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THE FREEMAN'S JOURNAL AND THE GRAND LODGE OF IRELAND.

THE *Freeman's Journal* has rejoiced heartily and very naturally over the recent action of Grand Lodge in Ireland in severing all connection with the Grand Orient of France under its new Constitution. We, too, have expressed ourselves strongly in justification of the conduct of the Irish Grand Lodge. The Grand Orient of France, as an independent body, has a perfect right to enact for itself what constitutions it pleases; but if it evert the old landmarks of our Society, it has no reason to be surprised, much less grieved, that other independent Masonic bodies should take upon themselves to renounce publicly all sympathy and connection with it. The Society of Speculative or Free and Accepted Masons as constituted in the early part of last century was founded in England on certain well-defined principles, among which the recognition of a Divine Ruler of the Universe very properly occupied the first place. Gradually this Society found its way into other countries of Europe—into France and Germany, into Holland and Italy, into Spain and Portugal, and likewise into the colonies and dependencies of European powers in the New World. In short, Freemasonry in its new form, gradually spread itself over the face of the known world; and as it spread itself with greater or less success according as its teachings were more or less appreciated, so did it everywhere implant the very admirable principles on which it had been originally established. There may have been introduced from time to time certain modifications of the original ceremonies and rituals; the innate simplicity of the Society may have been more or less signally departed from; but the principles on which it was established always remained the same, those who denied them being rigorously excluded from all connection with the Brotherhood. Just as Christianity has for some centuries been split into rival sections, these accepting, those rejecting certain dogmas, yet all implicitly holding by faith in the divine founder of their religion, so has Freemasonry been divided into rival parties—Ancients and Moderns, and High Grades, for example; but all alike have held by the known principles of the Society, a belief in God, the study of morality, and the practice of Charity; or, if they have denied either or all of these, they have, we repeat, been rigorously excluded from our ranks. Thus we have no hesitation in justifying the resolution of the Irish Grand Lodge to hold no intercourse whatever with the French Grand Orient. The latter may go on describing itself as a body composed entirely of Freemasons, but they are not Freemasons in the sense in which the term has been always interpreted. It may go on its way studying morality and practising charity; it may go on respecting the religious views of those among its constituent members who have any; but it has resolved at the same time to respect the absence of all religious feeling in other of its members; in short, it has destroyed one of the vital principles on which Freemasonry has always been based, and therefore it has lost all claim to the sympathy and respect of those who still continue to observe the "ancient landmarks." But here all sympathy on our part with the views of the *Freeman's Journal* comes to an end. Our contemporary is not satisfied that the Irish Grand Lodge should have formally severed its intercourse with the Grand Orient of France, but must needs indulge in abuse of the old kind at the expense of Freemasonry. It may amuse our enemies, but in the minds of righteous people it

will in no wise injure Freemasons, to affirm that their formularies are "always grotesque, semi-idiotic and barbarous, and frequently blasphemous and revolting." The truth is there is more than one opinion about barbarism and blasphemy, and we do not, as men who claim to think and act for ourselves, feel bound to accept the interpretation of others of what is "grotesque, semi-idiotic," &c., &c. It may be, of course, that our own opinion may turn out to be wrong; but we are quite content to wait till it is proved to be so; and meantime our sole duty is to point out that the mere assertion of those who differ with us is not argument. Again, it is no business of ours to speculate as to what kind of God it is which "Voltaire, and Rousseau, and Strauss, and Renan have fancied," nor are we called upon to accept Proudhon's definition—albeit, according to the statement of our Irish contemporary, "he ranked high in French Masonry, and knew well its tendency"—to the effect that "Freemasonry is the very negation of the religious element." Proudhon, as an authority on Freemasonry, or on property, is not one in whom we have any confidence. Just as, if we are desirous of learning what Judaism or Christianity is, we should in the one case turn to the Old Testament, and in the other to the New, so if we wish to know what Freemasonry is, we turn to our "Old Charges," which have been handed down to us from generation to generation, and are still, spiritually if not literally, the Masonic exposition of Faith. We have no need to get our information second-hand, when we can go straight to the fountain head for it; and assuredly we shall not accept M. Proudhon's exposition as accurate, when it must be manifest to every reasonably well-informed Mason that, for all his high rank in French Masonry, he did not know what Freemasonry really was. Otherwise he would not have deliberately stated that which he knew to be false. We are content to know that our Society has Theism for its fundamental principle. The particular form of Theism which a brother may profess, is a matter between himself and his conscience, but the Atheist we turn contemptuously away. There is then no reason whatever, why the *Freeman's Journal* should persist in describing Freemasonry such as it is not. As to the assertion that "it was from a French Masonic Lodge that the founder of the infamous sect of the *Illuminati* went forth with his credentials of propagandism, and recorded his commission to teach and corrupt," we would remark that either our contemporary has access to unknown sources of knowledge, or else the Masonic world has been misled by its ablest historians for the last hundred years. We have always laboured under the belief that the founder of the order of the *Illuminati* was one Adam Weishaupt, a native of Ingoldstadt in Bavaria, who, in 1775, was appointed Professor of Canon and Natural Law in the University of that town; that he was educated by the Jesuits and had, therefore, a full knowledge of the principles and proceedings of that order; that he was a most enlightened man, and had at heart the good of mankind; and that between him and the Jesuits there existed feelings amounting on the part of the latter to the most determined hostility. Our readers will find much valuable information about this famous order in the pages of the Masonic historian Findel, and in the works of Fessler and others. We shall content ourselves, therefore, with remarking, on the authority of the first named of these authors "that Weishaupt established the Order of the *Illuminati* for the purpose of opposing moral depravity, civilising the members, and securing the general good of mankind." It had, in the first instance, no connection whatever with Freemasonry. It was first estab-

lished in 1776, and it was not till the year following that Weishaupt was made a Mason in the Lodge "Theodore of Good Counsel," Munich, while Zwackh, his principal coadjutor, was made a year later in a Lodge at Augsburg. It was after this that the Illuminati endeavoured to effect a union with Freemasonry in order to make the latter subserve its interests. The order is long since dead, but that the foregoing description of its purposes is accurate may be gathered from the following, which is quoted by Findel. The purpose of the Order was "to make the perfecting of the reasoning powers interesting to mankind, to spread the knowledge of sentiments both humane and social, to check wicked inclinations, to stand up for suffering and oppressed virtue against all wrong, to promote the advancement of men of merit, and in every way to facilitate the acquirement of knowledge and science." How visionary soever these objects may be considered by practical men, there is certainly nothing in this statement to warrant the word "infamous" to the now defunct Order. Further, it will be seen that the founder of these Illuminati did not go forth from a French Masonic Lodge "to teach and corrupt" mankind. He was a professor of law at a German University, who was not even a Freemason when he set about his self-imposed task of denouncing immorality.

As regards the further statement that "it was from French Freemasonry that the Commune received its instructions, and it was the encouragement of the Lodges of the Grand Orient that urged the savage *petroleuses* to their diabolical excesses," whatever faults may be laid at the door of French Masonry, we know there is not the slightest foundation for this diabolical assertion of our contemporary. We believe that one of the leading Communists, a certain Felix Pyat, was for some brief period of his life connected with a Masonic Lodge, but we should no more dream, on this account, of charging French Freemasons with the crimes of which the Commune was guilty than we should of cursing Christianity for the excesses of a Cæsar Borgia, or the foul deeds of the Inquisition. We have too much respect for French Freemasons as men to say more than this in their defence; but duty requires that we should say no less.

The *Freeman's Journal* then passes to the question whether the Grand Lodge will be content with severing its connection with the Grand Orient, and suggests that, in order to preserve the stream of Irish Freemasonry pure and untainted, it should go still further, and cut off all intercourse with other Masonic bodies who do not follow in its wake. It asks—"Are the Freemasons of Italy—with all their associated branches—to be esteemed and received as brothers in Ireland whilst those of France are cut off from all social intercourse? Yet, the hideous infidelity of the Orient of France, gross and disgusting as it is, is vastly surpassed by the atheistic principles and practices of the Lodges in the Italian Kingdom. Will a German brother, who comes here with his grip and his password from one of the Lodges of Frankfort or Berlin, where the very atmosphere reeks with the abominations of a Godless Rationalism, be welcomed with open arms, whilst the mystic manipulations of a possible Grand Master from the Orient of France are to be treated as *anathema*? Nay, is a brother from Molesworth-street to sit down under the 'tile' of a Lodge in London with a brother from the Grand Orient of France, who is a 'free and accepted' of brethren in England?" We are not in the confidence of the Grand Lodge of Ireland and cannot, therefore, describe its future policy. This much, however, we may take upon ourselves to say, that when the Grand Orient of Italy solemnly retires from its Constitution the fundamental principle of belief in God, then we feel assured the Grand Lodge of Ireland will adopt the same policy as it has towards the Grand Orient of France, and forbid all intercourse with the Italian Grand Orient and its subordinate Lodges. Let the *Freeman's Journal* prove that atheism is accepted of Italian Freemasonry, and we should say the intercourse with its followers would be stopped forthwith. As to Germany, or, at least, a part of it, it may or may not be, that the very atmosphere of Berlin and Frankfort "reeks with the abominations of a Godless Rationalism," but it does not seem to us that this is a matter of serious moment to the Grand Lodge of Ireland which does not, so far as our knowledge goes, interchange representatives with the "atmosphere" of those two cities, but with the Grand Lodges there established. This, it will be seen, is a very important point. The atmosphere of London is at times a most objectionable one, and in places is always redolent of

the most offensive smells; but though this may seriously effect the bronchial tubes or the nasal organs of the London brethren, we are not aware the correctness of London Freemasonry has ever been seriously called in question. So in Berlin and Frankfort the atmosphere of those cities may "reek with the abominations of a Godless Rationalism," but we fail to see in what respect that affects the virtue of Berlin and Frankfort Freemasonry. It will be time enough when we hear that the Berlin and Frankfort Grand Lodges profess a "Godless Rationalism," as the basis of their Masonic faith, to denounce their conduct and decline all intercourse. Meantime, we may assure our Dublin contemporary that one of the three Berlin Grand Lodges is so far un-Masonic as to pride itself on its exclusion of members of the Jewish faith. This, however, though contrary to the true principles of Masonry, should be considered as a virtue rather than a vice in the eyes of extreme Romanists. As regards our Grand Lodge in London, it is long since there was any intercourse between it and the Grand Orient of France. We do not know, therefore, that it will be necessary to take any steps to denounce a body with which we are not connected, either officially or unofficially. If any resolution should be proposed condemnatory of the action of the French Grand Orient, we have no hesitation in saying that it ought to, and we do not doubt but it will, be unanimously supported by the English Craft in Grand Lodge assembled. The Mother of Freemasonry will do well to vindicate the purity of its principles; but if there be a way of admitting into both English and Irish Lodges those French Masons who still continue to believe that faith in the existence of a Supreme Creator of all things is of the essence of Freemasonry, we say, let one be found. It may be this will turn out to be impossible; at all events, we have no reason to suppose that the United Grand Lodge of England will be behind its sister Grand Lodges in resenting the latest and most flagrant negation of the principles of Freemasonry. But even in the event of our Grand Lodge abstaining from any action, seeing that for years and years it has had no intercourse with the Grand Orient at Paris, we do not think the fair fame of Irish Masonry will run any risk of pollution, even in the event of an Irish Mason meeting and sitting down with a French Mason "under the 'tile' of a Lodge in London," any more than the integrity of Russia or Turkey, who are at war with each other, would be prejudiced if the Russian and Turkish Ambassadors were both present at a reception by our Foreign Ministers of the *Corps Diplomatique*.

Had the *Freeman's Journal* been well advised, it would have contented itself with applauding the Grand Lodge in Dublin for the perfect propriety of its conduct towards the Grand Orient in Paris, and not been at the pains of repeating the absurd calumnies against Freemasonry, which have long since been exploded. As it is, we are naturally reminded of the well known passage in Virgil, "*Timeo Danaos et dona ferentes*." We shall distrust any praise which our contemporary may think fit to bestow on English, Irish, or Scotch Freemasonry, in the belief there will be found lurking behind itsome slanderous denunciation of Masonic principles. We trust, however, that whatever may befall us, we shall bear it with our wonted equanimity. To a Freemason there is nothing new or alarming in finding himself periodically denounced. Not once, but many times have we been bespattered with the abuse of our Romanist and other enemies, yet have we survived the successive onslaughts; and no doubt we shall go on prospering, provided, of course, we maintain our principles intact; for otherwise we shall deserve the worst fate our enemies could desire.

The *Keystone* contains a highly interesting account of a pilgrimage of the Maryland Commandery, No. 1, to Mount Vernon, some time the residence of the illustrious Bro. Geo. Washington. The party consisted of one hundred and forty-six Sir Knights, and a hundred ladies. Having seen many interesting relics of the great General, the party turned homewards, and on reaching Washington *en route* were met by a hundred Knights of Columbia Commandery of that city, by whom they were conducted to the Masonic Temple, and there most hospitably entertained. The banquet over, the pilgrim Knights were escorted to the depôt, and renewed the journey home.

CONSECRATION OF ST. GEORGE'S LODGE, No. 1723, BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE good old town of Bolton, famed as it has been for years for its love of everything Masonic, has seldom seen so brilliant an array of Masons as was presented to it, on Thursday, 15th November 1877. The occasion was the consecration of a new Lodge, for the first time in Bolton for over one hundred years, and the fact that the ceremony was to be performed by the very popular Provincial Grand Master *in propria persona* added additional lustre to the proceedings. A Craft Lodge was opened at the Freemasons' Hall, by Bro. Freeman, W.M. of the oldest Lodge in the Province, No. 37, and the brethren being duly ranged in order, the procession of dignitaries of the Craft was received with all appropriate respect. The chair was then taken by Bro. Col. Legendre N. Starkie R.W. Prov. G.M., who was supported by the Deputy P.G.M. Bro. George Mellor (Mayor of Ashton), and the Provincial Grand Officers of the year, who were all in their respective chairs. The opening prayer was given in the most impressive manner by the Prov. Grand Chaplain, Bro. Rev. S. Y. B. Bradshaw, and the warrant of the M.W.G.M. was read by the respected Prov. G. Sec. Bro. John Tunnah. The oration on the nature and design of the Institution was then delivered by the Prov. G.M., who, at the conclusion of the address, said that as the rose (alluding to the emblem of the County Palatine of Lancaster) was the fairest among flowers, so might the St. George's Lodge become the paragon among the Lodges of the Province. After the invocation a procession was formed, consisting of Bro. James Hall Prov. G. Treas., bearing corn, Bro. C. Fitzgerald Matier P.G.W. Greece, bearing wine, and Bro. Rev. E. H. Aldridge P. Prov. G. Chap., bearing oil. After the customary solemn observances, the presiding officer formally constituted the Lodge in the name of the M.W.G.M. The chair was then vacated by Bro. Col. Starkie, and occupied by Bro. J. H. Sillitoe Prov. G. D. of C., who had ably discharged his duty in the foregoing ceremony. The W.M. designate, Bro. G. P. Brookbank P.P.G.D., was then presented by Bro. Tunnah, and after the usual formalities, regularly installed into the Oriental chair, before the largest board of Installed Masters ever seen in East Lancashire. On the re-admission of the Master Masons Bro. Brookbank appointed his officers as follow:—Bros. Thomas Entwistle P.M. 221, P. Prov. G.S. of W., S.W., J. W. Taylor P.M. 221 P. Prov. G. Org. J.W., George Ferguson P.M. 221 Treasurer (elected), J. Martin Rutter P.M. 221 Sec., Thos. Morris P.M. 221 S.D., W. H. J. Jones P.M. 221 J.D., Wm. Chas. Stanley W.M. 221 I.G. Thus every chair was filled by a P.M. of the Old Mother Lodge, St. John's, 221, and—*mirabile visu*—above each officer's place in the Lodge hung his banner. Heartly good wishes were expressed by all the visitors, of whom it would be impossible to give a list, as it would almost be a roll call of the past and present officers of the Province. After the close of the Lodge the brethren adjourned to banquet, which, by the courtesy of the committee of the Conservative Club, was held in their dining saloon. Bro. Brookbank presided, and was supported right and left by Bros. Col. Starkie, Rev. S. Y. B. Bradshaw, Rev. D. Aldridge, J. L. Hine, John Tunnah, C. F. Matier, J. H. Sillitoe, &c. The chairs of S. and J.W. were filled by Bros. Entwistle and Taylor. After banquet the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed by the chairman, and cordially responded to by the brethren. The health of the W.M. was proposed by Col. Starkie in an unusually eloquent manner. Alluding to the universality of Masonry, embracing rich and poor, the speaker quoted an epitaph from a tombstone in Elgin churchyard, which we do not remember to have heard before—

"This Life is a city full of streets,
And Death is the merchant that all men meets;
If Life was a thing that money could buy,
The poor couldn't live, and the rich wouldn't die."

Bro. J. L. Hine responded for the Masonic Charities, and made a powerful appeal both for the local Institution and for the London Masonic Charities. The health of the Visitors was proposed by the J.W., and responded to by Bro. C. F. Matier and Bro. J. H. Sillitoe, who both spoke in unqualified praise of the whole of the proceedings of the day. The Tyler's toast brought a most enjoyable day to a close. The musical arrangements, both in Lodge and at banquet, were under the control of Bros. Statham and Lister, and gave great satisfaction to the brethren and visitors. Indeed, we are so thoroughly impressed with the respect paid by our Bolton brethren to the watchwords of the Order that when they again consecrate a new Lodge we trust we may be there to see and wish them continued success and prosperity.

ORDER OF THE TEMPLE, IRELAND.

THE St. John's Preceptory, No. 384, Dundalk, one of the oldest in Ireland, met on Wednesday afternoon last, in regular Convocation, at the Masonic Hall of that town. Sir Knight Hugh McEwen Preceptor, notwithstanding the extreme severity of the evening, there was a full average attendance of the Comps. The New Ritual was strictly observed in working. Considerable interest was manifested respecting certain proceedings of the Great Priory, not calculated to give satisfaction to the Order generally, as excluding from the Council of Great Priory all Preceptories outside the immediate vicinity of Dublin, though, of course, they have their individual representative at the Convent General. The election of officers for 1878, was then proceeded with, when the following Knights were unanimously chosen—Richard Harvey P.M. R.K.M.E.P., Francis Scott M.D. Constable, W. R. Rogers Marshal, H. McEwen Reg. The minor offices were filled by each Companion being raised a step, after which the Chapter adjourned to St. John's day. The Companions supped together in the evening.

PROV. G. LODGE OF NORTHUMBERLAND.

ON Tuesday, 13th inst., the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Northumberland was held in the Assembly Rooms, Newcastle, under the banner of the De Loraine Lodge, No. 541. The interest of the gathering was considerably heightened by the consecration of the new Lodge, St. John's, No. 1712, Newcastle. The Provincial Grand Lodge was opened in due form by the R.W. Prov. G.M. Earl Percy, M.P., assisted by the following officers:—Bros. Joseph Cook P.G.S.W., H. Hanson P.G.J.W., John P. Forster P.G.S.D., J. H. Bentham P.G.J.D., E. D. Davis P.G.D.C., Thomas Cochran Asst. P.G.D.C., Richard Watson P.G. Organist; Bros. H. J. Heron, J. S. B. Bell, N. Mein, G. T. Gibson, Joseph Archibald, and J. C. Mowbray were the Stewards, and Bros. Joshua Curry and W. Simms Tylers. There was a very numerous attendance of distinguished Masons and Masters and brethren from the various Lodges in the Province, as well as several visiting brethren from the Province of Durham. After the Treasurer's and other reports had been read and received, the Masters of the various Lodges in the Province presented reports as to the condition and working of their respective Lodges during the past year, all of which were highly satisfactory. The routine business having been thus duly performed, the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master proceeded to perform the ceremony of consecrating the new Lodge of St. John's, No. 1712, of which Bro. Thomas Anderson P.M., &c., was duly installed W.M. for the year, and he, after having been saluted according to ancient custom, invested the following as his Officers:—Bros. H. Hill S.W., J. Bolam J.W., Ralph Carr Secretary, George Cockburn P.M. Treasurer, J. W. Brewis S.D., William Oglevie J.D., T. E. Smith S.S., William Cockburn P.M. D. of C. Bro. E. D. Davis P.M., &c., performed the duties of Installing Master with his usual ability. The R.W. Prov. G.M. invested the following as Provincial Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. L. M. Cockcroft D. Prov. G.M., R. H. Holmes 685 P.G.S.W., W. J. Ward 421 P.G.J.W., W. L. J. Cooley 1167, P.G. Chaplain, T. Anderson 541 and 1712 P.G. Treasurer, W. Cockburn 24 P.G. Registrar, B. J. Thompson P.G. Secretary, Nicholas Mein 541 P.G.S.D., Christopher Hopper 393 P.G.J.D., J. C. Mowbray 1342 P.G. S. of W., E. D. Davis 541 P.G.D. of C., Richard Aynon 481 P.G. Assist. D. of C., Aaron Guthrie P.G. Sword Bearer, Charles Shepherd 406 P.G. Organist, Thomas Halliday 406 P. G. Purs., Charles Alderson 636 Assistant P.G. Purs., Joseph Curry P.G. Tyler. Stewards—Bros. Ralph Carr 24, Thomas Robson 431, Wm. Gladstone 991, Alexander Ingram 1167, Wm. Cooper 1342, and John Nicholson 1557. The Provincial Lodge was then closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to the Queen's Head Hotel, Pilgrim-street, where a *réchérche* banquet was served. The chair was occupied by Earl Percy, M.P., Prov. G.M., and the vice-chair by Bro. R. H. Holmes P.G.S.W. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly given, and a pleasant evening was spent.

AUSTRALIA.

NEW SOUTH WALES.—A Masonic Lodge has been established at Dubbo, under the style of the "Macquarie." It is under the Scotch Constitution. A dispensation or charter has been granted, and the Lodge was formally opened in September, by P.M. Donaldson, of the Abbotsford Lodge, Gulgong.

The members of the Prince of Wales Lodge, E.C., No. 1653, Sydney, took occasion, at their meeting on the 7th September, to present Bro. Hugh Kennedy P.M., with a P.M.'s jewel on his retirement from the chair of the Lodge, of which he was the first Master. The jewel, which is of solid gold, was designed and made by Messrs. T. T. Jones and Son, of George-street. It is suspended on a blue ribbon, bearing the emblem of the Lodge, and in design and finish is a very attractive ornament.

MASONIC PRESENTATION.—There was a gay and festive gathering on Monday night at the annual meeting of the Zetland Royal Arch Chapter, No. 390, English Constitution, when the most excellent Companion William Webster presented a beautifully illuminated address on vellum (the artistic handiwork of Bro. George Kelp), in handsome massive gold frame, to Bro. Francis Burnand Davidson. The address read as follows:—"To Francis Burnand Davidson, Esq. Dear Sir and Excellent Companion, We, the Companions of the Zetland Royal Arch Chapter of Australia, No. 390, E.C., desire, on the occasion of the completion of your twentieth year of service in the important office you have so efficiently and honourably held in this Chapter, to convey to you the expression of our esteem for you as a gentleman and a Royal Arch Mason. And in testimony of our appreciation of the courtesy, integrity, and zeal which have ever characterised your long service in connexion with us as a member of our Chapter, we beg to present you with this address, and hope that it may be the pleasure of the Most High so to dispose events that you may long be spared to be amongst us. On behalf of the Chapter, we remain, Dear Sir and Companion, fraternally yours, William Webster Z., N. J. Robinson H., and E. Kirchner J." Comp. Davidson, in feeling terms, thanked the brethren for their esteem and good feeling toward him, and concluded a happy speech by reviewing the progress made by Royal Arch Masonry during the last twenty years. At the banquet, which followed the presentation, nearly 100 Companions sat down. After the usual loyal toasts were suitably responded to, the health of Comp. Davidson was drunk in bumpers.—*Evening News, Sydney, New South Wales, 26th September 1877.*

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PRECEPTORS OF LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Presuming that, from the many years during which I have had the honour of holding the position, I have justly earned the appellation of "Old Preceptor," the fact seems to impose upon me a duty to say a few words to "a new Preceptor" in reply to questions propounded by him in your last week's issue. To the first question, "*Am I not to be considered the Master and ruler of the Lodge in all matters connected with Freemasonry?*" I answer, no, because a Lodge of Instruction is governed upon precisely the same principles as a Mother Lodge. The presiding Master for the time being is the absolute ruler of the Lodge, a W.M. of a regular Lodge is responsible only to the Grand Lodge, and the Master of an Instruction Lodge indirectly to the same authority, but directly to the Mother Lodge under whose sanction it exists. To the second question, "*If my working differs from others, has any one the right to interrupt me, or try to alter my working?*" As a matter of courtesy, no, as a matter of duty, yes. A Preceptor may be an old and experienced Past Master, and in such a case the brethren would instinctively have confidence in his teachings and abide by his decisions; but, on the other hand, it is not impossible, indeed it has of late been not unfrequently the case, that a comparatively young, and in matters of importance, totally inexperienced brother, who happens to possess a decent knowledge of the Ritual, is, for various reasons, and more especially for failing to secure the services of a more expert Craftsman, chosen to fill the responsible position. Under such circumstances those present would naturally incline to accept the ruling of an old Master Mason, who is not only justified, but should most certainly consider it his duty to watch the proceedings, and, in case of need, interfere. To the third question, "*Has any member the right to bring propositions before the Lodge without my consent, although they have nothing to do with the Ritual?*" I reply, decidedly, yes. The very question is sufficient evidence of the newness, not only of the brother's Preceptorship, but of his knowledge of Masonic procedure altogether. A very apprentice, immediately upon his initiation, has the inalienable right to make propositions, even as to the admission or rejection of candidates or joining members, and to the exertion of his will, power and influence in turning the scale in the election of Worshipful Master and other important officers. Why should the right be denied to a member of an Instruction Lodge to exercise these functions? To the fourth question, "*Have I the right to vote on questions referring to the bye-laws, although I am an honorary member?*" I should say no, unless elected distinctly "with all the privileges of a subscribing member." Whether the fees amount to a penny or a pound the principle is the same. Honorary members in a regular Lodge do not enjoy the right to vote, and in this as in all other instances, the same course must be pursued by a Lodge of Instruction. Now I wish to give a word of advice to "A new Preceptor." As I have observed above, it is certainly uncourteous to interrupt a Preceptor, or indeed any of the officers in the discharge of their duties, unless necessitated by a flagrant deviation from the established landmarks, but it would be well for him to remember that the truly wise and cultivated are invariably the most diffident and humble, ever distrustful of their powers and capabilities, susceptible to correction, ready to lend an eager and willing ear to honest criticism, and an eye to the reception of a new ray of light from whatever source it may emanate. "A new Preceptor" may be full of wisdom and replete with knowledge and learning, but he will not, I presume, go so far as to consider himself infallible and immaculate. He should therefore set an example in courtesy by patient attention to the reasonings of his adverse critics, and either frankly acknowledge error or state grounds for adhering to his opinions. It is by such demeanour he may in the end succeed in establishing his authority and efficiency as a teacher, and secure the kindly consideration, esteem and goodwill of his pupils.]

Trusting "A new Preceptor" will take these remarks in the fraternal and friendly spirit in which they are given,

I am, yours fraternally,

E. GOTTHEIL,

P.M., P.Z., and Preceptor.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—It seems to me that "A NEW PRECEPTOR" has very crude ideas of the duties and responsibilities which properly belong to him, and that in him is concentrated the whole governing power of the Lodge. Now, very little is said in the Constitutions about Lodges of Instruction, but that little, I think, is sufficient to guide us in the way we should go.

Lodges of Instruction are held either "under the sanction of a regular Lodge, or by the special authority of the Grand Master." The working must have "received the sanction of the Grand Lodge." In the case of those in the London district, "notice of the time and place of meeting" must be sent to the Grand Secretary. They are to keep minutes of those present and those appointed to office, and these minutes must be produced whenever "called for by the Grand Master, the Board of General Purposes, or the Lodge granting the sanction." For all this, see our Constitutions, page 88. When a

Lodge of Instruction is assembled for the purpose of work, it has the usual complement of Officers, both principal and subordinate who possess for the time being, all the rights, powers, and privileges which belong to their respective offices in a regular Lodge. A Lodge of Instruction has the right to frame its own bye-laws, and these in my judgment must of necessity receive the approval of the parent Lodge; my reason for thus thinking being the ordinance in the Constitutions (p. 88), by which "the Lodge giving its sanction" as well as the brethren, to whom such licence is granted are made "answerable for the proceedings." In the alternative case, where the licence emanates from the Grand Master, the bye-laws enacted for the government of the said Lodge, must receive his approval. It also follows that all subscribing members must have a voice in the regulation of the Lodge proceedings. In short, a Lodge of Instruction must be conducted in the same manner as a regular Lodge, so far as relates to its constitution and proceedings. It cannot, of course, initiate, pass, or raise candidates. Its officers and members enjoy no rights or privileges outside the Lodge-room. For instance, its Masters and Wardens have no right to a seat in Grand Lodge; nor could its members claim admission into a regular Lodge, by virtue of their membership. So far, in the absence of any thing laid down to the contrary, I feel that I am right in making these assertions.

As regards the duties of a Preceptor, these appear to be simply those of an instructor, and nothing more. He is usually some experienced and enlightened Craftsman who is willing to give his time and services so that others may benefit by his knowledge and experience. He is or ought to be capable of rehearsing all the ceremonies and working the lectures perfectly. He should further be able to explain difficult or obscure passages. He has a right to expect that the members of the Lodge of which he is Preceptor will accept unreservedly his mode of working, provided, of course, it has received the sanction of the Grand Lodge. But when I have said this, I think I have stated all the rights and privileges which a Preceptor enjoys. Therefore, taking his four questions seriatim, I should answer them thus:—

First.—The Preceptor is "not to be considered the Master and ruler of the Lodge in all matters connected with Freemasonry." It would be a direct violation of our laws, which vest the government of Lodge in the Master and Wardens, were he so considered.

Second.—I do not think a Preceptor could reasonably object to a member suggesting another reading or interpretation, nor do I suppose that any member would rudely interrupt him in the discharge of his duties. Instruction is not confined to the mere parrot utterance of set formulæ, but includes explanation; and explanation involves discussion. This, however, is or ought to be in nowise subversive of the just authority of an efficient teacher who, moreover has, as I have said, a right to expect that members will bow to his judgment in matters of work, provided such has received the sanction of Grand Lodge.

Thirdly.—Every member has a perfect right to bring propositions before a Lodge of Instruction without the Preceptor's consent, "although they have nothing to do with the ritual." Otherwise it becomes a farce when the W.M. rises, just previous to closing the Lodge, and asks members if they have any to make.

Fourthly.—An honorary member, and therefore a Preceptor, who is an honorary member, has no right "to vote on questions referring to the bye-laws." Honorary membership is a compliment paid to worthy brethren, whether members or not of the Lodge so complimenting them, and therefore it confers no status whatever that I am aware of. Indeed, I do not see how a Preceptor can be an honorary member; for the latter is a non-subscribing member, and as such can hold no office, and has no voice in the government of the Lodge. A Preceptor may not pay any subscription, but he gives his services which are an equivalent.

Evidently "A NEW PRECEPTOR" has much to learn as to his position and duties. He describes himself as an honorary member, yet by virtue of his office of Preceptor he claims to be considered as Master and Ruler of the Lodge, and would deny subscribing members the right of bringing forward propositions unless they have first of all obtained his consent. I would suggest, in no unkindly spirit, that he should study our Constitutions, and the bye-laws of his Lodge of Instruction. Let him, also, dip occasionally into some work on jurisprudence; and, lastly, let him exercise a little common sense, whenever he finds himself in doubt as to the right thing to do under certain circumstances.

Apologising for the length of my communication, I subscribe myself neither an Old nor a New Preceptor, nor yet an aspirant for the office, but very fraternally yours,

HONORARY MEMBER OF A L. OF I.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—As an old Preceptor, I venture to answer the question of a "New Preceptor," in your last issue:—

1. You are not the Master of the Lodge, only the teacher; you are to see that the brethren acquire a proper and correct knowledge of the Rituals and Sections.

2. Your working ought to be guided by the Mother Lodge from whence the Warrant is granted, and to which the majority of the brethren belong.

3. You have no right to interfere in any proposition brought before the Lodge any more than another member, so long as it is not contrary to the Book of Constitutions, and then only to draw the attention of the members to such a law. You have no right whatever to lay down rules or regulations against the will of the members. And—

4. You have a right to vote, but if a New Preceptor will follow the advice of an Old Preceptor, he will not exercise that right; let him remain neutral on every question. He may propose the brother to occupy the chair; or, that such or such ceremony be worked; but this is about all.

AN OLD PRECEPTOR.

NEEDING HELP.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Permit me to acknowledge with grateful thanks the undermentioned subscriptions on behalf of the widow and children of the late Bro. Goddin, referred to in your valuable paper of 17th inst., also to thank you for your kindness in receiving subscriptions on behalf of the unfortunate family.

	£	s	d
Percy Lodge of Instruction, per Bro. Fenner	1	0	0
Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, per do. ...	0	7	6
Sincerity Lodge, 174	2	2	0
Bro. Hilliard, W.M. 174	0	10	0
„ J. S. Johnson, 174	0	5	0
„ F. Brown, 174	0	5	0
„ H. J. Cant, 174	0	5	0
„ George Jones, 174	0	5	0
„ G. F. Dix, 1421	0	5	0
„ G. H., 1421	0	5	0
A few Friends per Bro. Morgan	0	6	6
Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, per Bro. Morgan	1	1	6
Bro. T. J. Barnes, P.M. 554, 933	1	1	0
Langthorne Lodge, 1421	1	1	0
Bro. J. G. Stevens, P.M. 554, 933	0	10	6
„ W. Steedman, 1421	0	10	0
„ Geo. Levick, 1421	0	5	0
„ Alfred Furness, 1421	0	5	0

I am, yours faithfully,

CHARLES LACEY, P.M. 174, &c.

[We shall be pleased to receive and forward any other amounts which may be sent us.—ED. F.C.]

MEETINGS AT TAVERNS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I was very glad to see the letter of Bro. J. G. Dunn in your impression of Saturday. It has for a long time appeared to me very ridiculous for London brethren to complain about the drawbacks to meeting in taverns when they fail to avail themselves of the excellent accommodation afforded by the London Masonic Club. When that Club was first started I took a share, and also became a member, although scarcely ever visiting town, simply in the hope and expectation that others were doing the same, and that an institution would be thus formed, widely supported in the Craft, which would become a sort of rallying point for brethren at all times and occasions. My stake, as you see, in the concern is so small as to be a matter of little moment, but I must confess to a feeling of great disappointment at finding the club so wretchedly supported as it is. That many Provincial cities and towns should be able to support Masonic clubs, and that our Metropolitan brethren cannot do so—even with the supplemental aid of their less wealthy provincial brethren—looks to me as if their real love of Masonry lies but skin deep.

I sincerely hope that the approaching meeting of shareholders on the 27th inst. will mark the turning point in the history of the Club, and that London brethren will not permit an institution already in good working order to lapse through their lack of pluck.

I am, yours fraternally,

A YORKSHIRE W.M.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I am glad to find that Bro. Dunn, the Secretary of the London Masonic Club, has come forward, and pointed out that the Club premises in Queen Victoria-street “afford every facility and accommodation” for Lodge meetings. He would be doing still further service if he would give some general idea of the terms and conditions on which Lodges might arrange to meet there. Given reasonable terms, I do not doubt there are very many Lodges which would be only too glad to take up their quarters there rather than meet, as now, in taverns; though it cannot be denied that very many of these are highly respectable and well-conducted establishments.

Fraternally yours,

ALPHA.

SIGNING ATTENDANCE BOOK.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In reply to “a Provincial Mason,” I beg to say that in my humble opinion the Attendance Book may very properly, and indeed should always be used on occasions of Masonic gatherings. In the Lodge over which I have the honour to preside the Attendance Book is used whenever the members are called together by circular, whether to attend a banquet, a funeral, or on any other special occasion. As all meetings convened by circular are official I should say that there is every reason why the names of the brethren present should be recorded in an official manner.

I am, yours fraternally,

20th Nov. 1877.

A NORTH COUNTRY W.M.

VALLEY OF NEW ZEALAND.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In reply to your correspondent “A Knight, &c,” I would submit that when a Masonic body, which may originally have been deemed “a schism,” receives the patronage of the highest rulers in Masonry, and the submission of the largest proportion of members of the Order which it professes to govern, in the country in which it is established, it ceases to be a schism, and should, according to all Masonic usage, be recognised, as representing the wishes of the majority. If this be not so, we need not look very far back to find that every institution on the face of the earth is “a schism.”

Hitherto I believe all Masonry in the Australasian colonies has derived from the ruling Masonic bodies of Great Britain and Ireland, and it would be thought a monstrous breach of decorum if any party of Australian Masons were to apply for, and receive from the Grand Orient of Egypt—for instance—a charter for a Blue Lodge. In the same way, if our New Zealand friends wished for a separate Supreme Grand Council of the A. and A. Rite, why did they not apply to one of the ruling bodies in England, Scotland or Ireland, and so obtain their constitution in an orthodox manner?

As your correspondent has not corrected me on that point, I presume my information is correct, that the New Zealanders did obtain their authority from the Grand Orient of Egypt.

Considering that our Colonial brethren are agreed, by an overwhelming majority, that the time has not yet arrived for any movement on their part for the establishment of a Grand Lodge for all Australia and New Zealand, I should say that the acquisition of a Supreme Grand Council for New Zealand alone was highly undesirable, and far from calculated to maintain the prestige of the Order.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

ROSE CROIX.

19th November 1877.

THE COSMOPOLITAN CALENDAR.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BRO.—I quite agree with you that the editing of this publication is of a very lax description, which is much to be regretted, as I believe it is the only publication professing to give Masonic information beyond the strict limits of “The Craft.” Turning over a copy of the edition for 1878, just received, and glancing down the list of Mark Lodges, I find no mention on the list of the York Mark Lodge (Time Immemorial), a Lodge which worked independently until November 1876, when it was received under the banner of the Grand Lodge Mark Lodge of England, and honoured with a “Time Immemorial” position. Surely this is a grave omission, nor does it stand solitary.

I am, yours fraternally,

16th Nov., 1877.

A MARK MASON.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I am under the impression that a new chapter of H.R.M. of the Royal Order of Scotland was opened in London this year, but I see no mention of it in the “Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar,” which professes to give a list of R.O.S. Lodges and Chapters. Am I correct in my impression, and if so can you inform me where an authentic list is to be obtained?

I am, yours fraternally,

20th Nov. 1877.

AN ENQUIRER.

A few members of the St. John's Lodge met on Wednesday, the 21st inst., at Bro. G. Bubb's, 167 New Bond-street, for the purpose of presenting a gold Past Master's jewel, set with a diamond, with suitable inscription, to Bro. A. Pinto Leite, P.M. of the St. John's Lodge, No. 795. The presentation was made in appropriate terms by Bro. G. Bubb W.M. of the Lodge and P.M. 110, and was suitably acknowledged.

THE English nation is said to be deeply agitated over the question as to whether Shakespeare was over a Freemason. Some people think he was, because he alludes somewhere to the kingly pines and the royal larches. From this they infer that he was a Royal Arch Mason. But he wasn't. It is true that he was a skilful performer on the triangle, and that he used occasionally to get plumb full; but his weakness was smuggled whisky, which had never been gauged, and it invariably levelled him. When Shakespeare was a little boy, he used to ride on a big goat all round the lodge of Sir Thomas Lucy, but that is the nearest he ever came to being Free and Accepted. Further particulars can be had by applying to Mr. Morgan, who was thrown over Niagara Falls some years ago.—San Francisco News Letter.

Deaths.

On the 17th November, at 3 Queen-street, Lancaster, PER X ST. AUBYN DANIEL MOORE, aged seven years, only son of Bro. Dr. J. D. MOORE, P.G.S.B. of England, &c.

At his residence, 9 Cambridge-terrace, Arundel-square, Barnsbury, on Sunday, the 18th inst., GEORGE PRICE, aged 42.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

William Preston Lodge, No. 766.—The installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Thursday last, at the Cannon-street Hotel, E.C. Lodge was opened by Bro. W. E. Newton the W.M., with S. D. Ewins S.W. and W.M. elect, C. R. Cutmore J.W., Capt. Geo. J. Kain P.M. Treas., W. Worrell P.M. Sec., E. Kidman S.D., W. Drake J.D., W. J. Roberts I.G. Past Masters Bros. G. Newman, A. Braun, W. J. Miller, John Pringle, A. C. Rees P.M. and P.P.G.S.B. New Zealand, and several brethren. Bro. James Turle Leo was passed, and, after favourable ballots had been declared in the case of Messrs. E. Wood and W. J. Heath, those two gentlemen, together with Mr. C. Pay, who had already been accepted, were initiated. This ceremony completed, Bro. S. D. Ewins the S.W. was presented, and duly installed as W.M. for the ensuing year. On the admission of the brethren and usual formalities having been observed, he invested the following as the Officers for the year, addressing to each a few well chosen remarks on their appointment, and performing the whole ceremony in such an eloquent manner as to win the approval of all present:—Bros. W. E. Newton I.P.M., C. R. Cutmore S.W., E. Kidman J.W., Capt. Kain P.M. Treasurer, W. Worrell P.M. Sec., W. Drake S.D., W. J. Roberts J.D., W. F. Smart I.G., George Newman P.M. Steward, W. J. Collins D.C. The W.M. then attached to the breast of the I.P.M. a very handsome Past Master's jewel, which had been voted by the Lodge, and presented it with a few appropriate remarks, hoping that their I.P.M. would long be present, adorned with this mark of the appreciation in which he is held by the brethren. Bro. Capt. Kain then formally moved a proposition of which he had given notice, and this being seconded, was unanimously carried. The W.M. then closed the Lodge, and this ceremony he performed as well as those of the other three degrees in first-rate manner, showing that the work of the Lodge had received careful study from him. The appearance of the Lodge room, as well as the banquet saloon, was greatly admired; the banners of the Master and Past Masters greatly adding to the effect. The brethren adjourned to banquet, which finished, and grace having been said, the W.M. proposed the toast of the Queen and the Craft, H.R.H. the M.W.G.M., the Pro Grand Master and the D.G.M. and the rest of the Grand Officers, each receiving an enthusiastic reception from the brethren. The next toast was that of the Initiates. The W.M. gave the new brethren a hearty welcome. Every Lodge is proud of new members, and as they had three this evening they must give them a good reception. Bro. Wood was the first to reply. He would endeavour to act up to the principles laid down to him during the evening. Bro. Pay returned his most sincere thanks, he trusted he should become a good Mason, and fulfil all that is required of a true brother. Bro. Heath also tendered his thanks. The I.P.M. Bro. Newton rose, and proposed the health of the W.M. From what the brethren had seen they could judge that he would prove a most efficient Master. In acknowledging the toast, the W.M. thanked the brethren for electing him as Master and assured them that he would perform the duties to the best of his ability, and hoped it would prove to the satisfaction of the brethren. He then gave the health of the Visitors, all of whom he was pleased to see. Bro. White expressed the pleasure he experienced in seeing the W.M. in his present position. Bro. Rudderforth followed, and, as Preceptor of the Lodge of Instruction working under the sanction of the Lodge, briefly recorded what use they had made of the privilege accorded them by the Mother Lodge. Several other visitors also replied. The W.M. then proposed the health of the Past Masters. Bro. Miller replied, and on their behalf tendered his thanks for the reception given the toast. He was sure that all the Past Masters would agree with him, when he stated that he and they were ever ready to work for the good of the William Preston Lodge. The toast of the Officers, coupled with the names of the Treasurer, Secretary and Senior Warden followed, and was most enthusiastically received. Bro. Kain hoped he was known and respected by all. As Treasurer, if any brother was in arrears, it would soon be his privilege to know Bro. Kain. The Secretary and S.W. also tendered their thanks, after which the Tyler was summoned and the meeting concluded. Several members of the Lodge, as well as some of the visitors, gave some excellent songs during the evening, Bro. J. Turle presiding at the piano in his well-known style. The visitors were Bros. John White W.M. 1076, John Dorton I.P.M. 1076, H. B. Holliday P.M., F. Brien S.W., A. Renshaw, H. Massey P.M., W. H. Rudderforth 12, W. W. Morgan jun., and many other brethren of distinction.

Andrew Chapter, No. 834.—The regular Convocation of this well established Chapter was held on Thursday, the 15th inst., at the Bell and Anchor Hotel, West Kensington Gardens. The Chapter was opened in the usual manner, and the Companions admitted, when the minutes of the previous meeting were duly read and confirmed. Amongst those present were Comps. Worthington M.E.Z., Bryett H., Adamson J., Lines Treas., Read S.E., Cole S.N., Game P.S., Avery 1st Ass. Soj., Barfield 2nd Ass. Soj. P.Z.'s, Hardy, Thompson, Slack, Millis, &c. The Visitors were Comps. Carter and Dixon, both of the Windsor Castle Chapter 771. Comps. Bryett, Adamson, and Game were duly installed as 1st, 2nd and 3rd principals, the ceremonies being performed by Comp. Read P.Z. in such a manner as to draw forth the special approbation of those present. After the M.E.Z. had been saluted in due form by the re-admitted Companions, several brethren were ballotted for, to be exalted at the ensuing meeting. The presentation of a P.Z. jewel to Comp. Worthington for his past services concluded the business of the evening, when the Chapter was closed, and the Companions adjourned to a sumptuous banquet provided by and served under the personal superintendence of Comp. Millis, and it would be well if some of the larger establishment at the City and West End took a lesson from Comp. Millis in this respect. The menus were of a particularly novel character, great taste being shewn in their style and execution. Grace having been said, the usual Loyal and Masonic

toasts were well given and responded to. Comp. Worthington, in proposing the health of the M.E.Z., took occasion to give an account of his long experience of Comp. Bryett's abilities, and the pleasure it gave him to see so worthy a man and Mason at the head of the Andrew Chapter, feeling assured that from his industry and skill the working of the Chapter would not suffer at his hands. The M.E.Z. responded in a few choice sentences. In proposing the health of the Past Principals, he referred to Comp. Worthington for the able way he had carried out his previous duties, Comp. Lines for the kind manner he always looked after their finances, Comps. Thompson and Slack for always attending when their healths permitted, Comp. Millis for doing so much towards the creature comforts, and Comp. Read for his kindness in always being there to give instruction and lend a helping hand in carrying out the beautiful ceremonies. The Janitor's toast brought to a close a most delightful evening.

Whittington Lodge, No. 862.—The installation meeting was held on Monday, 19th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street. The W.M. Bro. C. Walker occupied the chair, he was supported by Bros. A. Moore S.W., Jones P.M. as J.W., T. Kingston P.M. Treas., J. Weaver P.M. P.G.O. Midlx. Sec., Blakemore S.D., C. E. Packer J.D. P.M.'s Bros. Howson, Jones, T. Kingston, W. Hurlestone, and Bros. Knell, Ward, Brown, Devine, Collinson, Cox, Hill, Pike, Boxell, Maxwell, &c. Preliminaries being observed, Bro. Pike was raised to the third degree. The report of the Audit Committee was adopted, it showed the Lodge was in a flourishing state. A board of Installed Masters was opened, and Bro. Alf. Moore W.M. elect was presented to the Lodge, by Bro. J. Weaver P.M., and the retiring W.M. Bro. Chas. Walker installed his successor into the chair of K.S., in a manner that reflected great credit on him. The customary salutations having been given, the W.M. appointed and invested his officers:—Bros. C. Walker I.P.M., Blakemore S.W., C. E. Packer was appointed J.W., Jones P.M. kindly accepted the office pro tem, T. Kingston P.M. re-elected Treas., Jas. Weaver P.M. Sec. P.P.G.O. Middlesex, Godden S.D., Tate J.D., Bolton I.G., Nell D.C., C. Walker I.P.M., W. S. Gilbert P.G.T. Middlesex Tyler. The W.M. addressed each Brother on investment in feeling and appropriate terms. A proposition for a brother to join the Lodge was handed in, and the Secretary read a very flattering letter from his Lodge, showing the high esteem he is held in. Two gentlemen were proposed for initiation. A letter was read from Bro. J. B. Monckton, President of the Board of General Purposes, regretting his absence; one from Bro. J. Hervey G.S.; also one from Bro. C. E. Packer J.W., who was absent in Germany. Bro. T. Kingston P.M. had handed in the sum of £6 to be placed to the Benevolent Fund, and a Brother, whose name was not to be mentioned, also gave the sum of 21s. Bro. Jones proposed, and Bro. C. Walker I.P.M. seconded, that a sum of £10 be placed on the list of Bro. Sedgwick, who is a Steward for the next Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and the Widows of Freemasons. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren sixty in number, sat down to a sumptuous banquet and dessert, provided by Bro. A. Best, and superintended by Bro. E. Dawkins. *Non Nobis Domini*, having been sung by Bros. Hodges, Stedman, J. T. Lee and Tinney, the W.M., who very ably presided, proposed the toast of the Queen and the Craft. After the National Anthem, the W.M. proposed the toast of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M. The Glee, "Haste ye, soft gales," was then sung. The toast of the M.W. the Pro G.M., the Deputy G.M. and the rest of the Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of England was given and very energetically responded to. Bro. C. Walker I.P.M. then rose: It was his province for the next twelve months to propose the toast of the W.M. He felt sure they would receive it with a great deal of pleasure; all had witnessed the manner Bro. Moore had performed his duty; he was true and trusty, and he would fill the chair with credit to himself and satisfaction to the members. Bro. E. C. Tinney then sang, "Watching the Life Boat," and was deservedly applauded. The W.M. in reply said he was very gratified by the kind remarks of Bro. Walker; he hoped to deserve the encomiums passed on him. He hoped during the year they might have many additions to their numbers. However, let them have quality in preference to quantity. He likened the Craft to a good old ship, and very ably illustrated his remarks by saying they should not ship any hands that would not in the end be a credit to the good old ship. He now had a pleasant duty to propose the health of the I.P.M., Bro. Chas. Walker. They had accepted what he had to do as granted; Bro. Walker had done his duty in every respect, and had concluded a very successful year of office. Bro. Moore then presented the I.P.M. with the elegant jewel which had been voted by the Lodge. Bro. Walker said, he thanked the W.M. for his kind expressions, and the brethren for the way they had received the toast; he stood in a very proud position; the Whittington was not his mother Lodge, but he had been a member for eleven years. He had now passed the chair, and he was proud to join the ranks of its Past Masters. He would always wear the jewel with pride, and as a token of their approbation; the present W.M., he was sure, would in every respect do his duty. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Visitors; he mentioned their names, and called on Bro. Benson to respond to the toast. Bro. Hodges then sang the "Meeting of the Waters." Bro. Capt. Benson returned thanks; his cosmopolitan antecedents were such that he had responded to the toast of the Visitors in every part of the globe; it was the same feeling that had existed from time immemorial, he had seen the benefit of it in every clime, for while we are wearing the badges and exhibiting the certificates of Freemasonry we as brethren are welcome in every part of the globe. He then gave a very interesting episode of the Russian war in 1814, when a brother was taken prisoner. On being cast on shore, a Russian officer saw he was a Mason. His life was spared, and he was taken to the camp, where he was well treated. Captain Benson then, in the name of the visitors, heartily thanked the members. The W.M., in proposing

the toast of the P.M.'s, said it was a toast frequently brought before them, but always with credit. On this occasion he had great pleasure in coupling with it the name of Bro. Hurlestone, one of the founders of the Lodge. A quartette, "The Tar's Song," was then sung. Bro. Hurlestone returned thanks for the kind manner he had been referred to. It was to him a great happiness to be present on this occasion; he wished their Lodge every prosperity. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Officers. Bro. James Weaver P.M. and Secretary replied. Bro. Kingston P.M. followed, as did also the S.W. and J.W. The Tyler's toast was then given. The Visitors were Bros. T. A. Briggs 1503, H. Massey P.M. 619, H. W. Vaughan 1503, Tilley 891, Benson, W. A. Tinney P.M. 1319, H. Whally 1670, J. Canham 190, J. Binge-mann P.M. 55, C. E. Tinney 1319, W. H. Marston W.M. 1599, Anderson J.W. 60 and 11, Ansell, B. Cant 201, H. M. Levy P.M. 188, &c.

Wandsworth Lodge, No. 1044.—A meeting was held at the Spread Eagle Hotel, on Wednesday evening, 21st inst. The following officers were present:—Bros. H. R. Jones W.M., W. A. Morgan S.W., A. N. Newens J.W., J. B. Walker S.D., W. J. Huntley J.D., J. J. Holland I.G., H. Wilson Treasurer, J. Frost Secretary, and S. Steed Tyler. The Past Masters were—Bros. P. Cooke, J. G. Carter, E. H. Boddy, J. G. Kowney, F. H. Newens, and G. Howick; also Bros. R. Walker, G. Clark, J. W. Haines, G. W. Smith, R. Neal, G. Neal, G. Fortescue, W. Springett, J. Stonehewer, S. C. Landon, H. F. Goodchild, and A. A. Denham. Bros. R. H. Keeley No. 1184, H. Bickerstaff P.M. No. 1329, and E. Carter No. 1041, were visitors. The minutes of the last meeting having been confirmed, Bro. F. Reed, Earl Spencer Lodge, No. 1420, was elected a joining member, being proposed by Bro. P. Cooke P.M., and seconded by Bro. J. G. Kowney P.M. The ballot was then taken for two new members—Mr. William Price and Mr. Henry John Newens. The former was proposed by Bro. W. J. Huntley, and seconded by Bro. A. N. Newens, while the latter was proposed by Bro. A. N. Newens, and seconded by Bro. Past Master F. H. Newens. The election proved unanimous, and the candidates were then duly initiated by the W.M., Bro. H. R. Jones. Bro. A. A. Denham, seconded by Bro. W. J. Huntley, gave notice of the following motion:—"That the *Freemason's Chronicle* and the *Freemason* be procured weekly, at the expense of the Lodge, and filed for reference." The brethren now adjourned to the banquet, which was presided over by the W.M., whose health was proposed by Bro. Past Master P. Cooke, and drank with Masonic honours. Other customary toasts were given.

United Brothers Lodge, No. 1069.—A most successful meeting was held on Monday, 12th inst., at the Castle Hotel, Southsea, when Bro. J. E. Ivimey was installed W.M. for the ensuing year. The ceremony was performed by Bro. M. E. Frost P.G. Treasurer, the retiring W.M. of the Lodge, who was one of the founders of 1069, and has twice filled the chair, besides being for several years its Secretary. Among the members and visitors present on Monday were the following:—Bros. G. Rake J.G.W. Hants and Isle of Wight, H. Ford P.P.G.W., G. H. De Fraine P.P.G.D., E. M. Wells P.P.G.D., T. Batchelor P.P.G.S.W., F. Court W.M. 257, G. Bond W.M. 487, Whitcomb W.M. 1705, Bunting P.M. 487, J. Whale P.M. 309, R. V. Brown P.M. 1069, W. Gibbs 487, W. E. Atkins 487, Parker 257, G. F. Sherman 487, H. J. Andrews 309, Kelway, and the officers of 1069. The new Master having been duly installed appointed his officers for the ensuing year as follow:—Bro. M. E. Frost I.P.M., R. J. Murrell S.W., E. Izod J.W., H. M. Emanuel P.M. Treasurer, E. Groves P.M. Secretary, Fred. Feltham S.D., J. Gieve J.D., W. C. Redward P.M. D.C., A. Wendover I.G., Exell Tyler.

Earl of Zetland Lodge, No. 1364.—The interesting ceremony of the installation of W.M. took place on Saturday last, at the Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney, on which occasion a large number of brethren and visitors were present. The Lodge was opened at 4 p.m. by the W.M. Bro. Ernest Wright. The whole of the officers were present. After the reading of the minutes the Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the W.M. elect, Bro. J. H. Maples, was presented for installation. The Lodge was opened in the third degree, and a board of Installed Masters was formed, consisting of Bros. Buss Assistant Grand Secretary, W. E. Compertz P.M. Gresham 869, W. R. Marsh P.M. Albion 9, James Pinder P.M. Kent 15, Perrin P.M. Victoria 1056, H. Hollis P.M. St. John's 167, J. Tickle P.M. Urban 1196, J. Bartleet P.M. Era 1423, E. Wright W.M., W. Bristo, G. A. Rean, Low, and R. A. Wright 1364, when Bro. J. H. Maples was duly obligated, entrusted, and placed in the chair of K.S. The board of Installed Masters was then closed, and the new W.M. invested his Immediate P.M. Bro. E. Wright. The brethren were admitted, and the W.M. was saluted in due form. The W.M. then proceeded to appoint his officers as follow:—Bro. Gompertz S.W., Fieldwick, J.W., Rev. H. D. Pearson, M.A., Chaplain, R. A. Wright P.M. Treasurer, J. L. Fysh P.M. Secretary, Augustus F. Lay S.D., Cockett J.D., Low P.M. D.C., James F. Haskins Organist, Benn Humphrey I.G., Fitzgerald Sen. W.S., Otto Dittmar Jun. W.S., R. W. Goddard Tyler. A vote of thanks was recorded to Bro. W. Heath P.P.G.S.W. Herts for the very able manner in which he had performed the installation ceremony. A P.M.'s jewel was presented to Bro. E. Wright by the W.M., who feelingly referred to the admirable manner in which the I.P.M. had discharged his duties, and hoped he might be spared many years to wear it, which compliment the I.P.M. suitably acknowledged. A proposal was made for initiation at next meeting. The Lodge was then closed. The brethren adjourned to Guildhall Tavern to the banquet, where, after grace had been sung by Madame De Valence, Bros. Colson Phillips and Seymour Smith, the W.M. proposed the toast of the Queen and the Craft, followed by that of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M., both of which toasts were received with enthusiasm, and the National Anthem and "Hail to thee, Albert," were sung. The next toast on the list was the Earl of Carnarvon

Pro G.M., Lord Skelmersdale D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, which was acknowledged by Bro. Buss, who specially dwelt on the invaluable aid promptly rendered by the Pro G.M. to Masonry, notwithstanding his innumerable engagements. Bro. Buss took occasion to comment upon the working of the officers of the Lodge, and said it was a bye-word in Masonry that if you wanted to see good working, go to the Earl of Zetland Lodge; if you wanted to see a good Director of Ceremonies, you would there see Bro. Low. Bro. Ernest Wright proposed the health of the W.M., who he referred to as one who would preside over the Lodge with credit; he was the first initiate, and had filled every office in the Lodge. Bro. Maples acknowledged the compliment which had been paid him by the brethren; he would always do his duty. He then gave the health of the I.P.M., who, in reply, warned the brethren against indiscriminately proposing persons of whom they had little knowledge. The financial position of the Lodge was such that they could even dispense with joining members, and no person should be proposed unless they were such as they could feel they could invite to their houses. The health of the Installing Master followed. He, in thanking the brethren, said that he thought joining members were the back bone of a Lodge. The health of the Chaplain, Initiates, Visitors, Officers, Treasurer, Secretary, D.C., Organist and Stewards followed, in rapid succession. Each toast was suitably acknowledged, and the Tyler then brought the proceedings to a close. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. J. F. Haskins, and the rendering of the song of the "Dashing White Sergeant," by Madame De Valence and the humorous songs, "Lord Mayor's Day" and "A Visit to the Opera," both of which were rendered by Bro. Seymour Smith, were much applauded. In addition to the list of Visitors already given, there were present Bros. W. Gray Marquess of Ripon Lodge 1459, J. W. Cook Guion, G. Blackman Albion 9, W. S. Buck Urban 1196, Kingsford, J. Lake and T. Taylor, &c.

West Smithfield Lodge, No. 1626.—The regular meeting was held on Thursday, the 15th inst., at the New Market Hotel, West Smithfield. Bro. T. W. Adams W.M., G. S. Elliot S.W., F. Walters P.P.G.D. P.M. Sec., J. Howe J.W., G. H. Stephens as S.D., G. S. Wintle P.M. J.D., W. Malthouse W.S., and Bros. J. Mc Cluer, Butt, Steward, W. Pennefather P.M. D.C., &c., and Visitors—Bros. S. Page 1326, L. Van Boelen 1275, H. Roffey 1326, &c. After the minutes had been confirmed, Bros. C. Craddock and H. Roffey were raised. Bros. E. C. Van Wasenen, W. McCluer, Butt, J. Chapman, and C. Goodchild were passed, and Mr. J. Howard was duly initiated into the Order. Bro. E. Mallett W.M. 141 was elected a joining member. Bro. J. Howe was elected to serve as Steward for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution at the next Festival. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren partook of a very excellent banquet, provided by the worthy host. The usual toasts were given and responded to.

Langton Lodge, No. 1673.—We had the pleasure of enjoying the hospitality of this Lodge, on Wednesday last, at their convenient quarters, the London Masonic Club, 101 Queen Victoria-street, E.C. In the absence of the W.M. (Bro. H. Stead), his son Bro. J. K. Stead P.M. and Treas. occupied the chair, and opened the Lodge with Bros. J. Langton S.W., Dobbing J.W. and acting Sec., Dunn as S.D., A. Rosenthal J.D., Fuentes I.G., A. P. Fabian P.P.S.G.W. Hampshire as P.M., W. Laing Tyler. The agenda paper was a very full one, and the business commenced with the raising of Bros. Davies, Marnor, and Strauss, after which Bro. McKinlay was passed. Ballots were taken for the admission of Messrs. J. A. Dickson and S. Semple, and both resulted favourably. Lodge having been called off for a short time was resumed, and the above two gentlemen, with Mr. Faber, who had already been accepted, were admitted to Masonic light, the ceremony being performed by the W.M. each candidate separately. The W.M. proposed that the thanks of the members be voted to Bro. Ridley for his having so successfully represented the Lodge at the recent Festival of the Boys' School; this being seconded, was passed and briefly acknowledged. Four propositions for initiation, and one for joining were handed in, after which the Lodge was closed. The brethren adjourned to the banquet room, and partook of a well propided repast, which was served in a way reflecting great credit on the officials of the Club. The usual toasts were given by the acting Master. Bro. Fabian proposed the health of the W.M. of the Lodge; he is a most excellent Mason, and a good Master. In his absence they were presided over by his son, who was, if he might say it, in every respect his equal. This toast having met with a hearty response, was briefly acknowledged. The W.M. regretting that the absence of his father had brought him into such prominence. He now gave the Initiates. All Lodges, especially new ones, want new blood, this evening they had three new members; he was pleased to give them a hearty welcome, and although not strong in number, he felt sure they would prove strong in quality. The initiates having each replied, the W.M. gave the Visitors. At no meeting of their Lodge had they been without some, he hoped they would always be so favoured. He tendered the welcome of the Lodge, and trusted their visitors had been entertained, both during labour and at refreshment. Bros. Levy P.M. 188 and Harty W.M. 1201 replied. The toast of the Officers was next given. In the person of the S.W., Bro. Langton, after whom the Lodge had been named, they had a most energetic brother; he is working hard to fill the chair of the Lodge, which the Master felt sure he would do with credit. Bro. Dobbin the J.W. was deserving their special thanks, for having stepped in and so efficiently acted as Secretary since their late one had resigned. Bros. Langton and Dobbin each replied, after which the Tyler was summoned. The visitors were—Bros. J. Wood 180, John G. Horsey 186, H. M. Levy P.M. 188, E. J. Harty W.M. 1281, W. W. Morgan jun. 1385, W. E. Cotton 1470, J. S. Sealey 1498.

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THE WINTER HALF-YEARLY COMMUNICATION of this Grand Lodge will be held at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, London, on Tuesday, the 4th of December 1877, when and where all Grand Officers (past and present), W. Masters, Past Masters, Wardens, and Overseers of Private Lodges are hereby summoned to attend, and at which, by permission, all regularly registered Mark Masons may be present.

Grand Lodge will be opened at Five o'clock p.m. Dinner can be provided at the Holborn Restaurant, at Seven o'clock at a charge of Five Shillings, exclusive of Wine.

Brethren intending to be present are requested to send their names to the Grand Stewards, care of the Grand Secretary as under, not later than Monday, the 3rd of December.

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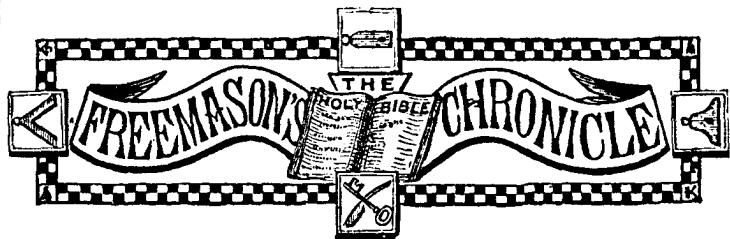
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OUR WEEKLY BUDGET.

YESTERDAY had been arranged for the return of the Court from the Highlands, but the illness of Prince Leopold has, we regret to say, prevented the Queen from undertaking the journey. The Princess of Wales, also, had been detained at Abergeldie by reason of the continued illness of Miss Knollys, who recovers from her severe relapse more slowly than had been expected, but according to arrangements Her Royal Highness left for the South on Thursday afternoon. After his visit to Lord and Lady Walsingham, the Prince of Wales honoured Lord Londesborough by becoming his guest at Londesborough House in the East Riding. On Tuesday His Royal Highness paid a flying visit to Selby, en route to Lord Londesborough's estate at Thorpe for the purpose of a day's shooting. The worthy people of Selby resolved therefore on preparing a hearty welcome for the Royal visitor, and set about decorating the streets and houses of their quaint old town. The Prince had a good day's sport, but during the day a most unfavourable change occurred in the weather, and the return of the shooting party to Selby Station was accomplished through a persistent heavy rain, which would not be denied. Consequently there was intense disappointment, especially as the illumination, which had been looked forward to as the great achievement of the day, was a complete failure. The Prince, however, let it be known that he highly appreciated the honour which it had been determined to show him, and that he sympathised fully with the people of Selby at the disappointment they had met with. On Saturday, the Princess Mary of Cambridge, Duchess of Teck, and her husband, accompanied by the Earl and Countess of Brownlow visited Hemel Hempstead for the purpose of opening the new infirmary just erected there. The Earl of Verulam, Lord-Lieutenant of the County, the Bishop of St. Albans, the members for the county, Messrs. Abel Smith, the Hon. H. F. Cowper and T. F. Halsey, Esq., with the principal nobility and gentry of West Herts and the Municipality of Hemel Hempstead, were present. After the usual address Her Royal Highness declared the building open, and then followed a *déjeuner*, at which the Earl of Verulam presided. One of the toasts of the afternoon, "the health of the Princess Mary Adelaide, Duchess of Teck, and the Duke of Teck," was drunk with the greatest cordiality, and responded to by the latter in a brief but suitable speech. The other important toast, "Prosperity to the West Herts Infirmary, &c., &c." was also received with enthusiasm, and after Earl Brownlow and Mr. Ryder, president of the Institution, had duly acknowledged it, the Rev. Mr. Thompson read out the list of subscriptions, and announced that the amount contributed was in excess of £3,000.

The trial of the four detectives and Mr. Froggatt, solicitor, terminated on Tuesday. The jury found Meiklejohn, Druscovich, Palmer, and Froggatt guilty, but acquitted Clarke. Two of the four convicted, namely, Druscovich and Palmer, were recommended to the merciful consideration of the Court; but, in passing sentence, Baron Pollock made no distinction, and they were severally condemned to two years' imprisonment with hard labour. The prisoners were removed in custody, and as there are other indictments on which the law advisers of the Crown may proceed, if they are so minded, Chief Inspector Clarke was released on his own recognisances of £100, to appear, if necessary, on a future occasion and answer them. Thus has ended one of the most memorable, and certainly most exciting, trials of our day. The one point on which we think it needful to offer a remark is, that it was protracted to an inordinate length. It seems to us that either the preliminary examination before the magistrate, or the trial at the Old Bailey, might have been shortened.

As at Lillie Bridge, so at the Agricultural Hall, Gale's

marvellous performance drew large crowds of people, as it gradually approached completion, and he succeeded in completing his task on Saturday night with the greatest ease. He certainly possesses extraordinary powers of endurance, and deserves all in the way of money which he reaps by his walking. We trust, however, that he will rest satisfied with having surpassed every pedestrian of ancient and modern times. There is no one left for him to conquer but himself, and he will gain nothing by doing this. A day or two after his walk, Gale underwent a strict examination at the Royal Free Hospital, Gray's Inn Road, and the medical officers pronounced him to be sound in wind and limb, the varicose veins on his left leg being the only matter that had caused him any pain. Sir J. D. Astley decorated him, when the walk was over, with a champion belt, an honour which is certainly well deserved, and all we can hope for now is, that others will not be induced to repeat and exceed Gale's performance.

At a meeting of the Royal Humane Society on Tuesday, the silver medal was unanimously voted to a young lady only sixteen years of age, a Miss Grace Vernon Bussell, by whose courageous conduct the lives of several people were saved in December of last year in the neighbourhood of Perth, in Australia. A screw steamer, the *Georgette*, voyaging from Freemantle to Port Adelaide, sprung a leak, and was stranded at a place called Kalnagup, not far distant from Mr. Bussell's residence. On hearing of the accident, Miss Bussell, attended by her black servant, rode down a steep cliff at full speed to the scene of the disaster, and found the boat capsized in fifteen feet of water, and the passengers clinging to her. Without hesitation, she rode her horse into the sea, and with great difficulty, owing to the tremendous surf that was on, succeeded in reaching the boat, and with as many women and children clinging to her and her horse as possible, made her way to the shore, after which the black servant followed her example, and rescued a man who had been left clinging to the boat. For this courageous act the young lady was duly rewarded on Tuesday, her servant, too, being awarded the bronze medallion for his display of daring.

The marriage of the Duke of Norfolk, Earl Marshal and premier Earl and Duke of England, with the Lady Flora Hastings, daughter of Mr. C. and Lady Abney Hastings, Countess of Loudoun, was solemnised on Wednesday at the Brompton Oratory, with great pomp. The nuptial ceremony was performed by the Bishop of Southwark, and among the distinguished personages present were the Princess Louise and the Marquis of Lorne, the Earls of Beaconsfield, Denbigh, and Granard, the Duke and Duchess of Bedford, the Marquis and Marchioness of Bute, &c., &c. After the breakfast, the Duke and Duchess set off by special train for Arundel Castle, where they will pass the honeymoon.

The crisis in France is far from being at an end. As M. Albert Grévy's motion was carried against ministers by a majority of 320 to 204, the latter have tendered their resignation, which has been accepted by the President, and they only hold office pending the appointment of their successors. The composition of the new ministry is not yet settled, meanwhile the Legislative Assembly has adjourned. In the Senate the Government has gained a majority of twenty-two. This is considered as an indication that the Upper Chamber will support the Marshal, and that in the event of another dissolution of the Assembly being called for, the Senate will grant it.

The news from the Seat of War is very serious, if not disastrous, for the Turkish arms. The Earl of Beaconsfield at the Guildhall banquet on the 9th instant very accurately described this as a "war of surprises," and certainly it surprised every one when the news came that Kars, which held out so long and bravely in 1855, had fallen after a night assault, when scarcely any siege operations had been undertaken. The result is a grand success to Russia, who has now, in Asia, no foeman worthy of her steel opposed to her. Some 300 guns, 10,000 prisoners, and vast stores of provisions have fallen into the hands of the victors, and there is every reason to suppose that Erzeroum will soon share the same fate. In Europe we hear of a sharp attack on Orkhanie having been repulsed by Chakir Pasha with heavy loss to the assailants, and there has been sharp fighting in the neighbourhood of Pyrgos, the accounts of which are very conflicting. The Turks claim to have secured the advantage, and inflicted a loss of 1,400 men on the Russians, but the latter, while admitting the severity of the fighting, set down their loss, after about

nine hours' conflict, at one officer killed and about eighty officers and men wounded. They admit, moreover, that a portion of their troops engaged were so hard pressed as to be compelled to retire, and that the Turks had succeeded in reducing Pyrgos to ashes. For this reason, though the Turks may have somewhat exaggerated the result achieved, we incline to the belief that the Turkish account is the more trustworthy of the two. The Roumanians, after a three days' fight, have captured Rahova, the Turks retiring in the direction of Widdin and Lom Palanka, pursued by the enemy. Servia has not yet made up her mind whether to fight or not, and as Mehemet Ali is not far from her frontier, it will be as well, perhaps, if she remain passive.

We learn from the *Masonic Review* that the Grand Lodge of Ohio met on the 17th and 18th ult., and that on the latter day the following were chosen officers for the ensuing year, namely:—Bros. W. M. Cunningham G.M., Reuben C. Lemmon D.G.M., James E. Stewart G.S.W., S. L. Fisher G.J.W., Flavius J. Phillips Grand Treasurer, John D. Caldwell Grand Secretary, John R. Miner Grand Orator, Jos. M. Stuart Grand Marshal, L. F. Von Cleve Grand Chaplain, W. L. Buechner G.S.D., Hugh Buckley G.J.D., Jacob Randall Grand Tyler, and Edward Morrell and A. P. Taylor District Lecturers. The Grand Lodge of Kentucky held its Annual Communication on the 16th ult., when the following were among the officers elected, namely:—Bros. C. H. Johnson G.M., the Hon. Jake Rice D.G.M., Hiram Bassett Grand Secretary, and the Rev. H. A. M. Henderson Grand Chaplain. The Grand Lodge of Wyoming held its third Annual Communication at Evanstown on the 9th and 10th ult., when Bro. Fred. E. Addoms was elected G.M., and Bros. Orlando North D.G.M., Thomas McCoy G.S.W., S. L. Mills G.J.W., John S. Taylor Grand Treasurer, and William G. Tonn Grand Secretary.

The *Freemasons' Repository* contains an account of the dedication, at Providence, R.I., on the 16th ult., of the monument erected to the memory of Roger Williams, founder of the City of Providence, and of the State of Rhode Island. The police led the way; then came the first division, composed of Knights Templar to the number of about 200, and then the second of Craft Lodges to the number of between 300 and 400, Grand Lodge under its G.M., Bro. Challis, bringing up the rear in nine carriages, escorted by forty mounted Knights of Calvary Commandery, under the command of acting E. Commander William Gifford. The gathering around the monument was very numerous, and the ceremony was performed by Bro. Cutler and his officers most impressively. As the tent in which the customary repast had been arranged was blown down by the wind, the brethren with their friends and the ladies were compelled to dine *al fresco*. Still everything passed off very successfully.

According to the *Masonic Advocate*, the Grand Council of R. and S. Masters was held at Indianapolis on the 16th ult., when the following were among the officers elected for the ensuing year:—Comps. C. H. Butterfield Ill. G.M., A. P. Charles Dep. Ill. G.M., W. R. Godfrey Ill. M., E. S. Ross G.P.C. of W., Charles Fisher Grand Treasurer, and John M. Bramwell Grand Recorder. The day following, the Grand Chapter R.A. Masons was held, sixty-eight subordinate Chapters being represented. The following are the newly-elected principal Officers, namely:—Comps. Simeon H. Johnson G.H.P., Martin H. Rice Dep. G.H.P., Thomas B. Long G.K., Addison D. Williams G.S., F. M. Symmes G.C., Charles Fisher Grand Treasurer, and John M. Bramwell Grand Secretary. The receipts for the year amounted to 6,233.50 dollars, and the disbursements to 3,970.36 dollars leaving a balance in hand of 2,263.14 dollars.

Miss Emily Mott's annual concert will take place on Friday, 7th Dec., at St. James's Hall, on which occasion she will have the assistance of Mrs. Osgood, Miss José Sherrington, Messrs. Sims Reeves, Edward Lloyd, Walter Clifford, Maybrick, and the English Glee Union.

THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS.

Arrangements have been made for working the sections at the following Lodges of Instruction :—

On Saturday, the 24th November, at the Eccleston, No. 1621, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. Bro. I. L. Coulton as W.M.

On Monday, the 26th November, at the Strong Man, No. 45, Old Rodney's Head, 12 Old-street, Goswell-road, at 7. Bro. R. W. Tolmie as W.M.†

On Monday, the 26th November, at the St. James's Union, No. 180, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 7. Bro. Woods as W.M.†

On Monday, the 26th November, at the Hyde Park, No. 1425, the Westbourne, Craven-road, Paddington, at 7. Bro. George Read as W.M.*

On Tuesday, the 27th November, at the Constitutional, No. 55, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-buildings, Holborn. Bro. Tate 862 as W.M.†

On Wednesday, the 28th November, at the Confidence, No. 193, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7. Bro. C. H. Webb as W.M.†

On Thursday, the 29th November, at The Great City, Masons' Hall Tavern, E.C.

On Friday, the 30th November, at the Hervey, No. 1260, Punch's Tavern, 99 Fleet-street, E.C., at 7. Bro. G. King jun. as W.M.

On Friday, the 30th November, at the Metropolitan, No. 1056, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C., at 6. Bro. Tate 862 as W.M.*

On Friday, the 30th November, at the Royal Standard, No. 1298, Castle Tavern, Highbury, at 7. Bro. T. Cull as W.M.

On Tuesday, the 4th December, at the Royal Arthur, No. 1360, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea, at 7. Bros. Collings as W.M., Read S.W., Robinson J.W.*

On Friday, the 7th December, at the Upton, No. 1227, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C.

* The names of the brethren who will work the sections in the Hyde Park, Metropolitan, and Royal Arthur Lodges, were given in our issue of 17th November.

† The following are the brethren who will work the various sections in the Strong Man, St. James's Union, Constitutional, and Confidence Lodges, on the days referred to above.

STRONG MAN.

ST. JAMES'S UNION.

1st LECTURE.

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| 1. Bro. Millward 179 | Bro. Morphew 1585 |
| 2. " Gibbs 1178 | " Hancock 1687 |
| 3. " Powell 186 | " Wood 173 |
| 4. " Fenner 1693 | " Docker 1687 |
| 5. " Killick 1693 | " Belfrage 179 |
| 6. " Pulsford 1158 | " Bentley 193 |
| 7. " Legge | " Watts 1201 |

2nd LECTURE.

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| 8. Bro. Halford 228 | Bro. Beck 1687 |
| 9. " Stock 1178 | " Lowrie 1556 |
| 10. " Percy 228 | " Bubb 180 |
| 11. " Isaac 1693 | " Farwig 180 |
| 12. " Trewinnard | " Pulsford 1158 |

3rd LECTURE.

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| 13. Bro. Hunter 228 | Bro. Cameron 180 |
| 14. " Crawley 73 | " Burrell 1446 |
| 15. " Cook 382 | " Parsons 180 |

CONSTITUTIONAL.

CONFIDENCE.

1st LECTURE.

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| 1. Bro. J. Thompson 862 | Bro. Walker 429 |
| 2. " E. Abell 55, 1599 | " Blinkhorn 1471 |
| 3. " T. B. Dodson 860 | " Stephens 1623 |
| 4. " J. C. Dwarber 55 | " Taylor 554 |
| 5. " J. Mander 1201 | " Stephens 1426 |
| 6. " J. S. Brown 862 | " Hewlett 141 |
| 7. " J. H. Watts 1201 | " Constable 185 |

2nd LECTURE.

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| 8. Bro. E. L. Mirov 1599 | Bro. Campbell 413 |
| 9. " W. H. Marston 55 | " Andrews 1227 |
| 10. " J. Bingemann 55 | " Job 1076 |
| 11. " W. G. Dickens 860 | " Rudderforth 12, 1668 |
| 12. " W. Long 435 | " Ellis 933 |

3rd LECTURE.

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| 13. Bro. J. H. Dodson 55 | Bro. Musto 1549 |
| 14. " W. B. Kidder 12 | " Maidwell 27 |
| 15. " J. Gilruth 55 | " Berry 554 |

RED CROSS MASONRY.

The installation of the M.P.S. and V.E. of the De la Pole Conclave, 132, Hull, is fixed for Monday next, the 26th inst., when the ceremonies will be performed by Ill. Sir Knight J. W. Woodall P.Int.Gen. for North and East Yorkshire, who will probably be aided by the Sovereigns of the De la Pole, Eboracum, and White Rose of York Conclaves. Several candidates will be installed members of the Order, and a large gathering is anticipated.

Hemming Lodge, No. 1512, Hampton.—The regular November meeting of this Lodge was held on Thursday, the 15th inst., at the Red Lion Hotel. Bro. John Hammond, the lately installed Master, occupied the chair, and there were also present Bros. J. Hurst I.P.M., Fox S.W., Jessett J.W., E. Hopwood P.G.S.B. Middlesex Treasurer, W. Hammond P.P.G.D. Middlesex Secretary, T. W. Ockenden S.D., T. C. Walls P.G. Organist Middlesex J.D., Kent I.G., Hiscox W.S., Moody Asst. W.S., Aston I.G., Tagg, Knaggs (W.M. of the Francis Burdett Lodge), Tozer, Murphy, W. A. Messenger, H. J. Jones, &c. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes of the installation meeting last month read and confirmed. Two candidates for initiation named in the summons not being present, the W.M. examined and entrusted Bro. H. J. Jones, who retired. The Lodge was opened on the square, Bro. Jones re-admitted, and advanced to the degree of F.C. Bro. Tozer was then presented as a candidate for the sublime degree, and the usual preliminaries having been observed, he withdrew until after the opening of the Lodge on the centre, when he was duly raised to the degree of a Master Mason. Both ceremonies were admirably rendered by the Master, and the Lodge is to be congratulated in having a brother in the chair so perfect in the ritual. Bro. J. Hurst I.P.M. was appointed Steward for the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. A letter was received from R.W. Bro. Colonel Burdett, P.G.M. Middlesex, regretting absence from home precluded his attendance, and a similar communication was sent by Bro. J. E. Hunt D.C. All other business being concluded, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to partake of refreshments well catered by Bro. Murphy. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts followed. All the speeches were judiciously short, the responses hearty, the firing excellent, the enjoyment thorough, and after some vocal contributions by Bros. Hurst, Jessett and Walls, the brethren separated, at an early hour. The next meeting will be held Thursday, 17th January 1878.

Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227.—Held its weekly meeting at Bros. Bolton and Lane's, the King and Queen, Norton Folgate, at 8 p.m., on Friday the 9th inst. There were present Bros. Lane W.M., Carrociero S.W., A. Posener jun. J.W., Fenner Preceptor, Townsend Sec., Hine S.D., Kent J.D., Smith I.G., also Bros. W. W. Morgan, Posener sen., Bolton, Campbell, Percy, &c. Lodge was opened with the usual formalities, minutes read and confirmed. Bro. Posener sen., having answered the questions, was entrusted. Lodge was advanced to 2nd degree, when the ceremony of passing was ably rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Posener sen. being candidate. Bro. Fenner worked the 1st section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was then closed in due form.

On Friday, 16th November, Bros. Crouch W.M., Posener jun. S.W., Simmonds J.W., Fenner Preceptor, Townsend Secretary, Cleverley S.D., Hine J.D., Lane I.G.; Bros. Bolton, Kent, Smith, Campbell, Percy. Visitors—Bros. Gordon 511, and Hambling 898. After the observance of customary formalities, Bro. Gordon answered the questions leading to the third degree, was entrusted and raised. Bro. Gordon was elected a member and Bro. Posener jun. was appointed to preside at next meeting.

Friars Lodge of Instruction, No. 1349.—This Lodge held its usual meeting at Bro. Wright's, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars, on Thursday evening. Bro. Shepherd W.M., Hewlett S.W., Calverley J.W., Musto P.M. Preceptor. The Lodge was opened in due form, the minutes read and confirmed. Bro. Weir having offered himself as candidate, answered the necessary questions, and was entrusted. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the ceremony worked by the W.M.; the Lodge was resumed in the first degree, Bro. Calverley assisted Bro. Hogg in working the second section; Bro. Shepherd assisted Bro. Ellis in working the fourth. The S.W. was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and the Lodge was closed.

Earl Carnarvon Lodge of Instruction, No. 1642.—A meeting was held on Friday, 9th November, at the Mitre Hotel, Goulbourne-road, Notting-hill. Bros. Adkins W.M., Wood S.W., Penn W.M. J.W., Smout jun. Secretary, Smout sen. S.D., Kelly J.D., Spiegel I.G. Past Master Bro. Savage Preceptor. Visitors—Bros. Poulter, Hopton and others. Business—The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Poulter candidate; the W.M. gave the charge; after which Bro. Poulter offered himself as candidate to be passed to the second degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed.

On Friday, 16th November, Bros. Wood W.M., Penn S.W., Smout sen. J.W., Smout jun. Sec., Spiegel S.D., Lichtwitz J.D., Parkhouse I.G. Past Master Bro. Savage Preceptor. Visitors—Bros. Murlis P.M., Michael P.M., Kelly, Woodmason, and many others. The W.M., after opening the Lodge, vacated the chair, when Bro. Michael P.M. took the same, for the purpose of working the installation ceremony, which he carried out in its entirety. Bro. Spiegel proposed that this Lodge of Instruction assist Bro. Stevens P.M. in his Stewardship for the next Festival for the Girls' School, and subscribe £1 1s out of the funds, the members also to augment the amount, with a view to make up £5 5s. Bro. Penn, W.M. of the Mother Lodge, moved an amendment, that £5 5s be voted from the funds to head the list. Bro. Spiegel therefore withdrew his original motion, but on being informed that the Lodge was not in possession of that amount, the matter was adjourned for a fortnight. Bro. Spiegel will occupy the chair next meeting.

West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction.—Met on Thursday, the 15th of November, at Bro. Brown's Hotel, Ealing. Bros. Pooley W.M., T. W. Fisher S.W., A. H. Barr J.W., G. Unis S.D., T. Garron J.D., S. Dyer I.G.; Bros. Rand, Nye, Gunner, Clark, Day, Jones, Harrison, &c. After the minutes had been confirmed, Bro. E. C. Porter offered himself as a candidate, and the first ceremony was rehearsed.

DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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SATURDAY, 24th NOVEMBER.

- 193—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
1634—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.

MONDAY, 26th NOVEMBER.

- 1—Royal Somerset House and Inverness, Freemasons' Hall.
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.)
1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8. (Instruction.)
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8. (Instruction.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amburst-rd., Hackney, at 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, on 2nd and 4th Mondays in each month.
48—Industry, Freemasons' Hall, West-street, Gateshead.
330—One and All, Bodmin.
1177—Tenby, Royal Assembly Rooms, Tenby, Pembroke.
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8 p.m. (Instruction.)
M.M. 146—Moore, Athenaeum, Lancaster.
M.M. 148—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham.

TUESDAY, 27th NOVEMBER.

- 14—Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7. (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
141—Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
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 7.30. (Instruction.)
1607—Metropolitan, 269 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)
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.
310—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle.
357—Apollo University, Masonic Hall, Oxford.
573—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen.
1016—Elkington, Masonic Rooms, New-street, Birmingham.
1358—Torbay, Town Hall, Paignton.

WEDNESDAY, 28th NOVEMBER.

- Provincial G. Lodge Leicestershire and Rutland, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester.
193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7. (Instruction.)
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.)
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7. (Instruction.)
1196—Urban, The Three Bucks, Gresham-street, at 6.30. (Instruction.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Finsbury Pk. Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1624—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)
R. A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
R. A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
996—Sondes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk.
1039—St. John, George Hotel, Lichfield.
1119—St. Bede, Mechanic's Institute, Jarrow.
1666—Ellington, Bell Hotel, Maidenhead.
M.M.—Northumberland and Berwick, Masonic Hall, Maple-st., Newcastle.

THURSDAY, 29th NOVEMBER.

- General Committee, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-street, E.C., at 6.
First Annual Banquet.
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., at 7.30. (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.)
1612—West Middlesex, Railway Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
R. A. 141—Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. (Emergency.)
R. A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)
78—Imperial George, Assheton Arms Hotel, Middleton, Lancashire.
100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor Hotel, Quay, Great Yarmouth.
807—Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich.
966—St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek, Stafford.

FRIDAY, 30th NOVEMBER.

- 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.)
766—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. (Inst.)
814—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.)
1066—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 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 Contts. Approach Tavern, Victoria Park, at 8. (Instruction.)
1298—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.)
1385—Gladsmuir, Red Lion Hotel, Barnet, Herts.

SATURDAY, 1st DECEMBER.

- General Committee, Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
142—St. Thomas, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C.
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
1572—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
1622—Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell.
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, at 8.
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester,

WEST YORKSHIRE.

SATURDAY.

- 1462—Wharnccliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone.

MONDAY.

- 827—St. John's, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury, Yorks.
R. A. 302—Charity, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford.
R. A. 448—Regularity, Masonic Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax.

WEDNESDAY.

- 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds.
430—Scientific, Private Room, Bingley.
1283—Ryburn, Private Rooms, Town Hall-street, Sowerby Bridge.
R. A. 259—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike.
R. A. 387—Moravian, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley.

THURSDAY.

- 810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton.
904—Phoenix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham.
R. A. 275—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, South-parade, Huddersfield.
R. A. 1214—Scarborough, Wilton Arms Hotel, Batley.

FRIDAY.

- R. A. 242—Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster.

SATURDAY.

- R. A. 308—Affability, Station Hotel, Bottoms, Stansfield.

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.

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

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Egyptian Lodge of Instruction, No. 27.—This Lodge held its usual meeting at Bro. Maidwell's, the Hercules, Leadenhall-street, on Thursday, 22nd inst., at 7.30. Present Bros. Da Silva W.M., Aarons S.W., Marks J.W., Norden S.D., Grammer J.D., Hunter I.G., Webb Preceptor and other brethren. The ceremony of the first degree was rehearsed, Bro. Robinson candidate. The ceremony of the second degree was rehearsed, Bro. King candidate. The first and second sections of the lecture were worked by Bro. Webb, assisted by the brethren. Bro. King, No. 27, was elected a member, and the Lodge was closed.

Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.—Held its weekly meeting at the Old Rodney's Head, No. 12 Old-street, Goswell-road, on Monday last, the 12th inst., at 8 o'clock. Bros. Hunter W.M., Wing S.W., Crawley J.W., Tolmie Preceptor, Fenner Sec., Hallam S.D., Humphrey J.D., Trewinnard I.G., Christopher Tyler, also Bros. Cook, Powell, &c. Lodge opened in form. Minutes read and confirmed. Lodge advanced to the 2nd degree. Bro. Fenner worked the 1st section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge resumed to the 1st degree. Bro. Cook answered the questions leading to the 2nd degree, and was entrusted. Lodge resumed to 2nd degree. The ceremony of passing was ably rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Cook acting as candidate. Bro. Humphry answered the questions leading to the 3rd degree, and was entrusted. Lodge opened in the 3rd degree. The ceremony of raising was admirably rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Humphry acting candidate. Lodge lowered to 2nd degree. Bro. Powell worked the 2nd section of the lecture assisted by the brethren. Lodge lowered to 1st degree. Bro. Crawley J.W. was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. A vote of thanks was awarded to the W.M. for the able manner in which he had conducted the business of the evening.

On Monday last Bros. Crawley W.M., Hallam S.W., Ross J.W., Tolmie Preceptor, Fenner Sec., Isaac S.D., Ayres J.D., Thompson I.G., Christopher Tyler; Bros. Simmonds, Hunter, Percy, Moseley, &c. After preliminaries, the ceremony of the third degree was rehearsed, Bro. Fenner candidate. Several of the sections were worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren.

Constitutional Lodge of Instruction, No. 55.—This Lodge held its weekly meeting on Tuesday, the 20th November, at the Bedford Hotel, Southampton-buildings, Holborn. Present—Bros. Chapman W.M., Cooper S.W., Brown J.W., W. G. Dickens Secretary, Dwarber Treasurer, Miroy S.D., Hallam J.D., Rosser I.G. Past Master Bro. J. Bingemann Preceptor; Bros. Tate, Soper, Tranter, J. H. Dodson, Scott and several others. Business—After the Lodge had been opened, the minutes were read and confirmed. Bro. Walker, a candidate for raising, was entrusted, and withdrew. The Lodge was opened in the third degree, and Bro. Walker raised. The traditional history was given by the W.M. The Lodge was closed in the third and second degrees. Bro. Cooper was unanimously elected W.M. for Tuesday fortnight, Tuesday 27th November being set apart for working the Fifteen Sections. A unanimous vote of thanks was ordered to be recorded on the minutes to Bro. Chapman, for his able working in the chair, this being the first time in this Lodge of instruction.

Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, No. 65.—The annual supper of this Lodge was held at Bro. Maidwell's, Hercules Tavern,

Leadenhall-street, on Tuesday last. Present—Bros. Daniel W.M. of the Prosperity Lodge as W.M., Rudderforth S.W., Hollands J.W., and several brethren. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. Some minor business transacted, Bros. Loewenstark and Burgess were elected members. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren proceeded to do full justice to the excellent supper provided by the worthy host, Bro. Maidwell. This over, the usual Masonic toasts were given, interspersed with harmony and recitations from Bros. Harris, Rudderforth, Morgan, Campbell, West, and others. Bros. Barnes, Macarthy, and Fellowes responded for the Visitors. A vote of thanks was given to Bro. Maidwell for the liberal manner he had catered for the brethren, and the excellency of the viands. The brethren dispersed at an early hour, having spent a very enjoyable evening.

The Francis Burdett Mark Lodge, No. 181.—Held its autumn meeting on Wednesday, the 21st inst., at Mr. Baylis's, Albany Hotel, Twickenham. Present—Bros. Colonel Wigginton J.P. W.M., Hammond S.W., Court jun. J.W., Taylor Secretary, Dr. Knaggs M.O., Clayton Palmer S.O., Court sen. J.O., Hopwood J.D., Kyezor I.G., Harrison Tyler. Past Masters Bros. Dr. Clark W.M. the Hiram, Brighton, P.G.S. Visitors—Bros. Walls and Taylor. Lodge opened in due form, minutes read and confirmed. Bros. Brighton and Dr. Clark were unanimously elected honorary members; each returned thanks for the honour conferred upon him; the brethren then proceeded to elect a Master for the coming year. The ballot was declared unanimously in favour of Bro. S. W. Hammond. Bro. Hammond expressed his gratification at the result of the election, and stated his intention to endeavour to increase the lustre shed upon the office by the retiring Master. He hoped to have the support of his Officers. Bro. Harrison was again appointed Tyler. The Lodge was closed in proper form, when the brethren adjourned to banquet provided by host Baylis. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts having been given and responded to, the brethren separated, having spent a most agreeable evening.

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193.—Met at the Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., on Wednesday, the 21st inst. Bro. Chapman in the chair. There were also present Bros. Croaker S.W., Tollis J.W., E. Gottheil P.M. Preceptor, S. Wharman S.D., Lay I.G., Christopher Tyler. James Stevens P.M., Webb, Ellis, Aarons, Walker, &c. The ceremony of the 3rd degree and two of the sections appertaining thereto were rehearsed. Bro. Webb was elected to preside on next Wednesday. He will, on that occasion, according to previous arrangement, work the Fifteen Sections. A number of well-known brethren skilful in the section work have placed their names upon the list, and therefore a very instructive evening may be anticipated.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—On Saturday, 17th November, at the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, Islington. Present—Bros. Bedwell W.M., Gibbs S.W., Garbett J.W., Killick Sec., Halford Treas., Sparrow S.D., Powell J.D., Nestern I.G. Bro. J. Cuthbert 4 Kilwinning, Scotland, was present as a visitor, and at a later stage of the evening was elected a member. After the formal opening of the Lodge, and confirmation of the minutes, the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Thompson candidate. The sections of the third lecture were worked by Bros. Pearcey and Moss. The ceremony of installation will be rehearsed next Saturday, by Bro. Seex P.M.

Jordan Lodge of Instruction, No. 201.—The Fifteen Sections were worked on Tuesday last at this Lodge, and in a way fully appreciated by the brethren assembled. Bros. Koester occupied the chair, Bro. Ash S.W., Long J.W., Fox Secretary, Hiscox Treasurer, Hurdell S.D., Pope J.D., Dyson I.G. After usual preliminaries, the acting W.M. proceeded to work the sections, being assisted by Bros. Belfrage, Arrowsmith, Hurdell, Ash, Christie, Davey, Bentley, Forbes, Long, and Kew. These being completed, and Lodge resumed, Bro. Ash was chosen as W.M. for next meeting. Bros. Ash and Kew were elected honorary members, and suitably responded. Bro. Kew was invited to work the ceremony of installation on that night month, and this he kindly offered to do. A vote of thanks was given to the acting W.M., after which Lodge was closed. We were pleased to see such an excellent gathering at this Lodge, upwards of twenty-six brethren being present during the evening.

Huddersfield Chapter of Prosperity, No. 290.—The adjourned convocation of this Chapter was held on Wednesday, 14th inst., at the Masonic Hall, South-parade, Huddersfield. Comps. W. Schofield Z., W. Harrop H., Jno. W. Turner J., C. Wheawell S.E., B. Hutchinson P.Z. Treasurer; as well as about twenty other members of the Prosperity Chapter. Visitors—Comps. Tyers P.Z., Robert Caldwell P.Z., Dore P.Z., and Crowther P.Z. The minutes having been read and confirmed, the ceremony of installing the First Principal was performed (11 below that rank having retired) by Comp. Wm. Smith P.Z., in his usual masterly manner. Comp. Harrop Z. installed Comp. J. W. Turner as H., and Comp. Allen Haigh as J., in such an efficient manner as to meet with the approval of those present. The Comps. having been re-admitted, the first Principal proceeded to invest his officers as follow:—Comps. C. Wheawell S.E., B. Hutchinson P.Z. Treasurer, Wm. Smith P.Z. Registrar, E. Dyson P.S., Mitchell and Brierley A.S., Fane S.N. After a short discussion respecting the bye-laws, the Chapter was closed, and the Comps. retired to refreshment, after partaking of which the usual toasts, Masonic and otherwise, were duly honoured, and a very happy and pleasant evening was brought to a termination.

Brecknock Lodge, No. 651.—This Lodge held its monthly meeting on Monday, the 12th November, at the Castle Hotel, Brecon. Present—Bros. Richard Webb W.M., A. Phipps S.W., P.M. Caulfield acting J.W., J. A. Whittle Sec., D. W. J. Thomas Treas., T. Jones S.D., J. G. Wotton J.D., H. O. Aveline Maybery Steward, W. Webb I.G., A. Orlopp Tyler. Past Masters Bros. H. C. Rich and E. C. Phillips. Business—The Lodge having been opened in due form, and with solemn prayer, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. A letter having been read from the Prov. Grand Secretary, in respect to the Indian Famine Fund, it was resolved, as the fund had been officially closed, not to do anything in the matter. Upon the motion of Bros. P.M. Caulfield and S.W. Phipps, the popular and esteemed W.M. was re-elected for the ensuing year, and Bro. David Evans was elected Treasurer for the same period. The Tyler having resigned, any action in the matter was postponed to the next meeting. The Lodge having been closed in ancient form, and with perfect harmony, the brethren adjourned from labour to refreshment, during which a pleasing incident occurred, that of presenting a valuable Past Master's jewel to Bro. Hans St. George Caulfield, as a mark of the esteem in which he is held by the members of the Lodge, and as a token of their respect on his leaving the town. Bro. E. C. Phillips, having been requested by the W.M. of the Lodge to present the jewel, said that he rose in obedience to the command, but before making the formal presentation he would offer a few remarks. He said that he felt some difficulty in speaking on that occasion, seeing that Bro. Caulfield was an old friend, and an esteemed Masonic brother. Bro. Caulfield had proved an excellent Mason, as a private member of the Lodge, as a Master of the Lodge, and as a Past Master of the Lodge, and in thus presenting the jewel of the Lodge he felt proud in so testifying to the respect and esteem in which Bro. Caulfield was held among them. Having had to carry out the wishes of the Lodge, he was much gratified when he thought of the way in which the members generally had responded to his call. The work had been a labour of love to him, and from the cordial and sympathetic manner in which the members had assisted him, it seemed that it had also been a labour of love to them. Turning to Bro. Caulfield, the speaker added: I have now the greatest pleasure, Bro. Caulfield, on behalf of the Worshipful Master, the Past Masters, and brethren of this Lodge, in presenting you with this jewel, and beg that on all possible occasions you will wear it on your breast as indicative of the honour and esteem in which we hold you. Bro. Phillips then referred to the motto at the close of the inscription, and concluded by saying that as the motto was made applicable in the Roman arena of old, so it could be made applicable on that occasion, and that as Bro. Caulfield had deserved and earned the palm, so might he live long to wear it. Bro. Caulfield, in responding, said that he certainly rose with very strong and deep feelings to return his most sincere and hearty thanks for the honour which had been paid to him. He did not know how to express himself, seeing that he was not in the habit of much speaking, but even if he had been he should not have been able on that occasion to have found the words to express himself as he should like to have done. In the first place, he must thank his good friend Bro. Phillips for his flattering remarks, and he must then thank those present for the kind way in which they had received them. If at any time he had not performed his duties as he should have done, it was not from any want of willingness on his part, and for what he had done it was quite unnecessary that they should have presented him with such a handsome present to enable them to testify to him any respect or esteem they might feel for him, for when he looked around and saw the large number of brethren present who had assembled to do him honour, he was more than proud to think that they had done so, and that each of them had been a good and kind friend to him, both outside and inside the Lodge; very many of them had been much kinder to him than he had ever deserved. They might rest assured that wherever he might be, and that as long as he should live, their kindness would be an incentive to him to continue his connection with the Brecknock Lodge, and that should his recollections ever flag, the sight of their handsome gift would be sufficient to recall them, and to remind him of their kindness, not only on that but upon many other occasions. The jewel is thus inscribed:—

To
Bro. HANS ST. GEORGE CAULFIELD P.M., P.P.G.S.W.,
with the fraternal regards of the brethren.

September 1877.
"Palman qui meruit ferat."

A most enjoyable evening was spent by a large number of the brethren.

Panmure Lodge, No. 720.—This Lodge held its regular meeting on Monday, the 19th inst., at the Balham Hotel, Balham. It was well attended, both by members and visitors. Amongst those present were Bros. Thomas Poore P.M. (who, in the absence of the W.M., opened the Lodge), C. P. McKay S.W., R. W. Sheadd J.W., W. Smith S.D., W. McMurray J.D., W. Mitchell I.G., M. Spiegel D.C., G. Lambert W.S., W. Steedman P.M. Tyler; P.M.'s Bros. James Stevens, C. Pulman, H. Payne; also Bros. Lilley, Richardson, Ash, Saunders, Pascall, Whittaker, Mulley, Huntley, Anthony, Gunner, Green, Burton, Kerr, Treves, &c. Visitors—Bros. John Syer 1017, S. Clarke 1586, E. Bye, and H. Stokes 141. The Lodge having been duly opened by Bro. Poore as W.M., and minutes confirmed, Bro. Anthony was proved, and subsequently passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. Mr. Adolphe Van de Water and Mr. Charles Glenister were balloted for, approved and duly initiated into the Order. A notice of motion, having reference to the question of "refreshment after labour," was discussed, and its having been represented by the Treasurer that the Lodge was in a more flourishing condition than at any time since its establishment, it was decided to continue the practice of entertaining members and visitors after

each meeting. The sum of Ten Guineas was voted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and placed on the list of Bro. C. Pulman P.M., as Steward representing the Lodge, and we were glad to observe that later on his list was liberally increased by the Lodge members individually. The Lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to banquet, Bro. James Stevens P.M. presiding as W.M. The usual toasts were honoured, and in giving that of Grand Lodge, the acting W.M. called the attention of the brethren to the late action of the Grand Orient of France, deprecating the course which had been adopted, and hoping that the Grand Lodge of England would express its opinion thereon in the most forcible manner possible. His remarks were listened to with great attention, and were cordially endorsed by all present. The W.M.'s health was drunk in his absence, a circumstance which was much regretted, every officer of the Lodge being in his appointed place. The toast of the P.M.'s was enthusiastically received, and hearty acknowledgments were rendered to Bros. Poore and Stevens for their readiness to discharge the all-important duties of the chair, as well as for other assistance in the working of the Lodge. The Initiates made very able responses to the toast given in their honour, and the Visitors expressed much gratification with working and subsequent hospitality. A most enjoyable evening terminated at eleven o'clock, and the brethren separated.

William Preston Lodge of Instruction, No. 766.—On Friday, 9th inst., at the Feathers Tavern, Upper George-street, Edgware-road, Bros. G. Tribbel W.M., G. West S.W., Cleghorn J.W., Braun Sec., Rudderforth Preceptor, Godden S.D., Nichols J.D., Hayes I.G.; Bros. Tyler, Hill, Heath, Parsons, &c. The Lodge was opened, the minutes read and confirmed. Bro. Heath, a candidate for passing, answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. Lodge was then opened in the second degree, and the ceremony of passing was most ably rehearsed. Lodge was then resumed, and Bro. Hill was duly initiated into Freemasonry. The first and second sections were worked by Bro. Preceptor Rudderforth. Bro. Charles Dodd was elected a member of this Lodge of Instruction. Bro. G. West was elected W.M. for Friday, the 23rd instant. Lodge was then closed in due form. Bro. Hawkins was successful in obtaining the ballot for the Life Subscribership of the William Preston Benevolent Association.

On Friday evening, 16th instant, the Fifteen Sections were worked for the first time since the formation of this Lodge of Instruction, which took place twelve months since. Bro. Rudderforth D.C. 12, J.W. 1668, presided as W.M., and the following are the names of the brethren who assisted:—Bros. C. H. Webb I.G. 174, S.W. 1607, S.W.; G. West J.W. 1287, J.W.; T. J. Barnes P.M. 938 I.P.M. The Sections were worked by the following brethren:—First Lecture—Bros. Hill 862, Hayes 619, Godden I.G. 862, G. West J.W. 1287, Harris 1586, Cleghorn 1287, Evans 862. Second Lecture—Bros. Hall 193, Hayes 619, Tate 862, C. H. Webb S.W. 1607, Barnes P.M. 938. Third Lecture—Bros. Braun P.M. 766, Maidwell J.W. 27, Barnes P.M. 938. Besides the brethren mentioned there was present a large gathering of the Craft, and all evinced great interest in the proceedings. When the Sections were concluded the W.M. rose. He had one or two propositions to make, which he felt sure would meet the approval of the brethren. He felt particularly gratified by the presence of so many visitors: he alluded especially to Bro. Barnes, who was widely known and respected in the Masonic strongholds of the other quarters of this great city, particularly the E. and N. He expressed a hope that this gathering might prove a stepping-stone to Bro. Barnes's further acquaintance with the Masonic resorts at the west end of the town. He further alluded to the history of that brother's well-known efforts to purify the language used in the Ritual, and proposed that he be elected an honorary member. The W.M. also proposed that the like mark of respect be conferred upon Bro. Webb, who had come so great a distance to act as S.W., and who had performed his duties in so agreeable and courteous a manner. Both these propositions were seconded by Bro. P.M. Braun, and carried unanimously. Bro. Barnes, in reply, remarked that he thought this mark of respect was conferred only upon those who had done some service for the Lodge; he could therefore easily understand why it was conferred upon Bro. Webb, the S.W., but he did not see upon what grounds it would apply to him. However, he thanked the brethren very cordially for the feeling that prompted the act, and added that he was highly gratified with his visit. He would at the same time take the opportunity of congratulating the Worshipful Master and the brethren upon their excellent working, which reflected great credit upon Bro. Rudderforth, as Preceptor of the Lodge, and upon the brethren for the attention they must have paid to his teaching. Bros. T. J. Maidwell 27, R. Maidwell 27, Lewis 172, B. P. Todd 193, Norrington 619, Cobham 382, Carter and Morgan 1385, were elected members. Bro. Tribbel proposed, and Bro. Barnes seconded, the proposition that a vote of thanks should be recorded on the minutes to Bro. Rudderforth, for his able presidency in the chair, which was carried. The W.M., in returning thanks, said that it was undoubtedly very gratifying to him to receive such a pleasing mark of their esteem, especially as it was accompanied by such flattering observations. He felt that the great success attained that evening was due to the manner in which the brethren who had assisted him in working the Sections had acquitted themselves of the task. It was especially to be remembered that eleven out of the Fifteen Sections were rendered by young Masons, who had never attempted anything of the kind before. He would, therefore, ask them to render "Honour to whom honour is due." Bro. Rudderforth proposed a vote of thanks, to be recorded on the minutes, in favour of those brethren who had assisted in working the Fifteen Sections. This was seconded by Bro. Morgan, and carried. The Lodge was then closed in due form. We may remark, as an evidence of the success which attends this young Lodge of Instruction that it is already a Life Governor of the "Boys," that it has a good balance in hand, and, further, that the Benevolent Association in connection with it has furnished six Life Subscribers to the Charities.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—Held its weekly meeting at the Star and Garter, Kew-bridge, on Friday, 9th November. Bros. W. Goss W.M., B. Blasby S.W., Gomm J.W., H. E. Tacker S.D., Costelow J.D., Gunner I.G., Blasby Secretary. Bro. C. Roe P.M. Preceptor. There were also present Bros. Kyezor, Nye, &c. Lodge opened at 7.30 p.m. Minutes read and confirmed. Bro. Nye offered himself as candidate, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. Bros. Nye and Gunner replied in a satisfactory manner to the questions leading to the second degree. Lodge then opened up to the third. Bro. Tacker offered himself as candidate, and was duly raised by the W.M., who performed the ceremony in a most impressive manner. The other brethren present expressed their gratification at the instruction they had received.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—On Tuesday evening last, at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, Bros. Brown W.M., Williams S.W., J. Lorkin J.W., C. Lorkin S.D., Christian J.D., Stevenson I.G., Dallas Sec., Smyth Treas., P.M. Wallington Preceptor; Bros. Cook, Lines, Bonner, Darnell, &c. After the Lodge had been formally opened, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Sanders answered the necessary questions leading to the third degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. The Preceptor gave the traditional history. The brethren ceased labour and went to refreshment. After resuming duties, the Preceptor worked the first section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Darnell, of Lodge 192, was elected a member. Bro. Williams was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation.

Cosmopolitan Lodge, No. 917.—The installation meeting was held on Tuesday, the 13th inst., at the Cannon-street Hotel, and was numerously attended by the brethren and visitors. Bros. A. Rowley W.M., G. M. Taylor S.W., La Marque J.W., F. W. Jones P.M. Treas., L. Stean P.M. Sec., J. H. Van Raalte I.G., P.M.'s Bros. Haines, Basilia, Gibson, J. Corke, Keayes, and Bros. Fould, Parker, W. Rowley, Ellis, Joel, J. Field, Kosman, &c. Preliminaries being observed, Messrs. H. Van Raalte and J. Warner, were initiated. Bros. G. Toff and G. Kearsey were passed. A Board of Installed Masters was now formed, and Bro. G. M. Taylor was presented, and duly installed into the chair by the retiring W.M., Bro. A. Rowley, in a very excellent and perfect manner, and he was warmly congratulated by the brethren and visitors. The Officers were then invested:—Bros. A. Rowley I.P.M., La Marque S.W., Abbott (who was absent through illness, but his appointment was announced) J.W., F. W. Jones P.M. Treas., L. Stean P.M. Sec., Ellis S.D., Van Raalte J.D., S. Corke I.G., Pitt D.C., J. Corke P.M. W.S., Gilchrist Tyler. The petition of a distressed Bro. was read and duly signed for presentation at the next Grand Lodge of Benevolence; the brethren also liberally subscribed. The Lodge was then closed, until the second Monday in January. An excellent banquet was served, Bro. E. H. Rand superintending. The W.M. proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. Bro. A. Rowley I.P.M. proposed the toast of the W.M.; in the various offices he had held, the ability he had displayed entitled him to a hearty and enthusiastic reception. The W.M. thanked the brethren for the manner his health had been proposed and received; his best endeavours were always at their command. In proposing the health of Bro. Rowley the I.P.M., the W.M. said they had seen how ably he had performed his duties during the past year, and he (Bro. Taylor) would be well satisfied could he follow in such worthy footsteps. He had great pleasure in presenting him with a gold Past Master's jewel, as a recognition of the efficient manner in which he had discharged his duties. All hoped he might live long to wear it among them. Bro. Rowley, amidst great cheering, rose with a great degree of pleasure to respond to the toast. He would do all in his power for the interests of the brethren. He should like to see the Lodge Life Governor of the three Institutions. He was going to become a Steward for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and he hoped the brethren would liberally support him. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Visitors. As there were so many among them, he would not individualise them, but would assure them a hearty welcome. Bro. Themans, P.M. 141, in brief but appropriate terms returned thanks. Bro. E. Somers followed. Each offered a compliment to the working of the I.P.M., and hoped the Lodge would eventually become Vice-President of the Institutions. Bros. W. H. Lee and J. B. Shackleton also replied. The toast of the Masonic Charities was next given. They had two brethren—Bros. J. Corke P.M. and Bro. L. Stean P.M.—who had ably represented the Charities. Bro. J. Corke felt a pride in responding to the toast. He spoke of the benefits attending them. Bro. L. Stean endorsed what had been said by Bro. Corke. He announced that the contributions of the brethren on behalf of their distressed brother had amounted to £6 5s. The W.M. then gave the Initiates, to which Bros. Kearsey, Van Raalte, and Toff replied. The W.M. paid the P.M.'s a just compliment for the able manner they had discharged their duties while in occupation of the chair, and thanked them for their assistance, cheerfully rendered on every occasion. Bro. L. Stean P.M. and Secretary said he was one of the founders, and also, he might say, the Father of the Lodge; he was pleased to see so young a Mason perform the ceremony of installation. He (Bro. Stean) had been a member of the Craft for many years, and he was proud to see the junior members doing their Masonic duties so correctly. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Wardens and Officers of the Lodge. Bros. La Marque and Ellis returned thanks. The Tyler's toast was then given. Bros. Bailey, Barker, W. H. Lee, and Jones contributed to the harmony. The Visitors were:—Bros. E. Somers P.M. 1602, J. B. Shackleton W.M. 1524, D. Davis 141, Themans P.M. 141, L. E. Stean 212, W. H. Lee W.M. 975, J. Emsley 548, H. B. Humphrey 1509, H. Massey P.M. 619, W. F. Paulton 192, S. Rowley 1602, E. Somers P.M. 1602, Berliner 1017, H. Pratt 192, F. Ferentes 21, J. W. Hatton 610, S. Renant 1305, Medwin 1613, Pratt 192, H. M. Levy P.M. 188, &c.

Grey Friars Lodge, No. 1101.—This Lodge held its Installation meeting on Wednesday, the 14th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Grey Friars-road, Reading. Present—Bros. Edward Margrett W.M., Arthur Welch S.W. and W.M. elect, T. Newman acting J.W., W. P. Ivey P.M. Sec., John T. Stransom Treas., John Early Danks S.D., William Ferguson J.D., Richard Dowsett D.C., W. W. Ridley Stwd., Edward Blackwell I.G., W. Hemmings Tyler. Past Masters—Bros. Hurley, Brown, Chancellor, Weightman, Egginton. Members—Bros. Hunt, Pulley, Prickett, Creed, Rhind, Hinks, Hawkes. Visitors—Bros. R. Bradley P.M. 414 Prov. Grand Sec. Berks and Bucks, Moxhay Installing Master, Wheeler C. Hawkes, Withers, Baker, Botly, Yeks, Stephens and Pocock W.M. of 414, Marshall 241, 335 S.C. Mount 1328, Harvey 425, Griggs 228, Davies 1288, Babb 180, Huckvale 1501, Ravenor 574, Toms 574, Eve P.P.S.G.W. Hants, Belcher 945, Wilson 209, Browne 1295, Dormor 340, Welch 833, Park 340, Nichols 1567, Newstead 463, Nichols 1016, Smith 742, Ansell 340, Hackford 1328. The appearance of the Hall, when the brethren were assembled, was certainly of a most brilliant character, the numerous Orders represented by the jewels, with the purple, blue, and Royal A. clothing, made up a *tableaux vivants* not often seen in a Provincial Lodge. On the Master and Officers taking their seats, the Lodge was opened in the first degree, the minutes of the last regular Lodge were read and confirmed. It was explained that in consequence of heavy domestic affliction in the families of the W.M. elect, and the Senior and Junior Wardens designate, the regular Lodge in October (in which month the installation has hitherto taken place), was adjourned to the present time; and it is contemplated to have the future installations in November. The Lodge was opened in the second degree; soon after which the installing Master, Bro. Moxhay P.M. (Hon. Mem.) entered, in whose favour the chair was vacated by Bro. Margrett W.M., who at once presented Bro. Arthur Welch for the purpose of receiving the benefit of installation; the ceremony was performed in Bro. Moxhay's usual correct and feeling manner. After being saluted in the several degrees, the W.M. proceeded to invest his Officers; making to each a short appropriate speech, they were as follow:—Bros. Margrett I.P.M., Flanagan S.W., Danks J.W., Honey Chaplain, Stransom Treas., Ivey P.M. Sec., Ferguson S.D., Blackwell J.D., Newman D.C., Ridley and Hawkes Stewards, R. Dowsett I.G., Hemmings Tyler. After the installing Master's address the W.M. said he had been gratified to find that in no case in which he had requested a brother to take an office had that request been declined. He thought this to be encouraging, firstly, because it shewed that the brethren were quite willing to undertake any duty which they might reasonably be called upon to discharge, and, secondly, because it was evident that there existed a laudable ambition to rise from one office to another until the highest was reached. The W.M. then said that he had great pleasure in presenting, on the part of the Lodge, a Past Master's jewel to his predecessor in office, Bro. Margrett. It had formerly been the custom to present the jewel at the banquet, but it appeared to him that the proper place in which to make the presentation was in the Lodge. He could very well understand that if the presentation were intended to compliment a man because he was pre-eminent as a *bon vivant* (laughter) it would accord with that notion to give the jewel at the banquet. As, however, the jewel was really given in recognition of work done chiefly in the Lodge, it seemed that the Lodge itself was the place in which the ceremony of presentation should take place. The W.M. then went on to say he had never seen the ceremonies performed with more accuracy than they had been by Bro. Margrett. The I.P.M. had also not been unmindful of the claims which charity has upon every Mason. He had, during his term of office, acted as Steward of one of the great Masonic Charities. In presiding over the Lodge Bro. Margrett had conducted its proceeding with excellent temper and discretion. The W.M. then affixed the jewel (which was much admired, being of new design) on the breast of the I.P.M., expressing a hope that he would live to wear it for many years to come. (Applause.) Bro. Margrett feelingly returned thanks to the W.M. and the members of the Lodge, for their handsome present; he should appreciate it, not so much for its intrinsic worth (although very valuable), as for the kind feeling manifested towards him by the officers and brethren during his year of office. (Cheers.) The Lodge was closed according to ancient form, and the brethren adjourned for refreshment to Bro. Bailey's, the Upper Ship Hotel, where a magnificent banquet was spread, to which about seventy brethren sat down, presided over by Bro. Welch W.M., the Senior Warden's chair was occupied by Bro. W. P. Ivey P.M. and Secretary (in the unavoidable absence of Bro. Flanagan), and the Junior Warden's by Bro. J. Early Danks. Upon the removal of the cloth, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and duly honoured. The speeches were all thoroughly good and very appropriate; we have not space to give them *in extenso*, but we cannot resist giving an outline of the new Prov. Grand Secretary's, it being his maiden speech since his recent appointment. After congratulating Bro. Welch on having attained the chair in the Grey Friars Lodge, and the Lodge in having obtained him as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, Bro. Bradley said it was a trite saying that Masonry spread; still there was no denying the fact. He was glad to find that Masons in this part of the world are upholding the ancient landmarks; that the action of the Grand Lodge of Germany in excluding Jews from the benefits of Masonry had met with an indignant and universal protest from the Masons of England; that any man who believes in a God who created the world, and will reward the good and punish the evil, was not, on account of his particular form of belief, to be excluded from the benefits of Freemasonry—more particularly the Jew, for if we believed what we were taught, all the orders of Masonry originated with the Jews. He was also glad to notice that the Grand Lodge of Ireland had taken action with reference to the declaration of the Grand Orient of France, which he trusted would be followed by similar action on the part of the Grand Lodge of England; that the growth of Masonry in the Province of Berks and Bucks had been great within his experience; that some few years ago the Province was in commission,

and its affairs managed by the Grand Registrar, whose duty it is to take charge of all Provinces happening to be without a Grand Master. Since the appointment of Sir Daniel Gooch as Prov. Grand Master (a most accomplished Mason, and one who has taken all, or nearly all, the degrees recognised in Masonry), the Lodges in the Province had about doubled. In our own town a well-known brother often spoke of the time when he came to Reading, and found very few Masons, and the tavern element predominating. Through his exertions, and of others like-minded, Masonry in Reading had grown to two well-filled Lodges, doing their work in a creditable way, working in harmony with each other, and actuated only by an honourable rivalry. He again thanked them for the reception of the toast, and wished the Lodge and the W.M. a very successful year (cheers).

South Norwood Lodge, No. 1139.—Held its installation meeting on Thursday, the 15th instant, at the Public Hall, South Norwood. The Lodge was opened by Bro. C. R. Corner, who was well supported by his officers. The formal Lodge business having been disposed of, Bro. Mounsey was passed. The S.W., Bro. W. C. Corner, was then presented as the Master elect, and after taking the obligation, was formally installed into the chair in a very able and efficient manner by the W.M. He appointed the following as his Officers:—Bros. E. O. Day S.W., J. Churchward J.W., Evans Treas., W. Duffitt Sec., Porter D.C., Harris S.D., J. Kearn J.D., Warne I.G., and Steed Tyler. Nothing further being offered for the good of Freemasonry, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet. That over, and grace having been said, the W.M., in proposing the health of the Queen, said:—The privileges enjoyed by us as Englishmen are thoroughly appreciated; we live in a country the best governed in the world; this in a great measure is due to Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen. On us she has peculiar claims, being daughter to a Mason, mother to Masons who hold the highest positions in our Order, and, moreover, she is the Patroness of our Institutions. He called on the brethren very heartily to drink to the health of our beloved Queen; he would associate with the toast Prosperity to the Craft. The National Anthem having been sung, the W.M. again rose. The toast of the Prince of Wales is always acceptable wherever the English tongue is spoken. Every brother appreciates his ardour for Freemasonry, and his love of travel and sport make him popular all over the world. He is not unmindful of charity, and is always willing to take part in assisting cases of distress. The health of the Earl of Carnarvon, Lord Skelmersdale, and the rest of the Grand Officers, was the next toast. The Worshipful Master said, that during the years he had the privilege of occupying the Junior and Sen. Warden's chairs, he had attended the Quarterly Communications of Grand Lodge, and had been exceedingly pleased with the admirable way in which the Grand Officers discharged their duties. Bro. Sandeman then rose: He had the pleasure to propose the health of the W.M.; judging by the way he had presided, both in the Lodge and at the banquet, he would become a shining light in Freemasonry, and would be a credit to the Lodge over which he is now called upon to preside. The toast having been duly honoured, the W.M. in responding said he hardly knew how, sufficiently, to express his thanks for the very kind and cordial way they had received the toast of his health. It was easy to say I thank you, but exceedingly difficult to express his feelings; he had long wished to occupy the proud, noble, and distinguished position, and by their assistance his wishes had that evening been gratified. As he had not passed through quite so many summers as the former occupants of the chair, he felt he would not fill it with that grace and dignity their honoured P.M.'s had done, but he hoped in some measure to atone for his youthfulness by the accuracy and precision with which the Lodge duties would be carried out. He knew these were not the only qualities requisite in a Master, but he could assure them no efforts would be spared on his part to uphold the dignity and enhance the prosperity of the Lodge, and he sincerely hoped that when his year of office had expired they would have no cause to regret the confidence they had placed in him. The P.M.'s of the South Norwood Lodge was the next toast on the list, in proposing which the Worshipful Master said they were blessed with a very efficient and hard working staff. Every true and good Mason looked upon the Past Masters of his Lodge as guides and counsellors from whom to seek advice and look for instruction; the courtesy and kindness with which any doubt and difficulty which arose was dispelled made the members feel proud of their able board of P.M.'s. Unfortunately this toast reminded him of one (Bro. Alfred Prime) whom it had pleased the G.A. of the Universe to remove from our midst since the last assemblage of the Lodge, but while deeply lamenting his loss, he looked forward to the time when they would meet him in the Grand Lodge above, where the world's Great Architect lives and reigns for ever. Bro. W. C. Corner concluded by saying he had now a very pleasing duty to perform, in presenting Bro. G. R. Corner 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 was freely given. No Master could have presided over an assemblage of the brethren with such ability without devoting a great deal of time and hard study to its ritual. Not only had he discharged the ordinary duties of a Master, but had performed those of installing Master, and in recognition of his services the Lodge now bestowed the highest honour it was in its power to confer. They trusted he would be spared very many years to enjoy the privilege of wearing the same. Bro. G. R. Corner was extremely grateful for the way in which the toast had been proposed and received. He was never happier than when at work in the Lodge, and had been amply repaid for any sacrifices he had made by the kind wishes expressed that evening for his prosperity and welfare. The Visitors was next given, and responded to. 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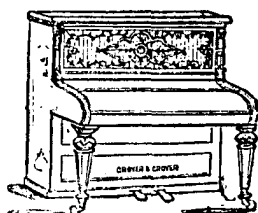
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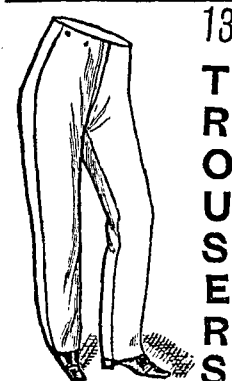
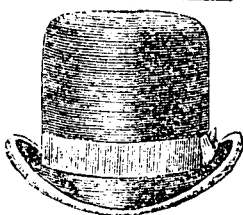
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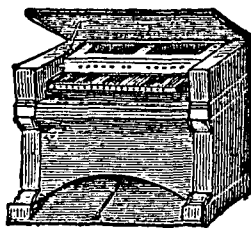
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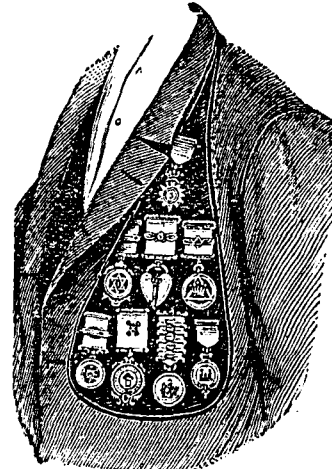
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