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**CERTAIN FORMS OF UNCHARITABLE-
NESS.**

THE subject of Charity has been worn tolerably threadbare, and there is no little difficulty in finding anything to say on it which has not already been said, possibly on many, many occasions before. We dare say the remarks which follow have the misfortune to have been addressed times without number to a Masonic public. Nevertheless, they appear to us to be not wholly unreasonable just now, when we are entering on a New Year, and are presumably anxious to regard everything and everybody in as favourable a light as possible. Just now we are supposed to have rubbed off all old scores. Differences which may have risen with others are forgotten, and we are starting on our career afresh, with hearty good wishes for every one. This, we believe, is the correct theory which prevails as to our duty at this particular season; and certainly eating and drinking about half-a-dozen times as much as is good for them, and clanking glasses with, and addressing little complimentary speeches to, their neighbours at the festive board may be accepted as formal evidence that Englishmen in general, and Masons in particular, fulfil their duty admirably, and that everybody is in love with everybody else. But though the theory is pretty universally observed in the letter, we have our doubts about the spirit of many who make the most show of having it. We have our doubts about their sincerity. The pretty things they say sound well, but in too many instances they are but a passing creation of the brain, and as such are valueless. "My dear Sir, I am so delighted to see you," says our neighbour Tomkins, and off he rushes to his wife, to enable her to receive the unexpected guest with the proper amount of cheerfulness and alacrity. With her, however, he speaks his mind candidly. "Why, hang it, there's that fellow Jones just dropped in, and making himself at home—a man, of all others, I abominate; but, of course we must do the civil." The wife acquiesces, but the civil thing is done, and Jones and Tomkins go on paying each other all the compliments they can think of, and in about the same spirit. Each knows the other is only playing a part, and the only thing real about the affair is the sense of greater or less admiration they entertain towards each other in proportion as they are more or less successful in their acting. This being so, of course no very serious amount of harm is done; that is, no deep-seated injury to the feelings of society is caused by this fashionable hypocrisy, but we question if it improves the morality. Of course, we do not blame Jones and Tomkins for greeting each other civilly, chatting more or less familiarly, according to the extent and duration of their acquaintance, and making neat little speeches about each other's merits. We are expected to do something of this kind, or in a very brief time we shall find we have earned for ourselves a somewhat unenviable character for rudeness. What we do blame them for, and that seriously, is the attempt they make to give an air of reality to what is merely a matter of form. We are very properly expected to be civil and obliging towards our neighbours, but we are not required to be so in the superlative degree. We would rather see people sincerely indifferent about each other's welfare than feign to be so overwhelmingly anxious. We would rather that men, when they meet together, should, as it were, let each other know that what they say in the way of compliment is merely conventional, instead of attempting to delude one another into a belief of its sincerity. There is

no hypocrisy in observing the forms of civility, any more than in wearing a chimney-pot hat in Regent-street, or a swallowtail coat for evening dress, but there is a vast deal in trying to persuade people you mean what you say. Jones knew quite as well as Tomkins that the latter's compliments were meaningless; and Tomkins would have stood better before the public had he been somewhat less impressive in his manner, or, as we have expressed it once before, more sincerely indifferent, and let it be seen that the pretty things he uttered were uttered as part of a certain ceremonial which fashion had ordained should be observed by people on receiving and dismissing visitors. Just now, especially, there is an abundance of complimentary language being bandied about among people, and everybody is in ecstasies of rejoicing over their neighbour's good fortune, but we fear there is little meaning in it, and that Society is only offering up its annual sacrifice of humbug on the altar of Fashion. Though we are far from wishing to think uncharitably of others, we can adopt no other conclusion than this, and we imagine the world would go on pretty much the same, and, perhaps, a good deal better, if people were a little less zealous in the cause of hypocrisy.

This is one of the most prevalent forms of that want of real charity which exists amongst men. Another is the wonderful zeal which some persons manifest in attributing motives to others. A. is going to town for a short holiday, and immediately there are a dozen reasons assigned for the visit. He has gone to consult a physician, or he is looking out for a wife, or he has quarrelled with his grandmother, there being, as a matter of fact, no special reason whatever for the visit. Or it may be he would rather have something done six months hence than now, and people say at once he is hard-up, or that a fortune is in store for him presently, or that he is currying favour in certain quarters and would like to see how he gets along before making his venture. In this case too, there is, in all probability, no reason assignable, and the person who would be the most astonished to hear that he was hard-up, or awaiting fortune, or currying favour, would be the hero of the romance himself. Again, A. calls on B., and immediately there are, if not a thousand and one reasons, at all events a good baker's dozen of them, assigned for this trifling fact. People take very good care in all these cases that the reasons are of an uncomplimentary character. They imagine, we presume, there would be no fun in attributing a reasonable or decent motive for this or that particular act of another person. In other words, there is no end to the evil thoughts which people insist on indulging in at others' expense, and all the while when they come in personal contact with them, they are hearty and apparently sincere in what they say. It would be more charitable if people would quietly abstain from assigning their own reasons for the conduct of others, but in such case the *quidnuncs* would find themselves in a difficulty, with their occupation entirely gone, and the possibility of picking up an ill-natured rumour or shave entirely out of the question.

A third form of uncharitableness is the facility with which people provide reasons for every trifling little occurrence in a man's life. Thus, he has a slight cold or cough; he grazes his knuckles, or sprains his ankle; he stays away from his Lodge; or he is an hour or two later than usual in reaching home; and, forthwith, there is every kind of sinister rumour afloat to explain this simple fact. The cold or cough is explained by the fact of his constantly returning home late at night, or rather early in the morning; he grazed his knuckles in a fight, or sprained

his ankle when somewhat inebriated; he did not attend his Lodge as he had not recovered from a former debauch, and his late return home is only to be explained by some act of dissipation. It never occurs to people to suggest a simple or a harmless reason for these accidents of our daily life. A late return, for instance, might easily be accounted for by the loss of a train, or the breaking down of a cab or omnibus, but people are never too charitably disposed, and even if one of these reasons suggested itself, something malicious would be added to it. People are so wonderfully knowing, or at least they think themselves so, about other persons' affairs, that if their imagination had any approach to reality, the lives of many men would exhibit the most marvellous transformations from fair average virtue to an extraordinary standard of vice. Why people should trouble themselves in this fashion has always puzzled us, but they do so, and women, in particular, are conspicuous sinners in this respect, especially in regard to their own sex. Even Masons, in spite of the solemn charge administered to them at their initiation, seem to think it a part of their duty to indulge in this and the other forms of uncharitableness we have referred to. We know, of course, that when men become Masons, they by no means lay aside the weaknesses of humanity, but we should have thought they would give a practical turn to the lessons inculcated by Freemasonry, and especially in the matter of Charity. It is not so, however we very much regret to say, and there are numbers of Craftsmen who are as determined enemies to kindly feeling as they are to almsgiving. We should like to see it otherwise, and we think it would be well if people made the attempt to exercise a little self-restraint, and not fancy they can trace every petty act of a man's life to something sinister or discreditable. And possibly it would do them no great amount of harm if they were at the pains occasionally of saying what they mean, and meaning what they say; in other words, if they attempted to make a more intimate acquaintance with the virtue of sincerity. We certainly think the experiment might be made with very great advantage to many.

The entertainment to the pupils of the Girls' School, who remain during the holidays, took place, as announced in our last issue, on Monday. Several brethren who take a great interest in the Institution attended, and made every effort to make the hours pass amusingly, we may say with complete success. Amongst those present were:—Bros. H. A. Dubois, M. B. White, Thomas Kingston, F. Burdett, Jabez Hogg, S. Rawson, Rev. T. W. Morris, W. W. Morgan jun., J. Faulkner, H. Massey, E. Cox, A. H. Diaper, B. Head, A. Sack, A. H. Tattershall, &c.

The regular monthly meeting of the General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was held on Saturday afternoon, at 4 p.m. Bro. Wm. Roebuck occupied the chair, and there were present Bro. W. Hyde Pullen, C. F. Matier, S. Rosenthal, F. Adlard, R. B. Webster, John Boyd, Jesse Turner, Jabez Hogg, W. F. C. Moutrie, H. Cox, &c., &c., and Bro. F. Binckes, Secretary. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and verified, the Secretary announced that there would be nine vacancies at the April election, and on motion duly made and seconded, it was agreed that this number should be further increased to thirty. It was further stated that forty-six eligible candidates still remained on the list from the October election, as many as ten names having been struck off in accordance with the law which fixes the maximum limit of age for candidates at eleven. Twelve applications had since been entertained, and thus the number already of approved candidates was fifty-eight. Twenty-one new cases were submitted, and of these nineteen were approved, while the other two were held over for reference to the next Quarterly General Court of Governors and Subscribers. There will thus be seventy-seven, and there may be seventy-nine candidates to compete for the thirty appointments to be balloted for at the April election. It was also proposed to recommend the expenditure of the sum of £1,500 in providing a new playground, with the requisite fences, &c., which is rendered necessary by the extension, now in progress, of the school premises. A vote of thanks to the chairman closed the proceedings. The Boys' School Club held their usual dinner after the meeting.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

ON Wednesday, the 9th inst., the usual quarterly gathering of West Yorkshire Freemasons took place in the Corn Exchange, Wakefield, which had been most tastefully decorated, under the banner of the Lodge of Sincerity 1019, by the Officers of which the Lodge was opened in the usual style. At 1.30 p.m., the Prov. Grand Lodge entered, and was presided over by Lieutenant-Colonel Sir H. Edwards, Bart., Prov. Grand Master, supported by Bro. Tew, D. Prov. Grand Master, both of whom were saluted in the usual ancient style. In response,

Bro. Sir Henry Edwards Prov. Grand Master said: In compliance with established custom, I embrace the opportunity of meeting you thus assembled in this Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire, to address to you a few words on topics of interest. I need only briefly express to you the pleasure I experience in being present with you to-day. In acknowledging your salutation, I appreciate most highly the reception again accorded to me by the Freemasons of West Yorkshire, and let me assure you, I am proud not only of belonging to your body as Freemasons, but also that I am called upon to preside over these quarterly gatherings. Allow me to offer the congratulations of the new year to every brother in this Province, and to express the hope that as new year succeeds new year, our distinguishing characteristics may still tend to bind us together in those bonds of brotherly communion for the promotion of peace and the extension of Charity, which have existed for so many centuries as principles of the Craft. It is our good fortune to meet under the banner of the Lodge of Sincerity in Wakefield at this winterly season of the year. We have an agreeable recollection of a previous occasion when, under the banner of Unanimity, we assembled in this same most hospitable town. I am delighted to perceive that Freemasonry is on the increase in Wakefield, and that Sincerity Lodge, the youngest of the three, founded in 1864, is growing up into a wide-spreading tree. Under its banner have been enlisted brethren of personal influence, who will carry the principles of the Craft wherever they go, so that wherever the name of Sincerity Lodge is mentioned, and wherever the names of its Worshipful Masters are spoken of, there also will the Lodge be esteemed and honoured. Sincerity Lodge numbers in its ranks 50 members, some of them the most active business men of the town. It is, I am informed by my Deputy, a popular Lodge, and one of which the present ex-Mayor of Wakefield had the honour of being elected the first Worshipful Master. Bro. William Clayton, of Oakenshaw Grange, as the result of a long and continued attendance to the duties of this Lodge, has earned the highest honour his brethren could confer upon him—viz., his election as W.M. for 1878 in the chair of the Lodge. We thank him for the excellence of the arrangements for receiving the brethren of this Provincial Grand Lodge to-day. The prosperity of Wakefield appears to follow the prosperity of its three Lodges. A visitor coming to the town now, after the lapse of a few years, would at once notice the change which is taking place in the architectural appearance of the streets. I am pleased to find this town will not be behind other towns in the Riding, and will shortly possess a magnificent Town Hall, a necessity which has long been felt, and at the inaugural ceremony of which this Prov. Grand Lodge may look forward to participate in hearty congratulations on the accomplishment of a noble work. On Saturday, 25th November, 1877, under the auspices of Lodge No. 495, I was present, on that wet and dismal day, at the commencement of a noble pile of buildings for the relief of suffering humanity—the Clayton Hospital—a credit to the town and its principal contributors, amongst whom were Colonel Charlesworth, and the family of our respected Deputy Provincial Grand Master Bro. Tew, and which is approaching completion under its able architect, Bro. Bakewell of Leeds. Much of this architectural extension and educational expansion of Wakefield is due to the individual efforts of the Freemasons of the three Lodges—(applause)—and more particularly is owing to the untiring exertions of Bro. W. H. Gill, the original founder of the Lodge of Sincerity, who has shown himself to be not only an eminent speculative Mason in the science of jurisprudence, either Masonic or legal, but we may venture to call him also a scientific operative master builder. I trust I shall not be over stepping the circle of Masonic topics in alluding to the healthy rivalry and friendly emulation between Wakefield and Halifax with regard to the new bishopric. Whilst I and others advocate the claims of Halifax, there are doubtless many active friends in this room who advocate the claims of Wakefield to be a city. Both towns have, I believe, a more brilliant future before them than anything which has yet transpired in the history of either. The solution of this question is now in the hands of Government. Both towns desire to preserve in full activity everything that is loving and brotherly and true, and everything that is full of energy; and I cannot say whether the next time I am invited to Wakefield I shall have to describe it as the "city," or whether Provincial Grand Lodge visits the "city" of Halifax. I feel certain the efforts made by each town for this honour will only show that all did more than their ancestors to create an institution which shall be a blessing to increased populations in this Riding, and honour and praise to Jehovah, whom we serve as the great Architect of the Universe. (Applause.) I must make a brief remark upon the recent proceedings of the Grand Lodge of England relative to the position which that body has taken up towards the Grand Orient of France, and the Berlin Grand Lodge. The Prov. Grand Lodge must endorse the individual opinion of the Pro Grand Master of England in regretting the course which the Grand Lodge of the "Three Globes" of Berlin has followed. But we have faith in the wisdom and expediency of the course which our Grand Lodge has taken, lest we should be interfering with the internal regulations of an independent Masonic body, with which perhaps English Freemasons have at present a grand opportunity for bringing to the notice

of the Emperor of Germany, through our Grand Master the Prince of Wales, certain recommendations, having for their object the removal from its constitutions of what may be most fittingly described as the "Jewish Disabilities." The Grand Orient has proposed a startling innovation, which must be repugnant to the human mind and startling to the general intellect. It would be impossible for English Freemasons to act in harmony with those who base their system of ethics upon such a doctrine as that of negation—a doctrine which has ever tended to retard the progress of the French nation, and which, in its very essence, must always mar the universal spread of those truly humanitarian ideas which include the exercise of every virtue, and by which the principles upon which the government of the Craft has been founded can only be effectually and logically inculcated in conjunction with a firm and unhesitating faith in the Grand Geometrician of the Universe. We believe that the Grand Lodge will, on this, as on the other question, uphold the integrity of Freemasonry, and that what will be done will be worthy of the position of our own Grand Lodge in the Masonic world. Passing from these speculations, let us in all brotherly kindness look upon the seventy-six dissentient Lodges of Freemasons in France as a most important body in a nation boasting thirty-eight millions of souls, in a country unequalled for natural advantages, immense industry, and unparalleled versatility, sensitiveness, talent, and thrift. We hope that that great nation will shortly rejoice over its grand exhibition. We hope the opening, now close at hand, will inaugurate the advent of peace, which, when at Ripon, I had hoped would have dawned upon the new year. Let us still hope that all nations and tongues will be able to prepare themselves to play a part in the French Exhibition commensurate with their fame, their capacity, and their traditional responsibilities. May the principles of Freemasonry—on earth peace and goodwill towards men—have found full force, and may the shedding of blood cease between two portions of the human race, to whom has been committed the dominion of so large a share of the earth. This, I again repeat, is my sincere aspiration, and one which, I am sure, will find a responsive echo in all our hearts. (Loud Cheers).—*Yorkshire Post*.

PRESENTATION TO BRO. W. E. PALMER OF WINCHESTER.

THE *Hampshire Chronicle* of the 5th instant contains a long account of a highly interesting event which occurred last week in the City of Winchester, and in which mine host of the George Hotel, Bro. W. E. Palmer, appears as the central figure. It seems that last year, when Bro. Palmer occupied the proud position of mayor of the city, the horses in his stables were attacked by a very malignant disease of an infectious character. This fact was necessarily brought to the notice of the Committee appointed by the Town Council, under the provisions of The Contagious Diseases (Animals) Act; and Bro. Palmer, who was a member of this Committee, at once placed himself unreservedly in their hands, and acting under the advice of the veterinary inspector, had all his horses slaughtered, closed his stables for a time—and, in fact, destroyed and virtually rebuilt them—burnt his harness, and took every means in his power, by the use of disinfectants, to prevent the spread of the disease to the horses belonging to his neighbours. This necessarily involved a loss of a considerable sum of money, which was stated at £700; but it turned out on inquiry, that while the owner of cattle, sheep, or pigs is entitled to compensation for the slaughter of his animals, the owner of horses was not, and no means could be found for enabling the City Council to compensate him legally. Under these circumstances, it was resolved that a testimonial in the shape of a purse of sovereigns, accompanied by an illuminated address on parchment, should be presented to him, and last week there was held a numerous gathering of citizens at the George Hotel, the chair being occupied by Mr. T. Stopher, ex-Mayor of Winchester, among those present being Messrs. McNamara, Frank Toole, R. L. Sindall, W. F. Meredith, W. C. Clarke, of Southampton, the artist who had been charged to design and prepare the illuminated address, and had done his work with such excellent taste, and others. The Chairman having briefly stated the object of the meeting, Mr. C. Saunders recounted the result of the efforts of the Testimonial Committee, and stated that £275 had been raised. Of this sum £25 had been expended on the address, and in expenses of postage, &c. So there remained a balance for presentation of £250. The Chairman then rose a second time, and in a neat and effective speech, expressed the sense of all present as to the public spirit which Mr. Palmer had shown on the occasion, and under the circumstances described above. He pointed out that others would probably have acted far otherwise, and by sending their horses into another country, have caused terrible loss of property. He also dwelt, at some length, on the other services which Mr. Palmer had rendered, and the respect in which he was held; and he further pointed out that that gentleman had not only lost the sum of £700 as stated, but had suffered in his business, for though there was no danger in doing so, people for a long time fought shy of using his stables. He concluded by wishing him long life and prosperity, and then handed to Mr. Palmer, who had been called into the room, the address and purse of £250. The testimonial was briefly acknowledged, yet with much feeling, Mr. Palmer saying that he was unable to find words which would adequately convey to them the gratitude he felt for their kindness, but thanking them all to the best of his poor ability. Votes of thanks were then passed to the officers of the Testimonial Committee and to the chairman for his kindness in presiding, after which most of the company adjourned to the ball room, where a handsome repast had been provided. We congratulate Bro. Palmer on this evidence of the appreciation in which he is held by his fellow citizens.

THE LATE LORD KINNAIRD.

IT is with deep regret we note the death, after a brief but painful illness, of the Right Honourable Lord Kinnaird, Past Grand Master Mason of Scotland and Provincial Grand Master of Perthshire East. The cause of death was inflammation of the bowels, to which his Lordship succumbed at half-past two o'clock on Monday morning. The deceased nobleman was Grand Master Mason of Scotland during the years 1830-1, and it was mainly owing to his kindly influence and exertions that Freemasonry had made such progress in the Province over which he had so long, as well as so ably, presided. It will be in the recollection of our readers that on St. John the Baptist's day in 1876, a number of Perthshire brethren visited his Lordship at his seat—Rossie Priory—by whom they were most hospitably entertained. This visit gave proof, had proof been needed, of the cordial relations existing between the P.G. Master and those over whom he ruled. Lord Kinnaird was born in 1807, and was therefore in his 71st year. He was Lord Lieutenant of Perthshire, and is succeeded by his brother, the Hon. Arthur Kinnaird, M.P. We offer to his family the respectful tribute of our sympathy.

Bro. Gerard Henry gave his Annual Concert at Wimbledon, on Monday last, under the patronage of Sir H. W. Peck Bart. M.P., Sir Trevor Lawrence Bart. M.P., Sir Joseph Bazalgette, and several other influential gentlemen and brethren. Bro. Henry was assisted by Miss Marian Williams R.A.M., Miss Martha Harries R.A.M., Miss Green, Mr. Walter Wadmore, Mr. T. E. Gatehouse (violin), Mr. W. D. Sumner and Bro. Stephen Jarvis (pianoforte), all of whom gave entire satisfaction to a very numerous and fashionable audience. Bro. Henry was very well received in several of his baritone songs, notably in "Country, Home and King," and "Twas only a year ago, love," the compositions of Bros. Stephen Jarvis and Leonard Barnes respectively. The Concert was in every way a complete success, showing that Bro. Henry's talent, both as vocalist and *entrepreneur*, are held in great esteem at Wimbledon.

Bro. the Rev. F. A. S. Bellamy, vicar of St. Mary's, Devonport, has been appointed Chaplain to the Sincerity Mark Lodge, No. 35, and Bro. G. Whitting, of No. 107, J.D. of No. 35.

The *Sunday Courier* of New York, announces, among other things, that there are nine Masonic bodies in Hartford, Connecticut. It also states that the Grand Master of Florida, Bro. Wasgate, who has been seriously ill, is now happily reported to be convalescent.

The *Masonic Jewel*, on the authority of the *Springfield Republican*, reports a melancholy event which happened some time since in the Springfield Commandery. Doctor W. J. Sawin was to have been installed as E. Commander, and had made every preparation for the auspicious event. Being a large and full-blooded man, as well as an enthusiastic Mason, as the time approached for the fulfilment of the ceremony he became excited, but he partook of supper as usual, and then went from his residence to the Masonic Hall. He hurried upstairs, and having entered, took his seat at the Secretary's table, and in a few minutes, while putting on a pair of gloves, fell forward dead into the arms of his startled associates. Everything was done to restore animation but in vain, and the wife he had left only a little while before, in apparent health and strength, and who was to have witnessed, with other ladies, the ceremony of his installation, came only to find her husband a corpse. Bro. Dr. Sawin had held office as Past S.G. Warden, Illinois, as well as those of Dist. D.G. Master (Craft) and Dist. D. Grand High Priest (Arch). It is needless to say the Sir Knights dispersed in a state of profound grief at the dreadfully sudden decease of their comrade, and that the event has cast a general gloom over the Masonic community, and indeed among all classes in Springfield.

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A LITTLE CRITICISM.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I go far beyond "A.T.Z.R." in his strictures on your Masonic contemporary. I think his "little criticism" far too gentle, and that he would have been perfectly justified in using his lash unsparingly; "Spare the rod, spoil the child," and this particular child to which your correspondent refers requires far more than the average amount of castigation, well and smartly laid on, in order to bring it to a proper sense of decency. But possibly "A.T.Z.R." indulged in mild instead of scathing criticism, because he felt that no amount of lashing would be productive of satisfactory results. I must admit there is some force in this view, in the supposition, at least, that I am right in my conjecture; but for my part I consider it eminently desirable the Masonic world should be undeceived as to the pretensions which your contemporary advances. I am confirmed in this belief by the trash I have just read in its issue of Saturday. With the exception of the reports, for which your contemporary, I believe, is chiefly indebted to that hard-working, accurate, and unassuming reporter, Bro. H. Massey, the contents of the last number may be ranged under the three heads of twaddle, cant, and impudence.

I will first take the article on "Time," which, as far as I am able to understand slipshod, ungrammatical English, is the acme of maudlin twaddle. "Time is immeasurable (*sic*), unexplicable (*sic*), unrestrainable, and unknown. It is, and it is not. It passes away and it lives again. It seems to leave us, and yet it is never ending. It has no commencement, no close, 'no beginning of years, or length of days,' and so on through upwards of a column. I demur entirely to the last proposition. It is Eternity, not Time, which has no commencement or "close", and Time has both ending and "beginning of years," as well as "length of days." The revolutions of the Earth, Sun, and Moon enable us to determine the exact limits of certain portions of "Time." The Axial revolution of the Earth, the revolution of the Moon round the Earth, and that of the Earth round the Sun constitute the periods of time known respectively as a day, a month, and a year. To say that time is immeasurable—I beg pardon, "immeasurable"—is to deny the divine inspiration of the Scriptures, and in plain English, to affirm that the Bible is not the word of God as revealed to man. So much for the twaddle.

I will next pass to the cant, which I find well represented in the article entitled "A new Year's Greeting." Is there the slightest sincerity in the following passage—the only one I shall trouble you with: "At such a moment of time, the intersection of that narrow line which separates 1877 from 1878, just when we leave the past, known and familiar, and enter the future, hidden in ignorance and mystery, it is that the mind grows thoughtful, and the heart expands. For after all, say what we may, we are all 'members one of another' here." Is your contemporary prepared to extend to you in 1878 the recognition it has denied you in 1875, 1876, and 1877, the recognition which His Royal Highness the Grand Master himself has not considered it beneath his dignity to extend you? If he is so prepared, then shall I be only too happy to retract everything I have said in this letter, and apologise, in open, honest, manly fashion; but, till he does so, I maintain this affectation of charitable feeling towards others is gross, hypocritical cant, and nothing more. I judge journals as I do men,—not by what they say, but by what they do.

Under the third and concluding category of "impudence," I place the article on itself, the "puffery" of its own wares. Are not the following sentences a disgrace to the pen from which they emanate? "Started and upheld by one publisher, with no aid and no subscription list, subsidised by no Committee, the organ of no clique, it has simply appealed to the open Court of Masonic criticism, judgment, and fair play. It has antagonised none, assailed none, envied none, opposed none. It has never condescended to resort to personality or partisanship, it has never bandied words, it has taken notice of no insinuations, and has laughed at all malevolence." . . . "Had it not been for our publisher, Freemasonry in England would have been for years without a literature at all, and . . . he has created a literature which is alike effective" (Heaven save the mark!) "and expanding." Is it not a fact that the proprietor and publisher of your contemporary is a Masonic tradesman, who, 'cute man of business that he is, sees clearly, that in these days of keen competition, he is most likely to succeed who blows his own trumpet the loudest—in other words, who advertises most freely. I do not condemn him for this; on the contrary, I applaud him for it; but, in the name of all that is Masonic, let there be no impudent pretence of promoting Masonic literature under the cloak of advertising Masonic jewellery and candles. The proprietor of what,—in spite of the annual issue, for a charitable purpose, of Grand Lodge Calendar,—are insolently declared to be "the four Masonic publications," finds it answer his purpose to issue them. He may as well incur the loss of a few hundreds on these publications as spend an equal amount in advertising in what we, Freemasons, are accustomed to call "profane" journals. The outlay thus incurred is part of his legitimate expenditure, and is no doubt a source of profit in the long run; but here the matter ends. I fancy, too, there is a gentleman, a Freemason, living in a certain street not a hundred miles from the strand, in which the *Freemasons' Magazine* and *Mirror* was wont to be published for many years, who, if he cared about the matter at all, might be able to give another version of the

reasons why, and the manner in which, your contemporary was started; but I have not spoken with him for months; perhaps he would rather think than say what he knows.

I am a plain-spoken man, one who calls a spade a spade, and nothing else. I am glad you have opened your columns to "A.T.Z.R.," with his clear argument and gentlemanly criticism. I trust you will find space for my simple English, and hope that you will allow other brethren, if they are so minded, to expose the ignorance and presumption of your Masonic contemporary.

I remain, fraternally yours,

7th January 1878.

A PAST MASTER.

THE RIGHT TO WEAR JEWELS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—As I am only a tyro in the millinery and jewellery department of Freemasonry, I shall be glad if some more experienced brother will inform me, if it is part of the unwritten law of Grand Lodge that no Past Master may wear a P.M.'s jewel unless it is presented to him by his Lodge and its cost provided out of the funds of the Lodge; if this is correct, it is of course irregular for a P.M. to wear a jewel he has paid for himself, or had presented to him by a section of his Lodge.

Yours fraternally,

P.M. 425.

GRAND ORIENT OF FRANCE.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Yours, of 29th December, contains a report of the annual meeting of Lodge Mother Kilwinning on 21st December, at which it was agreed to call the attention of the Grand Lodge of Scotland to the "unfortunate step taken by the Grand Orient of France," &c. In order to guard against the impression that in such an important matter the Grand Lodge of Scotland requires to be urged to its duty by a Lodge in Ayrshire, acting upon the suggestion of a Brother living in Banffshire, I beg, through you, to intimate that the Grand Master Mason of Scotland, Sir Michael R. Shaw-Stewart Bart., and his committee, sitting at Edinburgh, had taken action in the matter three weeks prior to the date at which the Kilwinning Lodge resolved to address Grand Lodge on the subject. This will be seen from the following excerpt of minute of the Grand Committee of the Grand Lodge of Scotland of 27th November last, a copy of which is in possession of the Grand Orient of France.

"The Grand Secretary directed the attention of Grand Committee to the recent change in the Constitution of the Grand Orient of France, whereby belief in God is not now essential to admission as Freemasons. Bro. Dr. Loth, representative from the Grand Orient, who had been asked to be present, having satisfied the Committee upon certain points in connection with the subject upon which they desired information, the following resolution was adopted, on the motion of Bro. Wm. Mann P.M. No. 65, seconded by Bro. R. S. Brown P.M. No. 124:—'Having had their attention directed by the Grand Secretary to the recent change in the Constitution of the Grand Orient of France, whereby a profession of belief in Almighty God, the Great Architect of the Universe, and the immortality of the soul, is not now exacted of candidates for admission as Freemasons, and having maturely considered the same, instruct the Grand Secretary to intimate to the Grand Orient of France that, should it be the case that such a radical change in the fundamental principles of ancient Freemasonry has indeed been confirmed by the Grand Orient of France, Grand Committee will be under the necessity of recommending to Grand Lodge to sever the fraternal relations that have for so long a period subsisted between it and the Grand Orient of France.'

As regards the sending a copy of the Kilwinning resolution to the Grand Orient of France, I may state that it was an instruction by Grand Committee at their meeting on the 24th December that I should intimate "that it is beyond the province of Mother Kilwinning or any other Lodge holding of the Grand Lodge of Scotland to communicate direct with any foreign Grand Lodge on the subject of Freemasonry."

Yours fraternally,

D. MURRAY LYON,

Secretary to the Grand Lodge.

Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh, 2nd January 1878.

THE REV. R. J. SIMPSON AND CHARITY ORGANIZATION.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—At the recent consecration of the Temple Bar Lodge, I was struck with the sublime teaching contained in the oration by our P.G. Chaplain, the Rev. R. J. Simpson, and left the Lodge more thoroughly convinced than ever that Freemasonry was an ornament to the world. Alas! this was only a fond hallucination, soon to be dispelled by the same reverend personage. When a series of toasts had been submitted to the brethren, our Rev. Brother was deputed to propose the toast of the Masonic Charities, and in the whole course of my experience I never listened to a greater abuse of opportunity than our Rev. Brother exercised. After lauding our Institutions, and holding them up as models of their kind, deserving every support, he descanted on the principle of charity-voting as laid down by the Charities' Organization Society, of which he is a moving

spirit, and urged the brethren to pause ere they gave their donations, and begged them only to extend their generosity upon the reforms he advocated being carried into effect. Whatever Bro. Simpson may feel,—and I give him credit for all sincerity,—I certainly blame him for having introduced into a Masonic Lodge a subject calculated to breed dissension. The Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was present, and listened to our Rev. Brother with surprise and indignation; but, judicious man that he is, he turned to account all that had been so disparagingly uttered, and secured a Steward for his forthcoming Festival in the person of the W.M.

Let our Rev. Brother, who is considered as speaking with some authority, reflect ere he introduces extraneous matter, either in Lodge or at the banquet table. If he desires reform, let him adopt the proper course of submitting his views at the Quarterly General Courts of our Institutions, where they will receive due attention; but I doubt much if ever he will succeed in inducing the brethren to relinquish their power of voting in return for the money they so freely give, and so strenuously strive to obtain in support of our noble Charities.

Yours fraternally,

SPES BONA.

OPENING OF A NEW MASONIC HALL IN LIVERPOOL.

ON Wednesday afternoon, 2nd inst., the most influential meeting of the Masonic fraternity seen for some time in Liverpool took place, on the occasion of the opening of the Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, which is situate at the corner of Kirkstall-street, Westminster-road, Kirkdale, and has been erected for the purpose of giving accommodation for brethren at the north end of the town. The formal dedication of the building to Masonic purposes took place on Wednesday, in connection with the annual installation of the Walton Lodge, No. 1086, and was performed by Bro. H. S. Alpass P.G. Sec., who in addressing the brethren prior to the ceremony of consecration referred to Masonry a quarter of a century ago, as compared with the present time, and pointed out the great advantage gained by the erection of Masonic Halls as places of meeting over hotels.

In Liverpool there are only three Lodges which now meet in hotels, and those assemble at the Adelphi. This change had in a great measure ensured the grand success of Masonry in Liverpool,—indeed in the province as well. In this province there were more subscribing members of the Craft than in any other, and the numbers continue steadily to increase. He was sure it was the wish of the middle class, from which Masonry was largely recruited, that their Lodges should be dissociated with hotels, and in consequence of that feeling this beneficial change had taken place, with such excellent results. In exercising temperance, Masons of the present day were in advance of the age, and the Charities had been greatly assisted by the removal of Lodge rooms from hotels. In conclusion, Bro. Alpass expressed the honour he felt at having been entrusted with the duty of performing the ceremony of consecration, and he trusted that the Lodge, which numbers over 100 members, would be prosperous. He could say from what he knew of it, in its old meeting place in St. Laurence's Schools, that it had always been a well-worked Lodge. In wishing them prosperity, he hoped they would continue to cultivate that distinguished characteristic of every Freemason's heart—"Charity." Bro. the Rev. C. R. Hyde LL.D., gave the following prayer:—O Eternal God, mighty in power, and of Majesty incomprehensible, whom the heaven of heavens cannot contain, much less the walls of temples made with hands, vouchsafe Thine aid, O Great Architect of the Universe, to us, who are gathered together to consecrate this place with all humility and readiness of heart, to display the beauties of true godliness. May Thy Holy Name never be mentioned in this temple but with that awe and reverence which are due from the creature to the Creator. May Thine aid be sought in all our lawful undertakings, and to Thee, O Supreme Ruler of the Universe, may we look up, on every emergency, for comfort and support. May Thy wisdom conduct us in all our undertakings, Thy strength support us in all our difficulties, and Thy beauty adorn the inner man. And may we all so live that the world shall see how dearly Masons love one another. Then, shall we not have laboured in vain, or wasted our strength for nought, for our work is before the Lord, and our recompense is with God. And give us all grace, that, by the frequent emblems of mortality which we shall behold, we may be led to contemplate our inevitable destiny, and guide our reflections into that most interesting of all studies, the knowledge of ourselves. Then shall we pass through the grave to a joyful resurrection, and behold that bright morning star, whose rising brings peace and tranquillity to the faithful and obedient of the human race." Afterwards the anthem "I have surely built thee an house to dwell in" (Dr. Boyce) was sung, Bro. Skeaf P.G.O. presiding at the harmonium. Bros. T. J. Hughes, Basfield, Queen and Haswell being the vocalists. Bro. Alpass then dedicated the building to Masonic purposes. After which he proceeded with the installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. G. J. Townsend. He performed his task in a very able manner, supported by a Board of thirty-six P.M.'s. At the conclusion of the installation ceremony, the W.M. appointed the following brethren as his Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. G. E. Hanmer I.P.M., Wm. Walker S.W., Rev. Dr. Hyde J.W., Wm. Archer P.M. Treas., J. Lecce Sec., Casey S.D., Riley J.D., John Lunt P.M. P. Prov. G.D.C. D. of C., R. Beckett I.G., H. Gill S.S., Templeton J.S. Bro. John Lunt gave the charges to the officers, and completed his work in a most forcible and impressive manner.

The influential nature of the meeting may be seen by the fact that there were over 150 brethren, and no fewer than thirty-six Past Masters present. Among the P.M.'s of the Lodge were Bros. John Lunt P. Prov. G.D.C., W. Archer, J. C. Lunt, J. P. McArthur J.P.,

William Sephton, R. Abraham, J. Ellis, and G. E. Hanmer. In the evening a banquet was served in the dining hall, by Bro. Casey, after which the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and heartily responded to. The musical proceedings were under the direction of Bro. Skeaf Prov. G.O. An agreeable evening was spent, terminating a Festival long to be remembered by the brethren of this large and prosperous Lodge.

During the evening a splendid gold P.M.'s jewel was presented to the I.P.M., Bro. Hanmer, by the members of the Lodge, in token of their affection and esteem.

The edifice is Gothic, of ornamental brickwork, with an Ionic doorway, and has cost about £2,000. It consists of a Lodge room on the second floor, 55 feet by 28 feet, with segmental arched ceiling, which greatly promotes its acoustic properties; there are large ante-rooms, lavatories, &c., and a large dining hall on the ground floor, with the necessary offices, cloak room, &c. The hall is 70 feet by 28 feet, being 16 feet high. A striking novelty in the fitting of the building are the pneumatic bells and speaking tubes, and the communication thus readily established between the W.M. and the Tyler will be a great advantage for Masonic purposes. Messrs. R. Wells and Son, the constructors, have had to study the requirements of Masonic brethren rather than strict Gothic outlines, and in this they have succeeded admirably, the work having been personally superintended by Bro. John Wells Prov. G.S., who deserves great praise for the splendid building he has erected, and his untiring exertions in getting it completed in the short space of eight months. In a short time it is the intention of the directors, who are all members of the Walton Lodge, to have the walls and ceiling painted and decorated, and to make the Lodge room one not to be surpassed by any in the Provinces. The cost of the edifice has been borne exclusively by Masons, and the members of the Walton Lodge are the largest shareholders. All shares have been subscribed without any trouble.

REVIEWS.

All Books intended for Review should be addressed to the Editor of *The Freemason's Chronicle*, 67 Barbican, E.C.

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The Cure of Cataract and other Eye Affections—The medical and surgical treatment of Lenticular Opacities. By Jabez Hogg, Consulting Surgeon to the Royal Westminster Ophthalmic Hospital, Ophthalmic Surgeon to the Royal Masonic Institutions, &c., &c., &c. London: Bailliere, Tindall and Cox, 20 King William-street, Strand. 1878.

THOUGH we cannot presume to offer an opinion on the professional merits of this work of Bro. Jabez Hogg, we do not hesitate to pronounce it a valuable addition to the literature on eye affections. His treatment of this particular class of disease is known to have been highly successful, and we are probably justified in saying that his reputation as a skilful Ophthalmic Surgeon is second to none. It is certain he can bring to bear on eye affections of every kind a long and varied experience, and under these circumstances it would be the height of presumption in us to criticise this work professionally. But we have noted it carefully, and we feel justified in saying that Bro. Hogg's treatment is, in all cases, clearly and to all appearances exhaustively laid down. He describes, in the first place, the various parts of the eye, and then the manner in which cataract is formed, as well as the predisposing causes which induce its formation. He next discusses the various modes of treatment, and enters at considerable length into the different kinds of instruments employed in the removal of cataract, expressing his opinion, as he goes on, of their comparative values, and then explains how the different operations should be performed. The treatise is abundantly illustrated throughout, so that the reader will experience but little difficulty in following Bro. Hogg. The expert, of course, will be able to see at a glance the value of the author's system, and even the non-professional reader, by the aid of a little patient study, cannot fail to obtain some insight into the subject. We thank Bro. Hogg for the opportunity he has afforded us of studying his treatise. It cannot but enhance his fame, and we trust it will have a large circulation, especially in professional circles.

We beg to acknowledge receipt of the first number of Vol. IV. of *Design and Work*, a Mechanics' Journal for Workmen of all Trades. [Publisher, Mr. Georges Purkess, 286 Strand, W.C.] It is well illustrated, and contains well-written articles, as well as a mass of information which cannot prove otherwise than useful to the class of readers whose interests it is specially designed to advocate. Accompanying the number is a very pretty coloured almanack, nicely printed in clear type, and simply, yet tastily, designed.

A highly interesting lecture "On the War in Turkey, with remarks on the Hellenic Nationalities," was delivered some time since, in the Free Church School Room, Queen's-road, Bayswater, by Bro. Dr. Theocles Mussabini, late special correspondent of the *Morning Advertiser* with the Russian army. The lecturer having described the relations of the Bulgars with the dominant Turkish race, gave it as his opinion that the Emperor of Russia had no alternative out to go to war with the Sultan. A vote of thanks to the lecturer concluded the proceedings. This lecture, it may be interesting to our readers to know, will be delivered again, in other localities, of which due notice will be given, so that those who are desirous of learning more of Bro. Mussabini's views on the war, will have the opportunity of doing so afforded them.

Old Warrants.

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No. 106.

No. 3 "Ancients;" No. 5 from the "Union" of Dec. 1813 (1814), to the present time.



ZETLAND, PRO G.M.

To all and every our Right Worshipful, Worshipful and loving brethren.

WE, Thomas Dundas, Earl of Zetland, Baron Dundas of Aske, in the County of York, &c., &c., &c.

PRO GRAND MASTER

OF THE MOST ANCIENT AND HONOURABLE FRATERNITY OF FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF ENGLAND.

SEND GREETING. Whereas it appears by the record of our Grand Lodge that, in the year 1752, a Warrant was issued to certain Brethren therein named, authorising and empowering them and their successors to open and hold a Lodge in London, which was then registered in the Books of the Grand Lodge No. 3, and by the Union of the two Grand Lodges, on the 27th December 1813, became No. 5, and was denominated the St. George's Lodge. And whereas it further appears that, on the 25th of March 1739, another Warrant was issued to certain Brethren therein named, authorising them and their successors to open and hold another Lodge in London, which was then registered No. 63, by the general alteration of numbers in 1740 became No. 56, by the general alteration in 1756 became No. 34, by the alteration in 1770 became No. 31, by the alteration in 1781 became No. 28, by the alteration in 1792 became No. 26, and by the Union of the two Grand Lodges, on the 27th December 1813, became No. 40, and was denominated the Corner Stone Lodge, and by the general alteration of numbers in the year 1832 became, and is now, registered in the Books of the Grand Lodge No. 37. And whereas the Brethren composing the said two Lodges have, by their Memorial and Petition, represented unto us that they are desirous of uniting together the said two Lodges so as hereafter to form but one Lodge, and have passed resolutions unanimously in their respective Lodges to that effect, and to that end have delivered up the said two recited Warrants to be cancelled, upon the issuing of a Warrant of Consolidation and Confirmation, which they have prayed us to grant accordingly. Now, know ye that we, having taken the subject into consideration, and we being willing to accede to their request, and from the confidence reposed in the Brethren, Do hereby grant this, our Warrant of Consolidation and Confirmation, unto our trusty and well-beloved Brethren, Ferdinand A. Echalaz, W.M. of the said Lodge, No. 5, Frederick George Cox, W.M. of the said Lodge, No. 37, John Charles McMullen, one of our Past Grand Deacons and a Past Master of both the said Lodges, James Prior De Paravicini P.M. of No. 37, Edward Galley Giles P.M. of No. 5, Henry Bellamy Webb P.M. of No. 37, John O. Freeman P.M. of No. 5, Charles Collingridge P.M. No. 37, and the other Brethren composing the said Lodges, authorising and empowering them and their successors to continue to assemble and hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons at the Piazza Coffee House, Covent Garden, London, on the second Monday in the months of November, December, January, February, March, April, and May, in each year, or at such other times as to the Brethren thereof may appear necessary, and be regulated by their Bye-Laws in conformity with the General Laws of the Craft, under the title or denomination of

No. 5 THE ST. GEORGES AND CORNER STONE LODGE,

and to be registered in the Books of the Grand Lodge No. 5, and then and there (when duly congregated) to make, pass, and raise Free Masons according to the Ancient Custom of the Craft in all ages and nations throughout the known world. And further, at the Petition of the said Brethren, We do appoint the said John Charles McMullen to be the Master, the said Frederick George Cox to be the Senior Warden, and the said Ferdinand A. Echalaz to be the Junior Warden, for continuing to hold the said Lodge until such time as another Master shall be regularly elected and installed. Strictly charging that every Member who shall be elected to preside over the said Lodge shall be installed in ancient form and according to the Laws of the Grand Lodge, that he may thereby be fully invested with the dignities and powers of his office. And we do require you the said John Charles McMullen, and your successors, to take special care that all and every the Brethren are, or have been, regularly made Masons, and that you and they and all other the Members of the said Lodge, do observe, perform, and keep the Charges, Laws, Rules, and Orders contained in the Book of Constitutions, and all others which may from time to time be made by our Grand Lodge, or transmitted by us or our successors, Grand Masters, or by the Deputy Grand Master for the time being. And we do enjoin you to make such Bye-Laws for the government of your Lodge as shall to the majority of the Members appear proper and necessary, the same not being contrary to, or inconsistent with, the General Laws and Regulations of the Craft, a copy whereof you are to transmit to us. And we do require you to cause all such Bye-Laws and Regulations, and also an account of the proceedings in your Lodge to be entered in books to be kept for that purpose. And yet are in no wise to omit to send to us, or our successors, Grand Masters, or to the Most Honourable James Brownlow William Gascoyne Cecil, Marquis and Earl of Salisbury, K.G., &c., &c., &c., our Deputy Grand Master, or to the Deputy Grand Master for the

time being, at least once in every year a list of the Members of your Lodge, with the names and descriptions of all Masons initiated therein, and Brethren who shall have joined the same, together with the fees and monies payable thereon, according to the rules laid down in the Book of Constitutions, it being our will and intention that this, our Warrant, shall continue in force so long only as you shall conform to the Laws and Regulations of our said Grand Lodge.

Given under our Hand and the Seal of the Grand Lodge at London, this 6th day of December A.L. 5843, A.D. 1843.

By command of the M.W. Pro Grand Master.

(Signed)

GASCOYNE SALISBURY, D.G.M.

William White, G.S.

The present title, No., &c. are, The Lodge of "St. George and Corner Stone," No. 5, Freemasons' Hall, London.

No. 107.

No. 153, "Ancients;" No. 186 at the "Union (1814)," No. 135 A.D. 1832, and No. 117 from A.D. 1863.

ATHOLL, GRAND MASTER.

THOS. HARPER, D.G.M.

MALCOLM GILLIES, S.G.W.

THOS. MAHON, J.G.W.

To all whom it may concern.

WE, the GRAND LODGE of the most Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons (according to the Old Constitutions granted by His Royal Highness PRINCE EDWIN, at York, Anno Domini Nine hundred twenty and six, and in the Year of Masonry Four thousand Nine hundred twenty and six), in ample form assembled, viz., The Right Worshipful the Most Noble Prince John, Duke, Marquis, Earl of Atholl, Marquis and Earl of Tullibardine, Earl of Strathay and Strathardle, Viscount Balquidder, Glensalmond and Glenlyon, Lord Murray, Belveny and Gask, Heritable Constable of the Castle of Kinleaven, Lord of Man and the Isles, and Earl Strange and Baron Murray of Stanley, in the County of Gloucester, GRAND MASTER OF MASONS, The Right Worshipful James Harper, Esq., Deputy Grand Master, The Right Worshipful Malcomb Gillies, Esq., Senior Grand Warden, and the Right Worshipful Thomas Mahon, Esq., Junior Grand Warden (with the approbation and consent of the Warranted Lodges held within the Cities and Suburbs of London and Westminster), Do hereby authorise and empower our Trusty and Well-beloved Brethren, viz., The Worshipful James Mansfield one of our Master Masons, The Worshipful John Merrington his Senior Warden, and the Worshipful John Cheese his Junior Warden, to form and hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons aforesaid, at Gosport, or elsewhere in, No. 153 and attached to, the Shropshire Militia, with consent of the Commandant of said Regiment for the time being, upon the second and fourth Wednesdays in every Month, and upon all other seasonable times and Lawful occasions. And in the said Lodge (when duly congregated) to admit and make Free Masons according to the most Ancient and Honourable Custom of the Royal Craft in all Ages and Nations throughout the known world. And we do hereby further authorise and empower our said Trusty and Well-beloved Brethren, James Mansfield, John Merrington, and John Cheese (with the consent of the Members of their Lodge) to nominate, chuse, and install their Successors, to whom they shall deliver this Warrant, and invest them with their powers and dignities as Free Masons, &c. And such Successors shall in like manner nominate, chuse, and install their Successors, &c., &c., &c. Such installations to be upon (or near) every ST. JOHN'S DAY, during the continuance of this Lodge, for ever. Providing the above named Brethren, and all their Successors, always pay due respect to this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, otherwise this Warrant to be of no Force nor Virtue.

Given under our Hands and the Seal of our Grand Lodge in London, this twenty-second day of March, in the Year of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and ten, and in the Year of Masonry Five thousand Eight hundred and ten.

ROB^t LESLIE,

Grand Secretary.

NOTE.—This Warrant is registered }
in the Grand Lodge, Vol. 7. }
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Be it known that, in pursuance of the Authority vested in the Most Worshipful Grand Master for that purpose, and upon the application of the Brethren composing the within mentioned Lodge, permission is hereby given for the said Lodge being in future hold as a Civil Lodge, at the Trumpet Inn, or elsewhere in the Town of Shrewsbury, instead of a Military Lodge attached to the Shropshire Regiment of Militia, subject to all such Laws and Regulations as are contained in the Book of Constitutions, or shall hereafter be enacted by the Grand Lodge.

Free Masons' Hall, London, 23rd day of June 1820.

By command of His Royal Highness the Duke of Sussex, M.W. Grand Master.

William H. White

Edw. Harper

G. Sec.

Extract from Vol. 7.

"Granted and revived in the Shropshire Militia 1810, formerly 13th Regt. Foot. Aug. 27th 1771."

The present title, No., &c. are, "Salopian Lodge of Charity," No. 117, Shrewsbury.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Gosport Chapter, No. 903.—The first annual meeting of this Chapter took place on Thursday evening, the 3rd inst., when the Principals for the year (Comps. H. Sleeman, G. F. Lancaster, and J. Wallingford) were duly installed in their respective offices as Z., H., and J. The ceremony was conducted by M. E. Comp. E. S. Maino P.Z. in the exceedingly correct and eloquent style for which he is justly celebrated. The other officers were invested as follow: Comp. N. Page E., C. B. Whitcomb N., W. Hillier P.S., F. Powell and V. Brown A.S., J. W. Stroud Treas., R. W. Downing Org., and L. Canvin Janitor. Besides the above there were present M. E. Comp. H. M. Emanuel P.Z. and P.P.G.J., and Comps. G. H. Morine and R. W. Mitchell, and as Visitors, M. E. Comps. Craven and Riddell, Principals of the Royal Sussex Chapter. M. E. Comp. Sleeman presided at the banquet, and the usual loyal and R.A. toasts were honoured.

Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227.—Held its usual meeting at Bros. Bolton and Lane's, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, on Friday, the 4th inst., at 8 p.m. Present—Bros. Posener jun. W.M., Hine S.W., Simmonds J.W., Fenner Preceptor, Posener sen. S.D., Ellis J.D., Lauo I.G.; also Bros. Hogarth, Percy, Kent, Crouch, Stroud, Reeve, Campbell, Bolton, &c. The minutes of last Lodge meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed by the W.M. in a very creditable manner, Bro. Reeve acting as candidate. Bro. Fenner worked the first, second, third and fourth sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Ellis, of the Doric Lodge, No. 932, was elected a member. Bro. Hine was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, after which Lodge was closed in due form and adjourned.

Salisbury Lodge of Instruction, No. 1298.—The meeting on Friday, the 4th inst., was the first which has been held at the new quarters of this Lodge, and, judging from the attendance on that occasion, the change is acceptable to the members. The annual selection of Preceptor, Treasurer, and Secretary took place, and resulted in the appointment of Bros. T. Cull, Eldridge, and Dickinson respectively. Bros. Hunter, Chant, and Yeomans were appointed as Audit Committee. The brethren of the Percy Lodge of Instruction were invited to work the Fifteen Sections on the last Friday in the month, and we understand that the invitation has since been accepted.

Asaph Lodge, No. 1319.—The regular meeting was held on Monday last, at 2 o'clock, at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street. The W.M. Bro. Edward Terry occupied the chair. Bros. G. Buckland S.W., E. Swanborough J.W., C. Coote jun. Treas., E. S. Jones P.M. Sec., Wellard S.D., Harry F. Cox J.D., J. Maclean I.G., Delevanté Organist. Past Masters Bros. C. Coote, J. M. Chamberlin, W. A. Tinney, G. S. Jekyll, Jas. Weaver P.G.O. Middlesex, Frewin; also Bros. Beveridge, A. Thomas, H. Carter, Lionel Brough, Paulton, W. Smith, N. Fogarty, Kent, Pritchard, H. L. Winter, &c. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes were unanimously confirmed. Mr. A. Morten was balloted for and duly initiated into the Order. The working in every respect was perfect. There were other candidates on the paper, but they were not present. Bro. J. M. Chamberlain P.M. delighted the brethren by his admirable and perfect delivery of the lecture on the Tracing Board in the first degree. There being no further business, the Lodge was closed; and the brethren separated early, to enable them to pursue their professional engagements. Bros. Whaley 1670 and Low 1589 were present as visitors.

Duke of Connaught Lodge of Instruction, No. 1524.—At the Havelock Hotel, Albion-road, Dalston, on Wednesday evening, 9th inst. Present—Bros. McMillan W.M., Maples S.W., Dignam J.W., C. Lorkin S.D., Robinson J.D., C. Olley I.G., Fieldwick Preceptor, G. Ferrar Treas., E. Dietrich Secretary, and Bros. Pollock, H. Meyer, R. Olley, O. Dietrich Secretary, J. Lorkin, Norman, Eldridge. After opening, the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Norman candidate. The first and second sections were worked by Bro. Fieldwick, assisted by the brethren. The Lodge resumed to the first degree, and Bro. H. Meyer worked the first section of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. McClean, of Confidence, No. 193, became a member. Bro. Maples was unanimously appointed W.M. for the next week. A vote of thanks was recorded on the minutes to Bro. McMillan. The fifteen sections will be worked in this Lodge on the first Wednesday in February, Bro. Lee P.M. will preside.

Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, No. 1642.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Thursday last, at the Ladbroke Hall, Notting-hill. Bro. George Penn the W.M. occupied the chair, and was supported by Bros. Parkhouse S.W., Smout sen. as J.W., W. J. Murlis P.M. Sec., W. Stephens P.M. Treas., Savage as S.D., Lander J.D., Adkins I.G., Older Org., and several brethren. The formal business of the meeting having been completed, Bro. Robert King was raised. Bro. W. Oldrey passed, and Messrs. C. Rowlands, C. Dwynter, John Roberts and J. Whittlesea initiated. A proposition was made by Bro. Murlis, that a ball be held this year in connection with the Lodge, this was unanimously supported, and a committee appointed to carry out the arrangements. A sum of ten guineas was voted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, to be placed on the list of Bro. Stephens, after which the W.M. closed the Lodge. Banquet over, the W.M. proposed the toasts of the Queen and the Craft, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M., the Earl of Carnarvon the Pro Grand Master, to whom the Lodge were greatly indebted for his kindness in allowing the use of his name, and the Earl of Skelmersdale and the rest of the Grand Officers; each meeting a hearty recep-

tion. Bro. Murlis gave the health of the W.M. which was suitably acknowledged by Bro. Penn, who next proposed the Initiates. The Earl of Carnarvon Lodge had been very successful with its new members, and he was gratified to see that he had four, on this the first meeting since his installation. Each of the initiates replied to the toast, expressing their pleasure at joining the Lodge, and their determination to work to the best of their ability. The next toast was that of the Visitors, each of whom replied. The health of Bro. Murlis the I.P.M. was heartily received by the members, and briefly acknowledged. The Treasurer, Officers, and Masonic Charities were severally honoured and the Tyler concluded the proceedings.

Earl of Carnarvon Lodge of Instruction, No. 1642.—A meeting was held on Friday, 4th January, at the Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-road, Notting-hill. Present:—Bros. Penn W.M., Crabb S.W., Smout sen. J.W., Smout jun. Sec., Spiegel S.D., Wood J.D., Lichtwitz I.G. Past Master Bro. Savage Preceptor; also Bros. Murlis P.M., Tettenborn, Gabb, Whittaker, Delane, Woodmason, Hatton and others. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Woodmason being candidate, after which the first and second sections of the first lecture were worked by Bro. Savage, assisted by the brethren. A letter was read from Bro. Parkhouse, the Senior Warden of the Mother Lodge, in reply to the letter sent him; he expressed his sincere thanks for the sympathy accorded him in his affliction. A committee was appointed to arrange bye-laws for this Lodge of Instruction. It consisted of Bro. Penn W.M., Murlis P.M., Savage P.M., Adkins, and Spiegel. Bro. Spiegel will occupy the chair at the next meeting.

Mornington Lodge, No. 1672.—This young Lodge met at the Eagle, Snaresbrook, on Thursday, the 3rd inst. There were present Bros. W. R. Marsh W.M., Kockett S.W., Blackman J.W., E. Gottheil, a visitor, P.M., King Secretary, Redfern S.D., Lenson I.G., and several brethren. In the course of the proceedings, Bro. Palmer was passed to the second degree, and subsequently the third degree was conferred upon Bros. Whitfield, Perkins, Bramlen, and Baker. When the Lodge was closed, supper was partaken of, after which followed the various toasts. The health of the W.M. was proposed by Bro. Gottheil, who complimented the Lodge upon its efficiency, and the ability of its Master, whose private worth and Masonic qualities were so well known, not only in that Lodge but among the Craft in London in general. The W.M., in the course of his response, remarked that it had been his intention at the last meeting to announce that he proposed representing the Lodge at the next Festival of the Benevolent Institution. He still intended to do so, believing that Institution to be deserving of steadfast support, as it is meant to assist those brethren who had seen better days and fallen into poverty and distress, and in their old age compelled to appeal, that the helping hand which might save them from sinking should be extended to them, and also for the widows, to render the close of their days happy and comfortable. Last year no less a sum than £16,000 was collected for this Charity, and he trusted that sum would be increased this year. It was a large sum, but by no means too large, because, as time progresses and Masons become more numerous, the demand upon those resources must become proportionately greater. He would now propose the health of the Officers. He had reason to be proud of his Officers, as they are fully qualified for their several posts. It is evident they must have considerably exerted themselves to acquire so perfect a knowledge of their duties, considering the Lodge had been established but a short time. Indeed, both S. and J. Wardens are quite capable to perform the duties of the Master's chair, and were it not for this fact his duties as Master of the Lodge would have been hard to carry out. He was pleased to say that these two officers are so well prepared as to be able to correct the Master should he slip. The S.W., in responding, said the W.M. cast a heavy responsibility upon him, by so much praise, which he was pleased to accept, but did not seem to feel he deserved; and doubly so by the genial kindness in which that praise was uttered. As soon as he had taken office, he felt a strong necessity to make himself familiar with the glorious Ritual of the Craft, to enable him to render all assistance, and to carry out the principles of Freemasonry. On an occasion like the present, the old year having just passed away and the new one scarce begun, a few words might not be out of place retrospectively in memory of hopes accomplished or unfulfilled, of joy and happiness, or sad calamities, which inevitably had caused suffering to many, and prospectively to pray that the year 1878 might be one utterly devoid of misfortune, and at its close may every Mason amongst us be endowed with stronger and deeper feelings of reverence for the sublime principles of the Order, and thus win the love and respect of his fellow men. The J.W. thanked the W.M. and brethren, and thought he could not do better than endorse all that had been so impressively said by the S.W. It was exceedingly gratifying to obtain so good a character from the W.M. He could only assure them that nothing on his part should be wanting to deserve similar praise in future. The Visitors' toast was responded to by Bro. Gottheil P.M. 185.

RED CROSS OF CONSTANTINE.

A MEETING of the Eboracum Conclave, No. 137 was held in the Conclave Chamber, Micklegate, York, on Thursday, the 3rd instant, the following members being present:—E. Sir Knights I. B. Morgan sen. M.P.S., E. Sir Knight T. Cooper V.E., Sir Knights J. Morgan S.G., J. S. Cumberland I.G., Rev. W. Valentine H.P., G. Simpson Recorder, C. G. Padel Prefect, A. T. B. Turner Herald, M. Mutton 1st Aide, T. Humphries 2nd Aide, H. Jackson Sentinel, J. F. Taylor, &c. Bro. H. Aitken, of the York Lodge 236, was installed a member of the Order. A successful ballot was taken for Bro. G. W. Elliott, W.M. of the Anchor Lodge 1337, and M.P. for Northampton. The annual election then took place, the result being that Sir Knights I. Cooper and J. Morgan were respectively elected to the offices of M.P.S. and V.E.

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A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT of the Governors and Subscribers will be held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's-inn-fields, London, on Monday, the 14th day of January 1878, for the transaction of the ordinary business of the Institution.

To sanction the outlay of £1,500 for the purpose of providing a new playground, with requisite fences and adjuncts, rendered necessary by the building extension for the accommodation of additional boys.

To consider the following notices of motion, on the recommendation of the General Committee, held 5th inst.:—

That 30 boys be elected at the Quarterly Court on 15th April 1878, from an approved list of 77 candidates, which may be increased to 70 at the Quarterly Court on 14th inst.

That the House Committee be authorized to expend a sum not exceeding £1,500, to provide play ground, with requisite fences, drains, &c., rendered necessary by the addition to the number of boys, and the encroachment on present play space by extension of building.

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By order, FREDERICK BINCKES (V.P.), P.G. Std., Secretary.

5th January 1878.

The EIGHTIETH ANNIVERSARY of this INSTITUTION will be held in the Summer of 1878.

H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, K.G., &c., Grand Senior Warden, in the chair.

Full particulars of date, locality, &c., will be duly announced. The names of Brethren as Stewards, to represent Provinces and private Lodges will be gratefully received.

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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.

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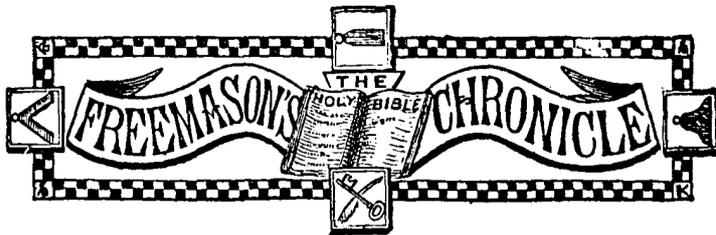
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OUR WEEKLY BUDGET.

THE movements in the Royal Family have been comparatively few during the past week. The Queen and Princess Beatrice are at Osborne. The Prince and Princess of Wales have been staying with their children at Sandringham, and have received a number of visitors, among whom must be mentioned the Duke of Connaught, who has since been to Windsor to see his brother, Prince Leopold, and subsequently to London. It is, we believe, pretty generally understood that Her Majesty will not open Parliament in person.

Two more Cabinet Councils have been held this week, at which, with the exception of Sir M. Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., all the members were present. Indeed, considering that the Session begins on Thursday next, and that the present is a highly critical juncture, it would not much surprise any one if these gatherings of the Cabinet were held daily—supposing that were possible. But Ministers are only mortal.

Early on Wednesday morning, in spite of the dismal state of the weather, Woolwich was the scene of considerable excitement, owing to the departure of a battery of Artillery for the Cape, where their services are sorely needed. Crowds of people lined the streets and cheered them as they marched down to the pier, headed by the brass band of the R.A. Numbers of work people from the Royal Arsenal turned out for the purpose of wishing them God speed, to which the troops as cordially responded. The strength of the battery is five officers and 155 men, with eleven women and fifteen children. On reaching the pier, they embarked on board the Ibis, a river steamer, and later in the day were transferred to the Dublin Castle, in which they will be conveyed to the Cape. At 12.30 p.m. the latter vessel proceeded to sea for Dartmouth, and it was arranged that she would leave for the Cape, which will be reached in about a month's time, yesterday morning. The Dublin Castle also takes out the 90th Regiment of Foot, which, counting officers, non-commissioned officers, with rank and file together, is between 900 and 1,000 strong.

Since his speech at the Druids' dinner, Sir W. V. Harcourt, M.P., has had another opportunity of addressing a public meeting on the subject of the Eastern Question. This was on Wednesday evening, when he was present at the annual dinner of the Oxford Liberal Association. As a member of Mr. Gladstone's administrations, the political views of the learned gentleman do not need to be described. One suggestion is worth noticing. Sir W. Harcourt thought that an appeal should be made to the country in the present political crisis. In other words, and as though there were not excitement enough already, it is proposed we should be forthwith launched into all the worry and trouble of a general election. Many other members have likewise been speaking in public or addressing letters intended for publication to their constituents. Mr. C. Hamond, M.P. for Newcastle, though not in love with the Turk, is little more amiably disposed towards Russia. Sir C. Adderley, in responding at Hanley for the toast of the House of Commons, spoke discreetly, and as a Minister, of course, from a ministerial point of view. Mr. Rathbone, in his speech in the Whitechurch Assembly Rooms, referred to the same subject, and so have Dr. Lush, Mr. E. Jenkins, Sir John St. Aubyn, Sir James Hogg, and Mr. Barclay, all of whom are members of the lower House of Parliament.

Temple Bar is being removed stone by stone, so that in a short time there will be no grounds of complaint as to the vehicular traffic of the Strand being further retarded by this relic of Stuart London. However, every portion of it is being sacredly cared for, and as soon as the Corporation of London has found a proper site, the Bar will be re-erected. This is as it should be. A building with which the names of such distinguished personages as Wren, the architect of it, Dr. Johnson, Oliver Goldsmith, &c., are associated,

deserves preservation, while the increased traffic justifies its removal. One effect of this will be that on the occasion of future State visits of Royalty to the City, the ceremonial heretofore observed at the Bar will perforce have to be discontinued.

A serious collision occurred, on Tuesday night, in the Bristol Channel, between the Bristol Steam Navigation Company's steam ship Xema, and an Italian brig, the Pensiero, commanded by a Captain Ferro, bound from Cardiff to Constantinople. The result was fatal to the latter vessel, which foundered, and though every effort was made by Captain Staveling, only one out of a crew of eleven hands was picked up. The Xema, indeed, launched her lifeboat, but so fierce a gale was blowing, that it was swamped, though fortunately the hands, which had volunteered to man her, were saved. From the different accounts we have read, it would appear that the accident was the result of carelessness on the part of the Italians.

Terrible distress prevails in South Wales, owing to the number of ironworks and collieries which are either closed or only partially at work, and subscriptions are invited towards the relief of the sufferers. Soup-kitchens have been started in various places, and on Wednesday a meeting was held at Bristol, under the presidency of the Mayor, at which, though it was pointed out that there had been some exaggeration, it was admitted that the distress was greater than had been known at any period during the last forty years. It was resolved to open a subscription, and over £200 was promised in the room. Up to the same day, the factor of Merthyr Tydvil, where a better system of organisation for purposes of relief exists, had received £1,300.

On Saturday evening, a fire broke out at Messrs. May, the theatrical costumiers, 35 Bow-street, and in a very short time the place was gutted and the stock destroyed. Some twenty minutes elapsed ere the fire engines arrived, and this sufficed to permit of the flames getting so far the mastery that the fire was not put out till what was on the premises had been consumed. As the house is next to the Police Station, the Inspector on duty ordered the removal of the prisoners to the Tottenham Court-road sub-station. Another fire occurred, on Wednesday morning, at Langley, near Slough, at the residence of Colonel de Longueville, by which property to the value of between £10,000 and 12,000 was destroyed.

Dr. Kenecaly appears to lead by no means a quiet life. A few days since, he was summoned in one of our County Courts by two reporters, one of whom claimed £4 as due to him, and the other £2. After hearing the evidence pro and con, the judge gave a verdict for both claimants, with costs.

A recently-issued police order contains an announcement that Chief Inspector Clarke, of the Detective Department, who was a co-defendant with Meiklejohn and others in the celebrated Detective Case, but was acquitted, has retired on a pension of £185 per annum. We also hear that Colonel Henderson has promoted Inspector Butt of the K Division to be Superintendent of the P Division, in the place of Superintendent Gernon, who has been appointed Chief Superintendent of the A Division, *vice* the late Superintendent Mott.

According to the Astronomer Royal, the average duration of sunshine during last week was only three hours and a half, or not much more than three-fifths of its possible duration. The total number of hours during which the sun was above the horizon, last week, was 55.

On Tuesday afternoon the half-yearly General Court of the Royal Humane Society was held at the offices, at Trafalgar Square, Mr. W. Hawes, Treasurer, occupying the chair. The Secretary, Mr. Lambton-Young, read the report, from which it appeared that the income for the past year, including subscriptions, donations, and legacies, amounted to £2,153, while the expenditure was £2,019, the balance remaining, after giving due allowance for the balance brought forward, being £308. In the course of the year one gold medal, twenty silver medals, seventy-four bronze medals, four bronze clasps to former medallists, 115 testimonials on vellum or parchment, and forty money rewards, were given by the Society. The recipients of the silver medals included a young lady, Miss Grace Vernon Bussell, West Australia, who rode her horse into the sea and saved a part of the passengers and crew of the Steamship Georgette, and several officers and men in H.M.'s naval forces; Sub-Lieutenant R. A. J. Montgomerie, of H.M.S. *Immortalité*, being the most conspicuous. He, when his ship was cruising off the African coast, and going

at about four-and-a-half knots per hour, dived in, clothes and all, after a man who had fallen overboard. It was night-time, and not only was the sea rough, but it abounded with sharks. He reached his man, and brought him to the surface, but not finding the ship, he began to feel exhausted, and proceeded therefore to divest himself of his clothes. While unfastening his trowsers, the man caught him by the leg, and they both sank. Fortunately, the garment slipped off, and he once again brought the man to the surface; but at last he became so exhausted that, in order to save his own life, he had to let go his hold of the man, and was shortly afterwards picked up by one of the ships' boats in an almost insensible condition. This, in the opinion of the Society, was reported as the most gallant act of bravery during the year, and on that account Sub-Lieutenant Montgomerie was also awarded the Stanhope Gold Medal.

The news from Italy is very sad. General Della Marmora to whom that country owes so much, has died after a brief illness at Florence, but in the fulness of years, at the age of 74. This is serious, but hardly had the intelligence of this reached us, when we heard that Victor Emmanuel himself was seriously ill, and as it very shortly proved, mortally ill. The founder of the new Italian kingdom had not yet completed his 58th year, having been born in 1820. His reign of close on thirty years had been a most eventful one; but the King, by his courage and frank bearing, very soon won a popularity which he was successful in retaining to the very close of his life. After the disastrous campaign of Charles Albert against the Austrians, which culminated in the defeat at Novara of the Sardinians, their unfortunate monarch abdicated in favour of his son, so that Victor Emmanuel's reign began under very inauspicious circumstances. But the new King was a politic, as well as a courageous, man, and he was fortunate in being able to gather round him a number of able assistants in the persons of Cavour, Della Marmora, and others. By the year 1855, the little Sardinian kingdom was sufficiently recovered to allow of its Sovereign sending a contingent of 15,000 men to take part in the operations of the allies against Russia. A visit to Queen Victoria, who graciously conferred on him the Order of the Garter, followed. Then came the war of 1859, when Lombardy was freed from the Austrian yoke, and added to the Sardinian kingdom. Tuscany, Modena, &c., &c., also determined on placing their fortunes under his sovereign direction, in spite of the attempts of Napoleon III. to prevent them. Savoy and Nice were yielded to France as compensation for her services. The other portions of Italy subsequently joined their fellow-countrymen, and at last, after the war of 1870, Rome itself, which was all that remained to the Pope of his dominions, was added, and Italy from a mere geographical expression became a compact kingdom of sufficient strength to take its place among the Great Powers of Europe. All this, under Providence, was the work of the Monarch whose death is so generally regretted, assisted, of course, by the many able statesmen and generals whose services he was fortunately able to secure. It is perhaps a noticeable coincidence that Victor Emmanuel's death occurred on the anniversary of that of his old ally Napoleon III. Victor Emmanuel is succeeded by his eldest son, Prince Humbert, who has already been proclaimed.

There has been more important fighting in the Balkans, mostly disadvantageous to the Turks. Sofia has been taken by the Russians, who have also forced their way through the Balkans by another pass. But the most important news is to the effect that the Sultan has resolved on applying for an armistice, and that officers are already on their way to the Russian head quarters, both in Europe and Asia, for the purpose of concluding an armistice of six weeks. This the Sultan has been counselled to do by the English Ministry. So that things look a little brighter than they did last week, though we are very far from being certain that peace will come, or even that this war will be confined to its present limits. However, we must be thankful for this slight improvement in the political world which has been vouchsafed.

On Monday last an entertainment was given to the boys of the Royal Masonic Boys' School, by Mr. Bridgman Smith. It consisted of a description of the Prince of Wales' Indian tour, illustrated by some very fine dissolving views. Some chromatropes and comic views were also given, and afforded great amusement. Amongst those present were the Misses Binckes, Miss Pullen, &c.

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, 12th JANUARY.

- Quarterly General Court, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, W.C., at 12.
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
1426—The Great City, City Terminus Hotel, E.C.
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, at 8.
1391—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester.
1556—Addiscombe, Surrey Club, West Croydon.

MONDAY, 14th JANUARY.

- Quarterly Meeting of Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12.
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.)
1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8. (Instruction.)
1366—Highgate, Gate House Hotel, Highgate.
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8. (Instruction.)
1489—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 8, 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.
210—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields.
262—Satopian, 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, Redruth.
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, 15th JANUARY.

- Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
30—United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street.
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7. (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-treet, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
73—Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark.
95—Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
141—Faith, 2 Westminster-chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
194—St. Paul, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney. (Instruction.)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1420—Earl Spencer, Swan Hotel, Battersea Bridge, S.W.
1446—Mount Edgecumbe, 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.)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 7.
51—Angel, Three Cups Hotel, Colchester.
213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich.
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon.
384—St. David, Masonic Rooms, Bangor.
402—Royal Sussex, George the Fourth, Nottingham.
414—Union, Masonic Hall, Reading.
663—Wiltshire of Fidelity, Town Hall, Devizes.
960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
1006—Tregulow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrier, Cornwall.
1113—Anglesea, Bull Hotel, Llangefin.
1327—Percy, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle.
1470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable.

WEDNESDAY, 16th JANUARY.

- General Committee, Grand Chapter, Freemasons' Hall, at 3.
Grand Steward's Lodge, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
140—St. George, Trafalgar Tavern, Greenwich.
174—Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
190—Oak, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7. (Instruction.)
201—Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
539—La Tolerance, Horse and Groin, Winsley-street, W., at 7.15. (Inst.)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
862—Whittington, Black Bull, Holborn, at 8. (Instruction.)
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7. (Instruction.)
1196—Urban, The Three Bucks, Gresham-street, at 6.30. (Instruction.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Finsbury Pk. Tav., Seven Sisters-rd., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1507—Metropolitan, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1673—Langton, London Masonic Club, 101 Queen Victoria-street, E.C. at 7.
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.)
121—Mount Sinai, Public-buildings, Penzance.
175—East Medina, Masonic Hall, John-street, Ryde, I.W.
199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover. (Instruction.)
260—Old Globe, Private Rooms, Globe-street, Scarborough.
221—St. John's, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton.
591—Buckingham, George Hotel, Aylesbury.
582—Cotteswood, King's Head Hotel, Cirencester.
683—Isca, Freemasons' Hall, Duck-street, Newport, Monmouthshire.
859—Dobie, Griffin Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames.
969—Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Wokington.
1040—Sykes, Masonic Hall, Great Driffield.
1056—Walton, St. Lawrence Boys' School, Kirkdale.
1129—St. Chad's, Roebuck Hotel, Rochdale.
1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. Germans, Cornwall.
1357—Duke of Lancaster, Athenaeum, Lancaster.
1443—Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon.
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea.

THURSDAY, 17th JANUARY.

- 3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 7. (Instruction.)
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
23—Globe, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction.)
63—St. Marc, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8. (Instruction.)
169—Temperance, White Swan, High-street, Deptford.
181—Universal, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
913—New Concord, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton.
1139—South Norwood, Public Hall, South Norwood.
1278—Burdett Courts, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park.
1287—Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1349—Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, E.C. at 8.30. (Instruction.)
R. A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)
M. M.—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-road, Dalston, at 8.30. (Inst.)
56—Howard, High-street, Arundel.
343—Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Starkie-street, Preston.
523—John of Gaunt, Freemasons' Hall, Halford-street, Leicester.
663—Wiltshire of Fidelity, Town Hall, Devizes.
1332—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon.
1432—Fitzalan, Wynnstay Arms, Oswestry.
1512—Hemming, Lion Hotel, Hampton Wick.
1612—West Middlesex, Feathers Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)

FRIDAY, 18th JANUARY.

- House Committee, Boys' School, at 4.
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., Edware-rd. (Inst.)
834—Ranclagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-road. (Instruction.)
902—Burgoyne, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales-road, Kentish Town. (Inst.)
933—Doric, Lion Tavern, Carlton-square, Mile End, at 8. (Instruction.)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction.)
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1260—Hervey, Punch's Tavern, 99 Fleet-street, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1278—Burdett Courts, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park, at 8. (Instruction.)
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1642—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 7.30. (Inst.)
127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate.
347—Noah's Ark, Wagon and Horses Hotel, Tipton.
516—Phoenix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket.
541—De Loraine, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street-west, Newcastle-on-Tyne.
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30. (Instruction.)

SATURDAY, 19th JANUARY.

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

WEST YORKSHIRE.

MONDAY.

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

WEDNESDAY.

- 1019—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.
1391—Brighthouse, Masonic Room, Bradford-road, Brighthouse.

THURSDAY.

- 600—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
1042—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds.

FRIDAY.

- 1311—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds.
R. A. 521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.
R. A. 837—Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon.
K. T.—De Farnival, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.

EDINBURGH DISTRICT.

- MONDAY—145—St. Stephen, St. James's Hall, Writer's-court.
TUESDAY—36—St. David, Ship Hotel, East Register-street.
" 405—Rifle, Freemasons' Hall.
WEDNESDAY—160—Roman Eagle, Iona Hotel, 82 Nicolson-street.
THURSDAY—48—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall.
" R. A. 152—Perseverance, Lodge Room, 96 Constitution-street.
FRIDAY—R. A. 83—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Union Lodge, No. 38, Chichester.—The annual meeting was held on the 3rd inst., when Bro. Wyatt was installed W.M. for the ensuing year. The Provincial Grand Master for Sussex (Sir W. W. Burrell Bart. M.P.), with his Provincial Grand Officers, paid an official visit to the Lodge, and were present at the banquet which subsequently took place.

Constitutional Lodge of Instruction, No. 55.—Held its weekly meeting on Tuesday, the 8th January, at the Bedford Hotel, Southampton-buildings, Holborn. Present—Bros. J. H. Dodson W.M., A. W. Tranter S.W., R. G. Webster J.W., W. G. Dickens Sec., R. P. Tate S.D., J. S. Brown J.D., T. B. Dodson I.G., Past Master Bro. J. Bingemann Preceptor; Bros. A. S. Melhuish, Abell, Corn, Bond, Panter, Scott, and several others. Business—The Lodge was opened in due form, with solemn prayer, and the minutes of preceding meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Soper, a candidate for the second degree, having answered the usual questions, was entrusted and withdrew. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. Soper passed. The following sections of the lecture were worked: first section by Bro. Bingemann, second by Bro. Tate, third by Bro. Brown, and the fourth by Bro. Dickens. The Lodge was resumed to the first degree, and Bro. A. H. Wild was elected a member. Bro. Tranter was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, officers in rotation. Bro. A. J. Melhuish W.M. of the Constitu-

tional Lodge was unanimously elected to work the installation ceremony on Tuesday, 12th February. All Masonic business being ended, the Lodge was closed in perfect harmony.

Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.—Held its usual weekly meeting at the Old Rodney's Head, 12 Old-street, Goswell-road, on Monday evening last. Present—Bros. Moseley W.M., J. W. Smith S.W., Wing J.W., Tolmie Preceptor, Fenner Sec., Sillis S.D., Hallam J.D., Heinrich I.G., Christopher Tyler; also Bros. Crawley, Percy, Halford, Millward, Cook, Trewinnard, &c. The usual forms were observed in opening, and the minutes of last Lodge meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was very ably rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Crawley acting as candidate. Bro. Millward worked the first, Bro. Percy the 2nd and 4th, and Bro. Tolmie the 5th sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. J. W. Smith was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The ballot for a Life Governorship of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution then took place, it resulted in favour of Bro. G. E. Cook, of the Royal Union Lodge, No. 382. The Preceptor, Secretary, and Treasurer were unanimously re-elected for the ensuing year. A vote of thanks was awarded to the W.M. for his able conduct of the business of the evening. Lodge was then closed in due form and adjourned.

Prosperity Lodge of Instruction.—Held at Bro. Maidwell's, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, 8th January 1878. Present—Bros. Bedell W.M., J. S. Fraser S.W., Wm. Fraser J.W., Daniel S.D., Maidwell J.D., Aarons I.G., Maidwell jun., Rudderforth Preceptor, Hollands Sec., Wharman, Hamilton, Campbell, Z. Posener, Webb, Ellis, Craske. After the opening Bro. Hollands answered the questions leading to the second degree, and was entrusted. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. Hollands was passed. Bro. Wharman answered the questions leading to the third degree, and was entrusted. The Lodge was opened in the third degree, and Bro. Wharman was raised. Bro. Webb, Preceptor of the Egyptian Lodge of Instruction, gave the traditional history. The Lodge was closed down in the third and second degrees. Bro. Craske was elected a member. Bro. J. S. Fraser was appointed W.M. for the ensuing Tuesday. The Lodge unanimously voted one guinea towards Bro. Morgan's tickets for the old men and women. The Lodge was then closed in due form.

Mount Sinai Lodge, No. 121, Penzance.—A meeting was held on Monday, when Bro. W. H. Kinsman was installed as W.M. by Bro. Boase P.M. The Board of Installed Masters included Bros. R. Lovell, J. Maxwell, and I. Levin P.M.'s of 121, F. Beringer, F. Jeffery jun. W.M. 318, and G. B. Pearce I.P.M. 318. After installation, the W.M. invested his Officers as follow:—R. Lovell I.P.M., J. J. Taylor S.W., A. O. Michell J.W., Rev. R. W. Aitken Chaplain, C. Read Treas., J. Lovell Sec., G. H. Small S.D., F. Holman J.D., M. Sampson I.G., T. Reynolds D.C., N. Jenkins S.S., T. Palmer J.S., and R. Reynolds T. The banquet was held in the evening at the Western Hotel.

Fortitude Lodge, No. 131, Truro.—Held on Tuesday, was attended by a large number of brethren desirous of paying respect to the W.M. elect, Bro. William J. Hughan P.M. P.S.G.D. England, whose researches in Masonic lore have obtained for him renown, not only in England, but in the United States and other parts of the world, and whose works have been translated into several languages. At the opening of the Lodge, Bro. E. Edwards W.M. presided, and the ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. Thomas Chirgwin P.M. P.P.S.G.W. (Mayor of Truro), who installed Bro. Hughan in the Master's chair in 1868. The Board of I.M.'s included Bros. W. Lake P.P.G.R., R. John P.P.G.D.C., W. J. Johns P.P.G.R., J. R. Crewes, and J. T. Tillman, all of 131, together with Bros. John Thomas 589 Redruth, J. R. Collins P.P.S.B. 339 Bodmin, W. F. Sharp 331 Truro, W. H. Jenkins P.P.G.S.W. 331, S. Serpell P.R.G. 331, and F. W. Dobb P.R.J.G.W. 589. After the installation, the W.M. appointed and invested Bros. E. Edwards I.P.M., J. H. Sampson S.W., J. C. Furniss J.W., T. Chirgwin P.M. Treasurer, W. Porter Secretary, R. Lean S.D., S. Richards J.D., H. Toope Organist, J. A. McKinsey D.C., W. B. Morris I.G., J. Langdon Tyler. Bro. S. Holloway P.M. P.P.J.G.D. was appointed Steward to the Cornwall Masons' Annuity Fund. The banquet was held at the Red Lion Hotel, and sixty brethren sat down to it. Amongst the guests, besides those mentioned, were the following:—Bros. Sir James Hogg Bart. M.P., 53 (Royal Sussex), E. T. Carlyon P.P.S.G.W., W. Tweedy P.P.G. Treas., J. F. Hooper S.W. 699, J. Wallace S.W. 75, Rev. W. F. Fry P.P.G.C. (Ratland), and J. Jeffery J.W. 331. The W.M., in giving the toast of the Queen, mentioned the fact that Her Majesty had nearly 200 votes for the Masonic Charities. The Earl of Mount Edgecumbe Prov. G. M. of Cornwall, and Sir F. M. Williams, Bart. M.P., D. Prov. G. M. of Cornwall, sent letters of apology for absence.

Jordan Lodge of Instruction, No. 201.—On Tuesday, the 8th January, at the Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, Portland-placc. Present—Bros. Powell W.M., Goodwin S.W., Fox J.W., Hiscox Treasurer, Long S.D., Martin I.G., P.M. Bro. Koester Preceptor, Bros. Sherman, Hole, &c. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Shearman candidate. Lodge opened in the second degree, the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Martin candidate. The Lodge resumed to the first degree. The S.W. was appointed to preside at the next meeting. It was proposed by Bro. Koester, that in future the Lodge meet on Wednesday instead of Tuesday evenings. This was seconded by Bro. Long, and carried unanimously. A vote of thanks was passed to the W.M., for the able manner in which he had filled the chair.

The Polish National Lodge, No. 534.—The regular meeting was held on Thursday, the 10th inst., at Freemasons' Hall. The chair was taken by Bro. J. H. Cummings W.M., Jas. F. Ebner S.W., John Aspinall J.W., W. Paas P.M. Sec., J. Taylor S.D., V. Jagielski J.D., Dr. Corrie Jackson I.G., J. Lancaster D.C., Beckett Tyler. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes confirmed. The ceremonial portion of the evening's proceedings comprised the passing of Bro. Bryant. The work was performed by the W.M., in a careful and effective manner. After the discussion of matters in connection with the Lodge it was closed in peace and harmony. The brethren then adjourned to banquet, which was served admirably, and to which ample justice was done. On the removal of the cloth, the customary toasts were given and received with great heartiness. Bro. Rath I.P.M., in proposing the toast of the W. Master was genial and effective. He dwelt at some length on the honour associated, not only with the chair of K.S., but with chairs in general. He alluded playfully to the chariot of Apollo and the symbols we connect with it, to the symbols which are, as a matter of course, associated with the chair of St. Peter, to the chairs not long since presented by the Baroness Burdett-Coutts to the Lodge which bears her name, and last, but not the least interesting, to the triumphal arch of chairs erected by the loyal inhabitants of High Wycombe, on the occasion of the recent visit of Her Majesty to the Premier at Hughenden Manor. This last, indeed, might, perhaps, be described, not irreverently, as an illustration of the Royal Arch, and a very effective one too. No doubt, also, Bro. Rath had it in his mind to compliment his brethren, and the Master in particular, as *ses chers* (chair) *freres*, but Bro. Rath was merciful in his speech, and forebore to inflict on his hearers so far-fetched a play upon words. What he said he certainly felt, and it came none the less gracefully from his lips that it was spoken cheerfully, and was amusing as well as interesting. The toast was heartily acknowledged. In fine, we may say that the speeches were of a far better class than usual, many of them being models of eloquence. The brethren separated after an agreeable evening.

William Preston Lodge of Instruction, No. 766.—On Friday, the 4th inst., at the Feathers Tavern, Upper George-street, Edgware-road. Present—Bros. Hayes W.M., Godden S.W., Murch J.W., Braun Sec., Radderforth Preceptor Treas., Nichols S.D., Kennard D.C., Hill I.G., also Bros. George West, Parsons, Reid, Harris, Goodyear, &c. The Lodge opened and the minutes were confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was ably rehearsed by the W.M. Bro. Goodyear being the candidate; Bro. Harris answered the questions previous to passing, was entrusted, and the Lodge opened in the second degree. The ceremony was then rehearsed by Bro. Hayes. Lodge being resumed, the first four sections were worked. Bro. S. Godden was elected W.M. for the ensuing Friday, and the Lodge closed in due form.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—Held its weekly meeting on Tuesday evening last, at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston. Bros. Brasted W.M., Christian S.W., J. Lorkin J.W., C. Lorkin S.D., Dietrich J.D., Bonner I.G., Dallas Secretary, Smyth Treas., P.M. Wallington Preceptor; Bros. Cook, Lines, McClean, and others. The Lodge was opened; the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed; the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Dietrich candidate. Bro. Lines answered the necessary questions, and was passed to the second degree. The Lodge was opened in the 3rd degree, and regularly closed down to the first. Bro. McClean, of Lodge 193, and Bro. Dietrich, of Lodge 1524, were elected members. A vote of thanks was ordered to be recorded on the minutes to the W.M. Bro. Christian was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The Lodge was then closed in due form.

Fowey Lodge, No. 977.—Held its annual meeting at Fowey on Monday, when Bro. H. W. W. Durant was installed as W.M. In addition to the members there was a large gathering of brethren from neighbouring Lodges. The ceremony of installation was conducted by Bro. Tonkin P.M., P.P.G.St., assisted by the following Past Masters:—Bros. Rev. Dr. Treffry P.P.G.C., D. Davis P.G.G., J. W. W. N. Abbott P.P.G.S.T., N. H. Lamb, J. Stephens, William Rundell, H. de Legh, and W. P. Smith. The W.M. invested his officers:—Bros. N. H. Lamb I.P.M., A. P. Davis S.W., R. G. Gould J.W., Dr. Treffry Chaplain, H. W. Durant Treas., W. Tonkin P.M. Sec., A. Luke S.D., T. Walton J.D., T. Richards I.G., R. Roach and M. Johns Stewards, F. B. Williams D.C., and T. W. Beale Tyler. A statement of the accounts showed a balance of about £80. The brethren dined together at the commercial Hotel.

Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement.—Met at the Jamaica Coffee House, St. Michael's-alley, E.C., on Tuesday, the 8th inst. There were present Comps. G. J. Row Z., J. B. Sorrell H., George Newman J., T. W. White S.E., Walker S.N., F. Brown P.S., G. Darcy, E. Gottheil, W. Heckland, S. P. Wagstaff, C. W. Noehmer, E. B. Grabham, Jno. Seex, G. Waterall. The exaltation ceremony was rehearsed, all the officers acquitting themselves remarkably well. The following Comps. were then elected officers for the ensuing fortnight, J. B. Sorrell Z., George Newman H., F. Brown J., G. Waterall S.N., E. B. Grabham P.S. Comp. Heckland was elected a member. After the Chapter was closed, a conversation took place, when it was stated that many Companions who were in the habit of attending regularly when the time of meeting was 6.30 were unable to do so now that the time was altered to 7. It would be well if the Companions concerned would make it convenient to attend once more and, as there might not be any difficulty in making the alteration, return to the original time of meeting.

St. James's Union Lodge, No. 180.—The installation meeting was held on Tuesday, the 8th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street. Bros. A. L. Annett W.M., Pillin S.W., Farwig J.W., H. A. Stacey P.M. Sec., G. Bubb P.M. Treas., Stollard S.D., Wade J.D., Hart Org., Fletcher I.G.; P.M.'s Bros. L. Herf, Cameron, Stonor, Parsons, Smithett, Robinson; and Bros. Baker, Lakin, E. Swanborough, Levitt, Sarti, Pinto Leite, Mills, W. Sharpe, Paprill, A. Hays, &c. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes confirmed. Bro. Sale was raised to the third degree. Bros. Hay, Leper and Wertheimer were passed to the second degree, and Bro. E. Joseph was duly initiated into the Order. The ceremonies were perfectly and impressively rendered. Bro. Pillin S.W. and W.M. elect was presented to the Lodge, and a Board of Installed Masters opened, and he was duly installed into the chair, in the presence of twenty Masters and Past Masters. The ceremony being well performed by Bro. Cameron P.M. The customary salutations were given to the newly-installed W.M., and he then invested his Officers:—Bro. A. L. Annett I.P.M., Farwig S.W., Stollard J.W., G. Bubb P.M. Treas., H. A. Stacey P.M. Sec., Wade S.D., Fletcher J.D., J. Wood I.G., W. C. Parsons D.C., L. Herf and Baker Wine Stewards, Gilbert Tyler. The W.M. intimated his intention to act as Steward at the Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. A sum of £2 was given to Bro. Gilbert the Tyler, as a gratuity. Bro. Robinson P.M. proposed, and Bro. Cameron seconded, that the sum of £10 be placed on the list of Bro. Stonor, who is a Steward for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and a sum of ten guineas be placed on the list of the W.M. Hearty good wishes were given from the numerous visitors, and the Lodge was closed. The brethren then adjourned to the Crown Room, where a sumptuous and *récherché* banquet and dessert was provided by Bro. A. Best, superintended by Bro. Dawkins. Grace having been said, the W.M. remarked that the hour was late, and he would not make long speeches. The toast of the Queen and the Craft was given, and the National Anthem sung. The toast of the M.W.G.M. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was given, Bro. Cantle singing God Bless the Prince of Wales. The health of the Pro G.M. and the Deputy G.M. followed, and Bro. Cantle and Frank Percival sang the duet, Oh! Albion, Bro. Jas. Kift accompanying them on the piano. Bro. A. L. Annett I.P.M. said he had to propose the toast of the evening, the health of the W.M.; he had, during seven years, filled each office; and with sincerity he would ask them to drink the toast with the enthusiasm it merited. Bro. Stollard J.W. sang "Lady Hildred." The W.M. said he was pleased for the first time to respond to the toast, he had worked from the office of Director of Ceremonies, and he hoped at the expiration of his year as W.M. to have the expression of their satisfaction accorded him; he felt great pleasure in saying he would not forget the Charities. (Cheers.) Bro. Cantle here sang "a Roving Life." The W.M. then gave the health of the I.P.M. He said the toast was never proposed with a greater degree of sincerity, the brethren had seen Bro. Annett's working, and he would be received amongst the Past Masters as another worthy addition to that honoured and respected body; he then, in the name of the Lodge, begged Bro. Annett's acceptance of the jewel, which he hoped he would live for many years to wear. Bro. Frank Percival here sang "The Anchor's Weighed," and was listened to with deserved attention. Bro. A. L. Annett responded. He felt honoured by the expressions of the W.M., and the manner it had been received by the brethren. If his exertions had been appreciated, it was a great satisfaction to him. The W.M. then proposed the health of the Initiate, and Bro. E. Joseph briefly replied. The W.M. next proposed the health of the Visitors. The Lodge was always pleased to see Visitors. On this occasion there were forty present, but no matter how many, the Lodge would always give them a hearty welcome. He would couple with the toast the names of Bros. Reed and H. Lumley. These brethren both responded, and fully recognised the excellent working of the Lodge, and the hospitality accorded them. The next toast the W.M. said, was a special one; to propose the health of Bro. Cameron P.M., who had so ably performed the ceremony of installation. After a song from Bro. Percival, Bro. Cameron returned thanks. He felt great pleasure in doing anything for the good of his mother Lodge. There was a noble element in the Lodge, and he hoped to be associated with it for many years. The Past Masters was next given, coupled with the names of the Treasurer and Secretary. Bro. Stacey had been Secretary for nineteen years, and is the Father of the Lodge; all knew his good qualities. Bro. George Bubb, since he had held the position of Treasurer, has added to the prosperity of the Lodge, in regard to its financial position; the greatest credit is due to him. Bro. Stacey acknowledged the compliment, and Bro. Bubb said he had their interests at heart; he hoped to occupy the position of Treasurer for many years; so long as they re-elected him, he would see that their funds were properly applied. (Cheers.) The W.M. in proposing the toast of the Junior Officers of the Lodge, said—he was sure the selection he had made would give satisfaction; at the next regular meeting they would have an opportunity of seeing how ably they could carry out their duties. The W.M. was now compelled to retire, and Bro. G. Bubb took his place. Bro. H. M. Levy proposed the health of the Musical brethren, and wished them long life and prosperity. This met with a hearty response, and was suitably replied to. The Tyler's toast was then given, and the brethren separated. The visitors were—J. Wilkinson S.W. 948, C. Brun J.D. 1608, Geo. Godey 341, A. Cooper 73, A. Barfield P.M. 35, D. Westhull 1681, Honeybell 1681, J. R. Behenna 1531, S. De Costa Andrade, H. P. Blake 795, C. H. Kohler 1381, D.W. Harrison 1681, Tudovici 795, H. Reed P.M. 733, R. Baker 188, Buskin 766, G. A. Pillin 91, H. Benjamin, Chalfont 1425, Durlacher 4, C. Posener 1608, T. E. Tallent P.M. 186, H. W. Clemow 1589, J. Harris, W. Lumley P.G.S., H. Dicketts P.G.S., Lear Drew P.M. 157, Cantle W.M. 1441, W. Blake 795, H. M. Levy P.M. 188, Tayler 177, Eglesse late 1269.

Joppa Lodge, No. 188.—The installation meeting was held on Monday, the 7th inst., at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street,

There was a numerous attendance of brethren and visitors, and several Grand Officers were present. Bros. L. Lazarus W.M., Miller S.W., M. Spiegel J.W., L. M. Auerhaan Treas., H. Berkowitz P.M. Chaplain, E. P. Albert P.G.P. P.M. Secretary, H. Hyman S.D., A. Campion J.D., R. Baker I.G.; and P.M.'s Bros. L. Alexander, Israel Abrahams, H. M. Levy, A. G. Dodson, M. Alexander, O. Roberts. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes confirmed, with the exception of that relating to the election of Treasurer, the election of whom will take place at the next regular meeting. Bro. Cox was passed to the second degree, and Mr. J. Wynman was duly initiated into the Order. Bro. Miller S.W. and W.M. elect was then presented to the Lodge, and a procession was formed, headed by the Chaplain, the Past Masters and Grand Officers, who opened a Board of Masters, and Bro. Louis Lazarus duly installed his successor into the chair, in the presence of twenty-eight Masters and Past Masters. The Warden's chairs were occupied by Bros. Hyde Pullen P.G.S. and T. Cubitt P.G.P. The working of the W.M. in the ceremony of initiation and installation was highly commended. At the conclusion of the ceremony he received congratulations from all present. The brethren returned to the Lodge, and the W.M. was saluted according to ancient form, and then invested the following brethren:—L. Lazarus I.P.M., M. Spiegel S.W., M. Hyman J.W., E. P. Albert P.M. P.G.P. Secretary, Campion S.D., R. Baker J.D., H. Berkowitz P.M. Chaplain, H. P. Isaac I.G., S. Genese D.C., Blantz and Benjamin Stewards, Woodstock P.M. Tyler. The W.M. said he had pleasure in presenting to the retiring Master a jewel, in recognition of his working in the Lodge; he had also to speak of his excellent rendering of the ceremony of installation. He had great pleasure in placing the jewel on his breast, in testimony of what he had done, and he hoped it would be handed down to his children from generation to generation as a heirloom which he had richly deserved. The jewel was of a very novel and artistic design, with monogram, a fine brilliant, with two colours of enamel and forget-me-nots, set with diamonds; it had a snitable inscription, and is the work of Bro. Weigel, a member of the Lodge. Bro. L. Lazarus appropriately returned thanks for the very elegant gift. The report of the Audit Committee was read; it showed that the Lodge was in a flourishing condition. A distressed Bro. was relieved with the sum of two guineas; the resignation of two brethren was accepted; a sum of five pounds was placed on the list of Bro. M. Spiegel, who is a Steward for the next Anniversary Festival of the R. M. B. Institution. The Lodge was then closed. The brethren, 160 in number, sat down to banquet and dessert. The catering of Bro. Jennings was most successful, and the banquet was ably superintended by Bros. Keeping and M. Silver. Grace having been said, the W.M., in excellent and well-chosen remarks, proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. In giving that of the R.W. Lord Skelmersdale D.G.M. and the rest of the Grand Officers, he called on Bro. Hyde Pullen P.G.S.B., John Boyd P.G.P. G.S., and T. Cubitt P.G.P. to respond. Bro. H. Pullen said he felt it a great honour his being a Grand Officer. He was sure the members of the Joppa Lodge were gratified that one of their Officers had been selected for Grand honours. It was the opinion of the Grand Officers present that the selection of Bro. Albert for office was a very good one. The Benevolent Fund attached to their Lodge was a credit to the members. Bro. L. Alexander acknowledged the toast of Success to the Benevolent Fund. He informed the brethren that the W.M. had contributed the sum of £2 2s, Bro. Blantz £4 4s, and Bro. Stransky £1 1s. The report was read; it showed an amount of £1,363 2s 10d in hand. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the I.P.M., Bro. L. Lazarus. The brethren had seen how ably he had conducted the duties of the chair during his year of office, also the admirable manner in which he had performed the ceremony of installation. Bro. L. Lazarus returned thanks, it was a great pleasure to him to know that he had concluded his year of office to their satisfaction. He had a pleasing duty to perform, and that was to propose the toast of the W.M., who was one who could and would do every duty to their satisfaction. He could conscientiously say he was the right man in the right place. The W.M. said he had seen how his predecessors had done their duty; he would do his utmost to promote the interests of the Lodge. He had only been six years a member, and was pleased to find himself in the position of Master, and thanked them for their kind expressions. He then proposed the toast of the Visitors. They were always gratified to see them. On this occasion they were too numerous to mention their names seriatim. Bro. I. P. Cohen responded. He was pleased to see the working of the Lodge. Bro. Peartree W.M. 185 also responded. The W.M. next proposed the toast of the Past Masters, he thanked them for their presence, and assured them he would be guided by their advice. Bro. L. Alexander returned thanks. The toasts of the Wardens and Officers followed, and the Tyler's toast was given in due course. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. Grove Ellis, who had secured the services of Miss M. Lynton, Madame Alice Barnett, Bros. J. A. Kift and C. Rowcliffe. The Visitors were Bros. Hyde Pullen P.G.S.B., Lt.-Col. Shadwell Clerko P.M. 1383, C. Taylor 1426, T. Cubitt P.G.P., H. Lloyds 147, Markis 315, Mortlock 898, C. Davis 222, Gulliford W.M. 1017, H. Payne 720, M. Samuel, E. Williams 933, Noble 902, F. Dobbing 1693, W. H. Morson 1320, J. Beveridge 1319, Rosenstein, I. P. 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Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193.—Met at the Railway Tavern, London-street, Feuchurch-street, E.C., on Wednesday, the 9th instant. Bro. Chapman was W.M., Walker S.W., Maidwell J.W., E. Gottheil P.M. Preceptor, J. K. Pitt Sec., Sayer S.D., Biddell J.D., Aarons I.G., Christopher Tyler. There were also present Bros. Abell, Fenner, Thoring, Cripps, Brookson, Harris, &c. Ceremony and several sections of second degree rehearsed. Opening and closing of the three degrees were also practised. Bros. Thoring, Cripps, and Serjeant-Major Brookson were admitted members. Lodge was then adjourned.

St. Michael's Lodge, No. 211.—At the meeting on Tuesday last, at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, the W.M. Bro. Alfred Green presided. He was supported by Bros. A. Guttman S.W., Wilden P.M. as J.W., D. Drysdale P.M. Sec., Alfred Withers S.D., Radcliffe J.D., Dr. Waters I.G., and T. C. Speight Tyler. There was a very good attendance of Past Masters and members. The Lodge was opened and the minutes were read and confirmed. The ceremonial portion of the work of the evening comprised the raising of Bro. H. Green jun. to the sublime degree. The usual questions were put to the candidate, and he having answered them satisfactorily, was entrusted. The Lodge was then advanced to the third degree, and the ceremony was performed in a most careful and impressive manner. The W.M. also gave the explanation of the tracing board of the degree. The brethren then proceeded to elect the W.M. for the ensuing year, and this resulted in Bro. Alfred Green being again selected. Bro. Green acknowledged the compliment paid him, but feared the heavy nature of his private duties would hardly enable him to devote so much time to the work of the Lodge as he should desire. However, he knew he might rely on having the co-operation and support of the Past Masters of the Lodge, who were always ready to assist. Bro. Greenwood P.M. was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Speight Tyler, this being the twenty-ninth year he has filled that office in the St. Michael's Lodge. The Audit Committee was next appointed. Bro. Withers proposed an alteration in the Bye-laws, which would increase the annual subscription. Our worthy brother most efficiently advocated the course he wished the members to adopt, and most convincingly argued his case, which he illustrated by a comparison with other Lodges, some of which assembled in the same building where the St. Michael's Lodge had been so comfortably located for nearly a quarter of a century. He was supported by Bro. Radcliffe, and after the matter had been thoroughly ventilated, the motion was carried. The names of three gentlemen as candidates for initiation were then handed in, and one brother was proposed as a joining member. After which the Lodge was closed. The brethren then partook of light refreshments, and spent an hour or two in social conversation, interspersed with some capital songs.

York Lodge, No. 236.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday evening, the W.M. the Rev. Wm. Valentine presiding, supported by Bros. T. Cooper P.M. 236, G. Balmford P.M. 236, T. B. Whytehead W.M. 1611, and the whole of the Officers; two Visitors were present from the Scots Greys Regiment. The business of the evening was the initiation of the Rev. A. B. Day, Rector of Cawood, which was ably performed by the W.M., who also appointed Bro. the Rev. J. Metcalfe Chaplain of the Lodge.

Harmony Lodge, No. 309.—There was an unusually large attendance at the installation of the W.M. (Bro. Thomas Robinson), which took place on Thursday afternoon, the 3rd inst., at the Institution Hall, Fareham, the Lodge-room at the Red Lion Hotel not affording sufficient accommodation. Bro. J. Whale P.M. presided, and after the regular business had been transacted the W.M. elect was presented to the Installing Master (Bro. the Rev. Thomas Robinson P. Prov. G.S.W. Kent and P. Prov. G. Chaplain Cambridge, the father of the W.M. elect), by whom the ceremony of installation was most impressively performed. The W.M. subsequently appointed the following as Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. James Taylor I.P.M., Andrew Nance S.W., Edgar Goble J.W., P.M. the Rev. Thomas White D.D. Chaplain, J. B. Goldsmith Treasurer, E. G. Holbrook and W. G. Heath Secretaries, A. R. Holbrook S.D., H. Jeans J.D., Norman H. Matthews D.C., the Rev. A. Headley J.D., R. Osborne Organist, James Holbrook and H. J. Andrews Stewards, T. Pannell Tyler. The banquet, which followed, took place at the Red Lion Assembly Rooms, the catering of the Misses White being, as usual, exceedingly good. The ordinary toasts were honoured, and, under the direction of Bro. Osborne P.P.G.O., some songs and glees were efficiently rendered by the choir, consisting of Bros. Pearman, Stroud, Knight, and Grant, who kindly volunteered their services. Among those present, in addition to the Officers of the Lodge, were—Bros. James S. Easter P.M. 709 D.P.G.M. Kent, H. Ford P.P.G.S.W., James Taylor P.P.G.R., W. Edmonds P.P.G.R., M. E. Frost P.P.G. Treas., W. H. Ford P.P.G.J.W., Groves P.G.D.C., Dr. Beaumont R.N. P.M. 114, Lieutenant Robinson P.M. 709, E. Bunting P.M. 487, F. Court P.M. 257, G. A. Green P.M. 309, W. Johnston P.M. 359, J. Cornelius Wheeler P.M. 257, J. Clay W.M. 804, G. Bond W.M. 487, II. W. Townsend W.M. 1428, C. B. Whitcomb W.M. 1605, Dr. E. T. Mortimer R.N. 349, Major-General Sir Frederick Fitz Wygram Bart 309, W. F. Burrell 1705, T. King S.D. 257, G. E. Kent jun. J.D. 257, J. R. Hayman Sec. 257, R. J. Marrell S.W. 1069, T. Bailey 309, J. H. Bridle 487, H. Gilbert 309, Dr. Edward J. Lovings 309, Joseph Diaper 309, Dr. W. F. Brook 309, H. S. Penny 309, T. H. Williams 309, W. H. Harris 309, Joseph French 309, C. Emery 309, T. Mitchell 309, E. W. Jolliffe and A. H. Jolliffe 257, C. T. Mumby 1069, J. J. T. Thackara 487, R. Pink 257, &c.

Alfred Lodge, No. 340, Oxford.—On 19th ult., Bro. Ansell, at that moment W.M. elect, entertained an influential party of brethren at dinner in the banquet room, consisting of the Past Masters of the Lodge, and of Officers elect for the ensuing year. Bro. Alderman Randall P.M. Prov., Grand Treasurer, in speaking to the toast of his health on the occasion, complimented him on such a happy social gathering, which augured well towards the success of his year of office. The Installation took place at the Festival on St. John's Day, Bro. Houghton ably performing the interesting ceremony. After the installation of Bro. F. W. Ansell P. Pr. Gr. Sup. of W., as W.M., he proceeded to invest his Officers, as follow:—Bros. John Pratt P. P. Gr. Deacon as P.M., James Jenkin P.P.G. Sword Bearer S.W., Rev. Henry Deane Past Provincial Grand Chaplain Junior Warden, Henry Houghton P. Pr. J.W. Treasurer, W. R. Hobbs Past Prov.

Grand Sword Bearer Sec., T. F. B. Evans Assist. Sec., F. Ryman Hall P. D. of Cer. S.D., J. Jesse Hughes J.D., Robert Payn Senior M. of C., W. Ellis Knowles Junior M. of Cer., James Mace Darmor I.G., W. R. Bowden P.G. Steward Organist, Edward Horn and Samuel Harris Stewards, William Stephens and George Norwood Tylers. The brethren gave their Annual Ball in the Clarendon Assembly Room on Wednesday, the 9th inst., when more than 120 members and friends assembled, the Craft appearing, by permission of H.R.H. the Prov. Gr. Master, Prince Leopold, in full Masonic costume.

Merchant Navy Lodge, No. 781.—The regular meeting was held on Wednesday last, when there was a very large attendance of members and visitors. The Lodge was opened by Bro. W. Hallett W.M., Charles Killick P.M. as S.W., Daniels P.M. J.W., John Wright P.M. P.G.P. Treas., E. T. Read P.M. Sec., Scheerboom S.D., Rawe J.D., Ould I.G., T. Hallett and Everett Stewards, W. Steedman P.M. Tyler. The minutes were read and confirmed, and the Lodge was opened up; Bro. Pringle, a candidate for the sublime degree was examined, entrusted, and formally raised. There were three candidates for the second degree; these brethren gave satisfactory replies to the usual questions, and were advanced a step in our mysteries. The ballot was taken for Messrs. John Pheysey Davies and Thomas Hudson; it proved unanimous in their favour, and they were introduced, and received the benefit of Masonic light. The Worshipful Master, though suffering from a relaxed throat, performed the whole of the ceremonies, and threw into his work an earnestness and impressiveness that rendered them very effective. Bro. Read, the worthy Secretary, in a few forcible remarks advocated the cause of a distressed brother on whom the hand of adversity had lately fallen; he was supported by Bro. P.M. Medland, and on the Worshipful Master proposing that the sum of £10 10s should be voted from the Benevolent Fund attached to the Lodge, the members unanimously gave their assent. Bro. Hallett then announced his intention to stand as a Steward at the next Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution; he asked the brethren to vote him £20 from the Lodge funds. On an appeal being made to worthy "Bro. John," who is custodian of the Funds, he, with a genial smile, "thought they might be able to stand it," at the same time he reminded the brethren not to forget the Girls and the Boys. It was then notified that Bro. Shoring, an old and esteemed member, was a candidate for the benefits of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and the members were requested to lend him assistance. It was also agreed that any expense incurred for printing should be defrayed by the Lodge. After routine work, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren sat down to banquet, which was well served by Bro. Kent. Ample justice was done to the repast, and in due course the W.M. rose to propose the toasts. After that of Her Majesty the Queen and the Craft, the National Anthem was sung; after the health of the M.W.G.M., Bro. Palmer sang God Bless the Prince of Wales. In speaking to the toast of the Pro G.M., Bro. Hallett remarked that the Earl of Carnarvon was a hard-working and most enthusiastic Mason, and he trusted the members would have opportunities of seeing and hearing him in Grand Lodge for many, many years. Bro. Norton here gave a capital recitation, entitled "Jane Conquest, or the Ringing of the Bell," which was applauded by all present. The next toast given was that of the D.G.M. and the rest of the Grand Officers, associated with the name of Bro. John Wright P.G.P., who said the D.G.M. and the other Grand Officers had done, what he hoped all would strive to do, their duty. The Craft at large was, day by day, more highly appreciative of the honour of being chosen to fill office in Grand Lodge. As to Lord Skelmersdale, all would agree that he had done more to advance Masonry than any Deputy Grand Master who had preceded him. After Bro. Jones had favoured the company with the "Charge of the Light Brigade," Bro. Medland proposed the health of the W.M. Bro. Palmer here gave a capital rendering of A. Sullivan's beautiful song, "A Last Chord," and the W.M. rose to reply. He returned them hearty thanks for the way in which they had received the toast. When he was elected to the chair he determined to throw all his energies into the work. He advocated the necessity of punctuality on the part of his Officers, and assured the members of his regard for the welfare of the Lodge. The health of the Initiates having been given and replied to, the Past Masters were proposed, and Bro. Medland responded. The remaining toasts comprised the Visitors, for whom Bro. Morgan replied; the Treasurer and Secretary, acknowledged by Bros. Wright and Read; and then the Masonic Charities, the support of which was warmly and most persistently advocated by Bro. John Wright, who dilated at some length upon what had been done during the past year, and drew a comparison as to the amounts being raised now as compared with only a few years back. Our genial brother closed his remarks by saying that the calls in the future are sure to be heavy and urgent, and we must exert ourselves to make provision for the many demands that will be made on our funds. The evening's proceedings were enlivened by capital singing, in addition to those already mentioned as contributing, we may enumerate Bros. Dickinson, Jepson, Sheerboom, Robinson, &c. Amongst the visitors were Bros. L. J. Turquand, E. Jones, J. Jepson, W. W. Morgan, &c.

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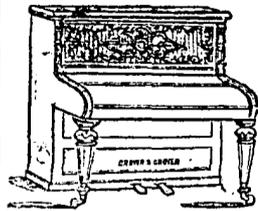
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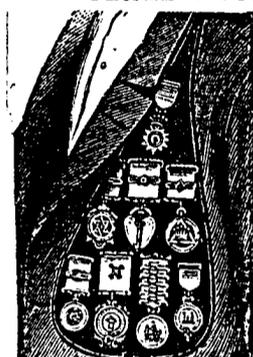


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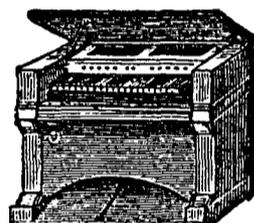
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