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OUR GRAND LODGE AND THE GRAND ORIENT OF FRANCE.

WE do not think the slightest objection can be raised to the plan submitted by the Pro Grand Master and approved by Grand Lodge with reference to the recent alteration of the first article of its Constitutions by the Grand Orient of France. The Earl of Carnarvon in proposing his plan was careful to point out that a belief in God and the immortality of the soul was part and parcel of the essential principles of Freemasonry. This belief, he added, entered into all our ceremonies and symbols, which without it would be not only a meaningless, but an offensive mockery; and by expunging it from its Constitutions the Grand Orient of France had isolated itself from other Grand Lodges. Thus our Pro Grand Master sufficiently vindicated the purity of Masonic principles. Nor will any one seriously quarrel with his proposed method of procedure by means of a Committee of inquiry into all the circumstances, such inquiry being conducted patiently, calmly, and temperately, with a view to reporting to Grand Lodge at next Quarterly Communication the course it is deemed advisable to pursue on this question. For ourselves we do not see how the most searching investigation can possibly alter the facts of the case, or make this declaration of principle less worthy of condemnation. Grand Lodge Ireland has acted immediately, and has denounced with vigour what cannot be deemed as aught else than objectionable. Our Grand Lodge proposes to move in the matter deliberately, but this deliberation implies no want of firmness or want of readiness to fulfil its duty, when it has been, once and for all, clearly and unmistakably defined. On the contrary, the Report will have the greater weight from the fact of its being adopted after a calm and patient investigation. As to the composition of the Committee, the members selected will admirably represent the body of English Freemasons. They are men of culture and experience, and can be relied on to fulfil their duty with the strictest impartiality. The reference of the Earl of Carnarvon to the seventy-six French Lodges who voted against the proposed change inclines us to hope that a means may be found by which the whole body of Freemasons in France may not be made to suffer for the action even of a large majority. This is in accordance with the suggestion we threw out in our first article on this question. With these remarks we leave the matter in the hands of the Committee.

THE APPEALS OF BROS. A. VAILLANT AND OTHERS.

THE circumstances which led to these appeals were described at some length in an article which appeared in our issue of the 1st September. Moreover, the papers relating to it have been lying in the Grand Secretary's Office for the inspection of brethren, so that the bulk of our readers are sufficiently informed of the facts of the case. Thus a brief recapitulation must suffice on this occasion. In January 1876, Bro. the Rev. John E. Marks, of Lodge "Victoria in Burmah," who was at the time in England, was appointed Senior Warden. Bro. Marks did not return to Rangoon till April, while it was not till August that he attended in Lodge and entered

on his duties. In December of the same year, the question of his eligibility to serve as W.M. was raised by Bro. T. N. Seymour, and the W.M. Bro. W. A. Nichols ruled that he was eligible. A ballot was then taken, and Bro. Marks was elected Master for the ensuing year, by 13 votes over Bro. Vaillant, for whom only 11 votes were cast. The latter and sundry other brethren appealed against the W.M.'s ruling, but the Deputy District G.M. dismissed the appeal on the ground that it was couched in disrespectful language. Pending the decision on a second appeal, Bro. Marks was installed as W.M. Then the retiring Master made certain charges against the appellants for having used insulting expressions against the officers of the Lodge, and in the result nine members passed a sentence of exclusion against five, for unmasonic conduct. After this, the Deputy District G.M. decided adversely on the second appeal, and when the excluded brethren brought the sentence passed upon them under his notice, he decided not to interfere in the matter. But Bro. Vaillant and his companions in misfortune were, not unnaturally, dissatisfied with this refusal of the Deputy District G.M., and the subject having been referred to head quarters, Grand Lodge, after hearing the exposition of the law on the case by the Grand Registrar, supported the appeal; and it was decided that Rev. Bro. Marks was not eligible to serve as Worshipful Master, and as a corollary that the sentence of exclusion from this Lodge was unjustifiable. Both judgments have been reversed, and, as a consequence, Bro. Marks can enjoy none of the rights and privileges of an Installed Master, and Bro. Vaillant and his co-appellants are restored to their position as members of the Victoria in Burmah Lodge, No. 832, Rangoon.

We have carefully studied the circumstances of the case, and we do not see how Grand Lodge could possibly have come to any other conclusion. It is more than ever necessary in these days, when the number of our Lodges has increased so prodigiously, that there should be a strict administration of the law. If there is the slightest tendency on the part of whom it may concern towards a lax interpretation or observance of the Constitutions, it is inevitable that the whole framework of our Society—at least in England—will become sooner or later disjointed. In this particular case it must be manifest, even to the tyro in Freemasonry, that Bro. Marks was not more eligible for the position of Master than a brother who had only a month previously been raised to the degree of M.M. His absence from the Lodge on the occasion of his appointment as Senior Warden, and the mere fact that, by reason of such absence, he was not invested with his jewel of office, would not by themselves have constituted any impediment to his election to the chair. The Constitutions very properly make allowance for such a contingency. But he did not appear in person till the month of April, and he did not attend in his place in Lodge till August, when two-thirds of his term of office had expired. Yet, in the face of this, the Master, Bro. Nichols, when the point of Bro. Marks's eligibility was raised, did not hesitate to declare him eligible. We have no acquaintance with Bro. Nichols, and are desirous of treating the matter impartially. While, moreover, we cannot expect that all who are elected to fill the chair of a Lodge will be learned in the law of Freemasonry; still, we are justified in supposing that Worshipful Masters, when they enter upon their duties, will pay some heed to our Constitutions, and in their study of them will exercise a portion of that common sense which we may fairly imagine they possess. Bro. Nichols does not seem to have been a painstaking Masonic student.

So, too, with a D.D.G.M., it strikes us that one who holds so exalted a position, and who, in the absence of the District Grand Master, is the chief authority in the District, will not sacrifice any portion of his dignity if he endeavours to acquaint himself, as far as possible, with the nature and extent of the duties he will be called upon to perform, and the powers that will be vested in him. In short, whoever aspires to a position of dignity and responsibility, should be prepared to fulfil his duties in a business-like, as well as in a dignified, way. He should know what to do, and have tact enough to do it at the right time and in the right manner. It in no wise derogates from a man's position that he should know what he has to do, and Bro. Nichols, Past Master of Victoria in Burmah, and the Deputy District Grand Master of British Burmah, would have come out of these differences with greater credit if they had shown some slight acquaintance with our Laws and Constitutions. As to the appellants, we do not think their appeal to the Deputy District Grand Master was couched in disrespectful language, but we do think there were several things mentioned in their appeal which it would have been wiser and more expedient to have left unsaid. However, let us hope that the action of Grand Lodge will put an end to these bickerings, and that, henceforth, Lodge No. 832 of Rangoon will be a model of harmony and exemplary work.

### GRAND LODGE.

THE United Grand Lodge of England met in regular Quarterly Communication on Wednesday evening. The Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master, presided, and was supported by the Earl of Limerick, Prov. Grand Master, Bristol, as Deputy Grand Master, Lord Tenterden as Grand Senior Warden, the Rev. C. J. Martyn as Grand Junior Warden, Rev. C. W. Arnold and Rev. H. A. Pickard—the latter of whom, in succession to the late Rev. Bro. Onslow, was invested in the course of the proceedings—Grand Chaplains, S. Tomkins Grand Treasurer, John Hervey Grand Secretary, Æ. McIntyre Q.C. Grand Registrar, Sir Albert Woods, Garter, G. Director of Ceremonies, P. de Lande Long and Captain N. G. Philips Grand Senior Deacons, H. C. Tombs Grand Junior Deacon, W. Toller G. Sword Bearer, H. G. Buss Assist. G. Secretary, S. Foxall G. Pursuivant, Earl of Donoughmore, General Brownrigg, Prov. G.M. Surrey, John A. Rucker President Colonial Board, and Bros. H. C. Levander, S. Rawson, Rev. R. J. Simpson P.G. Chaplain, Hyde Pullen, Fred. Binckes, John M. Clabon, Joshua Nunn, John Wordsworth, Stephen B. Wilson, J. Coustable, H. M. Levy, Cook, No. 259, John Havers, &c., &c., there being over 500 brethren present. Grand Lodge having been opened in ample form, and the minutes of the last Quarterly Communication having been confirmed, the Earl of Carnarvon rose, and in a speech of great length brought under the notice of Grand Lodge the recent act of the Grand Orient of France. He pointed out that this act involved an alteration in the fundamental principles by which not only French but likewise all other Freemasons were bound together. He showed how the new Constitutions laid it down that the essential principles of French Freemasonry were *not* the existence of God and the immortality of the soul, but freedom of conscience and the universal oneness of the human race (*la solidarité humaine*). This important change had been adopted after long and careful consideration, but he (the noble lord) was given to understand that no less than seventy-six Lodges had protested against it. He then referred to the recent resolution passed by the Grand Lodge of Ireland in condemnation of the act of the French Grand Orient, and stated that other Grand Lodges abroad had adopted a similar course of action. For his part, while desirous of looking temperately at the matter, it was impossible for him to adopt any other conclusion than that by expunging from their Constitutions the belief in God and the immortality of the soul, the Grand Orient of France had blotted out the necessary and fundamental principle of the Craft, and had thus isolated itself from other Grand Lodges. His Lordship then went on to show at considerable length how these beliefs entered deeply into all the ceremonies and symbols of Freemasonry, and that, were it not so, they would be not only without force or meaning, but an offensive mockery; and in concluding an able and effective speech, he proposed that a Committee should be appointed, for the purpose of inquiring into the circumstances and examining ancient records; and, having dealt with the matter calmly and patiently, that it should then report to Grand Lodge as to the course it would be advisable to take on the question. The Earl of Limerick seconded the motion, which was put and carried unanimously. The following eleven brethren constitute this Committee—namely, the Earls of Carnarvon, Skelmersdale, and Donoughmore, Lords Leigh and Tenterden, Æ. McIntyre, Q.C., the Rev. C. J. Martyn, John Havers, H. C. Levander, Monckton, and Gould. The Grand Secretary then read a letter of condolence from the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, on the sudden death of the Earl of Shrewsbury and Talbot, Provincial Grand Master of Staffordshire. W. Bro. Cook, Deputy Master of the Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 259, then rose and nominated His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales as M.W. Grand Master for the ensuing year, and the nomination having been duly seconded, was carried by acclamation. Bro. John M. Clabon was re-appointed President of the Lodge of Benevolence, and Bros. Joshua Nunn and Jas. Brett were re-elected as Senior and Junior Vice-Presidents of the same.

The following twelve Past Masters were then elected, after ballot, to serve on the Lodge of Benevolence for the ensuing year, namely:—

Bro. John Constable P.M. 185, 331 votes.  
 Bro. H. C. Levander P.M. 263, 325 votes.  
 Bro. C. F. Hogard P.M. 205, 293 votes.  
 Bro. William Mann P.M. 186, 287 votes.  
 Bro. H. Dicketts P.M. 25, 269 votes.  
 Bro. H. Bartlett P.M. 147, 245 votes.  
 Bro. Griffiths Smith P.M. 21, 240 votes.  
 Bro. H. Garrod P.M. 749, 231 votes.  
 Bro. Obed. Roberts P.M. 188, 225 votes.  
 Bro. C. Atkins P.M. 27, 208 votes.  
 Bro. C. P. Cobham P.M. 957, 207 votes.  
 Bro. H. M. Levy P.M. 188, 202 votes.

The Report of the Lodge of Benevolence for the past quarter, in which the grants enumerated in our last issue were recommended, was submitted and approved. The statement of account, as described last week, was also submitted and accepted. The appeal of Bro. John Henry Henry, of St. John's Lodge, No. 1039, Lichfield, against a judgment of the late Prov. G.M. of Staffordshire, for deciding a case and censuring Bro. Henry without hearing him, was sustained, and the judgment reversed; as also was the appeal of Alfred Leander Vaillant and other brethren, of the Lodge Victoria in Burmah, against the judgment of the Dep. District Grand Master of British Burmah, and against their exclusion from the Lodge, to which we refer at some length in another part of our columns. The Rev. Bro. R. J. Simpson then rose for the purpose of moving the series of resolutions on the German question of which he had given notice. The first of them, to the effect that the three hundred petitions now presented to Grand Lodge should be received, was agreed to; but after some discussion on the second and third, in the former of which it was proposed that our Grand Lodge should suggest to the Grand Lodge of the Three Globes, Berlin, a reconsideration of that portion of its constitutions which required all candidates for initiation to declare themselves believers in Christianity, and in the latter that the M.W.G. Master should be respectfully requested to communicate the foregoing resolutions to the Grand Lodge of the Three Globes, in such manner as might commend itself to His Royal Highness—these were withdrawn. Shortly after this, Grand Lodge was closed with the customary formalities, and the brethren dispersed rapidly.

We learn from the *Masonic Record of Western India*, that the Quarterly Communication of the District Grand Lodge of Bengal was held on the 25th June, at the Freemasons' Hall, Calcutta, Bro. the Hon. J. Pitt Kennedy, P. Dep. Dist. G.M. presiding as Dist. G. Master. Many present and Past Dist. G. Officers, with the representatives of twelve Lodges and sundry visitors, were present. The Dist. G.M. having addressed the brethren, the Report of the Committee of General Purposes was taken as read. The Dist. G. Treasurer's accounts showed a balance against the General Fund of over 506 Rs.; in favour of the Hall Fund of over 2,354 Rs.; in favour of the Gas Account of over 107 Rs. of Musical Fund Account of upwards of 433 Rs.; and of the Fund of Benevolence of over 1,933 Rs. This Report, as well as that of the Committee of the Fund of Benevolence, which showed donations to the extent of 390 Rs., was adopted. A resolution referring to the final scrutiny of the votes of Lodges in respect of a New District Grand Master having been proposed and carried, and the annual collection in behalf of the Fund of Benevolence, which realised Rs. 107.4, having been made and handed to the District G. Treasurer, District Grand Lodge was closed with the customary formalities.

It will be within the recollection of our readers that on the 23rd April last, Lord Leigh, Prov. G.M. of Warwickshire, laid the first stone of the Shakespeare Memorial now being erected at Stratford-on-Avon, at least one portion of it, to wit, the Theatre. But it is in contemplation to build a Library and Picture Gallery, for which a further sum of £3,000 is required. Mr. C. E. Flower, who has already contributed munificently towards the erection of the Theatre, has again come forward and promised £4,000 towards the Library and Gallery, on condition that the further sum of £4,000 is raised by the end of the year. Mr. Henry Graves, the Art Publisher of Pall Mall, has further promised to bequeath all his pictures of a Shakespearean character to the Gallery. Under these circumstances, the Corporation is now making a powerful appeal to the British public, in order to raise the £4,000. We trust their endeavours will meet with the prompt and hearty support it deserves.

The first annual ball of the City of Westminster Lodge, No. 1563, will be held at Willis's Rooms, King-street, St. James's, on Wednesday, 23rd January 1878, Bro. E. White W.M. is President, and Rev. P. M. Holden I.P.M. Vice-President. Bro. E. J. Scott, Secretary and Treasurer of Ball Committee, 34 Bury-street, St. James's, S.W., will be happy to furnish particulars.

## GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

THE Festival of St. Andrew was celebrated in Edinburgh, by the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and the Daughter Lodge of the Metropolitan province, on the 30th ult., with the usual installation and banquet. The proceedings commenced with an Installation Grand Lodge in the Lodge Hall, the Depute Grand Master Bro. Henry Inglis of Torsonce on the throne; the Grand Architect Bro. W. Hay acting as Grand Senior Warden and Past Grand Deacon Bro. W. Officer acting as Grand Junior Warden. The acting Grand Master declared the offices of Grand Lodge vacant, and in accordance with the nomination of the 5th November, proposed Sir Michael R. Shaw-Stewart Bart. as Grand Master Mason of Scotland for the ensuing year. This having been unanimously agreed to, the Grand Master was introduced by the acting Grand Wardens and the Grand Stewards, and Bro. Inglis administered the oath *de fidei* to the Grand Master. The election of the office-bearers was then conducted in accordance with the nomination list, which appeared in our issue of 10th November. Most of the newly appointed officers being present, the oath *de fidei* was administered to them, and the Installation Grand Lodge was thereupon closed. The Grand Officers then proceeded to the Great Hall, in the usual order, the organ playing the anthem, there to partake of the banquet, which was joined in by upwards of two hundred brethren. The Grand Master presided, and the Croupiers were Bros. F. A. Barrow, Glasgow, Senior Grand Warden; Lord Inverurie Junior Grand Warden and Prov. Grand Master of Kincardineshire, and Bro. F. S. Melville President of the Board of Grand Stewards. The G.M. was supported right and left by Bro. Henry Inglis of Torsonce D.G.M., Colonel Campbell of Blythwood Sub. G.M. and Prov. G.M. of Renfrewshire (East); D. Murray Lyon G.S.; David Kinnear G. Cashier; the Rev. Dr. Gray and the Rev. A. Thomson Grant G. Chaplains, R. F. Shaw-Stewart S.D., W. Hay G. Architect, Alex. Gay G. Jeweller, Thomas Halkett G. Bible-bearer, John Coghill G.D. of Ceremonies, C. W. M. Müller G.D. of Music, Capt. Hills G. Marshal, W. Marin P.G. Warden, Lord Carnegie, Commander Forbes R.N., W. Officer representative of the Grand Lodge of Egypt. Apologies for absence were intimated from Bro. J. Whyte Melville, of Strathkinness, P.G.M.; J. H. Neilson, Dublin; D. M. Nelson, Glasgow, &c. Deputations, headed chiefly by their R.W.M.'s, were in attendance from twenty-five Daughter Lodges, to the number of about a hundred and eighty. Grace having been said by the Grand Chaplain, the company partook of dinner, which was purveyed by Bro. Thiem, of the Windsor Hotel. Grand Lodge was then opened in the first degree, and the Grand Master proposed in succession the toasts of the Holy Lodge of St. John, which as usual was drunk in silence, and the Queen, which was very heartily received. He next proposed His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, Patron of the Scottish Craft, remarking that the Prince was ever ready to do his public duties in this country, and that when he did come forward he won all parties by his kind, unaffected, manly, and at the same time thoroughly dignified deportment. This toast having been honoured, the G.M. gave the Princess of Wales and the rest of the Royal Family, remarking that that was appropriately a toast for Masons, as the Duke of Connaught and Prince Leopold, Prov. Grand Master of Oxford, were both members of the Craft. The next toast from the chair was the Navy, Army, Militia, and Volunteers, Commander Forbes replying for the Navy, and Colonel Campbell for the Army; and this was followed by the Craft and Freemasonry over the World; the G. Lodge of England and H.R.H. the Prince of Wales; the Grand Lodge of Ireland and the Duke of Abercorn. The Deputy Grand Master next proposed the Grand Master, in doing so he remarked that when Sir Michael first came among them, he found the affairs of Grand Lodge in a dislocated state, and his first observation was this:—"I pledge myself if I can to put them right."—(Applause). Sir Michael Shaw-Stewart had kept his word. With a mixture of firmness and courtesy and business talent he had succeeded in putting Grand Lodge into the right groove at last—(Applause)—it would have grieved them and all the Craft if the Grand Master had not been again placed on the throne of Grand Lodge to see the results of what had been achieved in its excellent working order. (Applause.) Without fear of contradiction he would say, that among the illustrious roll of Grand Masters who had preceded Sir Michael—and there was no more illustrious roll of Grand Masters in Europe—(Applause)—no one had been superior to the Mason now on their throne. The toast was received with three times three. The Grand Master, in replying, first briefly glanced at some portions of the past history of Grand Lodge, and then proceeded to congratulate the brethren and the Craft on the promising and prosperous state of affairs now existing. (Applause.) They had now an able and efficient and a very hard working Grand Secretary. (Applause.) The Grand Cashier also was well able to discharge the duties of his office, and did his duties in such a way as to merit and to have obtained the approval of those who were well qualified to judge of his work. (Applause.) The Grand Master in concluding his remarks thanked the brethren cordially and heartily for the kind manner in which they had received him, and for the honour they had done him in re-electing him for another year to occupy the throne of Grand Lodge. He had received the very greatest kindness, consideration, and support from all the officers of Grand Lodge and from the Craft at large. (Applause.) A long list of toasts was then disposed of. The Grand Master proposed "The Past Grand Masters;" and "The Foreign Grand Lodges" was proposed by the Substitute Grand Master, and replied for by Bro. W. Mann, representative of Grand Lodge of Sweden. The Senior Grand Warden proposed "The health of the Depute Grand Master," who replied, and proposed that of Lady Octavia Shaw Stewart, which was acknowledged by the Grand Master. The Junior Grand Warden then proposed the toast of "The Substitute Grand Master." From the first time he left his mother's hand he had, he said, been taught that one of the first principles of life was in the trite saying, "Duty before pleasure,"

and he could say he had always found that to be the case. But on the present occasion there was an exception, for he was hardly installed in office before he found himself in the happy position of asking them to drink to "The health of the Substitute Grand Master," and after some complimentary remarks he called on the brethren to assist him in that duty. Colonel Campbell in replying expressed his hope that so long as able he should do his duty to Masonry in Scotland. (Applause.) The Grand Master then gave in succession the health of the several Lodges from which deputations were present, and the brother heading each acknowledged the compliment and expressed gratification at the re-appointment of the Grand Master. The Grand Master afterwards proposed the toast of the Lodge Union St. Andrews, No. 542, which was responded for by Lord Carnegie, and thereafter the other toasts were in honour of the Grand Wardens, the Provincial Grand Lodges of Scotland, the Grand Chaplains and other office-bearers of Grand Lodge, the Colonial Provincial Grand Lodges, and (in solemn silence) the memory of St. Clair of Rosslyn. Music, vocal, and instrumental, was provided by a band and glee party under Bro. J. M. Davidson, and the evening was spent in pleasant style.

## GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS OF ENGLAND AND WALES.

THE Winter half-yearly Communication of this Grand Lodge was held at the Freemasons' Tavern, on Tuesday, the 4th inst. Present—The Right Hon. the Earl of Limerick M.W.G.M.M.M., supported by the Rev. G. R. Portal M.W.P.G.M.M.M., S. Rawson Prov. G.M.M.M. China as D.G.M.M.M., Lieut.-General J. S. Brownrigg as G.S.W., Capt. N. G. Philips as G.J.W., A. B. Cooke G.M.O., D. M. Dewar G.S.O., Rev. F. W. Thoys G. Chaplain, F. Davison G. Treas., H. C. Levander G. Reg., F. Binckes G. Secretary, H. W. Binckes G. Assist. Sec., A. T. Spears G.J.D., W. Wigginton G. Insp. Works, R. Berridge G.D.C., H. Pullen G.S. Bearer, J. G. Podewin G. Standard Bearer, W. T. Belcher G. Org., Thos. Poore G.I.G., Jas. Tomlinson G. Steward, C. T. Spaight G.T. The Grand Lodge was opened at 5 p.m. in due and ancient form. The minutes of the G. L. of 5th June 1877 were read and confirmed. After which Bro. Sabine rose and, addressing the Most Worshipful Grand Master, proposed the Right Hon. the Lord Skelmersdale as G.M.M.M. for the ensuing term. In so doing Bro. Sabine paid a high tribute to the R.W. brother, and deemed the great and continuous progress of Mark Master Masonry to be due to the interest taken in the Order by so many distinguished brothers. He alluded to the opposition (what he deemed sincere opposition) which Mark Masonry had experienced, but in spite of all that was done the Order was rapidly increasing all over the world. The figures showed a wide difference now to what they were in the time when M.W. Bro. Beach was G.M.

The M.W. the Grand Master said:—Before I revert to the proposition for the nomination of G.M., I would draw the attention of the brethren to the marked increase in our Order, and particularly to the increase in the province of Bengal. There must have been extraordinary energy displayed to accomplish it, as the report shows a list of four new lodges established there.

The Grand Master then explained the course of action (which he deemed imperative) he had taken with reference to the Mansion House Indian Famine Fund, and trusted that Grand Lodge would agree with him in the course he had adopted to assist in relieving the distress in India, which, happily, was now subsiding; and, lastly, he had to mark the letter of the General G. Chapter of Royal Arch Masons for the United States of America. We must feel pleased to see them recognizing us as the legitimate head of Mark Master Masons in England and Wales, and we shall be able to enter into full and satisfactory correspondence with this by far the most powerful nation in Royal Arch Masonry. With reference to my successor on this throne, I think that Bro. Lord Skelmersdale's nomination as G.M. is in every way calculated to give great satisfaction.

M.W.P.G.M. Rev. G. R. Portal, in rising to urge the recommendations alluded to in the report, referred to the friendly action of the Grand Chapter of the United States, and stated it was impossible to overrate the importance of being recognized by the Grand Lodge of the United States. Canada and Ireland had previously done so, and he felt sure that it would also come from Scotland. All the recommendations were unanimously agreed to.

Bro. T. Meggy reminded Grand Lodge that there had been renewed efforts to establish and maintain a Mark Lodge of Improvement, and he had great pleasure in informing the brethren that such Lodge was held every Wednesday, in Red Lion-square. He cordially invited brethren from town and country to attend. Bro. Stevens held that such a Lodge was urgently needed, and thought that a grant from G.L. ought to be made for part maintenance of such a Lodge. Bro. Binckes dissented from this view of Bro. Stevens, as regards a Grand Lodge grant, and said it could not be done. Other brethren took part in the discussion, and the M.W.G. Master thought that a matter of so much importance should be referred to the Board of General Purposes, which was agreed to, a resolution, moved by Bro. Meggy and seconded by Bro. M. Ohren, being framed to that effect. The business being finished, the Grand Lodge of M.M.M. was closed, with prayer, at a quarter to 7 p.m.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked in the Egyptian Lodge of Instruction No. 27, on Thursday next, the 13th inst., at the Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C. Bro. C. H. Webb will occupy the chair, and will be supported by Bros. Rudderforth as S.W., Ellis as J.W., and Barnes as I.P.M. The following are the brethren who will assist:—Bros. Hill, Da Silva, Norden, Ellis, Durell, Andrews, Barnes, Wharman, Burr, Grammer, Rudderforth, Hewlett, Musto, Maidwell, Taylor.

## PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS OF LINCOLNSHIRE.

**T**he Third Annual Meeting was held at Alford, on Thursday, 29th November, under the banner of the St. Wilfrid Lodge, No. 209. The proceedings of the day commenced at 11.15 a.m., by the Consecration of the St. Wilfrid Lodge, which new Lodge had been constituted by the installation of its W.M., Bro. B. A. Galland, M.A., Rector of South Thoresby, on the 24th September, and which young Lodge now consists of eighteen members, under the presidency of one of the best working Masons in the kingdom.

The ceremony of Consecration was performed by Bro. F. Binckes, Grand Secretary, in his usual perfect style. The nice little town of Alford not being easy of approach, there was only a limited number of brethren present; but a special train being arranged for the convenience of brethren from Gainsbro', Lincoln, and Grimsby, and several visiting brethren from Hull, there was a goodly muster at the assembling of Prov. Grand Lodge at 12.45 p.m., which took place in the Corn Exchange, which was most tastefully decorated for the occasion, the most remarkable feature being the Mark tracing board, drawn on the floor of the Lodge, 24 feet by 15 feet, which was most startling to the brethren on entering.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was presided over by the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master Mason, Bro. John Sutcliffe, of Stallingbro' House, near Grimsby. The following brethren were present:—The R.W. John Sutcliffe Prov. G.M.M., W. Watkins P.P.G.S.W. as Deputy Prov. G.M.M., R. Cotton Carlino Prov. G. Reg. as Prov. G.S.W., W. W. Copeland Prov. J.W., F. Higgins as Prov. M.O., M. Crowden Prov. S.O., J. E. Mason as Prov. J.O., and the Rev. D. Ace, D.D., P.P.G. Chap. as Prov. Chap., Jack Sutcliffe Prov. Treas., R. Cotton Carlino Prov. Reg. M., Robert Gough Prov. Secretary, T. A. Handsley as Prov. S.D., C. Brookes as Prov. J.D., W. H. Roberts Prov. D. of C., Haston Clark as Prov. Assist. D. of C., H. S. Close Prov. Sup. of W., G. M. Lowe, M.D., Prov. Sword Bearer, C. W. Cheeseman as Prov. Organist, F. C. Johnson as Prov. I.G., George Motley Prov. Steward, W. H. Parkinson Prov. Steward, Charles Mann Prov. Tyler, W. H. Radley P.P.G.S.W., F. S. Judd P.P.G. Asst. D. of C., Thomas Slaton P.P.G. Sword Bearer, T. M. Wilkinson S.O. Renugius 117, J. E. Fox Secretary ditto, R. Goodman P.P.G.D. of C., W.M. John-o'-Gaunt 172, John Laughton S.O. ditto, C. F. Liversidge S.D. ditto, B. Box Tyler ditto, W. Marshall P.P.G. Steward, W.M. Sutcliffe 188, George Lister S.D. ditto, R. Boggott Past M.O. ditto, Henry Barker Secretary ditto, Henry Wardale Tyler ditto, John Nelson ditto, C. Gonney ditto, Charles Smyth S.W. St. Wilfrid 209, R. Garnt J.W. ditto, W. O. Taylor ditto, Edward Soulby ditto, John Mawor ditto, C. Mason ditto. Visitors—V.W. Bro. F. Binckes Past G.J.W. Grand Sec., Martin Kemp P.M. Humber 182, Henry Preston J.W. ditto, M. Haberland ditto.

The Prov. Grand Secretary read the following list of brethren from whom letters had been received, regretting their non-attendance:—Bros. James Terry, C. Harrison M.D., John N. Scherling, Walter Reynolds, A. Kirk, F. Watson, C. Scorer, Henry Watson, Hesketh Smith, P. P. Dickinson, George Housham, T. E. Jacobson, John Moxon, W. Pollitt, T. C. Lazenby, the Rev. J. G. Bayles, W. M. Green, S. Walmsley, Capt. Coates, the Rev. B. A. Galland M.A.

The usual routine of a Provincial Grand Lodge having been gone through, and the officers for the ensuing year invested, the R.W. Prov. G.M.M.M. then called upon the brethren for one to volunteer to undertake the office of Grand Steward, which office W. Bro. D. Ace D.D. P.P.G. Chaplain undertook.

The Treasurer's accounts having been previously submitted and passed and found in a healthy state, there being a balance of over £30 in hand, the R.W. Prov. G.M.M.M. said for his part he had always been opposed to Masonic Lodges hoarding up money. He thought it was far more desirable to circulate it for the benefit of distressed Masons, and he suggested that a portion should be voted to strengthen the Mark Benevolent Fund, and on the motion of Bro. Dr. Ace the sum of £10 10s was so voted. The Provincial Grand Master subsequently added £5 5s to this, and Bro. R. Boggott volunteered to undertake the office of Steward at the Mark Benevolent Festival, which is usually held in May in each year.

Before closing the Lodge the R.W. Prov. G.M.M.M. stated that in routine the Lodge will be held at the fine old city of Lincoln next year, on which occasion he expected to have a most numerous and popular gathering. The Masons of Lancashire—his native county—had done him high honour, and he had in return invited the R.W. Prov. Grand Mark Master Mason for Lancashire, with all his present and past officers, to honour Lincoln with a visit, and he fully expected they would do so, when he, with the Lincolnshire brethren, could acknowledge his obligations and give them a hearty reception, such as Masons know how to give.

A magnificent banquet was served at the White Horse Hotel to between fifty and sixty brethren, guests of the Prov. Grand Mark Mason, Bro. Sutcliffe, who occupied the chair. There was also a liberal supply of choice wines to add zest to the repast and to the Loyal and Masonic toasts which followed it. The menu comprised the various edibles in season, including a plentiful supply of game, and the bounteous provision elicited the personal thanks of Bro. Sutcliffe to host Hibbitt. During dinner the founder of the feast took wine respectively with the brethren on the right and the left, and with the St. Wilfrid Lodge. In proceeding with the toast list before the tables were cleared,

The Chairman apologetically remarked that the time was getting very valuable and very precious, as some brethren had to leave in a short time for their homeward journey, and he must therefore call upon Dr. Ace for the usual prayer after meat.

Grace having been said,

The Chairman loyally called upon the brethren to join him in drinking the toast of the Queen and Mark Masonry, which was followed by the singing of the National Anthem.

The Chairman then said the next toast he had to propose would meet with a hearty response, namely, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, who was at the head of Masonry, and not only that, but as the Heir Apparent to the Throne they should drink his health, and also that of the Princess of Wales and the rest of the Royal Family. (God bless the Prince of Wales).

The Chairman, without any delay, proceeded to say that the next toast he had to propose for their approval was that of the M.W. the Earl of Limerick, the Grand Mark Master Mason; the Provincial Grand Masters of other Mark Provinces; and all Grand and Provincial Grand Officers present and past. It was a routine toast, but still a compliment which it was incumbent upon them to pay to the head of their institution. They had looked to the Earl of Limerick with a great amount of interest for the Moveable Grand Lodge which he promised to hold in this district in the autumn of the present year, but after many attempts to bring him to book Bro. Binckes had failed, for the Earl was so engaged that he could not attend. He coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Binckes Grand Secretary.

Bro. Binckes, in responding, remarked that the Right Worshipful Master had imposed upon him a heavy duty to discharge, because it was a very comprehensive toast. They started with the Most Worshipful Master who held the reins over this Province—the Earl of Limerick, to whom their Right Worshipful Master Sutcliffe had made a happy allusion, but he did not know that it was from the reason named that the Earl did not hold a moveable Grand Lodge, because he was in Ireland, and had engagements there, and from one cause or another the Moveable Grand Lodge, fell through. Speaking of the selection of P.G. Officers, he said it was exceedingly difficult to make a selection without giving offence where the qualifications of all were so equal. But they could always make themselves happy under disappointment. They lived in the hope that the day would come when the merits of each individual brother would be acknowledged. There were two estimates of every man—the one formed of himself and the other formed by other people, and he thought the estimate formed by other people was the most correct. With reference to himself he was exceedingly happy to be once more amongst them, and exceedingly pleased to see such a good attendance so ably presided over as they were by their Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Mark Master. (Applause.)

Bro. Binckes proposed the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Mark Master for Lincolnshire, Bro. John Sutcliffe. Had he known when responding to the last toast that this honour would have been put in his hands he should have curtailed his observations. Three years ago he had the honour of installing Bro. Sutcliffe as a Provincial Grand Officer. The honour fell to him (Bro. Binckes) by accident. He could say a good deal with regard to the distinguished brother in connection with this toast, but he need not occupy time in recounting his most valuable and good qualities, which were probably better known by those present than by himself (Bro. Binckes), although he knew something of both. He was one of the hardest Provincial Grand Masters he ever served under, and now only allowed him a minute-and-a-half to propose his health, and he must therefore call upon them by the heartiness of their reception of it to make up for the want of what he would say if he had time to say it, but he believed a better Grand Master could not be served under, nor one better deserving of their best support. (Applause.) He wished him good health, that he might for many years fulfil the position he now held and the arduous duties devolving upon him as they had seen him that day.

Bro. Sutcliffe, on rising, was received with loud applause and cheering. He feelingly acknowledged the very great kindness with which the proposition of his health had been received, as proposed by Bro. Binckes, who by his splendid and eloquent flow of language expressed himself in a style which no other man scarcely could do. He (Bro. Sutcliffe) hoped to have the opportunity of meeting his brethren for some years to come, and they would not find much change in him. (Applause.) For their kindness he could only say he would fulfil his office in every way he could, but it was no use his being placed in the chair unless he was supported by the various Lodges. He expressed himself as pleased with the satisfactory state of things in the Province.

The Chairman, without resuming his seat, said he had great pleasure in proposing the health of the Worshipful Masters, Past Masters, and all Officers and Brethren of Lodges in the Province of Lincolnshire. The Lodges were all working harmoniously. They did not lose strength, but gained a little. They had at the head of their Lodges four good and enthusiastic Masons. Dr. Lowe and Bro. Goodman were unsurpassed by any men. Bro. Copeland, who presided over another, was one of their principal names and principal characters. For the Alford Lodge he was exceedingly pleased in submitting for their consideration a first-rate tip-top man, who would be a great ornament to the Province, and he greatly regretted that he had not been present that day (the Rev. Basil A. Galland, M.A., Rector of South Thoresby). With men like those they must progress. They did not want to progress rapidly; they wanted quality and not quantity. He coupled with the toast the name of Dr. Lowe.

Bro. Dr. Lowe expressed the satisfaction which the Masters of the Lodges felt in their Provincial Grand Master, whom they endeavour to imitate, and they did all they could to serve him, and, owing to him, no sooner were Masons initiated in the Craft Lodge but they were anxious to join the Mark Lodge. With regard to Lincoln, they were not quite so prosperous as they might be. They kept Masonry very popular, especially Mark Masonry, and before another year the Lodge would be increased. He knew from the pulse of Lincoln that it would be so. The Grand Lodge would probably be held in Lincoln next year under very agreeable auspices, and they would give a good reception. He hardly expected that they should do equal justice to what they had seen that day, for he had travelled through the Province and had not seen it better done or better served.

The Chairman said the next toast under ordinary circumstances would have been the Deputy Provincial Grand Mark Master and other

Provincial Officers of Lincolnshire, but they must excuse him for passing over that toast, seeing that the Lincoln and Gainsboro' brethren must depart almost immediately. He would therefore take up the Visiting Brethren, who came from Hull, South Lincolnshire (St. Botolph's), and Bro. Binckes. He had been in the habit of seeing the Lincolnshire brethren more numerous than that day, but the geographical position of Alford was such that they could not come. But although the brethren from Hull and Boston were very few, they were glad to see them in all Mark Lodges, and he hoped to have them on a future occasion. In conclusion, he asked the brethren of the district to drink to the brethren of Hull, Lincoln, Boston, and Spalding, and Bro. Binckes, wishing them many years of happiness and prosperity, and coupling with the toast the names of Bro. Kemp, Bro. Radley, and Bro. Preston.

Bro. Preston (Hull) wished the Provincial Grand Mark Master every prosperity, hoping that the Mark degree would prosper. The brethren from Yorkshire had great pleasure in meeting him on this occasion.

Bro. Radley (Boston) expressed his gratitude for the opportunity of observing the working of a Mark Lodge. Although on the "black list," they of the St. Botolph's Lodge not being able to work a Mark Lodge in a high degree, they would have liked to do so. They came there because, being presided over by such a distinguished and painstaking brother, it was the least duty they could render at his hands. All his brethren then present felt their position somewhat, and he hoped the outcome would be that they should not keep out of the pale of Masonry another year, especially as the Prov. Grand Master held out to them the temptation of a meeting which they hoped would be the best under the Mark Masonic prestige in Lincolnshire, and he would say if it was not taken up in Boston he would join some other Lodge.

Bro. Kemp, in an eloquent speech, proposed the Masonic Charities, which he described not as charities, but as truly benevolent institutions, referring particularly to the Boys' School and its economical management. There were very few institutions but some grumbling person might say there is some extravagant thing here, or some mismanagement there, but it could not be said of the Boys' School, and he would say that there was no institution in the land that could compare with the Masonic Institutions in London. He had mentioned the name of Binckes in connection with them, but he could not possibly pass over the name of Sutcliffe. Before he had the pleasure of an intimate acquaintance with their Prov. Grand Master he read of his noble doings. He did not envy the Province of Lincolnshire very much, but he envied them of their Grand Master. They had a Mark Lodge in Hull—a baby one-and-a-half year old, and when compared with the Lodge they had consecrated that day, it showed how Mark Masonry was progressing. The Hull Lodge was No. 184, and that established at Alford was 209, showing the great increase in so short a time. He hoped to have the pleasure of meeting their Provincial Grand Master for many years to come. He was reminded by seeing Bro. Jack Sutcliffe take office—which was not the first instance in Masonry—that he was a worthy son of a worthy sire. (Great applause.) The names of the Right Worshipful Grand Master and his son Jack, with the name of Binckes, would never pass away, with whom he would also mention the name of Boggett, a Mark Master at Hull, in connection with the Masonic Charities.

Bro. Binckes, in responding, gave some particulars of the position of the Boys' and Girls' Schools, which had £40,000 funded property. They were not hoarding up all their income for posterity, but had expended £3,000 to £3,500 in enlarging the Boys' School, and had increased the number from 140 to 180. His Brother Jack Sutcliffe, whose name had been associated with his good father's noble deeds, and whose efforts in the future would be in excess of those that had gone before, would find a most genial occupation in providing for aged Freemasons, thereby on the one hand supporting them in their closing years, and in the other case starting them in life with that education which all wished to start with.

Bro. Jack Sutcliffe observed that after such a brilliant speaker as Bro. Binckes it was difficult for him to gain their attention. He failed to see how his name could be connected with the Masonic Charities, because he had done very little in comparison with other active Masons. He had done something in the Craft and Mark Lodges, and went up to London well satisfied with his position in respect to other Lodges. He was nobly and well entertained, and in a manner which afforded him great gratification. He was introduced to many brethren whose acquaintance it was an honour to have. What little he had done for the Masonic Charities he had done with great pleasure indeed. His heart was with the great Masonic movement, and if they wished him to continue in the position he now held he should endeavour to increase what he had hitherto done.

Bro. Boggett (Hull) also responded, remarking that when they went up with their lists they were not second. (The Provincial Grand Mark Master: "And you shall not be second this year.") He was going to represent the Lincolnshire Province of Mark Masons, and he hoped the brethren in the Mark degree would assist him. He had the promise from one brother of 5 guineas, and if he wanted more he was to go again. Last year Bro. Sutcliffe sent him 5 guineas, and this year he hoped to have the name of every officer in the Sutcliffe Lodge—every officer in the county. He hoped to have the biggest list at the Mark Festival.

Bro. Copeland said he had a toast to propose that did not appear on the list. It was the practice of Masonry to recognise merit where merit was due, and the brother that he had to bring before their notice had merit as his peculiar forte. He was a brother who had served very long and very arduously in this Province, namely, Bro. Grand Secretary Gough. (Applause.) They all knew, especially those who were first connected with this Province, the very great amount of work that Bro. Gough had to perform. (Hear, hear.) He deserved their thanks for what he had done in the Lodge and in the Province. That was all they could do at present, but he hoped at some future time some further recognition would be forthcoming. (Hear, hear.)

Bro. P.G.M.M. Sutcliffe: Before this toast is submitted to you I must say that Bro. Gough has been lad and man with me, and he is my book-keeper. He has only one senior in our establishment. He has my full trust as a book-keeper, and he has my full confidence as a Mason. He not only discharges his duties as a servant, but he discharges his duties as a Mason. (Applause.)

Bro. Gough thanked the P.G.M.M. and all present very much for drinking his health, the proposal of which had come upon him unexpectedly. As most of them were aware talking was not his forte, and as to the working part he left them to be the judges. He thanked them for their confidence.

The Chairman then proposed a toast which he said ought to bring a smile over the faces of all brethren, namely, the Ladies. It was a toast which was often brought before a meeting as a matter of mere routine, being placed sometimes in the hands of some young butterfly who did not know anything about it—(laughter)—who did not know how to propose it. However, as an old married man, and the father of a family, he could say they were a great comfort and solace, as the brethren would feel when they arrived at his time of life. In our youth we enjoyed their society, and they administered to our comforts in many respects as married men, and in our old age they had to be our nurses. He did not know what his home would be without his wife—his good old wife, who at that time would be very anxious and wondering how "John" was getting on. (Laughter.) She would be saying to herself, "Now will he come home cross or pleased?" (Laughter.) But, in a general way, he went home from a Masonic meeting in a much better temper than from elsewhere. (Applause.) Therefore he had very great pleasure in proposing the health of the Ladies. Young and old admired them and loved them. He coupled with it the health of the Provincial Grand Organist, Bro. Higgins.

Bro. Higgins felt the difficulty of his position in this case, for he as a bachelor could not tell what the ladies would wish to say under such trying circumstances. He considered that married Masons occupied a more difficult position than bachelors, for they might be assured that when they went home they were put through a most trying ordeal, and if they did not get satisfactory answers think of their faces, and think of their tongues. (Laughter.) They bachelors had no such trying questions put to them. Still, the ladies would be only too glad to second his poor efforts in returning thanks for them.

The Chairman having proposed all poor and distressed Masons, the proceedings were brought to a conclusion by the usual parting toast.

## THE BROTHERLY SOCIETY.

THE annual dinner of the members was held on Tuesday, the 4th inst., at the Holborn Restaurant. The Society originated on the 12th December 1776, and has thus completed its centenary. The object is the relief of all classes. It has a sum of upwards of £2,000 invested in the funds. The number of members is limited to 101, and there are at present several applicants waiting to join. A very sumptuous dinner and dessert was provided by Bro. Gordon, ably superintended by Bro. Hamp. Bro. A. J. Ireton, the President, occupied the chair, and Bros. W. Bourne and T. Simpson efficiently acted as Stewards. The chairman was supported by Bros. John Coult, Wright, Watkins, E. Jacobs, S. Jacobs, J. Blyth, Dixon, &c. Mr. T. Harrap occupied the vice-chair. W. Harvey Secretary. To the call of the President to take wine with the Masonic brethren, over thirty responded. Grace having been said, the President proposed the usual Loyal toasts. Bro. Sergt. H. Steers responded for the Army and Navy. The W.M. proposed the toast of the evening, Prosperity to the Brotherly Society. He stated they were fifteen members short of the prescribed number, and the committee would be pleased to receive the names of gentlemen who wished to join. He enlarged on the advantages of the Society, and coupled with the toast the names of two of its staunchest supporters, Messrs. Scholefield and Bethell. (Cheers.) The former Brother, after thanking those present, said it must be a pleasure to the President and the members to see such success attending their efforts. The Vice-President then proposed the health of the President. No corporate or other body could exist without a head. Here you have that head in Bro. Ireton. From long experience I know that not only in his present capacity, but in whatever situation he occupies he is respected, and no more worthy gentleman could fill the chair than our old friend. The President said his heart was not only in the work of this society, but in that of every society he had been associated with. When they placed him in the position of President he felt it a great honour; he was gratified to see old and young members among them that evening, and was pleased to have their support. Bros. Bourne, Newson and Wyman returned thanks for the general committee. The toast of the trustees followed, and Bro. Keeble gave a very interesting account of the Society. The President proposed the toast of the Visitors. Mr. Ward and Bro. H. M. Levy responded, and congratulated the President at being at the head of so distinguished a Society. Several other toasts were given and were duly acknowledged. The proceedings during the evening were enlivened by some capital songs and instrumental music.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—In all sores, wounds, bad legs, and sprains of any kind this Ointment is the most efficient application. It at once gives ease, by allaying inflammation and moderating the flow of blood to the part. Whenever the manly has been of long standing the Ointment should be assisted by Holloway's purifying Pills, which act upon the stomach and liver, guarding digestion from falling into that disordered state which the pain, restlessness, and fever attending these ailments is apt to produce, and which much retards recovery, and sometimes even makes serious the slightest case. No mother or nurse should be without these noble remedies; they are equally applicable to all ages and constitutions. They purify the blood, regulate its circulation, renew diseased structures, and invigorate the system.

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## CALLING OFF.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—If "A Young W.M." will refer to Dr. Oliver's "Masonic Jurisprudence," pp 309 *et seq.*, he will find, under the head of *Adjournment of Grand Lodge*, a long account of a case which occurred in 1856. The facts are as follow:—At the Quarterly Communication, 3rd September of that year, it was found, at half past ten, that there was a considerable amount of business on the agenda paper, which could not possibly be transacted. It was accordingly moved and seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously, that Grand Lodge stand adjourned till 1st October, and it was adjourned accordingly. The brethren met on that day, and in spite of the protests of several Grand Officers, the business was transacted. On this the Grand Master convened a Grand Lodge of Emergency on Nov. 19th, and he then declared that the resolution of adjournment to the 1st October was unprecedented and illegal, and therefore that the proceedings at the adjourned meeting were null and void. He grounded his ruling on the meaning of the phrase "to adjourn," which, as he argued, was when used with respect to Grand Lodge precisely analogous to its application to the House of Commons, where the question "that the House do now adjourn" meant "until the next legal day of meeting." Thus when Grand Lodge adjourned, it was added, it adjourned till "the next legal day of meeting," that is "till the next Quarterly Communication;" though a G. Lodge of Emergency, at which only the business stated on the circular convening it could be transacted, might be called in the interim. It should be added that, in the U.S., Grand Lodges do adjourn from one day to the next. On turning to p. 208 of Oliver, I find under "adjournment of the Lodge"—that is, a subordinate Lodge—it is laid down that "A Lodge is incapable of being adjourned except at the will and pleasure of the Master, who has the sole power of regulating its motions. He may open and close it, and, when closed, all business is brought to a legitimate conclusion; and he may call it from labour to refreshment, for a time; but in this case he cannot finally close it until it has been resumed, by returning from refreshment to labour." Reading this by the light of the Grand Master's ruling and exposition in the case previously cited, the only possible conclusion at which I have been able to arrive is, that the term "adjournment" must be taken to imply "until the next legal day of meeting," and therefore that no Worshipful Master has the power to adjourn his Lodge till the day, or the day week following, even though it may be done under the pretence—I do not use the phrase in any offensive sense—of calling it from labour to refreshment. I by no means claim to be infallible, and as the case raised by your correspondent is one of great nicety, I should like to see the opinions of brethren abler to express an opinion than,

Yours fraternally,

"PETER GOWER."

## VALLEY OF NEW ZEALAND.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I shall only ask you to give me space for this last brief communication in reply to "A Knight Rose Croix," who of course is perfectly at liberty to apply the term "schismatic" to any body of Masons he pleases, but who, at the same time, if he be logical, is bound to admit that every form of Masonry at the present day is "schismatic," since even "Ancient, Free and Accepted Masonry according to the Articles of Union," is of comparatively recent date.

The instances adduced for illustration of your correspondent's argument are not in the least analogous, and his suppositious case of a Time Immemorial Mark Lodge forming a new Mark Lodge seems to me particularly unfortunate, since it rather gives strength to what I urge, namely, that a real Masonic spirit will always impel its possessor to acquiesce in the wish or ruling of the majority. The Grand Mark Lodge of England has no "power" to prevent the formation of a "new Lodge of Mark Masons" by a Time Immemorial Lodge which has never acknowledged the Grand Mark Lodge, but it has the "authority" of ninety-nine hundredths of the Mark Masons of the world, by whom it is now acknowledged, to exercise the laws laid down in its constitutions, according to which Mark Masons made in a Lodge which has not acknowledged its authority cannot be admitted into its Lodges. I see no more "persecution" in such a regulation than in those of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, which declines to admit irregularly-made Masons into its Lodges. The difference between the authority of Grand Craft and the Grand Mark Lodges is simply that the one has been a good many more years in existence than the other. In Masonry especially, the whole history of which is based on the thinnest species of tradition, it seems advisable that there should be as much concord and non-interference as possible, and it seems to me that the importation of Masonic degrees under foreign authorities into British Colonies is not the way to promote harmonious working in those districts.

I am, yours fraternally,

ROSE CROIX.

8th December 1877.

## THE LATE BRO. MOTT.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I see, in your last week's issue, respecting the late Superintendent Mott, that he joined the St. Dunstan's Lodge at its consecration; it should be St. Clement Danes Lodge, No. 1351.

Yours obediently,

W. G. DICKINS.

16 Norfolk-street, Strand, W.C.

## NOTICES OF MOTION.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—On 30th October I wrote as follows to the Provincial Grand Secretary of North Wales and Shropshire:—

42 Broad-street, Welch-Pool,  
30th October 1877.

SIR AND BROTHER,—I must request you to place as under on the next Provincial Grand Lodge Summons, and oblige,

Yours, &c.,

D. P. OWEN P.M. 998.

To the Prov. Grand Secretary,  
North Wales and Shropshire.

To consider revision of Prov. Grand Bye-laws, Nos. xliii, xlvi, lxvi, lxx, and lxxi.

Now Prov. Grand Bye-law No. 43 read thus:—

"xliii.—Notices of Motion.

"It being essential to the interests of the Craft that all matters of business to be brought under the consideration of Prov. Grand Lodge should be known previously to the P. G. Officers and Masters of Lodges, that through them all the representatives of Lodges may be apprised of such business, and by having sufficient time for mature deliberation be prepared to decide thereon; every motion intended to be made shall be in writing, and annexed thereto shall be the name and Masonic rank of the mover, and the name and number of his Lodge, and such motion shall be transmitted to the P. G. Secretary not less than twenty-one days preceding a meeting of such Prov. G. Lodge."

A Prov. Grand Lodge Summons is issued on 27th November, for a P. G. Lodge to be held at Shrewsbury on 14th December, and no notice is taken of my "Notice of Motion."

Can any brother give information as to how this is in other provinces? Has the Prov. Grand Master or Prov. Grand Secretary any right to ignore my letter? If it is because I did not write the word "Lodge" after Welch-Pool, it is a paltry subterfuge, and it cannot be because my rank and number are only described "P.M. 998." Ought I to have put "Senior Past Warden, Welch-Pool Lodge, No. 998," after my signature. I did not add P.Z. to it, because that is a rank not pertaining to Craft Masonry, neither did I put P.P.G. Pursivant, which office I had the honour of holding for two years, but do not now wear the clothing of it. I claim the rank, as "past rank" has never been conferred on me, and I consider that the title ceases on appointment of successor. Also have I redress at the hands of the Board of General Purposes?

Yours fraternally,

D. P. OWEN P.M., I.P.Z. 998.

## MASONIC IRREGULARITY.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—My mind has been much exercised in respect of a recent Masonic irregularity, and on this occasion also in Lodge Victoria in Burmah, No. 832. The facts are shortly these:—The widow of a brother who at his decease was a member of No. 832 applied to the Lodge for relief. At a regular meeting of the Lodge the widow's petition was discussed, and opposed by the S.W., who clearly showed that her income from pensions, allowances and various sources amounted to over £20 per mensem, and that the applicant did not need relief. The widow's petition was accordingly rejected. But the petition had been vigorously supported by a P.M., who next morning proceeded to the widow, and told her all that occurred in Lodge the previous night relating to the application, and that the S.W. was the chief opposer. Woman-like, the widow, who was a personal friend of the S.W., forthwith indicted a furious epistle to him, and he forwarded the same to the W.M., with a charge against the P.M. for breach of Masonic duty. The W.M. referred the matter to a Committee of Past Masters, which Committee at the next regular meeting submitted its report,—That the P.M. had committed a *breach of Masonic etiquette*. A persistent brother wanted to know what the punishment was to be. The offending P.M. was annoyed at the suggestion, a discussion ensued, which was concluded by the W.M. permitting the S.W. to withdraw his charge. But the matter, I think, had gone beyond the power of the S.W. to recall. Anyhow, a grave offence has been winked at, and the offender got off scot free. Of course, if any brother is dissatisfied, he should appeal to the D.G.L., but the D.G.L. is distrustful, and if the appeal proved unsuccessful the appellant would be excluded, as the five brethren were who ventured to appeal to the D.G.L. against the election of W. Bro. the Rev. J. E. Marks, whose appeal is now before the G.L. of England.

The persistent brother declares he will not appeal, for the D.G.M. has already said that he cannot interfere with the economy of a private Lodge, and also because he is sure to be collared, and excluded his

Lodge. So Masonic irregularity and official high-handedness join hands, and pursue a crooked career, knowing that no one, not even the D.G.M., can or will intervene. This is a sad but truthful state of affairs in this district at present, and yet I fail to see any escape from such a chaotic condition.

Yours fraternally, A LOOKER-ON.

### RENUMBERING LODGES.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The last occasion when the Lodges were re-numbered was in 1863, fourteen years ago. Since that period numerous Lodges must, in the course of events, have gone into abeyance, or have been dissolved. In India, the tendency is to originate a new Lodge rather than sustain an old one, and if the same feeling prevails in England, it will account for the abnormal increase of Lodges under the English Constitution.

I notice from the Proceedings of the last Quarterly Communication that our Lodges number 1690. There cannot be this number of working Lodges, so that I submit the time has arrived when the Lodges may with propriety be renumbered, and a fictitious appearance of numerical strength avoided.

Yours fraternally, FAR EAST.

Rangoon, 28th October 1877.

### THE GRAND ORIENT OF FRANCE.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Those who were present at the meeting of Grand Lodge on Wednesday, as well as those who may have learned what occurred there, through the medium of the Press or otherwise, must feel exceedingly gratified at the result of at least that portion of the proceedings which referred to the Grand Orient of France. English and French Masons will, I am sure, be equally grateful to the Earl of Carnarvon for the fairness with which he stated the facts of the case, so far as they were generally known, the impressive eloquence with which he enumerated the great and unalterable principles by which Freemasonry has been guided from its foundation, and which alone can form a bond of union among the brotherhood throughout the civilised world, and the wisdom of his counsel for moderation and the avoidance of hasty and ill-considered action. It is to be hoped the committee appointed to examine into all the circumstances, and report the result of their deliberations at the next Quarterly Communication, will follow the excellent example of the Pro Grand Master. But of that not the slightest doubt need be entertained, for the distinguished brethren of whom the Committee is composed enjoy the confidence of the Craft to its fullest extent, and as the noble Earl is one of their number, they will have the benefit of his counsel and advice. Whichever way, however, the question may in the end be decided, this agitation has brought to light two very pleasing facts. First, the vast assembly crowding every part of the great Hall, and which may fairly be denominated representative, showing such animated interest in the important question under notice, clearly proves that though seemingly indifferent on most subjects, English Masons can be zealous and energetic when the exigencies of the occasion may require activity, and that the smouldering embers of enthusiasm may be easily fanned into living and consuming flame by the merest breath of danger; and, secondly, that the dark cloud so menacingly looming from across the Channel, has after all, the conventional silver lining. Through the heavy gloom, threatening destruction, suddenly shot a gleam of sunshine. The announcement of Lord Carnarvon that, up to the present time no less than seventy-six French Lodges have sent in their protest against the innovation, seemed at once to relieve the prevailing depression, and transform it into hopefulness. As amongst the tens of thousands of Masons of the neighbouring empire, the vast majority must be God-fearing, the Godless few, and this protest may lead to a schism, but what of that? It would be one fully deserving encouragement and assistance. What if a new governing body be formed, framing their constitution upon the principles of the ancient charges of the Craft. Would it not be wise that their authority should be immediately acknowledged and recognised? It strikes me such an event would prove a fatal blow to the old organisation, and may go far to destroy altogether the obnoxious government which has so deliberately, and, to all appearance, unnecessarily compromised the fair fame of the Order in France, and endangered the stability of the fraternity in general. The noble lord, in his admirable address, seemed to weigh the words before he gave them utterance, therefore his suggestions demand the closest and most earnest attention. One hint especially will doubtless prove to be the keystone of future policy. No one who has bestowed a thought upon the question can have failed to perceive that, should Grand Lodge hastily resolve to cease recognising the Grand Orient as a Masonic body, great hardship would infallibly be inflicted upon a vast number of our French brethren who are entirely innocent, and have had neither hand nor part in the late unpleasant transaction. The instructions of his Lordship upon this point to Masters of English Lodges were to the effect that a French brother desiring admittance should be received provided his certificate bears date on and before 13th of September 1877, but none can be admitted who have been initiated subsequent to that period. So far then, there is just cause for congratulation that by his wisdom and tact the Pro Grand Master has placed this highly important matter upon a fair and equitable footing. Let us hope and pray that before the final decision means may be found to lay the feelings of English Masons upon the subject before the Masonic authorities of France, and thus afford them an opportunity to vindicate themselves or to amend the first article of their constitution in such a manner as to render it acceptable to the Masonic mind and conscience throughout the world.

Yours fraternally, E. GOTTHELL.

### NORTHUMBERLAND AND BERWICK-ON-TWEED LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS.

THE Installation Festival of this time immemorial Lodge, was held on the 28th ult. The brethren assembled at 3 o'clock, at the Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne. There was a good attendance of members and visitors, amongst whom were Bros. R. R. Reed P.M., Rev. E. L. Marrett P.M. 135, P.P.G. Chaplain, and G. Pearson W.M. 124. The Lodge was opened by the W.M. Bro. W. S. Hughes Prov. G.S.W., supported by the following Officers:—Bros. W. E. Franklin S.W. W.M. elect, W. Cockburn J.W., Dr. Luke Armstrong M.O., T. Armstrong S.O., R. L. Armstrong J.O., T. Halliday Sec., R. Salmon S.D., T. Blinkensop J.D., J. Wood I.G., S. M. Harris Steward, G. S. Sims Tyler. The minutes of last meeting being confirmed, the ballot was taken for Bro. G. W. Lax, and proving unanimous, he was advanced to this honourable degree by the W.M.

Bros. W. E. Franklin was then presented to the W.M. to receive at his hands the benefit of Installation, all below the rank of P.M. then retired, and on being re-admitted were informed by the installing Master that during their absence Bro. Franklin had been regularly installed W.M. for the ensuing year. The new W.M. then invested the following brethren as his Officers. Bros. W. S. Hughes I.P.M., W. Cockburn S.W., Dr. Luke Armstrong J.W., T. Armstrong M.O., R. L. Armstrong S.O., J. E. Robson J.O., R. Lock Treas., T. Halliday Register of Marks, R. Salmon Sec., Rev. S. H. Harris Chaplain, T. Blinkensop S.D., J. Wood J.D., S. M. Harris I.G., G. W. Lax Org., J. S. B. Bell S.S., J. Usher J.S., and G. S. Sims Tyler. The Lodge was then closed and the brethren adjourned to the Douglas Hotel, where they sat down to a *recherche* banquet, most excellently served. Grace being said, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were disposed of, with all honours. Bro. Marrett P.M., in proposing the health of the R.W. Prov. G.M.M., the Rev. Canon H. B. Tristram LL.D., said, the Canon and himself were the two first that acted as Chaplains of the Province, and their was no province in the world could have more reason to be proud of their Grand Masters than this one. Only to hear him speak on Masonry was an intellectual treat. They would all remember the beautiful oration he gave them at Berwick some two years ago, when all were so charmed with his deep Masonic researches. In conclusion, he hoped that the Canon might long be spared for his useful life. The W.M. in giving the D.P.G.M.M.M. and Officers of G. Lodge, said they were proud to have the S.G.W. amongst them, and should couple his name with the toast.

Bro. W. S. Hughes P.G.S.W., in reply, thanked the W.M. and brethren on behalf of the Grand Officers and himself. He hoped that the Lodges in the Province might increase, so as to enable the Provincial Grand Lodge to increase its grants to the Charities. Bro. R. R. Reed P.M., in proposing the Health of the W.M., said he had known him in Masonry for at least twenty-five years. He had worked long, creditably and honourably for the Craft, and he was sure that during Bro. Franklin's year of office the Lodge would suffer nothing. The toast being most enthusiastically responded to, the W.M. in reply said, the eloquence of Bro. Reed had somewhat put him at a disadvantage. He had been advanced to this degree in 1854, so he had been a Mark Mason twenty-three years. He thanked Bro. Reed for the way he had proposed his health, and the brethren for the cordial manner they had received it. The W.M. then gave the Past Masters, coupling the name of the I.P.M. with the toast. Bro. Hughes replied, and said he would always be happy to render what assistance laid in his power. He then gave the health of the Officers. With a few exceptions they had all served under him, and he hoped they would give the same assistance to the new Master that he had received. Bro. Cockburn S.W., in replying on behalf of the Officers, said, if they had done well in the past, he hoped they would do better in the future. The W.M. then gave the healths of the Chaplain and of the newly-advanced brother, which was acknowledged by Bro. the Rev. S. H. Harris Chaplain and Bro. Lax. The toast of the Visitors was replied to by Bro. Pearson W.M. 124. The Tyler was then summoned, and he concluded a most enjoyable evening, which had been enlivened by some capital harmony rendered by Bros. Lax, Wood, Franklin, Lacey, &c.

### SWEDENBORGIAN RITE.

ANOTHER Lodge of this interesting and increasing Rite has just been formed at Liverpool, by the name of the Royal Oscar Lodge and Temple No. 9, in compliment to His Majesty the King of Sweden, and it is expected that many Swedish brethren in that city will join it. Bros. Thomas Clarke P.M. of the St. John's Lodge 673, is the first W.M., Bro. William Thomas May P.M. first S.W., and Bro. Thos. Roberts P.M. first J.W. The Swedenborgian Rite has peculiar interest for all Past Masters and Mark Master Masons. We wish the new Lodge and Temple all prosperity. The Warrant is dated the 27th November 1877.

### RED CROSS OF CONSTANTINE.

A meeting of the Grand Senate of this Order was held in Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh, on Thursday, the 29th ult. Lord Inverurie Grand Viceroy presiding. Previous to the opening of the Senate, the Holy Cross Sanctuary K.H.S. was opened, and Sir Knights Lord Carnegie, W. Edwards, James Melville, and Captain W. H. Brown were received and installed as K.H.S. and St. John the Evangelist. The Grand Senate was thereafter opened, and Sir Knights Lord Carnegie, F. L. Law, and A. Robertson were solemnly consecrated Viceroy, and thereafter in a Senate of Sovereigns duly enthroned Sovereigns in the Red Cross Order. Among the Grand Officers present were—Sir Knights J. Crichton G. Treas., R. S. Brown, G. Heanden, Lieut. J. G. Murray G. Marshal, W. Edwards G. Architect, &c.

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Has graciously signified his intention of presiding.

Brethren desirous of accepting the office of Steward upon this occasion will greatly oblige by forwarding their names and Masonic rank, as soon as convenient, to the Secretary, who will gladly give every information required.

**JAMES TERRY,** Prov. G.D.C. Herts,  
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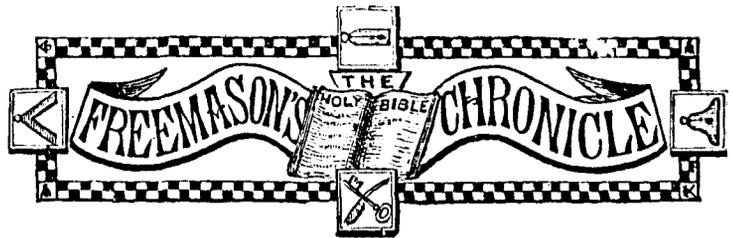
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**OUR WEEKLY BUDGET.**

**THE** Court left Balmoral for Windsor on Wednesday afternoon, after a longer stay than usual. This delay in the return southward was due to the illness of Prince Leopold, and it is owing to his fortunate convalescence that her Majesty has now found it possible to quit her highland residence. Everywhere *en route* the royal travellers were greeted with the heartiest demonstrations of loyalty and affection, and the Queen manifested her appreciation of this reception by bowing her acknowledgments. The party included the Princess Beatrice and Prince Leopold, who appeared somewhat lame, and the ladies and gentlemen of the Court in attendance were the Dowager Marchioness of Ely, the hon. Lady Churchill, the hon. Amy Lambert, Lord Charles Fitzroy, Major-General Ponsonby, and Dr. Marshall.

Saturday last was the thirty-third anniversary of the Princess of Wales's birthday, and the occasion was observed with the usual festivities. On Monday evening, His Royal Highness reached Elvedon, near Thetford, the residence of the Maharajah Dhuleep Singh, where he remained some days as a guest, a large number of distinguished personages, including the Earl and Countess of Leicester, the Duke of Athole, the Marquis de Grey and Ripon, Viscount Holmesdale, Lords Dacre, Henniker, Rendlesham, Balfour, Westbury, Frederick Fitzroy, &c., &c. The party enjoyed some excellent shooting in the Maharajah's preserves. The Prince has sent from Sandringham several presents of game for the use of the in-patients of our London hospitals.

The meeting of Grand Lodge on Wednesday was more numerous attended than usual, in consequence of the notice on the agenda paper that the Grand Master would draw attention to the recent act of the G. Orient, and, no doubt, likewise in part owing to Rev. Bro. Simpson's motions on the so-called "German Question." The "outcome of the former notice, as proposed by the Earl of Carnarvon Pro G.M. who presided, was the appointment of a committee of inquiry into all the circumstances, and in due time to report to Grand Lodge what course, in their opinion, should be pursued. Rev. Bro. Simpson's series of resolutions led to some discussion, and nothing more, as, in the end, the last two resolutions were withdrawn. On Tuesday, the half-yearly communication of the Mark Grand Lodge was held at Freemasons' Tavern, and Lord Skelmersdale, Deputy G.M.M.M., was nominated Grand Mark Master Mason of England and Wales, &c., in succession to the Earl of Limerick. Particulars of both gatherings will be found elsewhere in our columns.

During the latter part of the week there has been great excitement in the neighbourhood of the Agricultural Hall, Islington, the cattle, sheep, pigs, agricultural implements, &c., being in course of reception for the Smithfield Club Cattle Show, which opens on Monday afternoon. As we announced last week, both the Queen and the Prince of Wales will be among the exhibitors, and no doubt, if we may judge from the results of the Birmingham Cattle Show, one or other, and perhaps both of them, will be included among the prize winners.

The chief event in the literary world is the appearance of the third volume of Mr. Theodore Martin's "Life of the late Prince Consort." We have not yet perused the work, but we have read many of the reviews, and we should judge from these that this volume of the Prince's biography will be read with the deepest interest. The period over which it extends includes the Crimean War of 1854-6, and the Prince's views on Russian aggression are sure to arouse a strong feeling among Englishmen of to-day, when another Russo-Turkish war is in progress, and the interests of this mighty empire in the East are, if not exactly imperilled, at least, in a very critical and uncertain state.

One of the masons now on strike will have reason to repent of his folly in not accepting work when there is

plenty of work to be had. On Wednesday, one Edward Simpson, a stonemason, was charged at the Worship-street Police Court with running away and leaving his wife and four children chargeable to the Parish of Shoreditch. The prisoner urged that he was obliged to leave his wife in consequence of the violence of her temper, and then that he had gone down into the country in search of work, but was unable to get any. On the other hand, evidence was given that the man had been in receipt of strike pay, and that he could earn good wages when in employment. Mr. Hannay, the presiding magistrate, sentenced the man to three months' imprisonment; and during this term the prisoner will, no doubt, have an opportunity of reflecting on the folly of not exercising his own free will and taking work when there is plenty to be had. It is no business of ours to enter into those disputes between capital and labour which periodically arise, but it occurs to us that if this should be followed up by a few more similar sentences, workmen will hesitate about sacrificing their free-will, when one of the consequences may be a longer or shorter term of imprisonment.

On Saturday, in the Guildhall, the Lord Mayor distributed the prizes to the 2nd City of London Rifles. There was a fair muster, and the regiment, under the command of Lieut.-Colonel Vickers, was drawn up on three sides of the hall, while the band was in the gallery. The report showed a very satisfactory state of things. The enrolled strength was 726, of whom all but forty-three were efficient. Seventeen officers and fifty sergeants were proficient, and there were twenty-five marksmen. After Lieut.-Colonel Vickers had stated briefly how his regiment had fared during the past year, the Lord Mayor presented the prizes, the principal winners being Colour-Sergeant Green, best shot in the regiment, Captain Hardy, Colour-Sergeant G. Millard, Private E. Reeves, and Sergeant H. J. Brown. In acknowledging a hearty vote of thanks, the Lord Mayor expressed his regret that the Lady Mayoress had been prevented by illness from attending; and while congratulating them on their state of efficiency, he hoped it would be a long time before they would be called on active service.

On Tuesday, there were two Conservative demonstrations at Bournemouth, Hants. At the first, which took place in the afternoon, at the Town Hall, certain addresses were presented to the Chancellor of the Exchequer. Owing, however, to there being held the same afternoon a Cabinet Council, Sir Stafford Northcote was unable to attend, and the addresses were received on his behalf by Mr. Selater-Booth, M.P. In the evening a grand banquet was held in the Winter garden, Bournemouth, at which Sir H. D. Wolff, Bart., M.P. presided, and at which Sir Stafford, who had arrived by the afternoon express from Waterloo, was present, together with the Earl of Malmesbury, the Earl of Eldon, Lord Colchester, and other political personages of distinction. The Chancellor made a long speech in reply to his health, confining his remarks, however, to local conservative politics, and observing a proper reticence on the leading question of the day.

Mount Stuart House, one of the residences of the Marquis of Bute, and situate on the Clyde about some five miles from Rothesay, was almost wholly destroyed by fire on Monday. There were no engines available, or the fire, which broke out in a servant's bed-room on the upper storey, might have been extinguished at once. Great efforts were made to put out the conflagration, but these were unsuccessful; therefore everything possible was done to save the valuable pictures and furniture, but much of this has been damaged.

The crisis still continues in France, and people are becoming still more anxious as to what will happen. The Left are resolute in their opposition to the President, who has had more than one interview with M. Dufaure, but up to the time of writing all attempts at conciliation have failed. Meanwhile, of course, the trade of the country and especially of Paris is in a state of stagnation. The Legislative Assembly continues to ignore the ministry of General Rochebouet, and there is, indeed, at the present moment a complete dead-lock, of which no one is sufficiently clear sighted to foretell the issue.

The latest news from the seat of war in Europe is unfavourable to the Russians, who have been obstinately endeavouring to force some of the more important passes of the Balkans, in the direction of Sophia. They began by carrying several positions, the chief of which was Etrepol, for on its capture the evacuation of Orchanic appears to

have become a necessity. However, this seems to have been the limit of their success. Subsequent attacks on the Turkish positions held by Mehemet Ali Pasha at Kamarli have been again and again repulsed, and the latter is believed to be advancing, in order, in his turn, to attack General Ghourko. The Russian losses are reported to have been very heavy. Nor is this all that has befallen the invaders. Suleiman Pasha, who has hitherto been feeling the enemy's positions near the Danube, has this week attacked the Russian right, and after a prolonged contest has forced it to yield up Elena, and retire still further in the direction of Tirnova, a very important position, which, it seems, it is the Turkish Commander-in-Chief's intention to endeavour to capture. The Russian loss in this engagement was heavy, and consisted of eleven guns, some hundreds of prisoners, and about 3,000 men killed and wounded. It is impossible to say if Suleiman will be in a position to achieve the still greater triumph of recovering Tirnova; but his resolute assault on the Russian lines will have a great effect in deranging the plans of the Grand Duke Nicholas. Meanwhile, Osman Pasha still holds out at Plevna, and now we hear that he is likely to do so for another fortnight or three weeks, having an ample supply of provisions to last that time. We shall not be at all surprised to learn at the end of that time that his supplies are sufficient for a further term of equal duration. There is little news from Asia, save that Erzeroum has been bombarded, and that heavy snow has fallen. The Roumanian Chambers have met, and the Turkish Parliament will assemble on the 13th inst. Servia is sending troops forward in the direction of her frontiers, and it is believed there will shortly be issued by Prince Milan a declaration of war against Turkey. This, it is rumoured, will be followed up on the part of the Porte by the publication of an edict of deposition against him. Considering how generously Turkey treated her vanquished enemy of last year, the deprivation of his rank is about the least punishment Prince Milan must anticipate from his offended Suzerain. Our Consul-General is said to have remonstrated with the Servian chief at his contemplated attack on Turkey, to have pointed out the disloyalty of such conduct, and to have declared that Great Britain will withdraw its guarantee of Servian autonomy. We rejoice at this; it is high time that some of these very astute personages should be taught the meaning of the words "honour" and "honesty." Last year, when the little principality was entirely at the mercy of the Porte, we pleaded for generous terms, and they were granted. It is said, and we hope the report is true, that our remonstrances have had some effect on the Prince.

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The foxes, the fox-hounds, the horses, and pies.  
The first travel fast, but the second go faster,  
When urged on to speed by the voice of the master.  
The fences are stiff as the farmers can make them,  
But a Leicestershire horse is e'er ready to take them,  
And though 'tis hard work to keep in the first flight,  
A pork pie at luncheon will make you all right.

As then so now, the "Leicester pork pies" are indeed dainties to set before a king, or as no kings have been seen in Leicestershire recently, we should rather say before an Empress, as Her Imperial Majesty of Austria—who always rides straight to hounds, is one of the most enthusiastic admirers of the delicious pasties manufactured by Messrs. Keens, Collyer and Dunmore, of Leicester, and known throughout the county, and indeed throughout the kingdom, under their registered title of the "Leicester Pork Pie," and, by the way, it would be difficult to select a more acceptable present, at the coming festive season, than one of these pies, which are familiarly known as the "L.P.P."

## 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, 8th DECEMBER.

- 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)  
1124—The Great City, City Terminus Hotel, E.C.  
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Piccadilly, at 7. (Instruction.)  
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.  
1391—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester.  
1612—West Middlesex, Institute, Ealing.

## MONDAY, 10th DECEMBER.

- 45—Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, 12 Old-st., near Goswell-rd., at 8. (Inst.)  
90—St. John's, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.  
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)  
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)  
193—Confidence, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.  
957—Leigh, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8. (Instruction.)  
1125—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8. (Instruction.)  
1139—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-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.  
75—Love and Honour, Royal Hotel, Falmouth.  
104—St. John's, Ashton House, Greek-street, Stockport.  
151—Albany, Masonic Hall, Newport, I.W.  
240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields.  
262—Salopian, Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury.  
292—Sincerity, Masonic Temple, 22 Hope-street, Liverpool.  
297—Witham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln.  
411—Commercial, Flying Horse Hotel, Nottingham.  
481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne.  
502—Rectitude, Town Hall, Reading.  
587—Howe, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.  
589—Druid's Love and Liberality, Masonic Hall, Rodruth.  
665—Montague, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis.  
797—Hanley, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth.  
893—Meridian, National School Room, Millbrook, Cornwall.  
1021—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Custom House Buildings, Hindport-road, Barrow-in-Furness.  
1069—United Brothers, Castle Hotel, Southsea.  
1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham.  
1253—Travellers, Queen's Hotel, Manchester.  
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury.  
1592—Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds.  
1611—Eboracum, Queen's Hotel, Micklegate, York.  
1618—Handyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea.

## TUESDAY, 11th DECEMBER.

- 55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7. (Inst.)  
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)  
177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
193—Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.  
201—Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)  
211—St. Michael, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.  
223—United Strength, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.  
551—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.)  
933—Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.  
1446—Mount Edgecombe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)  
1471—Islington, Three Bucks, Gresham-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)  
1472—Henley, Railway Tavern, Stratford New Town, at 8. (Instruction.)  
1507—Metropolitan, 269 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)  
1538—St. Martin's-le-Grand, The London, Fleet-street, E.C.  
1604—Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 7.  
R. A. 145—Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
93—Social, Freemasons' Hall, Norwich.  
131—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro.  
131—United Chatham Lodge of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton Kent.  
272—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston.  
284—Shakespeare, Masonic Room, High-street, Warwick.  
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-st., Newc.-on-Tyne. (Instr.)  
626—Lansdowne of Unity, Town Hall, Chippenham.  
650—Star in the East, Pier Hotel, Harwich.  
892—Royal Edward, Royal Oak, Leominster.  
903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport.  
1120—St. Milburga, Tontine Hotel, Ironbridge.  
1250—Gilbert Greenhall, Masonic Rooms, Sankney-street, Warrington.  
1347—Lorne, Greyhound Hotel, Sutton, Surrey.  
1465—Ockenden, Talbot Hotel, Cuckfield, Sussex.  
1509—Madoc, Queen's Hotel, Portmadoc.  
1593—Royal Naval College, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.  
R. A. 991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumberland.

## WEDNESDAY, 12th DECEMBER.

- Committee, Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemasons' Hall, at 3.  
3—Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
9—Albion, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, Regent-street, W.  
15—Kent, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C.  
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth.  
147—Justice, White Swan, High-street, Deptford.  
193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7. (Instruction.)  
538—La Tolerance, Horse and Green, Winsley-street, W., at 7.15. (Inst.)  
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond.  
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.)  
1261—Hervey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
1288—Finsbury Park, Finsbury Pk. Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd., at 8.0. (Instruction.)  
1305—St. Marylebone, Eyre Arms Tavern, St. John's Wood.  
1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-street, Wapping.  
1824—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)  
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell.  
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.)  
117—Salopian of Charity, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury.  
199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover. (Instruction.)  
204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Copper-street, Manchester.  
225—St. Luke, Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich.  
281—Fortitude, Athenaeum, Lancaster.  
666—Benevolence, Private Room, Prince Town, Dartmouth, Devon.  
851—Worthing of Friendship, Steyne Hotel, Worthing.  
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury.  
1101—Grey Friars, Masonic Hall, Reading.  
1209—Lewises, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate.  
1248—Denison, Grand Hotel, Scarborough,

- 1342—Walker, Stack Hotel, Walker-on-Tyne.  
1398—Baldwin, The Castle, Dalton-in-Furness.  
1424—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham.  
1434—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham.  
1503—Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham.  
1520—Earl Shrewsbury, Public Rooms, Cannock, Staffs.  
1582—Llanidloes, Trewythion Hotel, Llanidloes, North Wales.  
1613—Perseverance, Station Hotel, Hebburn.  
M. M. 192—St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, The Parade, Berwick.

## THURSDAY, 13th DECEMBER.

- 3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 7. (Instruction.)  
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
19—Royal Athelstan, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.  
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8. (Instruction.)  
263—Bank of England, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.  
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)  
534—Polish National, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
860—Dalhousie, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.  
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.)  
R. A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)  
35—Medina, 85 High-street, Cowes.  
97—Palatine, Masonic Hall, Toward-road, Sunderland.  
112—St. George, Masonic Hall, Fore-street-hill, Exeter.  
216—Harmonic, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool.  
333—Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston.  
399—Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Cumberland.  
469—Hundred of Elloe, Masonic Rooms, London Road, Spalding.  
477—Mersey, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.  
546—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Caroline-street, Longton, Stafford.  
732—Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton.  
739—Temperance, Masonic Room, New-street, Birmingham.  
945—Abbey, Abbey Council Chamber, Abingdon, Berks.  
991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Willington Quay, Northumberland.  
1035—Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.  
1055—Derby, Knowsley's Hotel, Chetham, Lancashire.  
1098—St. George, Private Room, Temperance Hall, Tredegar, Mon.  
1144—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne.  
1204—Roid's, Imperial Hotel, Malvern, Worcestershire.  
1369—Bala, Plasgoch Hotel, Bala.  
1416—Falcon, Masonic Hall, Castle Yard, Thirsk.  
1429—Albert Edward Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Newport, Mon.  
1457—Bagshaw, Bald Faced Stag, Buckhurst-hill.  
1612—West Middlesex, Feathers Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)

## FRIDAY, 14th DECEMBER.

- 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.)  
834—Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-road. (Instruction.)  
902—Burgoyne, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales-road, Kenilworth. (Inst.)  
933—Doric, Lion Tavern, Carlton-square, Mile End, at 8. (Instruction.)  
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction.)  
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norion Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)  
1260—Hervey, Punch's Tavern, 99 Fleet-street, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)  
1278—Burdett Coutts, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park, at 8. (Instruction.)  
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.)  
38—Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary-street, Cardiff.  
697—United, George Hotel, Colchester.  
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
1087—Beaudevert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard.  
1143—Royal Denbigh, Council Room, Denbigh.  
1289—Rock, Bedford House, Bedford-road, Rockferry, Cheshire.  
1536—United Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead.  
1621—Castle, Crown Hotel, Bridgnorth.  
R. A. 406—De Sussex, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle.

## SATURDAY, 15th DECEMBER.

- 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)  
1364—Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Marc-street, Hackney.  
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Piccadilly, at 7. (Instruction.)  
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, at 8.

## WEST YORKSHIRE.

## MONDAY.

- 206—Royal Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.  
1221—Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds.

## TUESDAY.

- 495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.  
603—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Cleckheaton.  
1522—Olicuna, Crescent Hotel, Ilkley.  
1545—Baldon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baldon.  
R. A. 265—Judea, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley.  
R. A. 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds.

## WEDNESDAY.

- 1018—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.

## THURSDAY.

- 130—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.

## FRIDAY.

- 459—Aire and Calder, Private Rooms, Ouse-street, Goolo.  
1001—Harrogate and Claro, Masonic Rooms, Parliament-street, Harrogate.

## SATURDAY.

- 303—Prince George, Station House, Bottoms, Eastwood.

## EDINBURGH DISTRICT.

- MONDAY—145—St. Stephen, St. James's Hall, Writer's-court.  
TUESDAY—1—Mary's Chapel, Waterloo Hotel, Waterloo-place.  
WEDNESDAY—2—Canongate Kilwinning, St. John's Chapel, St. John's-street.  
R. A. 1—Edinburgh, Freemasons' Hall.  
THURSDAY—8—Journymen, Blackfriars-street, High-street.  
FRIDAY—56—Canongate Kilwinning, St. John-street.

## NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

**Brecknock Lodge, No. 651.**—This Lodge held its monthly meeting on Monday, the 3rd inst., at Castle Hotel, Brecon. Present—Bros. Richard Webb W.M., T. Butcher acting S.W., Thomas Jones acting J.W., J. A. Whittle Secretary, A. Orlopp acting S.D., J. G. Wotton J.D., H. O. Aveline Maybery Steward, W. Webb I.G.; P.M. Bro. H. St. G. Caulfeild. The ceremonial portion of the business comprised the raising of Bros. Watkins and John Morgan.

**Temple Lodge, No. 101.**—At the meeting of this Lodge, on Tuesday, the 4th inst., there were present—Bros. Taylor W.M., J. H. Thomas S.W., T. Cox J.W., W. George S.D., W. Beard I.G., Fradd W.S., Bond Treasurer; and P.M.'s Wynne, Scott, Hastelow, F. Cox, Grimby and Yonle, besides a large muster of brethren. Among the visitors was Signor Campobello, who then entered an English Lodge for the first time. Mr. Albert Jones, solicitor, was balloted for and unanimously elected, as was also Bro. Romano, late of the Westbourne Lodge, in which he was initiated in 1864, although he took no further degree. Mr. Jones was initiated by the W.M., and Bro. Romano was passed to the second degree, both ceremonies being performed in Bro. Taylor's usually efficient and impressive manner. Afterwards the ballot was taken for the W.M. for the ensuing year, and it was announced from the chair, amid general applause, that Bro. J. H. Thomas S.W. had been unanimously elected. Bro. Bond was re-elected Treasurer, for the eleventh time, and Bro. Potter was re-elected Tyler. On the Lodge being closed, the brethren adjourned to a sumptuous banquet provided by Bro. Painter. Among the toasts given was "The health of Bro. Campobello," who, in response, expressed his gratification at the cordial welcome given him on the occasion of his first visit to an English Lodge, and announced his intention of commemorating the event by giving a concert, in conjunction with his wife (Madame Sinico), during the month of February, in aid of the Boys' School. This noble offer was naturally received with vociferous applause. Bro. Campobello favoured the brethren with several songs during the evening, being accompanied on the pianoforte by Bro. Romano.

**Old Concord Lodge, No. 172.**—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 4th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street. The chair was occupied by the W.M., Bro. J. Sandilands Ward, and the following officers were present:—Bros. Alf. Dottridge S.W., W. P. Goosey J.W., J. Hancock P.M. Treasurer, Geo. King P.M. Secretary, Gaubert S.D., Gladwell I.G.; P.M.'s Bros. G. Hockley, Thos. Holland, James Jackson, G. Watson, &c. Visitors—Bros. J. H. Southwood W.M. 1260, R. Burleton 860, Morgan 1385, E. Brown 1685, &c. The Lodge having been opened and all formalities complied with, the ballot was taken for Mr. John Raymond Piedue; it proved satisfactory, and that gentleman received Masonic light. There were two candidates for the third degree; they were both present, and duly advanced. Bros. F. H. Hare and P. J. Heidelberger were passed to the second degree. All the ceremonies were performed by the W.M., and he acquitted himself most creditably, and created a deep impression on the several candidates. The selection of W.M. for the ensuing year resulted in the unanimous election of Bro. Alfred Dottridge, who in graceful terms acknowledged the compliment paid him by the brethren. Bro. Hancock P.M. was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Speight, by a show of hands, was re-appointed Tyler. Bros. Hilton, Newson and Stedman were appointed Auditors. The Stewards for the Annual Ball were then selected; the following are the brethren who will act:—A. Dottridge, J. S. Ward, G. Watson, J. Hancock, G. Hockley, E. Dottridge, Stedman, Goosey and Gaubert. The W.M. announced that the petition which had been presented to the Board of Benevolence on behalf of the daughter of a deceased brother had been graciously received, and he, at the same time, expressed his thanks to Bro. George King jun., P.M. of the Hervey Lodge, for the kind way in which he had supported the case. The second case recommended by the members of the Old Concord Lodge had also received favourable consideration, and the brethren expressed their satisfaction at the result. It was proposed by Bro. King and seconded by the I.P.M., that the customary amount be voted from the Lodge funds to present the retiring W.M. with a past Master's jewel on his leaving the chair. This was carried unanimously, as was also a proposition that a sum of £10 be voted for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, the amount to be placed on the list of Bro. George Watson, who will represent the Lodge at the next Festival. After this had been acknowledged, the Lodge was closed. Although this was supposed to be an "off night," a capital banquet was supplied, and the W.M. presided in a most happy and genial fashion. Pressure on our space prevents us giving a full report of the speeches; suffice it to say full honour was done to the customary toasts, and a most pleasant and harmonious evening was spent.

**Lodge of Joppa, No. 188.**—A meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday, the 3rd inst., at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street. Bros. L. Lazarus W.M., Miller S.W., M. Spiegel J.W., L. M. Auerhaan Treas., E. P. Albert P.M. P.G.P. Sec., H. Hymans S.D., A. J. Campion J.D., R. Baker I.G., H. P. Isaac D.C., S. Jenese Steward; P.M.'s Bros. L. Alexander, A. G. Dodson, J. Abrahams, H. M. Levy, M. Alexander, Hickman, &c.; and Bros. Redmond, Cohen, Nyburg, Botibol, Davy, Barnes, M. Smith, L. M. Myers, L. Davids, Snelling, C. Haines, J. S. Lyon, Verdun, Davis, Martin, Bean, Langley, &c. The Lodge opened and minutes confirmed, a ballot was taken for Mr. C. Cox, who was duly initiated into the Order. The election of W.M. then took place, and Bro. J. T. Miller S.W. was unanimously chosen. Bro. L. M. Auerhaan was re-elected Treas., and Bro. Woodstock P.M. Tyler. Five brethren were appointed to serve on the Committee of Management, and eight brethren on the Committee of the Benevolent Fund. The resignation of a brother was accepted, with regret. Bro. A. G. Dodson I.P.M. proposed, and Bro. M. Alexander seconded, that a sum of five guineas be voted from the funds of the Lodge to form a nucleus for the purpose of presenting the W. Master with a Past Master's jewel on his retiring from the chair. The result was unanimous, and a Committee was formed to carry out arrangements. Bro. M. Spiegel J.W. consented to act as Steward for the next Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren sat down to slight refreshments. The W.M. proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. Bro. E. P. Albert P.G.P. returned thanks for the Grand Officers. Bro. M. Spiegel replied to the toast

of the Benevolent Fund. The W.M. then gave the health of the W.M. elect. He was pleased at the unanimous way in which Bro. Miller was elected, he prognosticated for him a successful year of office, as he was in every respect qualified to fill the chair. Bro. Miller in eloquent terms responded. He was grateful for his election; it was but six years since his initiation, and his most ardent wish was to occupy the chair. He hoped his year of office would be a successful one. Bro. A. G. Dodson I.P.M. proposed the toast of the W.M., and spoke of the excellent way in which that brother had performed the ceremonies, and of the able manner in which he had presided over them. The W.M. thanked Bro. Dodson and the brethren; he hoped to continue among them for many years. Bro. Cox, the newly initiated brother, returned thanks briefly, and the W.M. announced to the members that their new brother had given the sum of £1 1s to the Benevolent Fund. The toast of the Visitors was next given, the W.M. mentioning their names:—Bros. Fletcher 180, J. M. Blackett 318, Murzlake 894, G. Fauerbach 1017, A. Armsden 1201, A. J. Ireton W.M. 1348, Blackie 1426, E. Kondall 1635. The compliment was acknowledged by Bro. Fauerbach. Bro. A. G. Dodson replied for the Past Masters, and Bro. M. Spiegel for the J.W.; he trusted he might, in due course, occupy the chair. The toasts of the worthy Secretary Bro. E. P. Albert P.G.P., Treasurer, and Junior Officers were given, and the brethren separated. Bros. Benjamin, Ansdon, and Blank contributed to the harmony.

**Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.**—Held its weekly meeting on Friday, the 30th of November, at the Star and Garter, Kew Bridge. Present—Bros. Walter Goss W.M., Pulling P.M. 144 S.W., B. Blasby J.W. and Secretary, Dorey S.D., Costelow J.D., Bennett I.G., J. Chambers Roe P.M. 780 Preceptor; Kyezor, Gunner, Metcalf, Pearson, and others. Lodge opened at 8 p.m., and minutes were confirmed. The initiation ceremony was rehearsed, Bro. Gunner candidate. The same brother then answered the necessary questions for passing; he retired, and Lodge opened in second degree. Bro. Pearson replied to the questions for raising, and retired. Lodge then opened in third degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Kyezor being the candidate. The W.M. completed the solemn ceremony with his usual care and ability. The Lodge was closed down to the 1st degree. Bro. Gunner presented to the Lodge a most beautifully finished dagger, and expressed his grateful thanks for the instruction he had received. It was proposed by Bro. Goss W.M. and seconded by Bro. Roe, that the Lodge mark its appreciation of the gift by making a record of it on the minutes. Proposed by Bro. W.M. and seconded by Bro. Blasby that the Annual Dinner of the Lodge of Instruction be held at their place of meeting, on Friday, the 14th instant, at 6.30 p.m. This was carried unanimously. Bro. Blasby will take the chair at next meeting.

**St. Augustine Lodge, No. 972.**—There was a goodly muster of the brethren of this Lodge, together with many visitors from several Lodges in the Province, on Wednesday, 14th Nov., at the Lodge-room adjoining the Guildhall Hotel, Canterbury; the occasion being the installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. J. Secra S.W., who has for several years discharged the duties of Hon. Sec. in a very energetic manner. The Lodge was opened at 3 o'clock, and the impressive ceremony of installation was ably performed by Bro. J. Welsh the retiring W.M.; the duties of Director of Ceremonies being carried out by Bro. Peirce P.M. The W.M. then appointed as his Officers Bros. J. Cozens S.W., W. H. Vile J.W., Pilcher P.M. Treas., Walker P.M. Hon. Sec., E. Beer S.D., H. Miskin J.D., P. J. Syree Chaplain, S. F. Pringuer I.G., Rossiter and Crumplin Stewards, and J. Harnett Tyler. A Past Master's jewel having been presented by the W.M. on behalf of the brethren to Bro. Pilcher P.M., as a mark of their esteem, the Lodge was duly closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, served up by the Bros. Shaxby, to which upwards of 50 sat down. The Visitors included Bros. J. Plant W.M. 31, C. Holtum P.M. 31, H. Ward 31, 586, 622 and 1112 P.P.G.W. Wilts, J. G. Podevin W.M. 199, J. P. Terson P.M. 199, H. C. Fuhr P.M. 1208, J. Head W.M. 1110, C. M. Matthews P.M. 1110, H. Sutton 1110, G. P. Kite 813, J. Naylor W.M. 1419, J. Ball 1449, B. W. Martin 1449, J. G. Stadward 1449, A. R. Wade 972 P.M. 1449, E. Barrell 1050, G. Down 640, B. K. Thorpe 709, E. J. Penney 1089, W. A. Smeeth 1208, and P. J. Syree P.M. and Chaplain 709. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honored, and the pleasure of the evening was greatly enhanced by the singing of Master Higgins, and Bros. Plant, Moulding and Higgins, of the Cathedral choir.

**Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement.**—The weekly Convocation of this Chapter was held on Tuesday last, at the Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, E.C., under the following Officers: F. Brown M.E.Z., W. E. Gompertz H., J. B. Sorrell J., Thomas W. White Scribe E., F. A. White Scribe N., J. High P.S. Upon the usual formula being completed, the ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. W. Grist acting candidate. A vote of thanks was ordered to be recorded on the minutes to the three Principals for their efficiency, it being the first occasion of each performing their respective duties as Z., H. and J. We do not remember ever having heard, from such young officers, more perfect working. Comp. F. Brown, in acknowledging the compliment on behalf of himself and his co-Principals, said that he was much pleased with the recognition of his services; however diligent he might have been in learning his duty, it was to Comp. Constable he was indebted, for that Comp. had spared neither time nor trouble in endeavouring to perfect him in the Ritual. There were also present Comps. G. L. Walker, D. Haslett, G. J. Row, J. Seex, E. H. Finney, and J. Constable. Comp. Charles Graham was elected a member. The Convocation to be holden on Tuesday next, at 7 p.m., will be presided over by the above mentioned officers.

**Fortitude and Old Cumberland Lodge, No. 12.**—This very ancient Lodge met on Monday last, at the Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street. There were present Bros. Wm. Browne Kidder W.M., D. Nicol S.W., W. H. Bateman J.W., Henry Mower S.D., R. Coombes J.D., W. H. G. Rudderforth I.G., and a large attendance of the brethren—nearly the whole of the members of the Lodge being present. The work of the Lodge comprised the initiation of Mr. Julius Cantor, of Mayence, France, wine grower, into the Order, as a Country Member, the ceremony was ably performed by the W.M. After the ceremony of initiation was disposed of, and the bye-laws having been read by the Secretary, Bro. Alfred Snellgrove, the Lodge proceeded to ballot for the election of a W.M. for the ensuing year, when the S.W. (Bro. Nicol) was unanimously elected. Bro. Russ P.M. then proposed that a P.M.'s jewel should be presented to the retiring W.M. Bro. William Browne Kidder. He had rendered the ceremonies in that Lodge in an able manner, such as had not been excelled by the brethren for years past, and he felt very proud in having such a Brother as the W.M. had proved himself come into the rank of the P.M.'s. He was sure that although his year of office had nearly expired, Masonry would not lose the good offices of Bro. Kidder. Bro. Raynham W. Stewart P.M. said he had very great pleasure in seconding Bro. Russ's proposition, and in doing so he felt sure that no one who had heard Bro. Kidder do his work could fail to appreciate the admirable manner the ceremonies had been gone through, and the way the Lodge had been governed during the year he had presided over them as W.M. The vote was then put and unanimously carried. The W.M. thanked the brethren for their kindness, and the Lodge was closed in due form. The brethren then retired to the banquet hall, and partook of a sumptuous banquet such as is usually provided by those well known liberal caterers for the Craft Bros. Painter. The banquet was followed by the usual Masonic Toasts, of the Most Worshipful Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, &c., &c., which were respectively received by the brethren with honors. The health of the W.M. was then proposed by Bro. George Angold the I.P.M., who said that it afforded him great pleasure in proposing the toast, and yet it gave him pain. He said he was a man of very few words, but what he was going to say, he could assure them, came from the very bottom of his heart. In giving the toast, he felt a pleasure in proposing the health of such an excellent and perfect working Mason as the W.M., and pain in knowing that it was the last time that he (Bro. Angold) would occupy the position as I.P.M., and of having the pleasure of sitting so near to his Worshipful Brother, at least for a twelvemonth, who to hear was to admire, and he sincerely trusted that health and prosperity would attend Bro. Kidder for very many years to come, a sentiment which, he was sure, came from the heart of every brother present. The toast was drunk with the most fraternal feelings of respect and regard. The W.M., in replying, said he was unable fully to express to Brother Angold and the brethren how sensibly he felt his gratitude was due to them for the uniform kindness which he had received during his year of office in assisting him in the discharge of his official duties, and particularly for their marked approval of his services, by voting him a Past Master's jewel, which he should wear with the greatest pride and satisfaction, as an acknowledgment that the Lodge was sensible that he (the W.M.) had carried out to their satisfaction the duties he had undertaken, and that he felt himself highly flattered by the manner his health had been drunk by the brethren, and wished them and the Lodge every possible prosperity. The W.M. then proposed the health of Bro. Nicol, the Worshipful Master elect. He said there was no brother more entitled to the honourable position of Worshipful Master than Bro. Nicol, and which office he was very pleased had that evening been conferred upon him by the unanimous vote of the brethren. The W.M. remarked that Bro. Nicol had already passed thirty degrees in Masonry, and had gained the confidence of the brethren by his generous disposition and his marked liberality in supporting the Masonic Charities. He was a Vice-President of one Institution, and had this evening decided to represent the Lodge as Steward to the Masonic Benevolent Institution at the forthcoming Festival, and then make himself a Vice-President of that one also. The toast was drunk with much enthusiasm, and on Bro. Nicol rising to reply the brethren greeted him very loudly. Bro. Nicol said he thanked the Worshipful Master very much, and also the brethren for what they had said of him, and felt very pleased indeed for their kindness in electing him as Worshipful Master; he assured them he would do the utmost that he could for the Lodge and for every brother in it, and he hoped that his year of office would be as pleasant to him as it had been to Bro. Kidder, for whom he had a very great regard, and should never forget his kindness. The Worshipful Master then followed on with the usual remaining formal toasts, and the brethren separated, after spending an enjoyable evening.

**Yarborough Lodge, No. 554.**—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Thursday, 6th inst., at the Green Dragon, Stepney. Present—Bros. R. H. Allen W.M., Hugh Cotter S.W., Taylor J.W., Henry Mosely P.M. Sec. Past Masters Berry, Barnes, Hamilton, Verry, &c. The minutes having been confirmed, Bro. Walter Kent was passed to the degree of F.C. The election of W.M. for the ensuing year was then proceeded with, the choice of the brethren falling on Bro. Cotter the S.W. Bro. Speight, the Tyler, was re-elected to act for the next term, and after some formal business the Lodge was closed. The brethren adjourned to banquet, which finished and grace having been said, the W.M. commenced the toasts of the evening by proposing that of the Queen, with which he coupled the Craft. This toast having been enthusiastically received, and the National Anthem sung, the health of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was given by the W.M., followed by that of the Pro Grand Master the Earl of Carnarvon, and that of Lord Skelmerdale and the rest of the Grand Officers past and present; each of these met with a hearty reception. Bro. Berry the I.P.M. rose to propose the

health of the W.M., who he stated had done the best in his power for the good of the Lodge. The W.M. in reply referred to the present as the last occasion on which he would preside as Master of the Yarborough Lodge. He was about to vacate a position which he had looked forward to for upwards of ten years, he having filled each of the offices in the Lodge. During his year he had been very ably assisted by the various officers. Of Bro. Berry, the I.P.M., it was impossible for him to speak in too high terms of praise. He was under deep obligations to the Wardens for the able manner in which they had carried out the duties of their offices. He regretted he had not had more work during his term, and concluded by thanking the brethren for having unanimously voted a P.M.'s jewel in recognition of his services. He now proposed the health of the P.M.'s, of whom the Yarborough Lodge could boast a goodly array. Death, he was sorry to say, had, during the year, been busy among them, but still they had good ones left. Bro. Barnes is well known as one of the best of Past Masters, he has performed wonderful services in the Lodge, and is always willing to do anything for its good. His labors in connection with the Lodge of Instruction are also invaluable. Bro. Hamilton has done all in his power for the Lodge, especially in the office of Treas. Bro. Berry, the only other P.M. present this evening, has been of great assistance during the past year. Bro. Barnes replied. He considered the Masters during the past fourteen years had each performed their duties with credit. The Lodge had now been in existence for twenty-eight years, and he (Bro. Barnes) considered it was second to none as regards the good it has done for the Masonic Charities, few, if any, could boast of having done as much in so short a time. The W.M. elect was next toasted. The W.M. felt assured that he would fulfil the duties of the chair with credit. Bro. Cotter replied, after which the W.M. gave the toasts of the Visitors, each of whom replied; the Charities, to which Bro. Taylor, who is acting as Steward for the Benevolent Institution, responded; and the Officers; after which the Tyler was summoned, and concluded the meeting. Several brethren entertained the Lodge by singing some excellent songs.

**Gladsmuir Lodge, No. 1385.**—This Lodge held its regular meeting on Friday, 30th November, at the Red Lion Hotel, Barnet. Present—Bros. J. Livingston W.M., F. Young S.W., F. Venables J.W., G. Askew P.M. Sec., J. Lowthin P.M. Treasurer, C. Grey S.D., J. Euerby J.D., Parrott and Brittain Stvds., Brown as I.G., Goddard Tyler. Past Masters Bros. Cutbush, Edwards, &c. After the minutes had been confirmed, the bye-laws and inventory were read, and the brethren proceeded to elect a W.M. for the ensuing year, the result being that Bro. Young was unanimously chosen. Bro. Lowthin was re-elected Treasurer, and Bros. J. Euerby, Grey and Brittain were appointed Auditors. A further sum of £10 was voted from the Lodge funds towards the expenses incurred in entertaining Prov. Grand Lodge. The proposition of Bro. Venables, that the Lodge subscribe at the rate of 6d per member towards the expenses of the *Calendar* for the Province was unanimously carried. £5 was voted to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, to be placed on the list of Bro. W. W. Morgan jun. After four propositions for joining, Lodge was closed. After refreshment, the members spent the remainder of the evening in harmony.

**Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611.**—The installation banquet of this Lodge was held at the Queen's Hotel, York, on Tuesday evening, and was one of the most pleasant and successful gatherings that has taken place in the northern capital. Nearly fifty brethren sat down to an excellent dinner, admirably served by Bro. Churchill, the host. The installation ceremony took place on the 12th November, but in consequence of the Centenary Banquet of the York Lodge having been held on the 6th November, it was thought better to defer the Eboracum banquet for a month. The W.M., Bro. T. B. Whytehead, presided, supported by a full muster of the members of the Lodge, and a number of Visitors, amongst whom we noticed Bros. T. W. Tew D.P.G.M. for West Yorkshire, C. F. Matier Past Grand Warden of Greece, S. B. Ellis P.M. Wentworth 1239 Sheffield, Beanland P.M. P.P.G. Supt. of Works for West Yorkshire, J. Todd P.M. 236, S. Maltby P.M. 236, Foster W.M. Denison 1248 Scarborough, G. Anderson W.M. Falcon 1416 Thirsk, Rev. W. Valentine W.M. elect York 236, G. Ayre W.M. elect Falcon 1416, Wilkinson J.W. 1416, Haffner P.M. 581, J. H. Walker Minerva 250 Hull, G. H. Simpson 236, C. Abbott 236, Rymer 236, Ward 236, P. Matthews 236, Turner 236, Mason 613, &c. The W.M. mentioned that he had received a number of letters of apology and congratulation from, amongst many others, Lord Zetland P.G.M. for the Province, Dr. Bell Dep. P.G.M., G. Marwood P.P.G.M., M. C. Peck Prov. Grand Sec., W. Lawton P.M., Dr. Palry W.M. 837, W. Reynolds P.M., Thos. Clough W.M. 660, W. Rowley South Milford, H. Preston P.M. Hull, Alderman Melrose York, &c. The preliminary toasts were given from the chair, after which the W.M., in proposing the Pro Grand Master and the Grand Lodge, alluded to the meeting of that body to be held on the following day, and the important questions that were to be decided thereat. In proposing the toast of the Earl of Zetland, Dr. Bell, and the Provincial Grand Lodge, the W.M. spoke of the proofs of his interest in Masonry which had been given by his Lordship on various occasions, and on none more so than when he consecrated the Eboracum Lodge in person, the previous year. The Deputy P.G.M. (Dr. Bell) took a most warm interest in their welfare, and would have been present, but that he intended attending Grand Lodge the next day, and could not therefore spare the time. They were proud to see so many Provincial Officers amongst them, and he would couple with the toast the name of Bro. J. Todd, P.M. 236 P.P.G.O. Bro. Todd responded in a few appropriate words, and W. Bro. Tew, Dep. Prov. G. Master for West Yorkshire, then proposed the health of the W.M. of the Eboracum Lodge, Bro. T. B. Whytehead, taking the opportunity of entering at length upon the wide subject of Freemasonry, its aims and objects. His remarks

were listened to with great attention, and the toast was enthusiastically received. The W.M. in the course of his reply said the chair of W.M. was a proud position, and one to which every Mason who took a living interest in the science should aspire. The study of Masonry daily revealed fresh charms to those who investigated its mysteries, and without study it was impossible to appreciate its excellencies. It would be his aim as the W.M. of the Lodge to excite in the minds of its members a desire to regard Masonry as something more than a pleasant medium of friendly communication, so that in that old legendary birthplace of the Order in England they might take a high stand as intelligent Masons, and never forget that delightful as were such occasions as the present, they had other and higher aims, the pursuit of which would amply repay them, by intellectually and morally raising them in their tastes and sympathies. The W.M. in proposing the health of the installing officer, Bro. T. Cooper, said they would all deeply regret the cause of the absence of their old friend and brother, but severe illness had made it quite impossible for him to be present. He was, however, happily recovering, and had desired his deepest regrets and kindest wishes to be expressed to the Lodge. The toast was received with the utmost cordiality. Bro. S. B. Ellis P.M. Wentworth Sheffield gave Prosperity to the Eboracum Lodge, heartily congratulating the brethren upon the great success which had attended their efforts, and expressing the belief that the establishment of the Lodge had been of very great service to Masonry in York. The W.M. in reply alluded to the early difficulties attending the formation of the Lodge, but said that they could afford now to regard with equanimity their former struggles. They had been involved in very heavy and unexpected expenses, but they had on the other hand met with corresponding success. The Lodge had done well, and especially as regarded the Charities. It had been represented at two of the Festivals, and had subscribed for charitable purposes during its first year nearly £80, a circumstance very unusual with so young a Provincial Lodge. It was their intention to continue to act in the Masonic and straightforward way in which they had begun, and so doing they had no fears for the future. The W.M. then gave The Sister Lodges of the Province, saying that whilst their first thoughts should always be to themselves, they should retain a warm corner for the other Lodges. They must never forget that they were only members of one vast fraternity, a gigantic organization, "a girdle round about the earth," and that success in one Lodge ought to mean success in the entire Order. A certain kind of rivalry there should be between Lodges, but it should be of a right kind. It prevented stagnation, but it should be only a friendly strife for perfection in working, in the selection of candidates, in the study of the Royal Art and its kindred sciences. He would couple with the toast the name of Bro. S. Maltby P.M. 236. Bro. Maltby in replying alluded in most kindly terms to the Eboracum Lodge, congratulated it upon its progress, and trusted that he might be spared to see it flourish and grow for many years to come. Bro. Balmford P.M. P.P.G.O. gave the health of the Visiting Brethren, and said that the Eboracum brethren counted themselves happy in having amongst them so many representatives of other Lodges. Bro. Foster W.M. 1248 replied, and the W.M. then gave the health of the Wardens and Officers. This was responded to by Bro. J. S. Cumberland S.W., who dwelt upon the zeal shown by the members of the Lodge in the support of the chair since the consecration in last year. Bro. C. F. Matier gave the Masonic Charities, and in a most interesting address sketched out the history of the rise and progress of the three Institutions, showing the great claims they had on the support of the brethren. He also gave a pleasant account of visits paid by him to the Boys' School. The speech and toasts were warmly greeted, and responded to by Bro. J. S. Cumberland, who represented the Lodge at the last Boys' Festival. In his reply he alluded to the step taken by the Eboracum Lodge in adding the sum of four shillings to each subscription, initiation and joining fee, in order to form a fund for the endowing of the chairs of the Lodge in perpetuity, with votes in the Charities. The W.M. then gave prosperity to the City of York, and spoke with regret of the absence of their Bro. the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, who had fully intended being present, but at the last moment had been prevented by a close impending domestic affliction. The very name of York stirred up in the breast of every Mason thoughts of the Craft, associated with the days of hoar antiquity, when the ancient operative brethren met in Lodge in the Crypt of York Minster, and thence emerged into the light of day, to resume their handicraft labours, and (as Mr. Street told them) sometimes to "scamp" their work. In this respect he hoped the brethren would not follow their pious example. The toast was generously received and afterwards responded to, in the absence of the Lord Mayor, by Bro. Councillor Rymer. The Tyler's toast then brought the formal proceedings to a happy close. The toast list was enlivened by a number of songs, by Bros. J. S. Cumberland, Craven, A. T. B. Turner, T. Humphries and P. Pearson, the accompanist being Bro. C. G. Padel. Amongst the members of the Lodge present were Bros. P. H. Rowland P.M., J. Kay Sec., M. Cooper, J. T. Sellar, G. Simpson, T. D. Smith, M. Millington, Irving, Ware, Abbey, J. F. Taylor, Banks, Goodall, Shillete, Rev. J. Metcalfe, J. R. Jackson, J. Morgan, &c.

**Duke of Connaught Lodge, No. 1524.**—The regular meeting was held on Thursday, 29th November, at the Havelock Hotel, Albion-road, Dalston. There were present—Bros. J. B. Shackleton W.M., Fred. Brasted W.S. acting S.W., Bernard Meyer J.W., J. C. Chapman P.M. Treasurer, W. H. Lee P.M. Secretary, N. Green S.D., W. F. Brand J.D., F. Meyer I.G., E. Dignam W.S., G. C. Young Organist; and Bros. J. Varney, R. Polak, W. E. Jameson, T. Norman, L. Hollingsworth, F. H. Beensen, T. Bonner, C. W. Smyth, R. George, G. Ferrar, C. J. Olley, R. Fisher, A. R. Olley, A. Ferrar, J. Hill, G. Davies, W. Beasley, J. Dexter, H. G. Moon, G. J. Reynolds, C. T. Brame, E. George, E. A. Harding, J. Bell, W. T. Ford, S. Blow, A. Loeffler, T. Bigg, C. Lorkin, and J. Stokes. Visitors—Bros. R. Coombs J.D. Fortitude

and Old Cumberland Lodge No. 12, J. Whitfield Priory Lodge No. 1000, W. F. Royen Camden Lodge No. 704, Rent West Kent Lodge No. 1297. Lodge was opened in due form. Minutes of last regular meeting, held 27th September, also Emergencies, on the 11th and 25th October, were read and confirmed. Lodge opened in the second degree, and Bros. C. J. Olley, A. R. Olley, Hollingsworth, Norman, and Fisher answered the usual questions, were entrusted, and withdrew. Lodge was opened in the third degree, and the above-named brethren were duly raised, each candidate being taken separately. Lodge was resumed to the first degree, and Bros. Bigg, Blow, Bell, Dexter, and Beasley were examined, and in due course passed to the F.C. degree. Ballots were taken for three candidates for initiation, which proved unanimous in their favour. Mr. Ford, being in attendance, was regularly initiated into the Order. Bro. Shackleton performed all the ceremonies most impressively, and with faultless precision. The next business was the election of W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. Bernard Meyer, the J.W., was unanimously elected. He thanked the brethren, and pledged himself to a strict performance of the duties of his high position. The election of Treasurer resulted in favour of Bro. J. B. Shackleton. A vote of thanks was ordered to be recorded on the minutes to Bro. Chapman P.M. for his services as Treasurer during the year. Bro. Gilchrist was re-elected Tyler, and Bros. Harding, Varney, and C. Lorkin were appointed auditors, in addition to those provided for by the bye-laws. A Committee, consisting of Bros. G. C. Young Organist, J. Stokes, and F. Brasted were appointed to consider the propriety of purchasing a harmonium. The Lodge hitherto had been much indebted to the W.M. for lending them one. Letters expressing regret at their inability to attend were read from Bros. Colonel Francis Burdett P.G.W. P.G.M. Middlesex, &c., &c., F. Walters P.P.G.J.D. Middlesex, and others. Bro. Chapman P.M. proposed that the sum of ten guineas be voted from the Lodge funds to purchase a Past Master's Jewel, to be presented to Bro. J. B. Shackleton. This was seconded by Bro. Lee P.M. and Secretary, and carried unanimously. The W.M. gave notice of motion that at next regular meeting he should propose that the Secretary have the privilege of inviting a visitor free of expense. Lodge was then closed till the last Thursday in January, and the brethren sat down to a banquet, which was provided by Bro. G. Ferrar with his usual liberality, and was served with every care and attention. On the removal of the cloth, the Queen and the Craft was proposed and responded to, and was followed by the National Anthem. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales our M.W.G.M. was received in a manner that proved the members of the Duke of Connaught Lodge fully appreciated the honour of being presided over by so distinguished a brother. The toast was followed by "God Bless the Prince of Wales." The next on the list, the Pro and Deputy Grand Masters, with the rest of the Grand Officers Present and Past, was offered, and the W.M. expressed regret that Bro. Buss, Assistant Grand Secretary, was not present on that occasion. Bro. Lee P.M., in the absence of Bro. Chapman I.P.M., next proposed the health of the W.M., Bro. Shackleton, remarking that his (the W.M.'s) year of office would be long remembered by the Lodge, both for the excellent rendering of the various ceremonies and the genial and hearty way Bro. Shackleton had presided at the banquet table. Bro. Shackleton thanked Bro. Lee and the brethren for their kindness in proposing and responding to the toast. Twelve months since he accepted the post of W.M.; he determined to discharge his duties to the best of his ability, and if the brethren were satisfied with his work, he felt very much gratified. He had to thank them for the many kindnesses they had shown him during his year of office, especially those brethren who had so ably assisted in the working of the Lodge. Bro. Lee had most ably seconded his endeavours, and it was only doing justice to express his conviction that the success of the Lodge was in great measure due to the great interest Bro. Lee had taken in promoting its interests. He trusted he would continue to render successive Masters that assistance which to him had been so serviceable. The next toast was the W.M. elect. Bro. Shackleton had great pleasure in proposing his health; he was one of the founders of the Lodge, and had always taken great interest in its affairs; he was thoroughly up in the working, and would give them every satisfaction. Bro. Bernard Meyer in thanking the brethren for the high honour they had conferred upon him, assured them he would do the best he could. He felt how difficult it would be to follow such able brethren as their W.M. and Bro. Lee, but hoped, with their assistance and the kindness of the brethren, to acquit himself satisfactorily. The Visitors was next given, and was responded to by Bro. Coombs. The initiate was duly honoured, the W.M. remarking that Bro. Ford was the 20th candidate he had had the pleasure of initiating during his year of office. After a reply from Bro. Ford, the Officers of the Lodge was proposed, and replied to by Bros. Green S.D., Brand J.D., Meyer I.G., Brasted and Dignam W.S. During the evening Bros. Coombs, Varney, Brasted, Dexter, Beasley, and Young favoured the brethren with some capital songs. The Tyler's toast brought the evening's proceedings to a close, and the brethren shortly afterwards separated. We may add that the brethren subscribed a sum to purchase a founder's jewel, which was presented to Bro. Shackleton as a mark of esteem, and in recognition of the many services rendered to the Lodge.

**Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227.**—Held its usual meeting at Bros. Bolton and Lane's, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, on Friday, the 30th ult. Present—Bros. Hine W.M., Smith S.W., Lane J.W., Fenner Preceptor, Townsend Sec., Tatten S.D., Campbell J.D., Crouch I.G., also Bros. Bolton, Stroud, Gordon, Posener sen., Pearey, &c. The usual preliminaries being observed, the minutes were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was ably rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Gordon acting as candidate. The first and second sections of the lecture were worked by Bro. Fenner, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Smith was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

**York Lodge, No. 236.**—The annual meeting of this Lodge, for the election of W.M. and Treas. for the ensuing year, took place on Monday. There was a full attendance of members, and the unanimous suffrages of the Lodge fell upon Bro. the Rev. Wm. Valentine. W. Cowling P.M. was unanimously elected Treasurer, an office which he had held for many years, until last year, when he was elected to fill the chair of the Lodge in its Centenary year. Bro. J. Redfare was re-elected Tyler.

**The London Masonic Club.**—The members of the Lodge of Instruction held their first dinner on Thursday, 29th November, at 101 Queen Victoria-street, E.C. Present—Bro. Hogg Treasurer in the chair, Bros. J. E. Shand Hon. Secretary, Edell, Langton sen., Langton jun., Sharrett, White, and numerous others. Visitors—Bros. W. M. Stiles 1507, Turner, Davie, Triggs, &c. The customary toasts were given. The health of the Treasurer and Secretary, Bros. Hogg and Shand, given in conjunction with Success and Prosperity to the Lodge of Instruction, was drunk with enthusiasm. The brethren separated about eleven, after a very pleasant and social evening.

**Holmesdale Chapter, No. 874, Tunbridge Wells.**—On Monday last the 1st Convocation of this Chapter was held at the Royal Sussex Hotel. Present:—Comps. Benjamin Sidney Wilnot M.E.Z., Wm. Delves II., and Wm. Stephens J., Rowland W. Delves Scribe E., W. B. Bacon Scribe N., H. D. M. Williams Prin. Soj., Rev. J. Robinson Prov. Grand J. Kent acting P.Z., Spencer Janitor. After the minutes of the Consecration had been confirmed, Bros. George Langridge, Jno. Frederick Bates, and Christopher W. Holt, were duly and severally exalted to the degree of R.A.M. Comp. Stephens gave the historical and symbolical lectures, and the Rev. J. Robinson the mystical. Rules for the government of the Chapter were read and approved. A vote of thanks was then accorded to Comp. Stephens for presenting a handsome copy of the volume of the Sacred Law. After the closing of the Chapter an excellent banquet was served, and the usual toasts given. Amongst the visitors were Comps. Penn, Grist, High and Sarvent, of the Whittington Chapter.

**William Preston Lodge of Instruction, No. 766.**—On Friday, the 30th November, at the Feathers Tavern, Upper George-street, Edgeware-road. Bros. Cleghorn W.M., Kidman S.W., Hayes J.W., Braun Sec., Rudderforth Preceptor, Harris S.D., Hill J.D., Heath I.G.; Bros. Kennard, Nichols, Parsons, Godden, Murch, Adair and Tribbel. The Lodge was opened and the minutes read and confirmed. The first, second and third sections were worked by Bro. Rudderforth, assisted by the brethren. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Parsons being candidate. Bro. Kidman was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. A vote of thanks was recorded on the minutes to Bro. Cleghorn for the able manner in which he had presided in the Lodge for the first time. Bro. Rudderforth proposed, and Bro. Braun seconded, and it was carried unanimously that this Lodge should subscribe the sum of one guinea for the purchase of a book of tickets in Bro. Morgan jun.'s drawing for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. A second book was subscribed for amongst the members.

**Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.**—Met at the Old Rodney's Head, 12 Old-street, Goswell-road, on Monday last.

Present—Bros. Wing W.M., Percy S.W., Powell J.W., Tolmie Preceptor, Crawley S.D., Mitchell J.D., Mesley I.G., Christopher Tyler; also Bro. Swales, Thompson, Banks, Cook, Simmonds, Fairbank, J. W. Smith, W. Sellis. Usual preliminaries were duly observed, and the minutes were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Thompson being candidate. The second and fourth sections were worked by Bro. Percy, and the fifth by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. Bros. Smith and Sellis, of the Domestic Lodge, No. 177, were elected members. Bro. Percy was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Lodge was then closed in due form and adjourned.

**Royal Arthur Lodge of Instruction, No. 1360.**—At the Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea, on Tuesday, the 4th inst. Present—Bros. Collins W.M., Palsford S.W., Robinson J.W., Withers Secretary, Sumner Treasurer, Baston S.D., Channon J.D., Fano I.G., Steed Tyler; P.M. Bro. G. Davis 167; also Bros. Whitley, Mansell, Goodman, Forres, Maddox, Court, Holloway, Lee, Jones, Ratcliffe, Steward, Saunders, Pether, Carter, Block, McKay, Ackerman, Hancock, Burrell, Leaper, Wise, Platt, Fortune, Smith, Dawkins, and Morphew. The Lodge was opened with the usual formalities. Minutes of the last Lodge meeting were read and confirmed, after which Lodge was advanced to the second and third degrees. The Fifteen Sections were worked by the W.M., assisted by the following brethren:—FIRST LECTURE—Bros. Carter, Channon, Holloway, Leaper, Hancock, Collings, Palsford. SECOND LECTURE—Bros. Burrell, Wise, Davis, Steward, Davis. THIRD LECTURE—Bros. Ratcliffe, McKay, Steward. The Lodge was resumed to the first degree, when the following brethren were elected members:—Bros. T. Swallow Royal Union 382, W. Clayton Royal Union 382, R. Kendall Royal Union 382, J. Jones Domestic 177, R. Forge 1656, C. R. Fitt 1656, T. C. Matthews Royal Commemoration 1535, J. J. Channon Zetland 511, J. J. Channon jun. Zetland 511, Sharnan Southern Star 1158, G. W. Durdell 1158, J. S. Leaper Gooch 1295. A vote of thanks was unanimously accorded to the W.M., as also to those brethren who had assisted him in working the sections, after which the Lodge was closed in due form. Visitors—Bros. Spencer 834, Reynolds 1441, Chalfont 1425, A. Cox 177. Refreshments were liberally provided by the host, Bro. J. Wright, and an hour was afterwards spent most enjoyably.

**The Lily Lodge of Richmond (Instruction), No. 820.**—On Saturday, the 1st of December, at Bro. Palmer's, the Greyhound, Richmond, Surrey. Present—Bro. Fisher (W.M. of the Ranelagh) W.M., Harris S.W., Clayton Palmer J.W., Phillips Sec., Digby S.D., Weaver W.M. of 820 J.D., Wade, Phillips W.M. Rose of Denmark Preceptor. Bros. D. Kennedy P.M., J. Bateman P.M. &c.; Bros. Noble, Blasby, Kyczor, &c. Business—Lodge opened in due form at 8 p.m. Minutes of last meeting were confirmed. The first ceremony was rehearsed, Bro. Bateman candidate. Lodge opened in second degree, and Bro. Noble was passed. Lodge was called off, and resumed labour in the first degree. Bro. Noble was elected a member; Bro. Harris appointed W.M. for ensuing week, but most courteously relinquished the chair in favour of Bro. Weaver W.M. of the Lily Lodge of Richmond, as next Saturday would be their last meeting previous to the autumn gathering of the mother Lodge. He thereby gave the officers of the mother Lodge an opportunity of practising their duties previous to taking their places in Lodge. Bro. Weaver W.M., Bateman P.M. and Kyczor J.D. having expressed their thanks to Bro. Haines for his kind consideration, the Lodge was closed.

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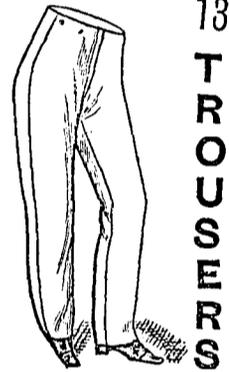
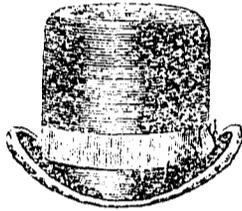
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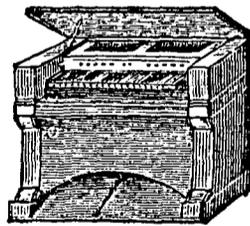
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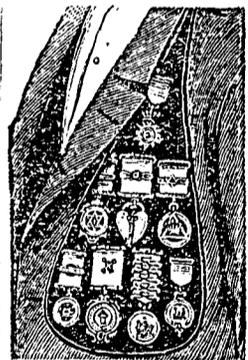


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