peter Royle, M.D., John Gibb Smith, John Wood, Samuel Steads Partridge, Samuel Gerard Kirchhoffer, B.A., Rev. Thomas William Lemon, M.A., I. J. Hooper Wilkins, Mark Batt Tanner, M.D., and Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg. Bros. W. Webb, Lord Henry F. Thynne, M.P., Edmund Ashworth jun., Thomas Rose, Rev. Albert L. Willett, B.A., Captain John Wordsworth, Samuel Spratley, M.D., Thomas Entwisle, Charles D. Turton, Surgeon-Major James L. Notter, M.D., Frederic Davison, William George Harrison, Q.C., Thomas F. Dallin, M.A., St. Clair F. Hood, and Captain Henry S. Andrews, who had been elected to the 30th degree, were prevented, by various causes, from attending on this occasion. A vote of thanks was given by acclamation to Ill. Bro. Major-General H. Clerk, Grand Treasurer-General, 33°, for the very able and careful manner in which he rendered the ceremonies, and also for the great care with which he has managed the accounts of the Council. A vote of welcome, expressing the pleasure afforded to the Council by the presence of brethren hailing from sister jurisdictions, was unanimously voted to Ill. Bro. David Ross McCord, 32°, of Canada, who returned thanks for the same in eloquent terms. The members of the Rite met afterwards in banquet at the Café Royal, presided over by the Ill. Lieut. Grand Commander, when due honours were paid to the Grand Patron and Officers of the Order, and warm congratulations tendered to the newly promoted members.

Industry Chapter, No. 186.—A Convocation was held on the 16th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Gt. Queen-street. Comps. J. E. Tallant Z., J. Seex H., G. Dyer J., W. Mann P.Z. S.E., G. Kelly P.Z. Tr. P.Z. Noehmer. Comps. Horsey, Johnson, Molé, G. M. Cole, Black, &c. The Chapter was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. The Auditors' report was read, and unanimously adopted. A conclave of installed Principals was formed, and Comps. J. Seex was installed M.E.Z., G. Dyer H., Black J. These ceremonies were perfectly and impressively delivered by Comp. Noehmer P.Z. The following officers were invested:—Comps. J. E. Tallant I.P.Z., G. Kelly P.Z. Treas., W. Mann P.Z. S.E., Poore S.N., B. Taylor P.S., W. H. Hook 1st Assist., Kew 2nd Assist., Johnson D.C., Longstaff Janitor. The resignation of a Comp. was accepted, with regret. The Chapter was then closed, and the brethren partook of an excellent banquet, provided by Bro. A. Best, and ably superintended by Bro. E. Dawkins. The visitors were Comps. E. J. Harty P.S. Frederick of Unity Chapter, E. Wilson Hermes Chapter, W. Worrell P.Z. 766, H. Massey P.Z. 619, Headon 145, H. M. Levy P.Z. 188.

Eclectic Lodge, No. 1201.—A meeting was held on Friday, the 12th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, under the presidency of the W.M. Bro. E. J. Harty, Taylor S.W., Saul J.W., Mander P.M. Treas., W. H. Barber Sec., W. Lee S.D. Moss I.G., Higgs Org., Pochin D.C., Dr. Lloyd Steward; P.M. J. H. Watts; Bros. B. Tibol, Bavers, Rush, Manchester, Richardson, Newton, Davis, Prael, Paice, &c. After routine business Bro. J. Hamp was raised to the 3rd degree, Bros. Manchester, Dixon, and Bayers

were passed to the 2nd degree, and Messrs. J. Stewart, J. Amsden, A. Amsden, and G. Travers were balloted for and duly initiated into the Order. The various ceremonies were perfectly and impressively delivered. During the evening Bro. Higgs played some appropriate music on the organ. Bro. Grant, the Tyler of the Lodge, having for some time suffered from ill health, a sum of five guineas was unanimously voted to him. The W.M. said he should like to have a Chapter attached to the Lodge, and the J.W. moved and S.W. seconded a proposition, that steps be taken to carry out the suggestion. The Lodge was then closed until December, and the brethren, 48 in numbers, repaired to the Holborn Restaurant, where a banquet was provided by Bro. Gordon, superintended by Bro. J. Hamp. The customary toasts were given and replied to, and a most pleasant evening passed.

Mount Lebanon Chapter, No. 73.—A Convocation was held on the 11th instant, at the Bridge House Hotel, London-bridge. Comp. J. Baldwin Z., J. Mason H., F. Walters P.P.G.A.S. Middlesex P.Z. as J. The Chapter was opened and the minutes were confirmed. A letter of condolence was ordered to be sent to the widow of the late Comp. Edwin Harris P.Z., whose death occurred on the 10th instant. Bro. Harris was greatly respected, and his loss is deeply regretted. The Chapter was closed until January 1878. Comp. Louis Beck was present as a visitor.

Gladsmuir Chapter, No. 1385.—Met at the Red Lion Hotel, Barnet, on Thursday last. Bro. Hoyle was exalted, and the Officers for the ensuing year elected as follow:—Comps. H. Edwards Z., Dr. Livingston H., and the others each advanced a step.

Earl Spencer Lodge, No. 1420.—The regular monthly meeting of this young and prosperous Lodge was held on the 16th ult., at the Swan Hotel, Battersea-bridge. Present—Bros. John Gibson W.M., James J. Joseph S.W., W. B. Miller J.W., Joseph W. Hiscox Sec., Edward Spooner Treas., John T. Pilditch S.D., James Sinclair J.D., J. Giles D.C., T. Austin Steward, Walter Wm. Young I.G., Gilbert Tyler. Past Masters Bros. Southam, Kempster, Spooner, Hiscox, Hardy, &c. Visitors—Bros. Cox 190, Hills, C. Gibson, H. Baker, J. Daw, J. T. Hiscox. The ballot was unanimous in favour of the admission of Mr. Thos. Harris (vestry clerk) as a candidate for initiation, and Bro. A. J. Le Tall was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. The work was done in a most able and efficient manner by the W.M. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment, and passed a very pleasant evening.

New Finsbury Park Lodge, No. 1695.—This new Lodge held its first regular meeting on Tuesday last, at Bro. J. Pigot's, Finsbury Park Tavern. The Officers were in full attendance, and Messrs. James Newling Thompson, George David Edmunds, Thomas Crane, George Benjamin Carey were initiated, the duty being divided between Bros. Past Masters Davis and Pigot. Bros. Alfred Ayden and Thomas Jackson were accepted as joining members. A banquet followed, which was most admirably served by mine host of Ye Taverne. We regret the crowded state of our columns precludes a lengthened report; however, we cannot help remarking that the perfect harmony that exists in this Lodge may be well followed by many of the Fraternity. The W.M., Bro. W. T. Parkiss, is one we are ever pleased to greet, and his kind genial manner and smiling face secures him the universal respect of the brotherhood. The Visitors were Bro. W. Wilkinson 167, J. F. O. Wood 1288, C. J. G. Wood 1288, Fred. Goode 1677, Frank Bont W.M. 1306, James Cox 1288, J. Constable P.M. 185.

Dalhousie Lodge, No. 860.—Held its first meeting since the recess, on Thursday, the 11th inst., at Anderson's Hotel. Present—Bros. J. Campbell White M.D. W.M., T. B. Dodson S.W., G. F. Weige J.W., W. H. Wallington P.M. Treasurer, L. F. Littell P.M. Secretary, E. T. Worsley S.D., W. G. Dickens J.D., Seymour Smith Organist, W. J. Smith I.G. Past Masters Bros. Dalwood, Bates and Thomson, and a large number of brethren of the Lodge. Visitors—Bros. Gilham, Daniel, H. J. Johnson, Borer, and Bidgood. The Lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Walter Johnson was raised to the 3rd degree, and Bro. Charles Dalrymple Scott was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. Messrs. J. Louis Cornee, G. W. Kidd, E. J. Bodell, and W. T. Bodell were initiated into the Order. On the motion of Bro. Littell P.M., seconded by Bro. Bates P.M., the Lodge unanimously voted ten guineas to the Mansion House Indian Famine Fund. The Lodge being closed, the brethren sat down to a banquet, and the usual Masonic toasts were duly proposed and honoured. Some excellent songs were well rendered by Bros. Seymour Smith, Dodson, Wallington, Weige and others, and a most enjoyable evening spent.

London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction.—We understand that at the meeting on Monday next, 22nd inst., Bro. Smallpiece, Secretary of the Emulation Lodge, will be appointed Preceptor. It is also expected that Bros. C. J. Hogg and J. E. Shand will be elected Treasurer and Secretary respectively.

Northern Counties Lodge of Instruction, No. 406.—At the meeting held on the 9th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne, Bro. W. Foulsham P.P.G.J.W. on behalf of the Lodge, presented to Bro. W. S. Hughes P.M. P.P.G.J.D. a very handsome Past Master's jewel, in recognition of the great zeal and exertion he had used in connection with the Lodge whilst acting as its Secretary, a position he has held since its foundation. Bro. Hughes suitably acknowledged the compliment. After Lodge had been closed the brethren supped together; the usual toasts meeting a hearty reception.

Faith Chapter, No. 141.—This ably conducted Chapter met at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C., on Wednesday, the 17th inst. There were present Comps. C. F. Hogard M.E.Z., J. Constable H., W. E. Gompertz J., Martin Bamberger Hon. Treas., James Pinder S.E., R. Z. Bloomfield S.N., Hollands P.S., J. D. Barnett 1st Asst., D. Posener 2nd Asst., Jas. Terry P.Z., T. Mortlock P.Z., E. Gottheil P.Z., and a considerable number of lay members. The visitors were Comps. F. C. Pelton 1185, Thos. Gibson 243 Gibraltar, R. H. Allen 933. Bros. Kirby, H. M. Walker, E. R. Wymer, and J. Endicott having been favourably balloted for, were introduced and duly exalted into the Order. The ceremony being most excellently performed by all the Officers, who did their allotted work with equal readiness and intelligence, under the able guidance of their chief. The election of Officers for the coming year resulted as follows:—J. Constable Z., W. E. Gompertz H., Jas. Pinder J., M. Bamberger Treas., R. Z. Bloomfield S.N. The P.S. having expressed a desire to be allowed to remain in his present office for another year, was re-elected, and J. D. Barnett the 1st Asst. was elected S.N. The auditors were then appointed, the Chapter closed, and the Companions repaired to partake of an ample and sufficiently well-prepared banquet, after which the proceedings were of the usual character, with the exception that the hour being late, and many having to travel considerable distances to reach their respective homes, the M.E.Z. resolved to be as brief as possible in his remarks. He commenced by saying he would propose as the first toast a very comprehensive one, namely "Loyalty to the Throne and devotion to the best interests of the Craft." Comp. Mortlock then proposed the health of Comp. Hogard M.E.Z., whom he described as one who has ever proved himself a credit to the Chapter, and moreover an exceedingly good worker. He would say let them drink to the wish of long life and prosperity to the M.E.Z. Comp. Hogard thanked the assembly for their kindness, he had done his best to do the duties appertaining to his office, and they might be sure of the gratification it afforded him to meet with their approbation. He would now submit the names of the four exaltees. The Chapter has only existed for a short period of years, but is becoming important in point of numbers. He assured the new comers they would find harmony and unity prevail. He trusted they would follow in his footsteps and eventually arrive at the exalted position he was proud to occupy. For the Visitors Bro. Pelton responded. A few words were said by Comp. T. Mortlock for the P.Z.'s, who he thought had done good suit and service in the interests of the Chapter. The M.E.Z. then proposed the health of the Z. elect, who had worked in the minor offices ever since the foundation of the Chapter, and there was no doubt that under his rule its reputation and influence will be greatly increased. In responding, the Z. elect expressed his pleasure at the thorough heartiness of the response whenever his name was mentioned, he trusted when the time arrived for him to vacate the first chair, his conduct would have been such as to entitle him to be held in the same respect as that which had hitherto been accorded him. The health of the H. elect was then proposed, and the services rendered by him as S.E., ever since the establishment of the Chapter, duly acknowledged, to which Comp. Gompertz shortly replied, promising to exert his abilities in supporting the dignity and promoting the prosperity of the Chapter. The Treasurer said, in reply to the toast of the Officers, that they might rest satisfied he would spend no more money than was justified by their financial condition, and Comp. Bloomfield being called upon for a few words, said he thought Comp. Bamberger would have responded for the whole of the Officers, but being suddenly called upon he had no time to concoct a suitable speech, and therefore found himself entirely at a loss; he would, however, on behalf of himself and the rest of the officers thank the M.E.Z. and the Companions for their kindness and good feeling. The Officers he was sure were ever ready to promote the welfare of the Chapter. Comps. Henley, Mortlock, J. D. Barnett, and Constable delighted the company with some well chosen songs and ditties. In the midst of this conviviality the sentiment of benevolence was not forgotten.

Lodge of Sincerity, No. 174.—The members of this Lodge met on Wednesday, at the Guildhall Hotel, Gresham-street. Bro. George James Hilliard W.M., Appleby S.W., Seddon J.W., J. Newton P.M., Sec., S. H. Rawley P.M. Treas., Dunstan S.D., Webb J.D., Jones I.G., Miller W.S., F. Brown D.C., Verry Tyler. After the Lodge had been formally opened, and the minutes confirmed, the ballot was taken for Mr. J. Bottram; it was satisfactory, and that gentleman received the benefit of the first degree. There were two candidates for the third degree, Bros. Westhorpe and Milburne, and these brethren were separately introduced, and in due course raised to the sublime degree of M.M. The case of a distressed brother of the Lodge was then brought forward, and twenty guineas was voted from the funds in his behalf. A second case of distress was then considered, and to this an amount of five guineas was ordered to be paid. The case of the widow of a member who had lost his life by drowning was then brought forward, and here the benevolent feeling of the Lodge was evoked successfully, an amount of two guineas being voted from the funds. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren repaired to the banquet. In giving the health of Her Majesty the Queen and the Craft, the W.M. said but few remarks from him were required; this toast was always well received, and the present occasion would not be an exception to the rule. In speaking to the health of the M.W.G.M., Bro. Hilliard remarked that no eulogy of his could enhance the esteem in which the Prince of Wales was held. We know him to be a good Mason, one who thoroughly studies the best interests of the Craft. Bro. E. P. Albert P.G.P. replied for the next toast. He rose with pleasure and deference on the occasion; pleasure at being called upon to respond for the esteemed noblemen who were at the head of our Order, and with deference for the other Grand Officers whose good qualities had been so ably expatiated upon by the W.M. The Grand Officers were ever

ready to advance the best interests of Freemasonry, and he was sure the Craft at large would endorse the opinion expressed by the brethren present, an opinion which they had given with such unanimity of feeling. Bro. E. J. Moore gave the health of the W.M., who, in reply, said he felt deeply indebted to all present for the way in which the toast had been received. It would always be his study to maintain for the Lodge the high position it had so long sustained. Bro. Hilliard next gave the health of their Initiate, Bro. Bottram; all were pleased that he had presented himself, and he (the W.M.) felt assured he would eventually be a credit to the Sincerity Lodge. After a reply had been given to this toast, the W.M. proposed the health of the Visitors; he enumerated them, and expressed the pleasure the brethren of the Sincerity Lodge felt at having so many present. Bros. Berry, Crouch, Morgan, and others briefly replied, and the next toast—the Past Masters—received ample recognition. Bro. S. H. Rawley replied. He referred to the establishment of the Fund of Benevolence in connection with the Lodge; through this a considerable amount of good had been done that evening. He trusted this would eventually redound to the advantage of the members, who were not anxious to unduly increase their number. It was the wish of all to have men amongst them who did not join with ulterior motives of private advancement, but had the general welfare of the whole community at heart. With the Masonic Charities was coupled the name of Bro. Perceval, who impressed on the brethren how much the Charities needed our consideration. He thanked the brethren for the support he had received while acting as Steward; he had been enabled to take up 125 guineas for the Boys' School in June last; he had taken a Stewardship for the Old People at their next Festival, but the amount he should take up would rest entirely with the members. Of this, however, he was assured; he should have their support. Bro. Lacey P.M. followed: On Saturday last, owing to the kind help he had received, he was very successful; he was not only able to secure the election of the candidate in whose case he was most directly interested, but he was able to render such assistance to two other applicants as ensured their admission into the School. He then referred to what was being done with a view to amalgamate and properly utilise the voting power of the London brethren; he forcibly pointed out the advantages to be derived from combination. He impressed upon all present how desirable it was that they should thoroughly look into this question for themselves, and concluded by commending the Institutions, which were in every way worthy of the support of the Craft. Bro. P.M. Newton followed in the same strain. He had unreservedly placed what votes he could command at the disposal of Bro. Lacey, and was confident they had been used to the best advantage. With regard to what had been said as to combination, let them at once prove what they could do; they had the strength, let them show they had the will to use it. After the Officers had been duly recognised, the W.M. summoned the Tyler, and the meeting was brought to a close. During the evening, Bros. Brown, Fraser, and Verry helped to amuse the company. Bro. Keeble recited the Charge of the Light Brigade, but, to our mind, a little more vigour is required for this than he displayed. Amongst the Visitors we noticed Bros. E. P. Albert P.G.P., J. R. Furness 424, J. J. Berry 554, G. P. Greneld 781, C. K. Crouch 1297, W. W. Morgan 1385, G. T. Dix 1421, W. Brown 1598, W. D. Hodges 1607, F. Carr 1607, &c.

Tranquillity Lodge, No. 185.—Met for the first time this season, on Monday, the 15th inst., at the new home of the Lodge, the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C., Bro. John Peartree W.M. presiding. There were also present Bros. David Posener S.W., Geo. Pare J.W., John Constable P.M. Treasurer, P. Levy Hon. Sec., W. D. Bayley S.D., F. Croaker J.D., J. B. Barber I.G., George Bilby P.M. Hon. Org., T. Bush Steward, Potter Tyler; J. D. Barnett I.P.M. Past Masters John Ross, M. Harris, S. Solomon, N. Moss, R. Z. Bloomfield, S. Moss, E. Harfeldt, E. Gottheil, and a very numerous attendance of brethren. The visitors were Bros. Joseph Pigott W.M. 753, B. Peartree, Rob. Abbott 917, A. W. Ayling P.M. 1096 P.G.O., John Smith 1257, Rob. Clark 1613, W. S. Whitaker W.M. 1572, F. King 1156, B. Howard 896. Part of the business of the meeting consisted in passing Bros. Harris and Barnett to the second degree, and initiating Mr. Watson Smith into the mysteries of the ancient order, both ceremonies being performed by the W.M. in a manner which can scarcely fail to leave a lasting impression upon the several candidates. Previous to the adjournment for refreshment, Bro. E. Gottheil P.M. rose and said, He desired the Lodge to pass a resolution which would not only reflect honour upon itself, but at the same time render just acknowledgment and appreciation of services to a brother who had succeeded in winning the fraternal regard of every member of this Lodge, and indeed of members of the Craft all over the country. He thought that the exertions and perseverance of Bro. John Constable in the cause of Masonic charity, and the marvellous success which attended his energetic efforts, were worthy some record in the Books of the Lodge, so that any future historian of the Tranquillity Lodge (Bro. Constable having written the existing one) might find one point, at all events, of interest and importance for his projected volume. Most of the brethren are aware—but some may be here who do not possess the knowledge—of that brother's activity in his Stewardships, he would read to them the results of the three in which Bro. Constable had engaged. The list for the Benevolent Institution in 1874 amounted to £349, the Girls' School in 1875 to £420, and the Boys' in 1877 no less a sum than £1,231. Now, he would venture to assert that, at no time, has such an amount been brought up by any single individual, not even by a Provincial Steward, who had a whole county to canvass. The three committees having already conferred due acknowledgment on Bro. Constable, he thought it would only be an act of justice towards a brother of whom the Lodge had every reason to be proud to have a memorandum of his services on the books. He would therefore move that a vote of hearty thanks be recorded on the minute book of this Lodge to Bro. John Constable P.M. for the great and eminent services he had rendered to the cause of Masonic charity. Bro. Geo. Bilby P.M.

most cordially seconded the motion, and in a speech full of cordiality dilated upon the vast amount of energy which must have been required to secure such an unprecedented success. Bro. Saul Solomon P.M. supported the resolution, which was carried with acclamation. Bro. John Constable P.M., in expressing his thanks, wished the brethren to understand that due recognition had been given by the committees, in conferring the rank of Vice-Patron; the regulations as to the charity jewel, instituted by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. M.W. Grand Master, granted him permission to wear the tri-colour ribbon (pointing to it) around his neck, at the end of which was appended the Charity jewel. The assembly then proceeded to banquet, which was most excellently served under the personal superintendence of Bro. Silver. Subsequently the usual toasts were proposed and responded to. In offering the health of the Queen, the W.M. touched upon the various topics of the day, many of which he was sure must cause Her Majesty anxious thought, for which, however, the gracious lady might well feel compensated by the reflection that, in any case of emergency she might rely upon the loyalty and right feeling of her subjects, as exemplified by the sympathetic and generous way the public came forward in the matter of the Indian Famine. The names of H.R.H. the M.W.G.M. and the rest of the Grand Officers were received with genuine heartiness. The W.M. then proposed the health of the initiate, whom he commended for his very intelligent conduct during the course of the ceremony; and the close attention he bestowed upon all the proceedings induced him to predict that the Lodge would have a bright member in Bro. Watson Smith, who, in his reply, stated that amongst other things, he had been impressed with the fact that there was much to learn, and the sooner he sat down to his studies the better. The visitors severally responded; all concurred in their appreciation of the generous hospitality, and the unfeignedly fraternal welcome they had received from the Lodge. The I.P.M. next proposed the health of the W.M., remarking that on the present as on former occasions he had only to mention the name of Bro. John Peartree to be sure of a hearty response. They would all agree that in his capacity as Treasurer, as well as in his present position, the W.M. was entitled to their very best thanks, which are eminently due to him. In the past, as in the present, their choice had proved most advantageous to the Lodge. The W.M., in responding, observed that he was the oldest member of the Lodge; he did not mean in age, but in membership. He had held the office of Treasurer for eighteen years, and any service required of him would afford him pleasure to give. He would conclude by wishing all happiness and prosperity to every member of the Craft. In proposing success to the Benevolent Fund, the W.M. said the fund had been established for 27 years, during which time a considerable amount of good had been accomplished by the administration of timely and substantial relief. Although nothing is ever taken from a Visitor, the fund, subscribed solely by members, is in the gratifying condition of amounting to the very respectable sum of £700. He would here mention that Bro. Watson Smith, the initiate, had very kindly given a donation of £1 1s towards it. He would couple with this toast the name of Bro. Saul Solomon, the President. Bro. Solomon requested that Bro. Peartree would suggest something for him to say, inasmuch as the W.M. knew by heart all ins and outs of the fund, and being also its supporter and dispenser, he, by his speech upon the subject, generally contrived to take the wind out of his (Bro. Solomon's) sails. He would, however, say that the beneficial effects wrought since the institution of the fund were eloquent in their appeal for its support. By its aid many a deserving brother has been able to ward off a fatal blow, or emigrate to a foreign land to retrieve his fallen fortunes. The name of Bro. R. Z. Bloomfield being submitted in connection with the toast of the Past Masters, he said he did not know why he should have been especially selected from among the eminent Past Masters by whom he was surrounded, unless, as is frequently the case, he was deemed the least fitted for the duty, and was therefore called upon to do it. He would, however, assure the Worshipful Master, who himself did nothing by halves, but everything he undertook with perfect thoroughness, that the Past Masters were ever ready and willing to cordially assist him in whatever duty they might be called upon to perform. Bros. Constable and P. Levy responded for Treasurer and Secretary. The former expressed his satisfaction, in which he was sure all would join, at the excellent manner in which the banquet had been served, both in respect to its culinary qualities and table appointments. This being the first meeting in their new home, he trusted it to be the forerunner of even better to come. He most heartily thanked those from whose lips so many flattering sentiments of good will had issued, and with the help of the Grand Architect of the Universe, he hoped to continue to the best of his abilities the services they were so kindly disposed to appreciate. The W.M. then proposed the Officers. To a Master in the chair the assistance of the Officers is of the highest importance. He was happy to be able to say that his staff always performed their duties in a manner leaving nothing to be desired, and he took the opportunity of thanking them for their trouble in perfecting themselves in the work, for the efficient conduct of the Lodge depended in a great measure upon the minor Officers. Bro. David Posener S.W. responded, and concluded his remarks by thanking the W.M. for his kindness in bestowing so much praise upon the Officers, who, he had no doubt, would try and follow in the footsteps of so excellent a predecessor. At this point entered five brethren, who met with a most cordial reception, namely—Bros. Fred Binckes, Jas. A. Birch and Joseph Hines (both from Manchester), C. F. Matier P.G.W. Greece, J. E. Curteis Devon. When they were seated, the W.M. took the opportunity of proposing the Charities, to which Bro. Binckes briefly replied, saying: In the course of a lengthened career in Masonry he had committed a great many solecisms, but he never remembered ever being so impertinent as to inflict his presence on any Lodge at so unseasonable an hour. But while the brethren here were enjoying their tranquil hours, in these tranquil groves, he and the brethren who had entered with him had been attending at one of the heaviest Quarterly Courts he ever remembered in connection with his Institution. A member of this Lodge, whose arduous

efforts on behalf of the Institutions have met with such a large amount of success, being naturally anxious to be made acquainted with the result of the day's proceedings, requested him to look in for that purpose at however late an hour. He was therefore here, and heartily thanked the W.M. and brethren for their very kind and courteous reception. Indeed, he owed a debt of gratitude to the W.M. for his warmly generous words. At this late hour, unless they wished it, he would not enter upon the great subject of the Charities, for which he was ever ready to plead, over and over again, and ever so many times over and over again, but would reserve it for a future opportunity. There was some excellent singing during the evening by Bros. Bayley, Constable, Smith, J. D. Barnett, &c.

Lodge of Friendship, No. 206.—Held its first winter meeting on Thursday, 11th inst., at the Ship and Turtle Tavern, Leadenhall-street. Present—Bros. Thos. Taylor W.M., Jas. Stephens S.W., E. Squirrell J.W., W. Ramsey Treas., John Rumsey Sec.; the assistant officers, and about 25 members, ten of whom were Past Masters. There was a goodly array of work on the summons, which, in consequence of the unavoidable absence of Bro. Lessware and other candidates, was necessarily postponed. After the disposal of some Masonic business, amongst which was the recommendation of the petition of a distressed brother to the Board of Benevolence, Bro. Taylor rose to beg the members of the Lodge to accept what he termed "a trifling present," as a memento of his year of office. The gift proved to be a rough and perfect ashlar complete. The former rough and unbewn as taken from the quarry, and the "perfect" a true die or square, made of the finest marble, without flaw or blemish, and with the handiwork of the real operative Mason fully displayed in its beautiful polish and finish. The shears, tackle, winch-gear, &c., displayed the masterly skill of the first artists in metals. The whole formed, in a marked degree, a delightful combination of the emblems of Free and Accepted and Operative Masonry. Amid the admiration of the brethren, Bro. Gamman proposed, and Bro. W. Ramsey seconded, that the thanks of the Lodge are due and are hereby given to Bro. Thos. Taylor W.M., for his handsome and useful present, showing as it does the great interest now and always evinced by him for the welfare of the Craft, and this his Lodge in particular, as well as his fraternal regard for all its members, and that a record of the same be inserted on the minutes. This was carried by acclamation. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet.

Macdonald Lodge, No. 1216.—This Lodge held its regular meeting on Thursday, the 11th of October, at the Head Quarters of the First Surrey Rifles, at Camberwell. Present—Bros. Henry Hammond W.M., T. W. Carnell S.W., Charles Fountain J.W., W. J. Messenger P.M. and Secretary, T. Edmonstone as S.D., C. H. Nevill as J.D., T. A. Harper D.C., W. Hale I.G., C. H. Rugg (for W. Grant) Tyler; P.M.'s Bros. Mark S. Larham, James Stevens, S. H. Wagstaff, George H. N. Bridges; and Bros. Woodcock, C. E. Goldring, Cranch, Hildreth, Yonge, Hutchins, Carpenter, Henton, J. J. Curtis, W. Foster, Scholey, Jarman, Yongman, Eldridge, H. Bridges, and others. Visitor—Bro. T. Spiller, Domestic 177. Lodge was opened by the W.M., who, after confirmation of previous minutes, raised Bro. Scholey to the third degree. This comprised the whole of the ceremonial business, and the Lodge then addressed itself to the discussion of proposed notices of motion on several important matters. Amongst these was a proposal to present the late Secretary, with a testimonial of thanks for past earnest services, and which met with unanimous approval; as did also a suggestion for the grant of a retiring pension for life to Bro. Grant, Tyler, whose age and infirmities prevented his continuance of the duties he had efficiently discharged for a period of ten years. Bro. Edmonstone submitted to the Lodge a proposal to contribute the sum of Twenty Guineas to the Indian Famine Fund, and his proposition would have found ready acceptance but for the difficulty of dealing with Lodge funds unless by notice of motion, a vote in Lodge, and subsequent confirmation thereof, thus involving a delay of four months. It was thought to be unwise to suspend the law regulating the disbursement of the monies of the Lodge even for so good and necessary a purpose, but it was pointed out that the Charity fund of the Lodge might be so appropriated without transgressing the by-laws, and it was therefore at length resolved that Ten Guineas should be contributed at once from that source, and that notice of motion should be given for a further sum of Ten Guineas from the Lodge funds, to be paid over in the event of the present dire distress in India continuing. This arrangement appeared to satisfy all present, and the result of the discussion was cordially accepted after a debate of a full hour's duration. After supper, which followed labour, the contents of the Charity box proved the strong desire of the Macdonald Lodge to take its share in the good work of succouring the distressed, feeding the hungry, and promoting Brotherly Love and Relief all the world over. The "final toast" was never better honoured than by this practical exemplification of the universal principles of our Order.

Era Lodge, No. 1423.—The above Lodge met on Saturday, the 13th inst., at the Island Hotel, Hampton Court. Bro. E. H. Thiellay P.P.G.S.B. Middlesex P.M. 145 presiding, in the absence of the W.M. Bros. T. J. Sabine P.P.G.S.B. Middlesex S.W., F. Walters P.P.G.D. Middlesex Sec., J. Baldwin P.G.P. Middlesex, W. Hammond P.P.G.D. Middlesex. The Lodge was opened and the minutes confirmed. Bro. H. A. Dubois, by the courtesy of the W.M., initiated Messrs. Norton and Wheeler. Bro. T. J. Sabine was elected W.M.; H. A. Dubois P.M. re-elected Treas.; and J. Gilbert Tyler. A Past Master's Jewel of the value of twelve guineas was voted to Bro. E. H. Thiellay on his retiring from the chair, as a mark of the esteem and regard in which he is held by the brethren. Refreshments followed. Bro. T. C. Walls P.G. Org. was present as a visitor.

THE LATE BRO. THOMAS RAMSAY.

THE Large Hall of St. John Lodge, No. 3 bis, Glasgow, was quite filled on Tuesday, 8th October, by the members of the Lodge and the Masters and Wardens of the other Lodges in the Province, to whom, on account of space, the invitations had to be limited. At 6.30 Bro. William Kyle jun. R.W.M. opened his Lodge, with Bros. Brownlee S.W., James Kyle jun. J.W., D. B. Bell D.M., J. Harn S.M. and the following Past Masters of the Lodge, viz.: William Bell, T. Fletcher, James McMillan, and T. Smilie. Amongst the Masters on the dais we recognised particularly these—T. Thompson 103, T. Halket 117, D. Ronald 275, J. Manro 360. The choir, under the control of Bro. Dunbar D. of M. rendered efficient aid to the proceedings. The R.W.W. addressed the special meeting thus:—Brethren, At a meeting of the St. John Lodge, No. 3 bis, on the first Tuesday of July, attention was drawn to the death of Past Master Thomas Ramsay, and at that meeting it was agreed that a minute expressive of the members' regret should be inserted in the minute book; this was accordingly done, and it was subsequently resolved to hold a Funeral Lodge in memory of our deceased Past Master. That the Lodge was justified in doing this is fully shown by the large number of brethren present on this occasion to pay a last tribute of respect to the memory of our dear brother. Brother Ramsay filled the chair of the St. John Lodge in the years 1867-68, with an amount of ability and energy rarely equalled. Those who have had the pleasure of being present at the meetings presided over by him can bear testimony to the kind and brotherly way in which he discharged his duties, and to the deep interest he took in the affairs of the Lodge. It was with deep regret that the members of the Lodge parted with him as Master, although as P.M. he continued to take a deep interest in the affairs of the Lodge. He went out to Canada about three years ago, and died at Montreal, on the 4th June last, aged fifty-seven years. It is now for us to improve the sad event which has brought us here, so that it may tend to our spiritual welfare. By cultivating brotherly love, spreading the true cement of friendship, always aiding and assisting each other in our journey through life; and, above all, evincing that distinguishing characteristic of our noble order, Charity, so that, be it sooner or later when we are laid on a death bed, may it not be what we have done for ourselves, but what we have done for others, that will give us the greatest consolation and peace of mind. And when we are summoned by the Great Architect of the Universe to leave our Lodges here below, to enter the Grand Lodge above, may we receive the ever joyful welcome. He then introduced the Chaplain, the Rev. Dr. Dobie D.D., who delivered the following oration: Right Worshipful Master, Wardens and Brethren all,—We are met here this evening to testify the sincere and affectionate regard cherished by the members of St. John's Lodge 3 bis for our late Bro. Thomas Ramsay, Past Master of this Lodge. Our high appreciation of the very able and faithful manner in which he had discharged the duties connected with the honourable office he held in this Lodge, our sorrow because of his death, and our very warm sympathy with those to whom he was *near* and *dear*. A duty has been assigned me, as the Chaplain of this Lodge, for the proper discharge of which I labour under very great disadvantages. As you are all aware, only a few months have elapsed since I had the honour of being admitted as a Freemason, so that my knowledge of Masonic ceremonies is therefore very limited; moreover, this is the first occasion on which I have been present at a Funeral Lodge, and, further, I had no knowledge whatever of our deceased brother; did not know him even by name. I have been informed that he occupied, for two years, the important and honourable position of Right Worshipful Master; that he discharged his duties as Master of the Lodge with marked ability, and with great acceptance to the brethren; that four years ago he left this city and emigrated to Canada, that he died in Montreal on 4th June last, aged 57 years, that he was a man of excellent moral and Christian character, and was highly respected by a large circle of friends. Such is all the information I have obtained in regard to our deceased and lamented brother. Our Right Worshipful Master has already this evening supplied my "lack of service" by making mention of the mental and moral excellencies of our deceased brother, and therefore I will pass from what is *personal* to what is *practical*, and occupy your time for a few minutes in seeking to improve your moral and spiritual well-being. The event which has convened us on this very solemn occasion—I regard such Masonic ceremonies as the present as being thoroughly in harmony with the fundamental principles of Christianity; we acknowledge that we are all members of the same family; that we owe our being and well-being to the same great and gracious Father, and it is comforting to think that when brethren are removed by death their removal does not sunder the family bond—does not dissolve their relationship to us. No! Death merely removes them from the *outer court* to the *inner sanctuary*, from an earthly Lodge to a heavenly one:—

"One Family, we dwell in Him,
One Lodge above—beneath,
Tho' now divided by the stream,
The narrow stream of death."

Being brethren, and united by a tie which disease cannot weaken, and which death cannot sever, it is therefore our duty "to love one another with pure hearts fervently;" to rejoice with each other in seasons of health and happiness, and to sympathise with each other in times of sickness and sorrow. Such brotherly kindness and sympathy are earnestly and affectionately enjoined upon us by our Father in Heaven; and they are perfectly exemplified in the character and life of our beloved Lord and Master, and the more fully we manifest them in our character and life the greater will be our peace of mind, and the more rapid will be our moral and spiritual progress. Further,—An occasion like the present is well fitted to solemnize our minds, and stimulate us in making preparation for that important hour, when, like our departed brother, we must close our eyes for

ever on this sublunary scene, and pass through "the gates of death, and the doors of the shadow of death" into the spiritual and eternal world. And, do you ask, what is the preparation necessary for passing safely from *Time* to *Eternity*? I answer, in the words of Jude, "Beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost, keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto Eternal life." In the passage quoted, the Apostle speaks of us as *builders*, and as spiritual builders three all-important duties are incumbent upon us. First, to build upon a sure foundation; and need I remind you that a sure foundation-stone has been provided by the Great Architect of the Universe, one God and Father; and that the foundation which has been provided has been "laid in Zion." Reference has been made this evening, both in our prayer and praises, to Christian brethren being living stones upon the one foundation which God has laid in Zion." There is one thought which it is my duty to impress very specially upon your minds and hearts,—viz., that it is your duty to build *solely* on the foundation laid in Zion—viz., the perfect obedience and atoning death of Christ. Many build their hopes of acceptance with God, partly upon Christ's *perfect work*, and partly upon their own *imperfect works*; in other words, they build partly upon *rock* and partly upon *sand*. An edifice thus founded cannot stand. You all remember a sad occurrence a few years ago in the West-end of our city. A tenement of new buildings suddenly collapsed, and several of the builders were crushed to death, buried in the ruins. When the authorities examined into the cause of the sad accident, it was found that the fault was not in the materials—for they were good materials, and they were compactly built together—but in the foundation; the foundation was found to be partly *rock* and partly *rubbish*; the rubbish subsided, and the necessary consequence was that the building collapsed. Now, my brethren, all who build their hopes of acceptance with God, partly upon Christ's *perfect work*, and partly upon their own imperfect works, build partly upon *rock* and partly upon *rubbish*. Such a building is certain to collapse, and the consequences are certain to be most disastrous; disastrous beyond all description. Whilst it is your duty, as builders, to build upon a sure foundation, to build upon the sure foundation fit and proper materials, not materials like wood, hay and stubble (see 1 Corinthians iii. 10—15), but materials like gold, silver and precious stones; materials which will stand the test of that awful day when "every man's work shall be tried by fire." In other words, let us, by abounding in good works, make manifest the sincerity of our faith. Saving faith is a fruitful grace; it never fails to produce in the character and life of those in whom it is implanted the peaceable fruits of righteousness, which consist in whatsoever things are pure and lovely, and honest and true, and of good report. Wherefore, brethren beloved, build yourselves up on your most holy faith; add to your faith virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, godliness, brotherly kindness and charity. Whilst it is your duty to build upon a good foundation, and to build upon the good foundation good materials, it is also your duty to persevere in the work until it is finished. You will find many dangers as well as difficulties in building yourselves up. You have many spiritual adversaries, and they are continually warring against you. And the *work* is the cause of the war. If you cease from your work, they will cease from the warfare, but *cease* you must not! You must, in the strength of Divine grace, persevere in your important work, until it is completed. That you may be strong for work, avail yourselves frequently of God's gracious calls "to rest and refreshment." God has, in his goodness and grace, erected a Tabernacle into which you are invited to retire from time to time from "the burden and heat of the day." In that Tabernacle God has graciously provided for you sumptuous entertainment, fat things full of marrow, wines in the lees well refined; water, cool as ice, and clear as crystal; honey from the rock; oil, which will make your face to shine; and bread which will strengthen your heart. Such is the refreshment provided for you; avail yourselves of it, partake of it gladly, and gratefully eat your bread with gladness, and drink your wine with a merry heart, and thus refreshed and strengthened, persevere in "building yourselves up," until your work is completed: and when the copo stone is being brought forth, shout with all your heart and soul, "grace, grace, unto it." Your work being thus completed, the Great Master Builder will draw aside the mysterious veil which separates Time from Eternity, and, in a "still small voice," will say to you, "Come in hither;" and as you enter in, he will receive you with the gracious welcome, "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of your Lord." Amen.

St. John's Lodge, 3 bis.—Held a meeting at their own Hall, Glasgow, on Tuesday, 16th, Bro. W. Kyle in the chair, supported by Bros. Fletcher and Bell P.M.'s Captain James Menzies, T. B. Bell, Brownlee S.W., James Kyle J.W. After the minutes had been read and approved of, the R.W.M. drew the attention of the brethren to the Indian Famine Relief Fund, when the Lodge voted £5, and the brethren made up the sum to £20. It was agreed to keep the list open for eight days, to give the other members of the Lodge who were not present an opportunity of subscribing. There being no further business, the Lodge went upon harmony for a short time, and then closed in due and ancient form.

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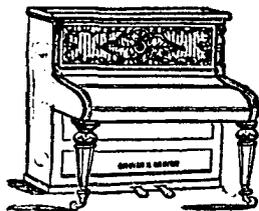
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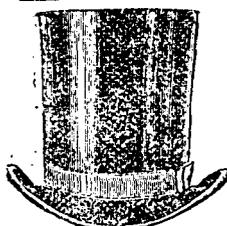
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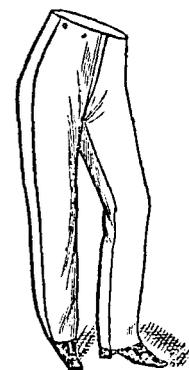
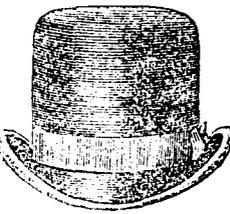
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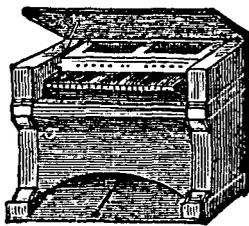
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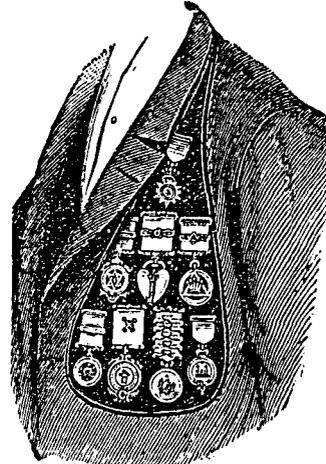
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