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## HISTORY OF FREEMASONRY IN LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND.

IT is a great feature in the present generation of Freemasons, and one on which they are most heartily to be congratulated, that the desire for a knowledge of the history of our Society is assuming rapidly such very considerable proportions. This is evidenced by the increased number of Masonic historical sketches. Some of those containing accounts of different Lodges we have already noticed, and we purpose now directing our attention to one which gives a clear and succinct history of the Craft in one of our Provinces. It is the work of one who speaks with authority; indeed, there is no one who is more competent than he is as to this particular Province. It was published some few years since, and to a certain extent it must be known among Craftsmen; but it is possible that this knowledge does not extend much beyond the limits of the province of which he writes. We have, therefore, thought it well to give in these columns a *résumé* of the contents of this eminently interesting sketch. It is by Bro. Kelly, P.P.G.M. of the Province, than whom, as we have already said, no one is more capable—both from the many high positions he has held, and also from the deep interest he has invariably taken in the doings of the Craft—to write a sketch of this character.

As in the case of nearly every Province in England, the early history of Freemasonry in Leicestershire and Rutland is veiled in the greatest obscurity. It seems that on the 7th December 1739, a Lodge was constituted as No. 170, to meet at the Wheat Sheaf, Leicester, but beyond the bare record of its constitution, nothing whatever is known of its history. It is not in a printed list of Lodges brought down to 19th April 1763, the No. 170 there given being Evangelist's Lodge at Antigua, constituted 10th November 1753, and from this circumstance Bro. Kelly surmises that the Lodge had a very brief existence. The next we read of is derived from Cole's list of Lodges for 1767, and is to the following effect:—"No. 197 (figure of a Pelican) Leicester, first and third Thursday, 21st August 1754." The only additional information we have of this Lodge is to the effect that in 1768, "Several years letters returned. No Lodge." This, then, had perhaps, an even briefer existence than the first. The next reference to Freemasonry in Leicester is found in the *Leicester and Nottingham Journal* of 7th May 1763, in an account of the rejoicings at Leicester, on the 5th of the month, in connection with the day of Thanksgiving for the peace with France. On that occasion, the High Sheriff of the County, the Mayor and Aldermen of the town, and the rest of the corporation went in procession through the town, and among the bodies which accompanied them were "Two Lodges of the most ancient, honourable, friendly and agreeable fraternity of the free and accepted Masons." The Order of Procession is given in Bro. Kelly's sketch, and we quote it accordingly:—

"1st. The Tyler, with his sword and jewel.

"Two present Masters of Lodges with their proper jewels, each bearing, in their left hands, the bible, compass and square belonging to each Lodge, and, in the right hand, each a common gavel.

"Three late Masters, with their proper jewels, each bearing, in their left hand, their authority from the Grand Lodge, with book of Constitutions, rules, and orders, &c., &c.

"Two Senior and two Junior Wardens, with their jewels and columns of their Order in their right hands.

"Two Secretaries, with their jewels, &c.

"The other Tyler, with his sword and jewel, as above.

"All elegantly dressed, according to the formality, and kept up with exactness and decorum peculiar to their Ancient Order."

One of these Lodges, Bro. Kelly says, "was undoubtedly No. 91, as the writer possesses the Grand Lodge Certificate of Bro. William Licquorich, a member of the Lodge, dated the tenth day of September, 1764," and then he goes on to describe its character and dimensions, adding "It is in the beautiful handwriting, and bears the signature of the celebrated Lawrence Dermott, Past D.G.M. and G. Sec. (the author of the *Ahimun Rezon*), and has the seal of the Grand Lodge of the Ancient Masons affixed, the device being the Square and Compasses, surmounted by a dagger within a circle, inscribed with the motto, 'Virtue and Silence, Grand Lodge of London.'" We learn further respecting this Lodge that not only did it work the three Craft degrees, "but also the Mark and Arch Mariners, the Royal Arch, the 'Super Excellent,' and the Knights Templars, and other chivalric degrees." Bro. Kelly has its seals for the various degrees in his possession, but the records are unfortunately lost, and consequently there is no chance of obtaining any definite information as to its career. The records of the Grand Lodge do not contain even the date of its formation, but they stated the first Master was Robert Gray, and Sampson Skidmore and Thomas Phipps the first Senior and Junior Wardens respectively. The Lodge became dormant after a time, but was revived in 1775, when Bro. William Burley was W.M., and it met "at the Leather Bottle or elsewhere in Leicester." It figured as No. 114 on the revision of numbers in 1814, at which time it met at the George Inn, but having made no return to Grand Lodge, it was erased in 1821.

Another of the Lodges, formerly known as No. 47, and now as the "Knights of Malta," No. 50, Hinckley, was constituted in 1764, its warrant, which bears date the 30th January of that year, having been granted by the Earl of Kelly, Grand Master of the *Ancient*, or as they were subsequently called the *Athole*, Masons. This Lodge, however, was originally held in Macclesfield, and it was not till the year 1803 that the warrant, as Bro. Kelly informs us, was "transferred to sundry brothers to convene at Hinckley, in Leicestershire, at such house and upon such times as may be most convenient."

In the year 1774 a deputation was granted by the then Grand Master, Lord Petre, to Sir Thomas Fowke, Knt., Groom of the Chamber to H.R.H. the Duke of Cumberland, brother of George the Third, appointing him to preside over the destinies of the Craft in the Province. On 31st August 1776, there was, according to the *Leicester Journal*, a Masonic funeral, and Bro. Kelly has extracted the following particulars from that journal, which we have thought it well to reproduce:—

"On Sunday morning, August 25th, died, at his house in this town. Mr. Thomas Brown, worsted maker. He was a member of the Honourable and Ancient Society of Free and Accepted Masons. His brethren, as a mark of their esteem, attended the funeral, and preceded the corpse to All Saints' Church; they were all dressed in deep mourning, adorned with their jewels, and in the uniform and regalia of their Order. The greatest concourse of people we ever remember to have seen on such an occasion attended the procession, which was very well conducted, and made in the following order:—

"1st.—The Tyler of the Lodge, with his sword of office.

"2nd.—Two Wardens, with their columns and ensigns of office.

"3rd.—Two senior brethren, with a cushion supporting the bible, square and compass.

"4th.—The Master, with the ensigns of his office.

"5th.—The Past Masters.

"6th.—The Secretary, with his ensigns.

"The rest of the brethren walking two-and-two, according to seniority, and followed by the Deacons with their black wands. Six Master Masons supported the pall."

About this time many representatives of county families,

though they do not appear to have taken part in Masonry in the County itself, held high office in the Craft. Thus in 1762 and 1763 Earl Ferrers was Grand Master (Moderns); in 1764, the Hon. Thomas Shirley was Senior Grand Warden and the year following Bro. Anthony Keck, of Stoughton was one of the Grand Stewards. In 1774, the Hon. Thomas Noel, M.P. for the County, who became Viscount Wentworth the same year, was Senior Grand Warden, and Sir Thos. Fowke was a Grand Steward. In 1779 Viscount Tamworth was Senior G. Warden and G. Steward. The year following Bro. John Peach Hungerford, of Dingley (High Sheriff of the County in 1772, and M.P. for the County from 1774 to 1790) was Senior Grand Warden and a Grand Steward, and the same offices were held in 1783 by the Hon. Warlington Shirley.

Another extract from the *Leicester Journal* records the following:—

"On Wednesday, June 23rd 1783, the Worshipful Master, Wardens, and Brethren, of Lodge No. 91, had a meeting to celebrate their most excellent Patron, St. John the Baptist. They walked in procession from the Pelican, in Gallowtree Gate to St. Martin's Church, where a sermon was preached on the occasion from the 1st Epistle of Paul to Timothy, c. i., v. 18.

After Divine Service, they went in procession to Brother Joseph Smith's, the Crown and Thistle, in Loseby Lane, where they dined, and the greatest harmony prevailed, enlivened by toasts of the Craft suitable to the occasion."

On 7th November 1786 Sir Thomas Fowke died, and the office of Prov. Grand Master became vacant, and so remained for two years, when it was conferred on Bro. Thomas Boothby Parkyns, M.P. for Leicester, who was P.G.M. for Derbyshire and Notts, and upon whom was bestowed in 1795, an Irish peerage, with the style and title of Lord Ranelife. This office he continued to hold till his death in 1800, but though occupying several distinguished positions in Freemasonry in London, he seems to have taken no interest whatever in Masonry in his Province, except on one occasion, when he was present at an Emergency Meeting on the 27th April 1791 of the St. John's Lodge, which had been constituted the year previous, after which he presented the set of silver jewels for the officers, which are still in use in the Lodge.

So much for the earlier and more obscure portion of the history of the Craft in Leicestershire, from which it will be seen that only one of the Lodges we have thus far mentioned exists still; while but one other survived the Union, and for a short time only. We now enter on the second and more complete period. We have just spoken of the St. John's Lodge as having been constituted in 1790, the date of its warrant being 31st August. This Lodge still exists, and as the Hinckley Lodge, now "the Knights of Malta," was not transferred thither till the year 1803, we must consider the St. John's as being the mother Lodge of the Province. The original Warrant having been lost or mislaid, a Warrant of Confirmation, dated 20th April 1820, was granted from G.M. the Duke of Sussex. It is from the records of this Lodge, which was for so long a time the only one in the county holding under the Grand Lodge Moderns, that we obtain such memorials of the Provincial Grand Lodge as yet remain. It is not, indeed, till 1833 that the proceedings of the latter are separately minuted.

It is not a little singular that the Warrant of the St. John's Lodge was granted to some of the principal officers and members of Lodge No. 91 of Ancient Masons, and that the "ancient" Warrant for a long time remained in the hands of Bro. Horton, who was Master of the old and new Lodge; and it was several months before it was delivered up to some of the ancient brethren who still desired to work under it. The Lodge was opened for the first time on the 11th November 1790, at Bro. Joseph Smith's, the Lion and the Dolphin Inn, Market-place, and it is recorded that Bro. Charles Horton R.W.M., by order of the R.W. P.G.M., installed the officers in due form, and that thanks were voted to the latter for his attention in granting the Warrant. Those present on this memorable occasion, in addition to the Master, were Bros. Joseph Smith S.W. and P.M., Thomas Ball J.W., Thomas Phipps Treasurer and P.M., John Hill, William Green, Joseph Dean, Henry Davey, John Blower, and Robert Daniel, Tyler: to these, therefore, must be ascribed the honour of having been "the founders of Freemasonry in Leicester in modern times." In connection with the foregoing facts two circumstances will be noted as being of an unusual or extraordinary character. These are the facility with which a "modern" Warrant was granted to a number of officers and brethren belonging to

an "ancient" Lodge, and that the landlord of the house in which the Lodge held its meetings was one of its principal officers. However, in the days when these things happened, there was a certain laxity in the manner in which the government of Freemasonry was administered. Wise laws had been framed, and there were no doubt wise brethren who were fully capable of administering them; but in spite of this we find that strange things were done, which would be enough to frighten our modern sticklers for the rigid observance of the Constitutions, into their graves.

(To be continued.)

## FREEMASONRY IN PENNSYLVANIA.

THE Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter of this Jurisdiction held their Annual Grand Communications on St. John the Evangelist's Day (27th December). The former met in Corinthian Hall of the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, at 10 a.m. on that day, under the presidency of M. W. Bro. Robert Clark, G.M., who was numerously supported by his Grand Officers and the representatives of subordinate Lodges. The Reports of the various Committees were highly satisfactory, and shewed that Freemasonry in the Keystone State was in a very flourishing condition. An application for a new Lodge at Royer's Ford, Chester County, was referred to the Grand Officers, with full powers to act. An admirable portrait of the late Past Grand Master, Bro. Samuel H. Perkins, the work of E. D. Marchand, was presented on behalf of the artist to Grand Lodge. The gift was accepted, and a vote of thanks was unanimously passed to the donor. Grand Master Clark then delivered an able and interesting valedictory address, in which he reviewed the principal events of his Grand Mastership. This address was listened to with profound attention. He then installed his successor, M. W. Bro. James Madison Porter, in the chair of Grand Master, with the customary and time-honoured ceremonies proper to the occasion. Grand Master Porter then delivered an address in which he, in the first instance, dwelt at some length with satisfaction on the flourishing condition of Freemasonry in the Jurisdiction, and then defined the principles which would serve for his guidance in administering the affairs of Grand Lodge. The following are among the principal Grand Officers who were installed at the Communication, namely, Bros. Michael Nisbet, Dep. G. Master, Samuel B. Dick Senior G. Warden, and Conrad B. Day Junior G. Warden; Thomas R. Patton G. Treasurer, and John Thompson G. Secretary.

The Convocation of Grand Chapter was held in the Renaissance Hall of the Temple, in the evening of the same day. In the course of the business M.E. Comp. Alfred R. Potter, G.H.P., delivered his annual address, in which he recapitulated the events of the year just closed; referring, in particular, to the very prosperous state of capitular Masonry in the State. The following are the principal officers for the ensuing year, and as all of them were re-elected, the prospects of the coming year are brilliant indeed: Comps. Alfred R. Potter, M.E. Grand High Priest, William C. Hamilton, M.D., Grand King, Hibbert P. John Grand Scribe, Thomas R. Patton Grand Treasurer, and John Thompson Grand Secretary. At the close of the meeting the Grand Officers accepted an invitation to be present at the annual banquet of Jerusalem H.R.A. Chapter, No. 3, in the Banqueting Hall of the Masonic Temple.

We have gleaned the above particulars from the columns of our esteemed contemporary the *Keystone*.

The Burdett Counts Lodge of Instruction, No. 1278, will in future hold its meetings at Bro. R. Smith's, the "Salmon and Ball," Bethnal Green Road, on Wednesday evenings, at 8.30 p.m. Bro. G. Ward Verry is the Preceptor, and Bro. R. J. Chitson the Hon. Secretary.

The Installation Ceremony will be worked by Bro. A. J. Melhush, W.M. of the Constitutional Lodge, No 55, on Tuesday, 12th February, at the Constitutional Lodge of Instruction, held at the Bedford Hotel, Southampton-buildings, Holborn. Lodge will be opened at 7 o'clock.

## ORDER OF THE TEMPLE IN IRELAND.

## INSTALLATION OF H.R.H. THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT AS GREAT PRIOR.

FROM THE "DUBLIN MORNING MAIL," 29TH JANUARY.

ON Monday afternoon, at the Masonic Hall, Molesworth-street, Dublin, H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught was installed Great Prior of the Order of the Temple in Ireland, in presence of a large assembly of Knights, including several from England. The Earl of Skelmersdale, Great Prior of England, who had been deputed by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales Grand Master to represent him on the occasion, and to assist at the ceremony, was unable to be present owing to the crisis in Parliament. However, there were at their posts Viscount Powerscourt Great Constable of the Order, Lord Dunboyno the Grand Master's Standard Bearer, the Earl of Huntingdon the Great Prior's Standard Bearer, together with Lord Edward Pelham Clinton, Sir David Roche, Bart., Captain Fitzgerald, Captain Percy Bernard, and Captain Newenham, and a host of Knights from the City and Provinces, including the following:—Holt W. Archer, James Allon, Dr. Browne, Major Bayly, John A. Baker, George Bell, Jessop Browne, Samuel Bennet, Major Bailey, James Baird, H. H. Bottomley, John F. Bewley, Captain Cosby, D.L., Thomas J. S. Casey, Davenport Crosthwaite, LL.D., Pro Chancellor, Wm. Comyns, Dr. Cameron, Rev. Dr. Creswell, M. J. McCoy, Andrew Carleton, Major Cooper, George Crowe, William Curtis, Thomas Dockrell, George Drury, Captain Dawes, Major Davoren, Samuel Dobbin, Thomas Drought, W. P. O'Donoghue Mus. Doc., John D. Elliott, Major Elliott, James W. Fair, Joshua Fay, Dr. Finney, Wm. Boyle Fitzsimmons, of White Abbey, County Antrim, C. Foot, H. Florence, H. Flavell jun., James Flynne, John Forsyth, St. George Freeman, of Waterford, Rev. Joseph A. Galbraith F.T.C.D., Henry Gibson, R. Wm. Griffin LL.D., Charles O. Grandison, Richard Garnett, Dr. Hamilton, William J. Hepburn M.D., Harry Hodges, John Hodges, Captain George Huband, Richard Harvey Drogheda, Preceptor of St. John's 381, Wm. G. Huband, John H. Jessop, Alexander D. Kennedy, H. C. Kelly, Thomas Kennan, H. G. B. Kane, Wm. B. Kelly, Edward H. Kinahan D.L., Thomas W. Kinahan, John V. Legge, John A. Lee, W. B. Leonard, Rev. J. J. MacSorley, James H. Macanlay, James Creed Meredith LL.D., George Mitchell, Wm. Henry Newenham, James H. North, Samuel B. Oldham, Plato Oulton, Wm. D. Pattison, Philip R. Patman, Henry E. Phillipson, Captain Phillips, Joseph Phillips, Robert Reeves, Wm. H. Reilly, Wm. Saunderson M.D., Wm. Shaw, George Speer, Wm. D. Sharpe, Arthur St. George, Colonel St. George, Theophilus E. St. George, Edward D. Thorpe, Robert Warren D.L., Joseph S. Wilson, Thomas George Wills Sandford D.L., Wm. Whyte, Richard L. Whitty, Joseph Wonfor, George Woodworth, Joseph H. Woodworth, David Wood, A. K. Young, &c.

At four o'clock the Knights assembled in the Grand Lodge room, arrayed in their panoply. Each wore a tunic with a Latin cross on the left breast, and a mantle with the cross of the Order on the left shoulder. They were armed with swords in black scabbards, the hilts also black, and fashioned into a skull and crossbones. The Preceptors of the various encampments were distinguished by crimson hoods. On the right hand side next the dais the Knights Commanders formed up, and opposite to these the Great Prior's Council, while the Preceptors and their Knights clustered around. They had not long to wait surveying each other, or the splendid decorations of the Grand Lodge room, when a flourish of trumpets and a rataplan on the drums proclaimed the arrival of H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, Grand Prior Designate, who was received by Capt. Huband, Acting Great Prior, and conducted to the robing-room. A special Great Priory was opened in the Prince Mason's Chapter Room, Captain Huband Acting Great Prior on the throne. Thither the Duke of Connaught was conducted by Viscount Powerscourt, Great Constable of the Order, and having halted at the foot of the throne, the Acting Great Prior presented to the Great Prior Elect the Grand Master's patent of his appointment, and asked him the usual questions, which His Royal Highness answered in a satisfactory manner. The Primate—represented in the absence of the Most Rev. Lord Plunket, Bishop of Meath, by the Rev. John James MacSorley—recited the prayer for the occasion. The Acting Great Prior then asked the Great Prior Designate whether he was willing to take the obligation of the office. His Royal Highness replying in the affirmative was conducted to the Priory Chapel, which, with its stained glass window in mullions and tracery, and the altar lit up with tapers, and the assembly of the Knights, recalled the days of the Crusades and tournaments. Here the Prelate administered the obligation, which was announced to the Knights without by a roll on the drums and a flourish of trumpets. A procession having been formed, His Royal Highness the Great Prior was conducted to the Grand Lodge Room, where the main body of the Knights waited to witness his installation, and express their fealty.

Col. Howard St. George acted as Sub-Marshal, Lord Huntingdon carried the G. Prior's Standard, Lord Dunboyno the G. Master's Standard, Captain Richard Donovan and Captain Willes-Sandford Acting as Captains of the Guard, and Mr. Maxwell Close, M.P. D.L., Captain of the Guard of the Convent General. Sir David Roche, Bart., bore the Vexillum Belli, and Captain Percy Bernard the Beauseant; Captain Cosby D.L., and Captain Newenham respectively acting as Captains of the Guard, while Mr. Theophilus E. St. George was Herald, and Captain Byng A.D.C. Sword Bearer, the Aides-de-Camp being Lord Edward Pelham Clinton and Captain Fitzgerald. During the procession, the following hymn, composed expressly for the occasion by John Francis Waller LL.D. V.P.R.D.S., member of the Order of the Temple, was chanted, to the music of "Onward, Christian Soldiers," composed by Arthur Sullivan, Mus.D. :—

Raise we hearts and voices  
In glad minstrelsy,  
Brothers of our Order,  
Christian Chivalry.  
Ours the mightiest Captain,  
Worshipped and adored,  
Sin and Death He vanquished—  
Christ, our King and Lord.  
Raise we hearts and voices,  
In glad minstrelsy,  
Brothers of our Order,  
Christian Chivalry.

Ours no earthly Temple—  
That is past and gone—  
Ours the Temple mystic,  
Christ, chief corner stone.  
Prophets and Apostles  
Its foundation sure,  
Fifty framed, the building  
Living stones secure.  
Raise we hearts and voices, &c.

Loyal homage give we  
To our Patron Queen,  
Long, o'er wide-spread nations,  
Be her happy reign.

Where the Arctic regions  
Freeze in icy chains,  
Where the Ind lies burning,  
There Victoria reigns.  
Raise we hearts and voices, &c.

Honour the Grand Master  
Whom those nations own,  
Through her vast dominions  
Heir to England's throne.  
May he count it ever  
Knightliest place to be  
Master of our Order,  
Christian Chivalry.  
Raise we hearts and voices, &c.

Greet with heartiest welcome  
Him who bears each name,  
Dear to Christian Ireland,  
Dear to England's fame.  
May those names their splendour  
Round our Prior fling—  
Holiest saint of Erin,  
Briton's knightliest king.  
Patron, Master, Prior,  
Love to each accord;  
Glory, honour, worship  
Unto Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

The accompaniment was played on the organ by Mr. Charles O. Grandison. At the conclusion of the hymn the great Officers and Grand Crosses took the positions assigned to them on the dais by the Sub-Marshal, and the acting Great Prior assumed the throne. The great Prior Designate was then led to the foot of the throne, supported by two Knights. His warrant of appointment having been produced, the acting Great Prior installed His Royal Highness as Great Prior, assisted by Viscount Powerscourt, who, on behalf of the Grand Master, invested the Great Prior with the Grand Cross and Ribbon of the Order. The herald (Mr. Theophilus E. St. George) then proclaimed, after a flourish of trumpets and roll of drums, the titles of His Royal Highness in the east, in the south-west, and in the north-east, viz. : —"By the authority and in the name of the most eminent and Supreme Grand Master, Albert Edward Prince of Wales, I proclaim H.R.H. Prince Arthur William Patrick Albert Duke of Connaught and Strathearn and Earl of Sussex, in the peerage of the United Kingdom; Duke of Saxony and Prince of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha, Knight of the Most Noble Order of the Garter, Knight of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle, Knight of the Most Illustrious Order of St. Patrick, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Exalted Order of the Star of India, and Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George, one of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Councillors, personal A.D.C. to Her Majesty the Queen, Lieutenant-Colonel of the 1st Battalion Rifle Brigade, Honorary Colonel of the Isle of Wight Artillery Militia, Hon. Colonel of the East Kent Mounted Rifles and Colonel of the London Irish Rifle Volunteers, Knight Grand Cross of the Order of the Temple and Great Prior of Ireland."

The drums again rolled and the trumpets sounded, after which the organ pealed forth an accompaniment to the National Anthem, which was sung by Dr. O'Donoghue, and joined in with one accord by all present.

The Great Prior, as his first official act, appointed Capt. Huband Sub-Prior, and installed him to that office, presenting him with his abacus and warrant.

The Great Officers then passed by the foot of the throne, one after another, and having promised fealty and obedience to the Great Prior, returned to their places.

All the Knights, with drawn swords, also marched past the Great Prior, the Officers saluting him with their swords. Having returned to their places, the procession of the Great Officers was re-formed, and conducted the Great Prior to the chapel, where, having assumed the throne, he ordered the Great Priory to be closed.

**Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.**—On Saturday, 26th of January, at Bro. Fysh's, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, Islington. Bros. John Gibbs W.M., Hawkins S.W., C. Lorkin J.W., Killick Secretary, Halford Treasurer, Bedwell S.D., Crosbie J.D., Fenner I.G., Pearcy Preceptor. Lodge opened, and minutes confirmed, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Thompson candidate; also the ceremony of passing, Bro. Moseley candidate. Several sections of the first lecture were worked. Bro. Hawkins will preside at the next meeting.

**Duke of Connaught Lodge of Instruction, No. 1524.**—At the Havelock Hotel, Albion-road, Dalston, E., on Wednesday, 30th ult., Bro. C. Lorkin W.M., Woolley S.W., J. Lorkin J.W., Brasted S.D., McMillan J.D., Slaughter I.G., Fieldwick Preceptor, G. Ferrar Treas., E. Dietrich Sec., and Bros. Jones, Pollack, Maples, McClean, Bonner, R. Olley, Marsh, Martin, Lee, Shackleton, &c. The Lodge was duly opened at 8 p.m., and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. McClean offered himself as a candidate for the third degree, was interrogated and entrusted. The Lodge was then advanced, and Bro. McClean was raised to the degree of Master Mason, the W.M. ably doing his work. The Lodge was then closed down to the first degree, and Bros. Fieldwick and Lee worked four sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Woolley was elected W.M. for Wednesday, 13th February. Bro. Martin of the Euphrates Lodge 212 was elected a member. The Fifteen Sections will be worked in this Lodge on Wednesday next, the 6th February, by Bro. Lee P.M. 1524. Members of the Craft who can make it convenient to attend are fraternally invited.

## AUCKLAND—NEW ZEALAND.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. G. S. GRAHAM AS D.G.M. FOR AUCKLAND, N.Z., AND

BRO. THE HON. FRED. WHITAKER AS PROV. G.M. FOR NORTH ISLAND OF NEW ZEALAND, S.C.

THE ceremony of installing Bro. G. S. Graham P.M. the District Grand Master elect of the English Constitution, and Bro. F. Whitaker as Provincial Grand Master of the Scotch Constitution in the North Island of New Zealand, was performed on St. Andrew's Day, 30th November last, in the Choral Hall, Symonds-street. Nothing in the annals of Masonry in Auckland can compare with the grandeur of the spectacle, the solemn precision and regularity of the proceedings, and the evident sense of deep responsibility under which the prominent actors laboured. The success which has attended the entire ceremony, together with the great number of prominent and influential citizens who attended as members of the Craft—comprising representatives of trade and commerce in all branches, could not but be struck with this proof of the great progress which Masonry has made in Auckland during the past few years. Old settlers, like Bros. Lazar and Whitaker, assembled in the Choral Hall, whose experience in Masonry ranges back to the extent of an ordinary lifetime, could not but be gratified at the extension of that universal brotherhood, which above all other human institutions is calculated to disseminate and maintain the highest principles of social morality, to support law and order, to lift the soul to the contemplation of great and ennobling studies, and to combine men of all races, nationalities and creeds in a common bond of sympathy, and to promote universal charity and benevolence. Already Freemasonry has outlived monuments, empires and creeds, which have "become the sport of doubt." Through the dim period of the Middle Ages it has carved its records upon the great public buildings of Europe, upon the tracery of the cathedral windows and the ornamentation of palaces, and in our day it is achieving work equally noble, comprehensive, and far-reaching. The sun never sets on its Lodges, spread as they are over the whole habitable globe, among every race, and in every clime.

But not only has Freemasonry embraced in its ample fold all climes, and tongues, and families of the earth, but it has numbered in its ranks from the days of its foundation the highest and noblest. The grand principles of loyalty which it teaches have attracted princes and monarchs to the Order. Hence the intimate and constant connection of Sovereigns and members of the Royal Family with the Masonic Order. James I., of Scotland, presided over the Lodges in his kingdom, and was very regular in his attendance at their meetings. James II., of Scotland, appointed William St. Clair, of Roslin, Earl of Orkney and Caithness, Grand Master. In 1502, Henry VII., of England, presided over the Lodges of his kingdom. He assembled a Grand Lodge in his palace, and with his own hands laid the foundation stone of "Henry VII.'s Chapel" in Westminster Abbey. The good Queen Elizabeth was "the most attached friend" of the Order. James I. was "a great friend" of Masons. Charles I., by the help of Freemasons, laid the foundation stone of St. Paul's Cathedral. George IV. was patron. William IV. was patron for Scotland and Grand Master for England. At the present day, four crowned heads of Europe are honorary members of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. At the great Masonic meeting held at the Hague in celebration of the sixteenth anniversary of the installation of Prince Frederick of the Netherlands, as Grand Master of the Dutch Freemasons, the Crown Prince of Germany delivered a speech, in the course of which he said:—"Nationalities have created frontiers; Freemasonry desires charity, tolerance, and liberty, without distinction of frontiers. I am happy on this day, which I shall never forget, to be able to raise my voice in Holland to testify my adhesion to the principles of the Order, and to express the hope that in the struggle engaged in for the free development of the peoples and the liberty of the human mind, the final victory will remain with the Order." The Crown Prince's speech was received with the greatest enthusiasm. In 1852, Her Majesty the Queen (God bless her) became Patroness of the Freemasons' Boys' School. In 1831, Queen Adelaide became Patroness of the Freemasons' Girls' School. In 1838, a piece of plate, weighing 1,800 ounces, was presented to the Duke of Sussex by the English Freemasons, on his completing twenty-five years as their Grand Master (the same period as was served by the late Earl of Zetland), and this same piece of plate was sent to the Grand Lodge as a gift by the Duchess of Inverness after the Duke of Sussex's death. During the Duke of Sussex's Grand Mastership, the foundation stones of the following buildings were laid by him, accompanied by the Duke of Leinster as Grand Master of Ireland, with full Masonic ceremonial:—The Hammersmith Suspension Bridge, in 1825; the London University and the Caledonian Asylum, in 1827; the Licensed Victuallers' Asylum, in 1828; and the Charing Cross Hospital in 1831. In 1822, the Duke of York laid the foundation stone of the Eton and Windsor Bridge, and in 1808 the foundation stone of Covent Garden Theatre was laid by the then Prince of Wales, both with full Masonic honours. The late King of Hanover was initiated into Freemasonry as Duke of Cumberland in 1796. His Royal Highness Prince William of Gloucester was initiated in 1795, and Henry Frederick, Duke of Cumberland, was elected Grand Master in 1781. Their Royal Highnesses the Dukes of York and Gloucester were initiated in 1766. The Crown Prince of Prussia (Frederick the Great) was initiated in 1738, Frederick Prince of Wales in 1737, Emperor of Germany in 1735, and William the Third of England was initiated in 1690. So much for facts which are patent and well-known. According to a manual which is authorised by the Grand Lodge, and revised by a committee of skilled brethren every year, the connection between Freemasonry and the reigning family goes much further back still, for we read in it that Henry VI. was initiated in 1450; that Edward III. revised the Constitution of Masonry in 1358; and that Prince Edwin formed a Grand Lodge at

York in 926, the year in which King Athelstau granted the Freemasons a Charter. So far back as A.D. 690 King Edgar was an illustrious Protector. In 826, Alfred the Great took a leading part in Masonry. At the present day, to us loyal Masons, it is a matter of deep gratitude to "the Most High," that "the Royal Princes" of England—the Prince of Wales, the Duke of Connaught, and Prince Leopold are members of the Craft, and that "the Heir Apparent" now honours himself by occupying "The Throne of King Solomon."

The preparations for the important event we are about to record, were made, from time to time, by the General and Ball Committee. Where all worked so indefatigably it is unnecessary to particularise, but a meed of praise is due to the officers and brethren of the Irish Constitution, and especially to Bros. Wade, Tyler, and Batt, the Secretaries, whose exertions were unwearied. The Craft were fortunate in having the services of so eminent a musician as Bro. Brown as Organist, whose skill in organising the choir, and superintending the practices was in a large measure conducive to the success of the ceremony. The following gentlemen composed the choir:—E. Harker, W. H. Skinner P.M., A. Brock P.M., Dr. Purchas, Morgan, Withers, George, C. Hesketh, Reed, Penline, Catran, W. H. Brown, J. C. Brown, Burns, H. Mills, and H. Brett.

The furniture of the Lodge room was of the most magnificent description, Lodge Sir Walter Scott, Thames, having, with fraternal liberality, lent for the occasion their fine furniture, which was presented to that Lodge by Bro. T. Rawdon.

The hall itself was tastefully decorated. At the back of the chair a full-sized oil painting of the Prince of Wales, lent by Bro. Perkins, was suspended, and beneath it an excellent photograph of Her Majesty the Queen. The whole of the interior decorations were tastefully arranged, and the general effect was pleasing and impressive.

Precisely at noon Lodge Waitemata, E.C., was opened by Bro. Warren W.M. The Secretary then stated the object of the meeting. The Lodge was then raised to the third degree, after which the choir sang, in a very tasteful manner, "Behold how good and joyful a thing it is, &c." The District Grand Master elect, Bro. G. S. Graham, was then received with the customary honours, Bro. J. Brown playing an organ march. Bro. Lazar R.W.D.G.M. of Westland, and Installing Master, was next received, and addressed the Lodges as follows:—His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Free and Accepted Masons, having been pleased, in the exercise of his prerogative, to grant a Warrant for the District of Auckland to constitute a Grand Lodge, to be governed and presided over by Bro. George Samuel Graham P.M., the honour has devolved upon me to consecrate and dedicate this Lodge to the honour and glory of the Great Architect of the Universe. Let us, therefore, in solemn prayer supplicate the Author of our being to bless and prosper our undertaking.

The Lodge was then solemnly consecrated, Bro. Moat spreading the corn of plenty, Bro. Leers the wine of joy, and Bro. Warren the oil of gladness. After the choir had sung the Ode to Virtue, the Installing Master addressed the Lodge, and formerly constituted it a Grand Lodge. The D.G.M. elect then retired to prepare for investiture. The Installing Master then appointed the following officers pro tem:—Bros. E. T. Wildman D.D.G.M., J. Donl D.G.S.W., Rev. C. M. Nelson D.G. Chaplain, W. Sloane D.G. Treasurer, Hoather D.G. Registrar, W. L. Mitchell D.G. Secretary, A. Brock D.G.S.D., W. W. Batt D.G.J.D., J. H. Burns D.G.D. of Ceremonies, Hydes D.G. Sword Bearer, Redfern D.G. Pursuivant, C. Porter D.G. Tyler. The Installing Master having declared the Grand Lodge duly opened, the Chaplain, Bro. the Rev. C. M. Nelson, offered up a most impressive prayer. Bro. Goldsbro' was then elected D.G. Treasurer, and Bro. Charles Porter D.G. Tyler for the ensuing twelve months. The D.G.M. Bro. Graham then re-entered, and was received and presented by Bros. P.M.'s Philips and Goldsbro' to the Installing Master, who delivered an impressive address and administered the usual obligation. Choir, "Glory be to God on High." The Installing Master then invested Bro. Graham with the magnificent regalia of a D.G. Master, and conducted him to the chair. The newly installed Grand Master was then proclaimed by Bros. Wildman, Brassey, and Kissling in the East, West and South respectively, after which the Installing Master delivered a solemn and impressive charge.

The investiture of the following officers of the R.W.D.G. Lodge was next proceeded with:—Bros. W. Lodder P.M. 689, W.M. Lodge Remuera, D.G.S.W., J. Warren W.M. 689 D.G.J.W., C. M. Nelson W.M. 1338 D.G. Chaplain, C. F. Goldsbro' P.M. D.G.T., W. H. Kissling P.M. 1338 D.G. Registrar, H. G. Wade P.M. 689 D.G. Secretary, W. H. Skinner P.M. 1338 D.G.S.D., W. P. Moat W.M. Rodney D.G.J.D., G. N. Brassey P.M. 1338 D.G. Superintendent of Works, E. S. Wilcocks D. of C. 1338 D.G.D. of Ceremonies, F. W. E. Dawson S.W. 1338 D.G.D.C., T. Cole W.M. elect 689 D.G.S. Bearer, C. Hesketh Remuera D.G. Organist, R. C. Dyer J.W. 1338 D.G. Pursuivant, W. Rattray Remuera A.D.G. Purs. Stewards—Bros. L. D. Nathan, W. T. J. Bell, Seymour George, and J. Martin: Bro. C. Porter D.G. Tyler. The Installing Master then delivered an address to the D.G.M. and brethren, after which Bro. Graham addressed those assembled:—Right Worshipful Sir and Brethren,—I have to thank you for the high and honourable dignity that has been conferred upon me, and it will be my constant endeavour by zeal and assiduity to discharge the duties of the office so as to reflect credit upon your choice. Gratitude is due to the Most Worshipful His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, our Grand Master, in having so cheerfully granted the prayer of your petition, tending to prove that even in this remote part of Her Majesty's dominions the wishes and interests of the Craft have due attention. In the selection of my officers I have endeavoured to entrust the affairs of District Grand Lodge into the hands of brethren, who, by their eminence, merits, and abilities, will conduce to the welfare of Masonry in general, and this District Grand Lodge in particular. It is gratifying to see around me such a distinguished and large gathering of brethren from all parts of the colony, and I have to tender my hearty thanks to the R.W.D.G.M. Westland, E.C., Bro. Lazar, for the able manner in which he has conducted the installation, and the visiting brethren

for their attendance. It is also particularly pleasing to see in our midst the R.W.P.G.M., the Honourable Frederick Whitaker, his Officers, and the members of the Scottish Constitution who have met this day with a similar object in view themselves, and have extended to us the right hand of fellowship by joining in the ceremony. Time will not permit me to address you at any great length. To give an outline of such an ancient institution as Freemasonry, would be like repeating the history of the world. Its area is so vast, its subjects so multifarious, and the treasures gathered for ages into its archives are so numerous. The intellectual man is struck with Freemasonry as comprehending in all its varieties the whole of human life, the contemplation of which is inexhaustible. Suffice it to say, that a Mason, no matter what his creed may be, must be a believer in the Grand Architect of the Universe; he must be a law-abiding citizen, and he is taught to measure his actions by the rule of morality, as also to retain in their fullest splendour those truly Masonic ornaments which are the distinguishing characteristics of the Order, "Benevolence and Charity." From the earliest ages Freemasonry has been subject to opposition, but firm in its rectitude it has successfully withstood it, and even to this day there are those who decry it—knowing nothing of it, and from their ignorance, cannot comprehend its intellectual and moral development. It is that sacred bond that teaches us the immortality of the soul, that binds men of the most discordant opinions into one band of brothers, gives one language to all nations, and one altar to men of all religions. There are those who pretend to deny the existence of a Supreme Governor of the Universe, and death to them would be but an eternal sleep. What a faith for a rational being to hold in a world teeming with wonders of animal and vegetable life. We behold the waters of a noble river flowing ceaselessly onward to swell the mighty ocean; there they do not remain. The glorious sun in its bright career attracts the pure elements again to the skies where, wafted by evening zephyrs over distant hills, silently at night it descends in gentle dew to cool the arid plain, or condensed in heavy clouds, in dark horizon and in lightnings lurid glare, proclaims the approaching storm, pouring the treasures of heaven in liberal profusion over the vast field of human labour—causing the grass to grow, the grain to swell, the trees to bud, and the heart of man to rejoice. They cannot discern in this the handiwork of the Creator. The Freemason, however, learns that, when he has performed his allotted task, when this life is ended, it closes to open upon a newer and a higher one, where in a second temple and purer Lodge, he will find "Eternal Truth,"—

For on Him he will calmly rely,  
To whom alone  
All secrets are known,  
Who reigns supreme on high.

At the conclusion of the address, Bro. Lazar offered up a prayer, which was followed by the singing of an ode. After which congratulations were received by the District Grand Master, and the brethren adjourned from labour to refreshment.

At 3 o'clock, the officers and brethren of Lodge St. Andrew assembled in the Hall, and the W.M., Bro. Walker, having raised the Lodge to the third degree, Bro. the Hon. F. Whitaker, Provincial Grand Master elect, was received with the customary Masonic honours. The ceremony of the installation differed very slightly from that in the case of Bro. Graham D.G.M. E.C. The consecration of the Lodge was performed by the Installing Master, and Bro. Walker W.M., Bro. Murray W.M. Sir Walter Scott, and Bro. Brodie P.M. Sir Walter Scott, sprinkled the corn, wine, and oil.

After the consecration, a very beautiful opening prayer was offered up by the Chaplain, Bro. the Rev. F. Gould, P.G. Chaplain.

The following temporary officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge were then appointed:—Bros. W. McCullough P.M. Sir Walter Scott D.P.G.M., Doull P.G.S.W., W. J. Rees P.G.J.W., the Rev. F. Gould P.G. Chaplain, Sloane P.G. Treasurer, Heather P.G. Registrar, Mitchell P.G. Secretary, A. Brock P.G.S.D., Batt P.G.J.D., W. Fraser P.G.D. Director of Ceremonies, J. H. Burns A.P.G.D. Ceremonies, Hyde P.M. P.G. Sword Bearer, Redfern P.G.I.G., Rawdon P.G. Tyler.

After the investiture of P.G.M. Bro. the Hon. F. Whitaker, the following officers were invested:—Bros. Anderson P.M. P.G.S.M., Brodie P.M. P.G.S.W., A. Dewar P.M. P.G.J.W., T. L. Murray W.M. P.G. Treasurer, E. K. Tyler P.M. P.G. Secretary, the Rev. F. Gould A.P.G. Chaplain (in the absence of the Chaplain elect), Martin A.P.G.S.D., T. Ellison P.G.J.D., W. Fraser P.G. Director of Ceremonies, W. Wilkinson P.G.M., Errington P.G.A., Captain Goldsmith P.G.S.B., Henry Brett Director of Music, James Reid Hendry P.G. President of Board of Stewards, Horne P.G.I.G., Rawdon P.G. Tyler.

In investing Bro. H. Brett as P.G.D. of Music, the Installing Master took occasion to say that though he had conducted many installations, he had never attended one at which the musical portion of the ceremonies had been more tastefully and efficiently rendered than at this, and nowhere had he more enjoyed the singing and organ performances.

After the investiture, Bro. F. Whitaker, Provincial Grand Master, S.C., addressed the Lodge:—Worshipful Masters, Past Masters, and Brethren,—The time has now come when it is customary that I should address you as Master of this Lodge, but I shall endeavour to be exceedingly brief, because we have already gone through two ceremonies, which have detained you a great length of time, and therefore I do not think this is a proper occasion on which I should occupy much more of your time. I will, however, avail myself of saying a few words which I deem appropriate to the occasion, and then I will dismiss you and close for the first time this Provincial Grand Lodge. Brethren, you are all aware that Freemasonry has two great characteristics, Operative Masonry, and Symbolical Masonry. The foundation of our Lodges, no doubt, in its origin, was operative. It commenced with the building of the Temple of King Solomon, but now a great change has taken place in Masonry, so far as it relates to its operative character, for we have become symbolical or specula-

tive Masons; we have abandoned operative Masonry altogether, and I dare say, to a certain extent, we have derived a large amount of advantage from the change. I hardly think it would suit me at the present time to perform the duties of Hiram, the Builder, or that it would suit you to cut timber on Mount Lebanon, or to quarry stones at Tyre. But what have we established in the place of that operative Masonry which, as regards our Order, no longer exists? We have established an institution of the grandest possible character upon that foundation of 3,000 years ago; an institution which is flourishing in every clime, and among every race: there is none other like it in the whole world, an institution whose greatness the brethren acknowledge with pride, an institution which all can seek entrance into with only two qualifications requisite—one being purity of character, and the other the acknowledgment of a Supreme Being. These are the only two qualifications required. Freemasonry is as wide as the world itself. It extends over Asia, Europe, America, Africa, and even Oceania and New Zealand, the most distant part of the world from ancient civilisation. Over the whole civilised globe, and wherever civilised man sets his foot there we find Freemasonry in all its glory. The great principle of Freemasonry is that we are all equal as Freemasons. In this Lodge every man is equal, except in so far as any of us may be put in authority over the others for the purpose of regulating the conduct of the brethren, and guiding the management of the institution. Freemasonry makes no distinctions as to creed or colour, Jew or Gentile, whoever they may be, all are equally acceptable; and as to religious belief, the recognition of a Divine Being as the Great Architect of the Universe is the only qualification necessary for admission to the brotherhood. Of course, brethren, this is a theme upon which I might descant at great length, but as I have already promised to make my remarks as brief as possible, I will fulfil that promise. But there are a few matters with regard to myself which I should like to refer to, because there are some members of the Craft who have recently arrived in this colony who are not aware of the position I formerly held in connection with Freemasonry and how long I have been a brother—indeed, many of you were not born at the time when I first became a member of the Craft. I hold in my hand a document which reminds me of the 23rd of July 1839, when I was initiated as an apprentice in the mysteries of Freemasonry. I was in due course raised to the degree of a Master Mason, and in October 1839, I was enrolled as a member of the Grand Lodge of England, on the records of which my name stands at the present time. Now during that time it has devolved upon me to perform some of the most important Masonic acts. In the first place, having arrived in New Zealand, I assisted in 1842 in instituting Lodge Ara, existing up to the present time, and I was elected as its first Master. I recollect that at that period a gentleman of the Jewish persuasion came down from Sydney. I do not know how it is that the gentlemen of that persuasion seem to be more intimately acquainted with our ceremonies than any one else. I recollect that fact, and it reminds me of the perfect and regular way in which Bro. Lazar conducted the ceremony to-day. You see St. Paul's Church there on the hill; I assisted subsequently to the ceremony in laying the foundation stone of that church. Five and thirty years ago is a long time, brethren, a very long time to look back upon. Again, you see the Supreme Court, and I dare say many of you will recollect that I laid the foundation stone of that building myself as a Master Mason in 1865. In 1876, one of the most pleasing incidents of my career in Masonry occurred, when I was invited to the Thames by brother Masons. You must understand that being an English Freemason, I had not yet been connected with any Scotch Lodge. I was invited to the Thames to be affiliated to the Scotch Constitution in the Sir Walter Scott Lodge, and I was enrolled as one of the brethren on that occasion, and it was then a formal offer was made to me to become the first Provincial Grand Master of the Scotch Constitution for the North Island of New Zealand. Well, that is now concluded with this ceremony to-day; I am duly installed as your first Grand Master, and I think I may refer to this fact in proof of the Catholicity of Freemasonry, for here I am an Englishman, never having been in Scotland in my life, and you have accepted me as your Grand Master. I believe I may refer to Bro. Graham here on my right, the District Grand Master of the English Constitution, as being of Scotch origin. (Bro. Graham here whispered some words to Bro. Whitaker, which were not audible in the body of the hall). Born in Ireland, but of Scotch origin—well, I suppose we must accept him as half-Irishman and half-Scotchman, but half an Irishman and half a Scotchman fitted together makes one good English Grand Master. (Cheers.) Here is Bro. Graham, sitting, I may say, in all his glory, and I for one do most sincerely wish him a long and happy reign over the Lodge of which he has been appointed Grand Master. I now have this to say: I do from the bottom of my heart most sincerely thank you all, brethren, for the great honour you have conferred upon me in placing me in this chair, and I assure you it will be my utmost endeavour to conduct the business of this Grand Lodge in a manner that shall be satisfactory to the brethren. I shall endeavour faithfully to perform my duties with the aid of the officers appointed to assist me, and depend upon it my best endeavours will not be wanting to uphold the dignity and support the influence of Masonry. (Cheers.) You are aware that the Master who sits in this chair is as great an autocrat as the Emperor of Russia. What I say in this Lodge is law, and there is but one appeal, viz., to the Grand Lodge of Scotland. Here the Master of this Lodge is supreme. I refer to Bro. Lazar as to whether I am stating what is correct—no brother has a right to dispute the decision of the Grand Master, but let me add that while I will act with firmness, I will also act with moderation, and my decisions, so far as it is possible to make them, shall be founded on justice and truth. (Cheers.) Brethren, assist me to close this Lodge.

At the close of the ceremony the P.G. Chaplain, Bro. the Rev. F. Gould, offered up the following very eloquent prayer:—

God, our Creator, Preserver, and Benefactor, with whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid, we thank Thee for the fraternal communion which we have this day

enjoyed. Pardon all that Thy holy eye has seen amiss in us. Bless our humble labours to the promotion of truth and love, unity and peace. Smile upon our institution, and make it the instrument of great good. Dismiss us with Thy blessing, go with us when we separate, guide us evermore by Thy good providence, and finally reunit us at Thy right hand in that world of life and light where Thou for ever reignest. So mote it be.

The following brethren were the joint Committee for both Installations, and have given universal satisfaction by the manner in which they have carried out the programme:—Bros. Brett and Tyler, for the S.C.; and Bros. Lodder, Skinner, and Wade, for the E.C.

**St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 418, S.C.**—At the meeting of the members of this Lodge, on 26th November, at Auckland, the following Office Bearers were elected for the ensuing year:—Bros. W. C. Walker R.W.M., Thomas Whitson Depute Master, Hewson Senior Warden, Hendry Junior Warden, Lewis Treasurer, Payne Secretary, McEwan Senior Deacon, McCoskrie Junior Deacon, Gallagher Senior Steward, W. Niccol Junior Steward, McClusky Bible Bearer, Hughes Inner Guard, Porter Outer Guard, Rev. F. Gould Chaplain.

**Waitemata Lodge, No. 689, E.C.**—The installation of the officers of this Lodge for the ensuing year, took place at the Lodge Room, Princes-street, in November. There was a very large attendance, the room being crowded. The first business after the Lodge had been opened in the first degree by Bro. Warren W.M., was the initiation of two candidates, after which the principal ceremonies were commenced. Amongst those present were the R.W.D.G.M. Bro. Graham, Bro. P.M. Lodder, who officiated as Installing Master, J. H. Burns Director of Ceremonies, C. F. Goldsbro', W. R. Hayward, W. H. Skinner, H. G. Wade, W. L. Mitchell, and Rev. C. M. Nelson W.M. 1338, G. Redfern W.M. 421, and Bro. Fleming P.M. Lodge St. Andrew. Bro. T. Cole the Master elect was presented to the Installing Master by Bros. P.M. Goldsbro' and Wade, and duly obligated and installed, after which Bro. Warren was installed as Immediate P.M. The Master having been duly proclaimed and saluted in the three degrees, the following brethren were installed in their various offices by Bro. W.M. Cole:—Bros. J. S. Hatswell S.W., W. A. Fenton J.W., H. G. Wade Treasurer, J. H. Burns Secretary. The appointment of the Junior Officers was postponed in consequence of the lateness of the hour, and the fact that the annual banquet of the Lodge was waiting, but before this took place, Bro. Graham R.W.D.G.M. addressed, and charged first the W.M., then the Wardens, and lastly the brethren, on their several duties. An excellent spread was provided by Bro. Hood, and after this had been partaken of, an adjournment took place to the Lodge Room, where tables were laid. The toasts proposed were: "The Queen and Craft and H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M. of the English Constitution;" "The Grand Masters of the Irish and Scotch Constitutions," by Bro. Graham D.G.M.; "The D.G.M.," by Bro. Burns, responded to by Bro. Graham; "The Newly Installed W.M.," proposed by Bro. Wade and responded to by Bro. Cole; "The Immediate P.M. Bro. Warren," proposed by Bro. Lodder and duly responded to; "Bro. Lodder the Installing Master," proposed by Bro. S. W. Hatswell and responded to; Bro. Fleming proposed the toast of "The Officers of Lodge Waitemata," and Bro. Wade responded; "Visiting Brethren" was proposed from the chair, and responded to by Bro. Fleming; "Lodge St. Andrew," Bro. Robinson; "Lodge Sir Walter Scott," Bro. Brown. The toast of the "Host and Hostess" was duly honoured. During the evening numerous songs were sung to enliven the proceedings, and a very pleasant evening was spent by all present at the installation banquet of the Waitemata, the senior Lodge of the English Constitution in New Zealand.

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YORKSHIRE COLLEGE.

ON Saturday last, the members of this lately formed body held their regular quarterly meeting at the Queen's Hotel, York, in the rooms of the Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611, which had been kindly placed at their disposal. Arriving in York about mid-day, they were conducted by Fra. T. B. Whythead to some of the many places of Masonic and archaeological interest with which the ancient city is enriched. The ruins of the Abbey of St. Mary's, the magnificent Cathedral and its relics, the bars and ancient fortifications of the city, were all inspected. The Masonic Hall belonging to the York Lodge, No. 236, was also visited, and the hospitality of the Ancient Ebor Preceptory of Knights Templar (of which Bro. T. B. Whythead is E.P.) was extended to the visitors, preparations having been hospitably made under the superintendence of Bro. J. Ward (Equerry). At four p.m. the College was opened, the R.W. Ch. Ad. Fra. S. B. Ellis presiding in the East, the ceremonies being worked by W. Fra. T. B. Whythead V. Celebrant, assisted by Frates the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett V., J. S. Cumberland III., John Clark II., H. W. Lofthouse II., J. E. Reaney I., and T. Blair I. Letters of apology for non-attendance, through illness and other causes, were read from Captain F. G. Irwin IX. (Ch. Ad. Bristol College), Brockbank VII., Scargill VII., Middleton V., Dr. Thomas V., Dr. Griffiths V., White IV., &c. R.W. Fra. Captain Irwin's letter congratulated the College upon the practical manner in which they were setting themselves to work. The following brethren were admitted into the Order with the usual ceremonial:—J. W. Woodall (Scarborough), William Lawton (York), J. T. Thompson (Sheffield), and Walter Clark (Sheffield). The W. Celebrant then read an interesting paper on the History of Freemasonry in York, for which he received the cordial thanks of the College. It was arranged that the next meeting should be held at Sheffield, and the M.C. was then dissolved. The Frates afterwards met at refreshment, and spent a most enjoyable evening.

## SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF ENGLAND.

A QUARTERLY Convocation of the Supreme Grand Chapter will be held at Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C., on Wednesday, the 6th of February, at 7 o'clock in the evening.

Business:—The Minutes of the last Quarterly Convocation will be read for confirmation.

After which the following report of the Committee of General Purposes will be submitted.

The Committee of General Purposes beg to Report that they have examined the Accounts from the 17th October 1877 to the 15th January 1878, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:—

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Balance Grand Chapter	116	19	0	Disbursements during			
„ Unappropriated				the Quarter -	280	18	10
Account -	198	16	11	Balance -	274	19	11
Subsequent Receipts	452	4	9	„ in Unappropriated Account -	212	1	11
	£768	0	8		£768	0	8

which Balances are in the hands of Messrs. Willis, Percival and Co., Bankers of the Grand Treasurer.

The Committee have likewise to report that they have received the following Petitions:—

1st. From Companions James Mander as Z., Edward James Harty as H., John Henry Watts as J., and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the Eclectic Lodge, No. 1201, London, to be called "The Eclectic Chapter," and to meet at Freemasons' Hall, London.

2nd. From Companions the Rev. Charles William Arnold as Z., Thomas Cawley Eager as H., Harry Will Charrington as J., and nine others for a Chapter to be attached to the Weyside Lodge, No. 1395, Woking, to be called "The Weyside Chapter," and to meet at the Crown and Anchor Inn, Woking, in the County of Surrey.

3rd. From Companions Richard Thomas Elsam as Z., Francis Buckland as H., Richard Cartwright as J., and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the Dobie Lodge, No. 889, Kingston-on-Thames, to be called "The Dobie Chapter," and to meet at the Griffin Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames, in the County of Surrey.

4th. From Companions Joseph Christopher Lambert as Z., Richard Dowling as H., Thomas Charles Storer as J., and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the St. Helena Lodge, No. 488, St. Helena, to be called "The St. John's Chapter," and to meet at James Town, in the Island of St. Helena.

5th. From Companions Joseph Copeland Gillman as Z., Edwin Banks Harding as H., Henry Parker Jones as J., and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the Trafford Lodge, No. 1496, Moss Side, to be called "The Trafford Chapter," and to meet at the Alexandra Hotel, Moss Side, in the Western Division of the County of Lancaster.

6th. From Companions James Glaisher as Z., Ernst Emil Wendt as H., George Brooke as J., and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the St. Mary's Lodge, No. 63, London, to be called "The St. Mary's Chapter," and to meet at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, in the Parish of Ealing, in the County of Middlesex.

The foregoing petitions being in all respects regular, the Committee recommend that the prayers thereof be respectively granted.

The Committee beg further to report that there now stands to the credit of the Grand Chapter invested in the Three per Cent. Consols a sum of £3,400, and they recommend, as no immediate claim is likely to be made on the funds of Grand Chapter beyond the ordinary current expenses, that the following grants be made to each of the Masonic Charities, and be transferred to their respective trustees, viz:—

The Royal Masonic Institution for Girls	£500	Consols
The Royal Masonic Institution for Boys	£500	"
The Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution Male Fund	£500	"
Do do Female	£500	"
(Signed)		JOHN CREATON, President.

Among the Masonic Balls recently announced must be mentioned that of the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, No. 1642, which will be held at the Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke Grove Road, on Friday, the 22nd. The management has been entrusted to Bro. G. Penn, W. Master, who will be assisted by a numerous and influential Committee. It is intended the proceeds shall be given to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, at the next Festival. Tickets, including supper, will be, for gentlemen, 10s 6d; for ladies, 7s 6d; and double tickets, 16s.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked in the Friars Lodge of Instruction, No. 1349, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars, E.C., on Thursday evening, 7th February, at seven o'clock precisely. Bro. W. Hogg as W.M., T. J. Barnes as S.W., Hewlett as J.W., W. Musto as I.P.M.

FIRST LECTURE.—Bros. Fowler, Hallam, Rawley, Shepherd, Durell, Andrews, and Turquand.

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## CONSECRATION OF THE KING'S CROSS LODGE NO. 1732.

THE Founders of this Lodge are brethren who, for the most part, have been associated with the Metropolitan Club, 269 Pentonville-road, since its formation. It will be within the recollection of our readers that the Metropolitan Lodge, No. 1507, consecrated in 1874, held its meetings here up till the latter half of the year 1877, when, in consequence of the limited accommodation the proprietors were enabled to spare the members of the Lodge—which in numbers had far exceeded the anticipations of its founders—it had to seek more capacious quarters for holding its meetings. However, so comfortable had the brethren been made, and so attentive had the management been to their wishes, that it was not unreasonable to suppose that those who were entrusted with the duty of founding a fresh Lodge should bear in mind how well they had been attended to. Consequently, the Metropolitan Club was chosen as the quarters of the King's Cross Lodge, and Wednesday last was the day fixed for its consecration. Bro. J. J. Michael, P.M. 1107 and 1507, was the W.M. designate, and in making the necessary arrangements for the consecration he was ably assisted by Bros. W. M. Stiles and F. Saintsbury. Bro. James Terry P.M., Sec. Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Prov. Grand D. of C. Herts, had been appointed by the M.W. the G.M. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as Consecrating Officer, and our worthy brother had for this occasion the able assistance of Bro. W. Clarke P.M. 114, Prov. G.D. of C. Suffolk. To "the Masonic Quartette" was entrusted the musical arrangements, and so far all were agreed that the right men were in their proper places. The brethren assembled at 3.30, when amongst those present we noticed Bros. Jas. Terry, Thomas Cubitt P.G.P., T. W. Knight P.M. 615, &c., W. Clarke P.M. 114, C. Reiter P.M. 1107, C. B. Payne G.T., Willis P.M., Thomas Walton W.M., A. G. Creak S.W., C. Buckhurst 157; J. G. Humphrey 167, F. W. Ellis 177, C. Solomon U.S.A., H. Massey P.M. 619, Thomas Puzey W.M. 1107, Burgess Perry 1185, R. J. Tubbs 1305, Arthur Thomas 1319, L. Bamberger 1366, W. W. Morgan 1385, B. Kingham W.M., G. Musgrave, Henry Lovegrove, Edmonds, S. Beattie, Howison 1507; C. P. Kempe 1615, W. J. Marlis P.M., G. Penn W.M., Parkhouse 1642; E. Moss 1706, &c. On entering the Lodge Bro. Terry appointed Bros. T. Cubitt and T. W. Knight to the Wardens' chair, while Bro. Reuter acted as Inner Guard. The Lodge was then opened, and the ceremony commenced. We have lately so often had to record the doings at new Lodges that on this occasion we will content ourselves by remarking that the whole of the proceedings went off admirably. Bro. Terry fully sustained his reputation, and his exertions were ably seconded by Bro. Clarke, while the experience and efficiency of the musical party left nothing to be desired. On the conclusion of the consecration Bro. J. J. Michael was presented as the W.M. designate, and regularly installed as the first Master of the Lodge. The following were the Officers appointed for the year:—W. M. Stiles S.W., J. T. Briggs P.M. 151 J.W., F. Saintsbury Sec., Roso (nominated for office of Treasurer), H. Stiles S.D., H. Higgins P.M. J.D., L. Solomon I.G., Daley Tyler. Bro. Michael has a ready flow of words, and in investing his Officers made use of some very happy and felicitous expressions, which seemed to give great satisfaction to his listeners. After the addresses had been given—that to the Master and brethren by Bro. Terry, and that to the Wardens by Bro. Clarke—Bro. Michael said his first was a most pleasant duty. It was to thank Bro. Terry and the brethren who had assisted him for the admirable manner in which they had performed the ceremonies. He then proposed that honorary membership should be offered to Bros. Terry, Cubitt, Knight, Clarke, and Reuter. This was seconded by Bro. Stiles, put to the Lodge by Bro. Briggs, and received unanimous approval. Bro. Terry briefly acknowledged the compliment for himself and the other brethren named. Propositions for initiation and joining were then handed in, and the Lodge was closed. After a brief interval, the banquet was served; Bro. Cox, Manager of the Club, superintended. The tables were bounteously supplied, while the quality of the viands was unexceptionable. After grace had been sung, Bro. Michael rose to give the first toast, the Queen and the Craft; this was not only the first toast on all occasions, but in this instance it was the first that had ever been given in the King's Cross Lodge. After the National Anthem, the W.M. proposed the health of the M.W.G.M., and Bro. Musgrave sang God bless the Prince of Wales. With the health of the Pro G.M. the D.G.M., and the Grand Officers, was associated the name of Bro. Thomas Cubitt, who referred to the interest taken in the Craft by the members of the present Royal Family. Bro. Terry then rose to propose the health of the W. Master. Bro. Michael was one in whom the members could place the most implicit reliance. In other Lodges where he had served the office of Master he had done good suit and service. The duties of a W.M. of a new Lodge were not light. He had to consolidate the several interests, and to harmonise and subdue any variances that might arise. He congratulated the members on having selected Bro. Michael. He ventured to prophecy that if twelve months hence he might have the honour and the privilege of being present, he would find the brethren ready to accord to Bro. Michael their cordial approbation. Bro. Terry urged the brethren to be careful in the selection of fit and proper candidates to join them; he pressed on them to be very mindful not to ask into their Lodge a brother who they felt they ought not to introduce to their home circle. He then called on them to drink the toast. The W.M., in reply, said that Bro. Terry had alluded to the fact of his having already served the office of Master in two Lodges. He stood before them, however, to-night as the first W.M. of this Lodge; and he might add he scarcely knew whether he stood on his head or his heels; therefore, he hoped the brethren would excuse him if he made any mistakes. Bro. Terry had spoken of his responsibility; he to-night treated Bro. Terry as the representative of our M.W.G.M.; no one in the Craft felt their responsibility more than he did. He knew this, that much as he had tried, he had never been able to satisfy himself. He had always felt that there was a something

he ought to do, but as yet had never been able to achieve it. As regards the admission of brethren to the Lodge, he thought it was all very well for a Master to say he would do this or that, and admit only gentlemen who were A1. Why should brethren ever depart from this principle? Was it on account of the impetus given to Freemasonry that they did this? If so, it was the fault of Freemasons. Many of the outside world were anxious to know what Freemasons knew; why should this knowledge be acquired for a few pence? The brethren forming this Lodge were few in number, why should they forfeit the power to exclude those whose introduction to Freemasonry might be inimical to its interests? Was it not their bounden duty to see that only those who would study the interests of Freemasonry should be admitted? Freemasonry was different to other institutions. Freemasons did not subscribe over £40,000 in one year without an object in view. From the highest to the lowest, they asked only for the admission of those who would be an ornament to the Craft, and it was not those who had money only that they wanted. He trusted it would be the object of the King's Cross Lodge to admit only true men. As yet they had no initiate, and they would not introduce one with whom they were not satisfied. Let them keep that object in view, and only admit those who were fit to join the Masonic body. We are a Lodge; let us do our duty. The health of the Consecrating Officer, and of the brethren who assisted, was next given. The W.M. tendered, on behalf of the founders, his heartiest thanks for the way in which Bro. Terry had conducted the proceedings. Bro. Cubitt had helped them to obtain the Warrant. Bro. Knight had done good service in his Province, and was always willing to advance the interests of Freemasonry. Brother Reuter they must not forget; and then came Bro. Clarke. Though the last mentioned, not the least in their esteem. Bro. Terry acknowledged the compliment, and was followed by Bro. Clarke, who delivered a capital speech. He followed Masonry from a sincere love he had for it. He trusted so long as the Lodges were ruled as they were, and guided upon the precepts inculcated by the volume of the Sacred Law, to see Masons adorn their profession. No one could be a good Mason and be at the same time a bad man. "The Visitors" was replied to by Bros. Walton, Penn, and several others. The Officers, in response to their health, each addressed a few words; and Bro. Terry replied for the Masonic Charities. The Tyler then gave his toast, and the brethren dispersed. A capital selection of pieces was given during the evening by the musical party, which comprised Bros. George Musgrave, Burgess Perry, Edwin Moss and Arthur Thomas.

## THE OWL CLUB.

THIS very excellent Club held another of its agreeable meetings on the 28th ult., at their usual quarters in the Guildhall Tavern. The programme was entirely devoted to selections from the works of our great composer, the late Sir Henry Bishop, whose reputation will always entitle him to a place in the foremost rank of English musicians. Under these circumstances, we were not surprised at finding the audience even more numerous and appreciative than usual. The Concert opened with the well known glee, "Come, thou Monarch of the Vine," followed by the round, "When the wind blows." These served to give those present an idea of the treat that was in store for them. Mr. Albert Hubbard sang, "Oh! firm as oak," with great effect. In the sextett, "Give me a cup," which went admirably, the solo part was taken by Mr. Albert James. The glee, "Majestic night," was followed by that sweetest and most popular of all Bishop's songs, "My pretty Jane," which was rendered with such exquisite taste by Mr. Arthur Thompson that the audience called unanimously for its repetition. The glee, "Sleep gentle lady," and the chorus, "The tiger couches," from *The Maniac, or the Swiss Banditti*, brought the first portion of the entertainment to a conclusion. The second was equally effective, and gave, if possible, even greater satisfaction. "Fill boys and drink about," from the *Miller and his Men*, served admirably as an introduction, and led up to the well-known trio and chorus from *Guy Mannering*—"The winds whistle cold." Then came what we feel justified as describing as the gem of the programme, "The Pilgrim of Love," from the *Noble Outlaw*. This was entrusted to Mr. Albert James, who sang it exquisitely. There are few indeed who could have surpassed him either in perfection of execution or in the feeling with which he rendered it. A trio, "Sportive little trifle," composed in the year 1798, when Bishop was but a youth of 15 years of age, came next, and then Mr. W. H. Harper gave a recital on the pianoforte of that beautiful piece, "Home, Sweet Home," which, had the composer written nothing else, would serve to keep up his reputation among all home-loving Englishmen. A glee, "No more the moon," the quartette, "Breathe, my harp," and the chorus, "Bold Robin Hood," from *Maid Marian*, closed the concert, which was patiently listened to, and deservedly applauded throughout.

The District Grand Lodge of British Burmah held its Quarterly Communication on the 11th September last, under the presidency of R.W. Bro. H. Krauss D.G.M., who was supported by Bros. J. Dawson Dep. D.G.M., E. J. L. Twynam as D.S.G.W., B. Samuel as D.J.G.W., and other officers, as well as by the representatives of sundry Lodges. Various reports and applications were submitted, and the D.G. Treasurer's accounts were presented and proved satisfactory. Including the balance in hand in June, the receipts amount to over 348 rupees, and the expenditure to over 265 rupees. The D.G.L. Benevolent Fund shows receipts 667 rupees, and expenditure 380 rupees. A sum of 500 rupees is due to this fund by the D.G. Lodge.

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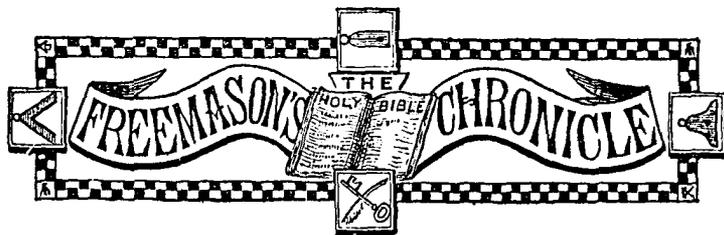
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the opportunity, which a question of the Earl of Faversham afforded him, of explaining the circumstances connected with the resignation and subsequent retention of his office. On Tuesday there was a short debate on the relations between this country and Greece, in which Lord Emly, the Earl of Derby, and Lord Granville took part. On Thursday, the Eastern Question was again brought on the carpet by Lord Stratheden and Campbell, and a long discussion ensued, in which the Earl of Pembroke, the Duke of Argyll, and the Earl of Derby took the leading part. The Duke making a furious onslaught on the Turkish Government.

In the House of Commons on Friday, the early part of the sitting was occupied with questions as to our relations with Greece, the dispatch of the fleet to Constantinople, and the vote of credit to be moved on the Monday following, which the Chancellor of the Exchequer announced would be to the modest amount of six millions. The Marquis of Hartington and the Chancellor were the prominent figures in this interchange of question and answer. Then, on the question for going into Committee of Supply, Sir G. Campbell rose for the purpose of calling attention to the taxation in India, and particularly as regards the Salt Tax. Lord G. Hamilton, as Under Secretary of State for India, replied to the observations of the honourable gentleman. Lord H. Somerset then brought up Her Majesty's gracious answer to the Address in reply to the Speech from the Throne at the opening of Parliament. Mr. Crawford moved the second reading of the Landlord and Tenant (Ireland) Act 1870 Amendment Bill. The debate was almost wholly confined to Irish members, and those officially connected with the administration in Ireland, and resulted in the defeat of the motion by 85 to 66. On Monday, there was immense excitement in the House, and the galleries set apart for strangers of distinction and the ladies were fully occupied. In due course, and after a little preliminary sparring, Sir Stafford Northcote rose to move the supplementary vote of six millions, and in doing so he entered into a long and elaborate exposition of the reasons which had induced the Government to ask for this money. He also of necessity defended the conduct of the Government at this critical juncture, and called on the House to vote the money asked for, and by so doing exhibit their confidence in the Administration, so that at the Conference which must come, when the terms of peace are to be considered by the neutral powers, England may be heard with the attention to which she is entitled. The mention of the word confidence brought the leader of the Opposition to his feet, and he suggested that the debate should be adjourned not till the following, but to some later day, so that the House might have time to reflect ere it passed a vote of confidence as well as a vote of money. He was followed by Mr. Bright, who expressed his astonishment that it should be necessary for England to enter a conference "with shotted cannon and revolvers." Mr. Gladstone spoke briefly in a similar strain. Sir R. Peel, though prepared to vote the money at once, and expressing his belief that the House had confidence in Her Majesty's Government, suggested that no harm could arise if the debate were adjourned. Sir W. Harcourt spoke flippantly, and, as in the course of his remarks he assailed Mr. W. B. Denison for the part he had taken at a meeting in St. James's Hall, that gentleman rose, and as the House was in Committee, retaliated in kind. Mr. Childers inquired whether it was to be a supplementary Vote, or Vote of Credit, and was told that it did not much matter; and then the Chancellor of the Exchequer rose, and courteously acquiesced in what appeared to be the grand feeling of the House, that progress should be reported till Thursday; and it was so reported, and the House resumed. Mr. Selater-Booth then rose, and moved for leave to introduce a bill to amend the law relating to the administration of County business. The right honourable gentleman having fully explained the nature of the measure, Mr. Goschen, Mr. Goldney, Sir W. Barttelot, and others, offered some observations, after which leave was given and the bill received a first reading. The Merchant Seamen Bill was then read a second time, and ordered to be referred to a select Committee. Mr. Selater-Booth likewise obtained leave to introduce Bills for the Valuation of Property and for Highways, both measures being read a first time, and then the House adjourned. On Tuesday, a motion by Mr. O'Donnell for an address to the Queen, with reference to the Dunkeld Bridge, was rejected by 189 to 71. Mr. Anderson then moved the second reading of the Race

Courses [Licensing] Bill, and carried the day by the narrow majority of 2, the numbers for and against being 84 and 82 respectively. The Libel Law Amendment Bill and the question whether it should be read a second time or not, sufficed to pretty well empty the House; for a little after eight, on motion that the House be counted, it was found there were only thirty-eight present, and so it was adjourned at ten minutes past eight o'clock. Wednesday was chiefly occupied in discussing the Criminal Law Evidence Amendment Bill, on the motion, by Mr. Ashley, for its second reading. On division, the second reading was agreed to by 185 to 76. On Thursday, after sundry questions had been put and answered, the motion was submitted that the Speaker leave the chair, and the House go in to Committee of Supply. On this, however, Mr. Forster rose and moved the amendment, of which he had given notice, to the effect that nothing had happened since the meeting of Parliament to justify the Government in demanding a Vote of Credit. His speech was a long one, and when he had finished, Mr. Cross rose and defended the Ministry in one of equal length. Other members took part in the debate, among them being Mr. Bright, who spoke against Ministers, and at length, on the motion of Mr. Trevelyan, the debate was adjourned till Friday (yesterday).

The Queen is still at Osborne with the Princess Beatrice and Prince Leopold, but will leave for Windsor about the middle of this month. Announcements have been made that Her Majesty will hold drawing-rooms on certain days during the season, while the Prince of Wales will hold a series of levées on behalf of Her Majesty, presentations to His Royal Highness being, by the Queen's command, considered equivalent to presentations to her. During the present week the Prince and Princess of Wales have been on a visit to Lord and Lady Alington, at Crichel House, near Wimborne, Dorsetshire. A distinguished circle of friends was invited to meet their Royal Highnesses, among them being the Earl and Countess of Bradford, the Earl and Countess of Hardwicke, the Duke and Duchess of Manchester, Lord Calthorpe, Lord Carington, &c., &c. The Prince has enjoyed excellent sport during his visit, which naturally caused a great sensation in the neighbourhood, the good people of Wimborne making the day of his arrival a holiday, and decorating their streets and houses, and illuminating their venerable Minster in honour of the event. On Saturday, the Prince saw his two sons, the Princes Albert Victor and George of Wales, as far as Paddington Station, on their way to Dartmouth to resume their studies on board H.M.S. Britannia.

The Masonic event of the week is unquestionably the installation of H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught as Great Prior of the Order of the Temple in Ireland. The ceremony took place in the Masonic Hall, Molesworth-street, Dublin, and there was present a large gathering of the most distinguished Templar Masons in the sister jurisdiction. Lord Skelmersdale, Great Prior of England, who had been deputed by the Prince of Wales to represent His Royal Highness, was unable to be present, but Viscount Powerscourt, Great Constable of the Order, Lord Dunboyne, Grand Master's Standard Bearer, the Earl of Huntingdon, the Great Prior's Standard Bearer, with Lord Edward Pelham Clinton, Sir David Roche, Bart., and a host of Knights, were there to do honour to so auspicious an event. Full particulars of the ceremony will be found elsewhere in our columns.

There is great excitement throughout the country, and meetings are being held in all towns and cities of any considerable importance, for the purpose of expressing an opinion in favour of or against the policy of the Government. The most important of these during the week is, undoubtedly, the monster meeting in Paradise-square, Sheffield, when over 20,000 persons were present. The meeting was convened by the Liberals, but their attempt to pass a vote condemning the proposed vote of credit proved a signal failure, an amendment expressing confidence in the Government being carried by an overwhelming majority—as many as three or four to one, it is reported. After this the assembly went off into ecstasies of enthusiasm, sang *Rule Britannia* several times, and hooted Russia to their heart's content. This is the greatest display of popular feeling yet heard, for Sheffield stands next in influence to Liverpool, Manchester, and Birmingham. The same thing happened at Leeds, where a meeting was convened for the purpose of cursing, and ended by blessing the policy of the Government. On Wednesday, Mr. Gladstone was at Ox-

ford, and assisted at the inauguration of a new Liberal Club. Of course, the right honourable gentleman spoke, and at great length, and equally, of course, did he violently condemn the action of the Government.

The political horizon becomes more and more gloomy every hour. It is impossible to explain the delay of Russia in settling terms of peace with her beaten foe on any other ground than that she is bent on ruining her utterly. Mr. Layard telegraphed on the 29th ult. to the Earl of Derby, to the effect that he had been "categorically and distinctly informed by the Grand Vizier that the Porte sent by telegraph to the Turkish Plenipotentiaries, at about 2 p.m. on the 23rd ult., orders and full powers to accept the bases of peace as submitted to them in writing by the Grand Duke Nicholas. The Porte has telegraphed to the Plenipotentiaries three times since the despatch of those orders, to ask them to report the result, but no answer whatever has been received from them." Mr. Layard adds that telegraphic communication is still open, as is shown by the fact that a member of the Mission has communicated with his family in Constantinople. Under these circumstances, the Grand Vizier declares that Turkey is in no way responsible for any delay or procrastination in the settlement of peace. We should think not. The terms demanded by Russia are now known, and they amount to nothing less than the complete dismemberment of the Turkish Empire. However, both Austria and England have addressed notes to the Czar's Government, announcing that they will recognise no changes in the territorial re-arrangement of Turkey which is inconsistent with existing treaties, or has not received the sanction of Europe. Meanwhile, the Russians continue the work of slaughter, and are advancing rapidly on Gallipoli and Constantinople. This, of course, is all for the sake of humanity and Christianity.

#### ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF PETITIONS FOR THE PROVINCE OF DEVON.

THE above Committee met for the despatch of business on Wednesday, 23rd ult., at the Masonic Hall, Gandy-street, Exeter. The work of this body is to organise the voting power of the Province as regards the great Masonic Charities in London; to select candidates from approved petitioners; also to grant sums to poor and distressed brethren in the Province, or to widows of deceased brethren; and for the general organisation of Masonic Charity in Devon. Bro. L. P. Metham D.P.G.M., Chairman of the Committee, was unfortunately absent, by reason of ill health; a letter stating the same having been read, it was moved by Bro. Charles Godtschalk that in the enforced absence of Bro. Dr. Metham, that Bro. Walter G. Rogers, Grand Secretary of the Province, and P.P.G.J.W., take the chair. This being agreed to, business was at once entered upon by the confirmation of minutes of last meeting, at Devonport in August 1877. The business on the agenda comprised the consideration of several cases of benevolence, all of which were responded to to the extent of the power vested in the Committee; in some cases an additional recommendation to Prov. G.L. was made to increase the sum voted by the Committee to £20. The candidates whose petitions were before the Committee for the Charities were then considered, the claims of each being advocated and fully discussed; the names so selected to have the undivided support of the Province until successful by election. The next business was to elect a Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year. Bro. Walter G. Rogers P.G. Sec., Chairman pro tem, very gracefully and feelingly alluded to the illness of Bro. Metham, and his absence to-day, regretted by all, and at once proposed him for re-election. This was seconded and carried. The election of Secretary was then proceeded with. Three or four brethren rose to propose our present Secretary, Bro. J. B. Gover; this however fell to Bro. Samuel Jones P.P.G.D., who regretted to say he fully admitted a neglect of duty, and as that touched upon a matter personal to Bro. J. B. Gover, he requested that brother to leave the room for a short time while he made a few remarks. Bro. Jones then called attention to the fact that twelve months since this Committee had agreed to form a sub-Committee amongst themselves, to take into consideration the presentation of a testimonial to Bro. J. B. Gover, for his services as Secretary to the Committee of Petitions. This was the duty which he had to accuse himself of having neglected. No steps had been taken in the matter. Bro. Jones was here reminded by the Chairman that the business before the Committee was to elect the Secretary. Bro. Jones thanked the Chairman, adding that he had almost sight lost of that fact, but had assumed it as a *fait accompli*. What would become of our Charities did they lose the services of Bro. Gover as Secretary? However, to be in order, he would formally propose Bro. Gover for the office. This having been seconded and carried, the discussion was continued, to carry out the proposed testimonial in recognition of the services of Bro. Gover as Secretary of the Committee, and the good work he had rendered to the Province in connection with our Charities. Bro. Jones eloquently pointed out that the office with all its work was purely honorary; he thought the very least they could do was to show their appreciation of our brother's good heart and love of the Craft by at once bringing the testimonial before the brethren. The best means of doing so having been debated, after some discussion

Bro. Charles Godtschalk was called upon to give some information as to the labour entailed upon Bro. Gover by his Secretaryship to the Committee of Petitions. Bro. Godtschalk was pleased to say a few words on this subject. The real work of the office was not generally seen or known, except by those who, like himself, were intimately associated with Bro. Gover in the work. In his capacity of Secretary a portion of Bro. Gover's work was to know the possessor of every proxy or voting-paper in the Province; to communicate with that person, soliciting his vote or votes for the candidate selected for support. This operation of application had, in many instances, to be repeated again and again; he said this with regret, but this extra labour in many instances was entailed on Bro. Gover by Lodges omitting to respond to a first application. These Lodges have representatives on this Committee of Petitions, who attend the meetings, and who are in duty bound to send their proxies or voting-papers as soon after receipt from London as possible; but in several instances, at each of the elections, votes come too late or not at all. Upon receipt of the votes, Bro. Gover has to register each; he has then to arrange as to the disposal of them; what to exchange, what to borrow or lend, to serve the interest of the candidate of the Province which the Committee had selected. Nor is this all; he has to keep a tabulated book showing how many elections each candidate stood before being elected; the number of votes that carried the case, the highest number on the poll, also the lowest, that were successful at each election. This is absolutely necessary as a line or guide for future elections. Situated as Bro. Gover is, in the midst of the majority of Lodges, Chapters, &c., &c., of the Province, the inquiries he has on matters in connection with our Charities are numerous beyond belief. Does an aged and distressed brother want a petition brought before the Board of Benevolence, he, in most cases, comes to Bro. Gover, who gets the necessary form; the poor brother turns it up and turns it down, not knowing what to make of it; Bro. Gover then steps in and fills it up for him. The poor widow does the same, or, if possible, more; in fact, every question in connection with our Charities is referred to our Brother. All this is repeated again and again at each election, and the elections are frequent during the year. He (Bro. Godtschalk) could show considerably more work than this that falls on the shoulders of our brother; but he thought this sufficient to convince all present. In conclusion, he would add that Bro. Gover was proud of the office, because it was honorary; proud of it, as it aided the poor and distressed brother; it served the widow and orphan, and carried with it the sentiment he had at heart,—Benevolence. Were the office paid for liberally, our Bro. would well earn the salary; but honorary and honorable as it was, he was sure the Lodges of Devon would heartily respond for the testimonial. After further remarks it was agreed unanimously that as this Committee represented the entire Province, each member being a W.M. or P.M. from a Lodge in the Province, that the purport of this testimonial be printed and circulated amongst the Lodges of the Province, and that each member of this Committee pledge himself to advocate this testimonial in the Lodges he represents at their respective meetings. Bro. Gover was then called in, and Bro. W. G. Rogers informed him of his unanimous re-election, for which Bro. Gover in a few feeling words returned thanks. At this part of the proceedings the meeting was honoured by the arrival of Bro. Rev. John Huyshe P.G.M. Neither advanced age, weak health, nor the inclement weather prevented our beloved G.M. from being present in the cause of the Order with which he has identified himself during a long life of benevolence. The remaining business on the agenda was then proceeded with; it consisted of the election of a representative of the Committee in London. Bro. J. E. Curteis P.P.G.S.W. and Bro. Rogers both rose, but Bro. Rogers gave way to Bro. Curteis, who proposed that Bro. Charles Godtschalk be re-elected to the office. The speaker alluded to Bro. Godtschalk in the most complimentary manner. He referred to his great and most successful efforts in London on behalf of the Province. This proposition was seconded by Bro. Rogers, who likewise spoke of Bro. Godtschalk in the highest terms, and referred to an instance where that brother went out of his way to aid a case of charity; for this, individually, he tendered his best thanks. The resolution was carried.

Bro. Charles Godtschalk returned thanks; he duly and fully appreciated the honour. What he did was a labour of love, and out of gratitude to the Province that had so honoured him. The office was no sinecure; but for that very reason he liked it the better. A vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the meeting.

It is the annual custom of Bro. John Way, a member of the Committee, P.M. P.P.G. Treas., to invite members of the Committee to a private dinner. The brethren present this year were W. G. Rogers P.G. Sec., J. E. Curteis P.P.G.S.W., J. B. Gover P.P.G.A.D.C., Charles Godtschalk P.P.G.D., L. D. Westcott P.P.G. Snp. Wks., Samuel Jew P.P.G.T., R. Twose, Vincent Bird P.P.G.T., Rendle, and Robert Bird. Bro. Way, in giving this banquet, more than sustained his reputation for good taste and liberality; in short, the arrangements were the acme of perfection.

#### CORRESPONDENCE.

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##### CHARITIES ORGANISATION.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I feel it would be useless to attempt to reply to Bro. Simpson, who denies the accuracy of my statement, as well as the report published elsewhere.

If it will be of any advantage to Bro. Simpson to know my name, I give you authority to communicate it.

Yours fraternally,

SPES BONA.

28th January 1878,

## 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, 2nd FEBRUARY.

- 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)  
1572—Caruarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.  
1622—Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell.  
1621—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)  
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.  
1453—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester.

## MONDAY, 4th FEBRUARY.

- 45—Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, 12 Old-st., near Goswell-rd., at 8. (Inst.)  
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)  
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)  
1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8. (Instruction.)  
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8. (Instruction.)  
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amlhurst-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.  
London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-st., E.C., at 6, on 2nd and 4th Mondays in each month.

- 37—Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moors.  
53—Royal Sussex, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath.  
119—Sun, Square and Compasses, Freemasons' Hall, Whitehaven.  
133—Harmony, Ship Hotel, Faversham.  
156—Harmony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth.  
199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover. (Instruction.)  
236—York, Masonic Hall, York.  
339—Vitruvian, Royal Hotel, Ross, Herefordshire.  
395—Guy, Crown Hotel, Leamington Priors.  
431—St. George, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields.  
441—Three Grand Principles, Red Lion Hotel, Petty Curry, Cambridge.  
473—Churchhill, Masonic Hall, Oxford.  
492—St. James, New Inn, Handsworth, Staffordshire.  
597—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead.  
622—St. Guthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne.  
651—Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon.  
850—St. Oswald, Assembly Rooms, Ashbourne, Derbyshire.  
1009—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.  
1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire.  
1050—Gundulph, Kings' Head Hotel, Rochester.  
1051—Rowley, Athenaeum, Lancaster.  
1054—Southam, Railway Hotel, Wilmslow, Cheshire.  
1077—Wilton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire.  
1124—St. Oswald, Wynnstay Arms Hotel, Oswestry.  
1264—Neptune, Masonic Temple, 22 Hope-street, Liverpool.  
1573—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Caer-street, Swansea.  
1678—Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales.

## TUESDAY, 5th FEBRUARY.

Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.

- 7—Royal York of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7. (Inst.)  
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)  
101—Temple, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.  
141—Faith, 2 Westminster-chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)  
172—Old Concord, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
217—Stability, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.  
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney. (Instruction.)  
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)  
765—St. James, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark.  
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)  
1261—Golden Rule, Café Royal, Regent-street, W.  
1298—Royal Standard, Wellington Club, Upper-street, N.  
1331—Kennington, Surrey Tavern, Kennington Oval.  
1446—Mount Edgcombe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)  
1471—Islington, Three Bucks, Gresham-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)  
1472—Henley, Railway Tavern, Stratford New Town, at 8. (Instruction.)  
1507—Metropolitan, 269 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)  
1668—Samson, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
1693—Kingsland, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N.  
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 7.  
R. C.—Canterbury, 33 Golden-square.

- 70—St. John, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth.  
103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.  
120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.  
124—Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Durham.  
158—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness-on-Sea.  
209—Etonian, Masonic Hall, Windsor.  
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon.  
303—St. David, Freemasons' Hall, The Parade, Berwick-on-Tweed.  
493—Royal Lebanon, Spread Eagle, Gloucester.  
558—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.  
673—St. John, Masonic Temple, Hope-street, Liverpool.  
702—Sherborne, Subscription Rooms, Stroud, Gloucestershire.  
734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington.  
804—Carnarvon, Lodge Rooms, Waterloo-road, Havant.  
847—Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.  
928—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Petersfield, Hampshire.  
948—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard.  
960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Woking-street, Cardiff.  
1002—Skiddaw, Lodge Room, Market-place, Cockermouth.  
1010—Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship-street, Hull.  
1244—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar.  
1322—Waverley, Caledonia Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne.  
1336—Square and Compass, Corn Exchange, Wrexham.  
1488—St. Eleth, Castle Hotel, Amlwch.

## WEDNESDAY, 6th FEBRUARY.

- Grand Chapter, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.  
193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7. (Instruction.)  
201—Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)  
538—La Tolérance, Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, W., at 7.15. (Inst.)  
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Peppin's-court, Fleet-street, 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.)  
1278—Burdett Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8.30. (Inst.)  
1268—Finsbury Park, Finsbury Pk. Tav., Seven Sisters-rd., at 8.0. (Instruction.)  
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)  
1535—Royal Commemoration, Star and Garter Hotel, Putney.  
1637—Rothsay, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's-inn-fields.  
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.)  
R. C.—Studholme, Masonic Hall, Golden-square.

- 81—Doric, Private Room, Woodbridge, Suffolk.  
293—Harmony, Masonic Room, Ann-street, Rochdale.  
326—Moir, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol.  
327—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton.  
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne.  
417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester.  
428—Sincerity, Angel Inn, Northwich, Cheshire.

- 471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Mon.  
645—Humphrey Chetham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.  
1010—Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship-street, Hull.  
1063—Malling Abbey, Bear Inn, West Walling, Kent.  
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby.  
1091—Erme, Erme House, Ivy Bridge, Devon.  
1144—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne.  
1167—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Alnwick.  
1274—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Chester-le-Street.  
1323—Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea.  
1354—Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh, Lancashire.  
1363—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester.  
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8 p.m. (Instruction.)  
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, at 7.0. (Instruction.)

## THURSDAY, 7th FEBRUARY.

- 3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 7. (Instruction.)  
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8. (Instruction.)  
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)  
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.  
1349—Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)  
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, E.C. at 6.30. (Instruction.)  
1445—Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tavern, Sandringham-road, Kingsland.  
R. A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)  
M. M. 107—Studholme, Masonic Hall, Golden-square.  
M. M.—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-road, Dalston, at 8.30. (Inst.)

- 24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle.  
31—United Industrious, Guildhall, Canterbury.  
39—Union, Council Chamber, Chichester.  
41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath.  
50—Knights of Malta, George Hotel, Hinckley, Leicestershire.  
123—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire.  
249—Mariners, Masonic Temple, 22 Hope-street, Liverpool.  
294—Constitutional, Assembly Rooms, Beverley, Yorks.  
295—Combermere Union, Macclesfield Arms, Macclesfield.  
300—Minerva, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton-under-Lyne.  
309—Harmony, Re i Lion, Fareham.  
317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.  
360—Pomfret, Masonic Building, Abingdon-street, Northampton.  
442—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Boroughbury, Peterborough.  
446—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire.  
509—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.  
650—Star in the East, Pier Hotel, Harwich. (Instruction.)  
792—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bullring-lane, Grimsby.  
1012—Prince of Wales, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire.  
1074—Underly, Masonic Room, Market-place, Kirkby Lonsdale.  
1282—Ancholme, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire.  
1284—Brent, Globe Hotel, Topsham, Devonshire.  
1304—Olive Union, Masonic Hall, Horncastle, Lincolnshire.  
1367—Beamster Manor, White Hart Hotel, Beamster.  
1473—Boote, Molyneux's Assembly Rooms, Boote, Lancashire.  
1500—Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich.  
1612—West Middlesex, Feathers Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
1639—Watling-street, Cock Hotel, Stoney Stratford, Bucks.

## FRIDAY, 8th FEBRUARY.

- Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.  
25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)  
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
766—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. (Inst.)  
834—Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-road. (Instruction.)  
902—Burgoyne, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales-road, Kentish Town. (Inst.)  
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, 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.)  
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.)  
R. C.—Mount Calvary, Masonic Hall, Golden-square.  
36—Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary-street, Cardiff.  
697—United, George Hotel, Colchester.  
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
1087—Beaudebert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard.  
1289—Rock, Bedford House, Bedford-road, Rockferry, Cheshire.  
1536—United Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead.  
1621—Castle, Crown Hotel, Bridgnorth.

## SATURDAY, 9th FEBRUARY.

- 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)  
1426—The Great City, City Terminus Hotel, E.C.  
1607—Loyalty, Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill.  
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)  
1671—Mizpah, Albion Hotel, Aldersgate-street.  
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, at 8.  
1391—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester.  
1556—Addiscombe, Surrey Club, West Croydon.  
1612—West Middlesex, Institute, Ealing.

## WEST YORKSHIRE.

## SATURDAY.

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

## MONDAY.

- 154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.  
1108—Wharfedale, Private Room, Boroughgate, Otley, York.  
1211—Goderich, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds.  
1239—Wentworth, Freemasons' Hall, Sleafeld.  
1302—De Warren, Masonic Hall, Hotel, Halifax.  
R. A. 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds.  
K. T. 29—Faith, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford.

## TUESDAY.

- 265—Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley.  
R. A. 296—Loyalty, Freemasons' Hall, Sleafeld.  
R. A. 600—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.

## WEDNESDAY.

- R. A. 299—Prosperity, Masonic Hall, South-parade, Huddersfield.  
R. A. 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds

## THURSDAY.

- 259—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds.  
974—Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford.  
1231—Savile, Royal Hotel, Elland.  
1513—Friendly, King's Head Hotel, Barnsley.

## FRIDAY.

- 453—Aire and Calder, Private Rooms, Ouse-street, Goole.  
1001—Harrogate and Claro, Masonic Rooms, Parliament-street, Harrogate.  
R. A. 61—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax.

## EDINBURGH DISTRICT.

- MONDAY—429—St. Kentigern, Royal Hotel, Penicuik.  
TUESDAY—5—Canongate and Leith (L. and C.), 88 Constitution-street.  
THURSDAY—97—St. James, St. James' Hall, Writer's-court.  
FRIDAY—56—Canongate Kilwinning, St. John-street.

## NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

**Northumberland and Berwick-upon-Tweed Lodge of M.M.M.**—The regular meeting of this Time Immemorial Lodge was held on Wednesday, the 23rd ult., at the Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne. The chair was taken by the W.M. Bro. W. C. Franklin Prov. G. Sup. of Works, supported by the following Officers:—Bros. W. T. Hughes Prov. G.S.W. I.P.M., W. Cockburn S.W., Dr. Luke Armstrong J.W., T. Y. Armstrong M.O., R. L. Armstrong S.O., J. E. Robson J.O., Rev. S. H. Harris Chaplain, R. Lock Treas., T. Halliday Reg. of Marks, R. G. Salmon Sec. J. Blenkinsop S.D., J. Wood J.D., S. M. Harris I.G., J. S. B. Bell, and J. Usher Stewards, G. S. Simms Tyler, also a large attendance of brethren, amongst whom were Bro. J. Risdale P.M. and Yansow P.M. The Lodge being opened and minutes confirmed, the W.M. rose and expressed his pleasure at having the Prov. G.S.W. a member of their Lodge, and called on the brethren to salute him according to ancient form. This was accordingly done. The ballot was then taken for four brethren, and, proving favourable, they were duly advanced to this honourable degree by the W.M., in a most impressive manner. The Lodge being closed, the brethren adjourned to refreshment, when the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given. The health of the W.M. and P.M.'s met with very cordial responses. Some capital harmony enhanced the evening's enjoyment, which the Tyler's toast brought to a close.

**Egyptian Lodge of Instruction, No. 27.**—At the Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, on Thursday evening last, at 7.30. Bros. Maidwell W.M., Aarons S.W., Chapman J.W., Webb Preceptor, Grammer Sec., Norden S.D., Posener sen. J.D., Posener jun. I.G. The ceremonies of the three degrees were rehearsed, Bro. Hill as candidate for the first, Bro. Grammer for the second, and Bro. W. J. Rawley for the third. The Lodge was then closed.

**Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.**—On Monday last, the 28th January, at the Old Rodney's Head, 12 Old-street, Goswell-road. Present—Bros. Hallam W.M., Moseley S.W., Percy J.W., Tolmie Preceptor, Fenner Sec., Patmore S.D., Stock J.D., Byott I.G., Christopher Tyler; also Bros. Halford, Parkinson, J. W. Smith, F. Sillis, Burtle, Wing, Elliston, Crawley, Trewinard, Powell, Thompson, G. E. Cook, Millward, Banks, &c. Formalities complied with, the ceremony of initiation was well rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Wing candidate. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Halford, and the Lodge was opened in the second degree. Bro. Burtle answered the usual questions leading to the third degree, and was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the third degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed by the W.M. in a very impressive manner. Bro. Hallam again took the chair. The Lodge was resumed to the first degree, and Bro. Stock worked the first, and Bro. Percy the second sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. J. H. Patmore, of the United Strength, No. 228, was elected a member. Bro. Moseley will preside next week. A vote of thanks was awarded to the W.M. for the manner he had fulfilled the duties of the chair.

**Constitutional Lodge of Instruction, No. 55.**—Tuesday, the 29th of January, at the Bedford Hotel, Southampton-buildings, Bros. R. P. Tate W.M., J. S. Brown S.W., W. Braham J.W., W. G. Dickens Sec., J. Soper S.D., T. B. Linscott J.D., A. W. Tranter I.G.; P.M. Bro. Bingemann Preceptor; Bros. Melhuish, Clennel, T. B. Dodson, Hallam, Johnston, and several other brethren. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Hoddinott candidate. The first section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. J. S. Brown, second by Bro. R. P. Tate, and third by Bro. Bingemann. Bro. Brown was unanimously elected W.M. for ensuing week. Masonic business being ended, the Lodge was closed in perfect harmony.

**Lodge of Prosperity, No. 65.**—The regular meeting was held on the 24th inst., at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, City. Bro. C. Daniel W.M., Burge S.W., Brown J.W., Goodwin Treas., C. E. Ferry Sec., Braine S.D., Matthews J.D., Sim I.G., and P.M.'s Bros. L. A. Leins, J. L. Mather, Forbes, Cornwall and Davey. After the preliminaries, Bro. Devenish was raised. Bros. Ratcliff, Jarvis and James were passed, and Messrs. A. Bright, A. Mitchell, and C. T. Chivers were initiated into the Order. The working of the W.M. was excellent, and deserves great praise. A sum of £5 was voted, to be placed on the list of a Bro. who is Steward for the R.M.B. Institution. The Lodge was closed, and the brethren sat down to a very excellent banquet, provided by Bros. Ritter and Clifford. The usual toasts, both Loyal and Masonic, were given. The Annual Ball in connection with the Lodge, will take place on the 6th February. Tickets can be obtained of Bro. C. E. Ferry. Mon. Sec., 58 Old Broad-street, E.C.

**Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, No. 65.**—At Bro. Maidwell's, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, 29th January. Bros. Maidwell W.M., Wharman S.W., Hayes J.W., Aarons S.D., Forrest J.D., Quincey I.G., Rudderforth Preceptor, Hollands Sec., Daniel, Sayer, Hill, D. Posener, Harris, Ellis, Campbell, Chivers. The ceremony of installation was worked by Bro. Rudderforth, in the absence of Bro. Loewenstark, W.M. of the Samson Lodge, through temporary illness. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, Bro. Chivers candidate. Bro. Wharman was elected W.M. for the ensuing Tuesday. A vote of thanks was recorded on the minutes to Bro. Rudderforth for the efficient manner in which he had worked the Installation Ceremony for the first time. Notice was given that on Tuesday, 12th February, Bro. Morgan's tickets for Life Governorships for the Benevolent Institution would be drawn for at this Lodge of Instruction, at 8 p.m.; also that the Prosperity Lodge Ball will be held at the Cannon-street Hotel, on 6th February.

**Joppa Chapter, No. 188.**—A Convocation was held on Monday, the 28th ult., at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street. Comps. W. Littaur M.E.Z., E. P. Albert P.Z. as H., P. Dickinson J., H. Gulliford S.E., L. Lazarus as P.S., S. V. Abraham P.Z. Treasurer, H. P. Isaac 1st Assist.; P.Z.'s Comps. S. Lazarus, M. J. Emanuel, H. M. Levy, J. Lazarus, S. Pollitzer; and Comps. Grove Ellis, L. Lazarus, Moore, Botibol, Boekbinder, Davis, Mellish, M. Auerhaan, Bratt, &c. Chapter was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. Bros. Morrison, Riebold, and Hertzberg were balloted for and duly exalted into R.A. Masonry. Comp. L. Lazarus was unanimously elected S.N., and the W.M. remarked that the Companions might be congratulated on the selection of so efficient a member of the Chapter. A letter of apology was read from Comp. L. Jacobs H., regretting his absence. Bros. G. T. Mann 1017 and F. Buck 188 were proposed for exaltation at the next meeting. The Chapter was then closed until the last Monday in March, and the Companions sat down to banquet, provided by Comp. W. J. Jennings, and superintended by Bro. M. Silver. The usual Loyal and R.A. toasts were given. The M.E.Z. proposed the health of those who had passed the ordeal of Freemasonry, and had now joined the higher Order, that of the Royal Arch; he alluded to the brethren who had now become Companions. He, as well as every one present, was pleased to see them. Emblems do not constitute Masonry; spotless character is the greatest attribute of brotherhood. The holy spirit of love should predominate in our assemblies. Here we see the members of the Jewish and Christian faiths Companions of the same Chapter; meeting together in harmony. We respect all religions. To-night they had three new members, who, he trusted, would eventually be a credit to our Order. After a response from Bro. Riebold, Comp. M. J. Emanuel I.P.Z. rose. He had with great pleasure to propose the health of the M.E.Z. The Companions had seen how he had performed the duties of the Chapter; he might say none could excel him in his working. They had seen how eloquent he had been in presiding, and he hoped his year of office would prove successful. The M.E.Z., in reply, was pleased to perform his duties creditably. He hoped he might leave the chair with the good wishes of all. The toast of the P.Z.'s was next honoured; the M.E.Z. said they had among them Companions who had risen high in the Order; all had done their duty in the Chapter, and one of them had been decorated with an order of merit, the Golden Crown, by the Emperor of Austria. He referred to Chevalier Sigismund Pollitzer. (Cheers.) Each P.Z. had done his duty, and he hoped to see all with them for many years. In proposing the toast of the H. and J., the W.M. said the one who now filled the office of J. had performed the duties of S.E., and he trusted he would eventually occupy the chair. Comp. Dickinson suitably responded. The Z. then proposed the toast of the S.E. and other officers. Comp. Gulliford was the W.M. of the Montefiore Lodge; although he now occupied but a subordinate position in the Chapter, he was sure he would eventually reach the highest office, and he would ask them to drink this toast as it deserved; he would couple with it the name of Comp. H. P. Isaac. Comp. Gulliford said he had seen many Companions who had occupied the chair, who had done their duties admirably; if he could only have the pleasure of following in their footsteps, it would be the greatest aim of his life. The M.E.Z. said that although late, he would now propose the health of the Treasurer of the Chapter. Comp. S. V. Abrahams had done his duty; he would embrace this opportunity to thank him for his noble work in regard to the non-admission of Jewish brethren in German Lodges. After a reply from Comp. Abrahams, the Janitor's toast was given, and the Companions separated.

**Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193.**—Met on Wednesday, the 30th ult., at the Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., Bro. Sergt.-Major Brookson W.M. in the chair. There were also present Bros. Aarons S.W., Croaker J.W., E. Gottheil P.M. Preceptor, J. Constable Treas., J. K. Pitt Sec., James S.D., Sayer J.D., Tollis I.G., Christopher Tyler, Walker, Harris, Marley, Posener, J. Pash, G. Smithers, both of 569, Andrews 1604, and James 193. The minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed, a Master Masons' Lodge was formed, and the third ceremony, as well as the Traditional History, was very ably rehearsed by the W.M. Bro. Biddle acting as candidate. The first section of the third lecture was worked. Bros. James, Smithers and Pash were elected members. A vote of thanks to the W.M., for his efficiency in the performance of his duties, was unanimously adopted, and suitably acknowledged by Bro. Brookson.

**Jordan Lodge of Instruction, No. 201.**—On Wednesday, the 30th ult., at the Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, Portland-place. Bro. Goodwin W.M. elect of the Westbourne 733 W.M. Bro. Long S.W., Franks J.W., Hiscox S.D. and Treas., Hall I.G., &c. Routine being observed, the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Hall candidate. The Lodge resumed to first degree, when it was proposed by the W.M. that the ceremony of installation be worked here on Wednesday evening, the 20th February; this was carried unanimously. The S.W. was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. A vote of thanks was proposed and seconded to the W.M. for the very able manner in which he had performed his duties in the chair.

**Hammersmith Lodge of Mark Masters, No. 211.**—The first meeting of this Lodge, since its consecration last December, was held on Saturday, 19th January, at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith. Bro. John Mason W.M. opened the Lodge. The minutes of the consecration meeting were read and unanimously confirmed. Ballots, taken separately, were unanimous in favour of the admission of Bros. E. Gilbert 22, E. J. Harty Bon Accord, J. Barney 133, and A. Haynes 175, as joining members. Bro. J. Austine 1567, T. Goodall 1590, A. Tisley 1275, J. Graham 1567, J. H. Pearson 1423, T. Lamb 1567, S. Page 1326, M. Clark 1423, L. Bartlett 1423, and R. F. Potter as candidates for advancement. Bro. James Stevens P.G.J.O. P.M. took the chair, and in his usual admirable manner advanced Bros. J. Austine, T. Goodall, A. Tis-

ley, J. Graham, J. W. Pearson, S. Page, and R. F. Potter, to the ancient and honourable degree of Mark Master Masons, Bro. T. Poore G.I.G. rendering good suite and service during the ceremony. Several names were given in, both for joining and advancement. Business being ended, the Lodge was closed, and adjourned, to meet on the third Saturday in April. The officers were all appointed where any vacancy wanted filling, and now comprise Bros. J. W. Baldwin S.W., T. C. Walls J.W., W. Dunham M.O., E. J. Harty S.O., A. Tisley J.O., F. Walters P.G.I.G. P.M. Sec., D. Smith S.D., J. Austine R. of M., A. Haynes J.D., T. Goodall I.G., J. H. Pearson D.C., S. Page W.S., J. Graham C.S., R. F. Potter Tyler. A splendid banquet and dessert followed, which reflected the greatest credit on mine host, Bro. C. Gilbert. The usual toasts were given and responded to. Songs and recitations brought a pleasant meeting to an agreeable close. There was only one visitor present, Bro. W. Wiggington G.S. of W. 181.

**Sandbach Samaritan Lodge, No. 368.**—The annual meeting of this Lodge was held at the George Hotel, on Wednesday, 16th January, at two o'clock in the afternoon. The W.M. Bro. L. Makin was supported by his Officers and above thirty brethren, including Bros. G. W. Latham P.G.D. of England, J. Tomlinson P.M. P.P.G.D. of C., John Bowes P.M. P.P.J.G.W. Cumberland and Westmoreland J. R. Tomlinson P.M., Gilbert P.M. P.P.G.P., Rev. Lunt, Jones S.W. W.M. elect, &c., &c. The Lodge was opened in due form, when the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The Lodge was opened in the 2nd degree, when two brethren claimed preferment, and having sustained their claim were entrusted, and in due time re-admitted and raised by the W.M. The Lodge was then resumed in the second degree, and Bro. Bowes invited to perform the ceremony of installation. Bro. Jones S.W. and W.M. elect was presented to the installing Master by Bros. Makin and Gilbert, and on the first part of the ceremony being completed, the Lodge was opened in the third degree, and subsequently a Board of Installed Masters was opened, when Bro. Jones was placed in the chair of K.S. according to ancient custom. After the investiture of the new officers, the charges were delivered by Bro. Bowes, who received a well-merited vote of thanks for his services. After labour the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

**Vane Chapter, No. 538.**—A Convocation was held on the 24th inst., at the Freemasons Hall, Great Queen-street. Comps. C. Burmeister M.E.Z., Wood H., Rev. P. M. Holden J., H. Reed P.Z. S.E. P.Z.'s Kench, Lindus and Chevalier Pollitzer. The Chapter was opened and the minutes confirmed. The election for Principals took place: Comps. Wood Z., Rev. P. M. Holden H., and C. W. Parsons J. Afterwards the company partook of a banquet. The usual toasts followed. Comp. Chapman of Boston, U.S.A., was present as a visitor.

**Whittington Lodge of Instruction, No. 562.**—Held its first meeting at its new quarters, Bro. Hyde's, the Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet-street, on Wednesday, 30th January, Bro. Marston (W.M. Skelmersdale) in the chair, Tate S.W., Brown J.W., Thompson S.D., Abell J.D., Fox I.G., Long P.M. 435 Preceptor, and a goodly number of brethren. The third ceremony and lecture were very impressively rendered by the W.M. It was generally agreed that this old established Lodge of Instruction would now commence a new career of prosperity.

**Fitzroy Lodge, No. 569.**—On Friday, the 25th ult., the installation meeting of this Lodge was held, at the head-quarters of the Hon. Artillery Company, Finsbury, when there was a very large attendance of members and visitors. The ordinary business having been transacted, a ballot was taken for Mr. Lewis Ratto, which proved unanimous in his favour, and the W.M. Bro. Ensign W. I. Spicer, in a very able manner, duly initiated him into the mysteries of ancient Freemasonry. The W.M. elect Bro. R. G. Webster was then impressively installed by Bro. Capt. J. Eglese P.M. The following Officers were appointed:—Bros. Capt. Helsham P.M. Treas., Capt. J. Eglese P.M. Sec., A. D. Everingham S.W., J. C. Sanderson J.W., Ensign F. J. Stohwasser S.D., Quarter-Master W. G. Brighten P.M. J.D., W. Birdseye P.M. I.G., and W. Jolliffe D.C. In presenting Bro. Spicer, on his retirement, with a P.M.'s jewel, the W.M. complimented him on having performed the duties during his year of office in a very praiseworthy and satisfactory manner. Bro. Spicer, in a few appropriate words, suitably acknowledged the gift and the compliments paid him. Two candidates were then proposed for initiation, and three brethren for joining, after which the Lodge was closed, and a banquet followed, where everything passed off most pleasantly. The usual toasts were proposed and responded to, and the evening's entertainment was made most enjoyable by some excellent singing by Bros. A. Thomas, J. Ion Cantle, and F. H. Cozens, under the direction of Bro. H. P. Matthews. There were upwards of forty visitors, but we are only able to record the names of a few. Bros. R. P. Bent P.G.C., P. de Long S.G.D., J. Connts P.G.P., F. Binckes P.G.S., R. Gooding W.M. Grand Masters' Lodge, Major Venn P.M. St. John's, R. H. Pearson P.M. Urban, J. Bingemann P.M. Constitutional, Henderson W.M. St. John's, Harfeld P.M. Tranquillity, Cantle P.M. Ivy, Gould P.M. Moira, Farnan P.M. St. Albans, E. Miroy, and Sir Thos. Kirkpatrick Bart.

**Royal Oak Lodge, No. 671.**—The election meeting of this Lodge was held at the White Swan Hotel, 217 High-street, Deptford, on Thursday, January 24th. Bro. J. J. Pakos W.M. opened the Lodge. The minutes of the previous and an emergency meeting were read and unanimously confirmed. The work comprised the raising of Bro. T. Weston and the passing of Bros. J. Hill and J. Stanley. The bye-laws were then read. The elections were all unanimous: Bros. G. T. Lima S.W. for W.M., William Andrews P.M. Treasurer re-elected, J. Bavin P.M. 147 Tyler re-elected. The auditors, in addition to those provided for by the bye-laws, are Bros.

J. G. Thomas, J. Buhler, and W. A. R. Harris I.G. The usual five guinea P.M.'s jewel was voted from the Lodge funds, to be given to the retiring W.M. On the motion of Bro. F. Walters P.P.G.D. Mid. P.M. Sec., and seconded by Bro. G. Andrews P.M. D.C., it was unanimously resolved, "That ten pounds be taken from the Lodge funds, and be given to the Royal Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and the Widows of Freemasons, in the name of the J.W. for the time being, In Memoriam of Bro. W. Myatt P.M. The Lodge was closed, and adjourned to Friday, February 28th, to meet at four o'clock p.m. There were present, besides those named, Bros. R. Harman J.W., J. G. Vohmann S.D., G. Harvey J.D., W. A. R. Harris I.G., H. J. Fisher Organist, H. J. Tason P.M., and about forty members. The visitors were Bros. W. Keeble 913, T. H. Seaton 384, J. A. Smith 548, &c. The usual banquet followed.

**Royal Alfred Lodge, No. 780.**—This prosperous Lodge is what is generally known as a summer one, but in consideration of the number of members on its roll, and the mass of work that accumulates during the recess, it becomes necessary in the early part of the year to hold an emergency meeting. The present W.M., Bro. Walter Goss, stands in high estimation amongst the members, not only of his own Lodge, but of the Craft generally. On the occasion of his installation, which took place in September last, a domestic affliction prevented his remaining to preside over the members of his Lodge at their festivities, and many of the brethren were, on this account, the more desirous that at an early date the extra meeting should be held. Accordingly, Friday, the 25th ultimo, was fixed, and the members assembled at the Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at two o'clock. Bro. Walter Goss took the chair; he was supported by Bros. C. F. May S.W., W. Gomm J.W., Jos. Smith P.G.P. Treas., William Hilton P.M. Sec., B. E. Blasby S.D., F. Erwin J.D., C. S. Costelow I.G., Tarling D.C. Gilbert Tyler. Among the Past Masters were Bros. J. Chambers Roe, Littlewood, Brown, Beasley, Potter, &c.; while the Visitors comprised Bros. C. Sterndale Bennett 173, G. W. Speth P.M. 183, G. W. Lay 569, Samuel Page 1326, W. Vassila 1326, W. W. Morgan 1385, Maling 1612, A. J. Burr 1612. The agenda paper was heavy, and punctually to the time named the proceedings commenced. After all requirements had been complied with, Bros. Thomas Clarke, Edward Francois Wyer, E. Spencer Pearson, William Deaken Becket, Thomas Rands, and James Joseph Gunner were examined; these brethren ably sustained their claim for advancement, and Bro. Goss raised them, in two parties of three, to the sublime degree. There were three candidates for passing, and here the brethren exhibited a knowledge of what was required of them ere they offered themselves for the second degree, and in due course Bro. Goss performed this ceremony, in favour of Bros. James Humphreys, Robert Thomas Talbot and Charles Coombes. The ballot was next taken for Messrs. William Eydman, Robert Crawford, R. S. Berwick and Angelo Jacobs. It came out clear, and the first named gentleman being in attendance received the benefit of Masonic light. After routine work the Lodge was closed. A capital banquet was then served by Bro. Stanbury, who personally superintended and ably looked after the comfort of his guests. On the removal of the cloth, the customary Royal toasts were briefly introduced. With the health of the Pro G.M., the D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, was associated the name of Bro. J. Smith P.G.P., who, in acknowledging the toast, said he was pleased to see that the W.M. gave, what all good Masons would always give, the health of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen. Bro. Smith then referred to the happy feeling exhibited by the members of the Lodge. He thought that Bro. Goss had that day afforded them a great Masonic treat by the way in which he had carried out the work of the Lodge. It was naturally to be expected that a young W.M., on his first appearance, would be a little nervous, but of this Bro. Goss had not exhibited a trace. As Father of the Lodge he was pleased to see so efficient a brother presiding. Bro. Smith concluded his remarks by thanking the brethren for the way they had honoured the toast. Bro. J. Chambers Roe, in proposing the health of the W.M., referred to the distressing circumstance that had kept Bro. Goss away from the festive board on the occasion of the Installation meeting. They had been intimately acquainted, and had laboured hard together for the last twenty years. Bro. Goss had exerted himself to obtain a thorough knowledge of his duties, and he (the speaker) firmly believed he would carry them out to the satisfaction of the members. Bro. Goss, in replying, remarked that so much in his praise had been said, both by Bro. Smith and by Bro. Roe, that he hardly knew how to reply. It was scarcely four years ago since he was raised in this Lodge, and it was eminently gratifying to him that he had been unanimously elected to fill the chair. He trusted the year would pass pleasantly, and assured the members that nothing should be wanting on his part to retain their good opinion. The health of the Initiate was then given, and Bro. Eydman replied. He felt at a loss for words to express himself, but of this he felt assured, that if there was a moment in a man's life that he could look back upon with gratification it was the time that he was made a Freemason. In response to their health, which the W.M. most gracefully proposed, each of the Visitors addressed a few observations. All expressed gratification at the way the proceedings had been conducted, and at the liberal hospitality dispensed. Bro. C. Sterndale Bennett particularly referred to the friendship that had existed between his father and Sir John Goss, father of the W.M.; he sincerely hoped this friendship would be perpetuated, and that in future years he and the W.M. might remember their pleasant gathering of to-day. The remaining toasts comprised the Past Masters, the Treasurer and Secretary, and the Officers. Most able replies were made, and when the call for the Tyler was given, congratulations were expressed as to the general success of the gathering.

**Merchant Navy Lodge of Instruction, No. 781.**—On Wednesday, the 30th of January, at the Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, Limehouse. Present—Bros. Ives W.M., Barnes P.M. 554 and 933 S.W., W. Hallett W.M. 781 J.W., Breden Sec., Scherboam S.D. 781

S.D., Hewlett 141 J.D., Andrews J.D. 1227 I.G.; P.M.'s Bros. Turquand 1556 Preceptor, Armstrong 781, Musto 1349, Hogg 1349, I. P. Cohen W.M. 205, &c. Visitors—Bros. Thol 890, Lambert 1556, Delavelle 1662, Simmonds 781, Wolf 781, Webb 781, G. R. Russell 781, Emery 1625, Hewlett 141, Coleman 1306, W. J. Smith 860, Gebringer 1178, L. Norden 205, Omer 1259, Harris 1076, Cotter 554. In addition, there were present over fifty members of the Lodge. Lodge opened in due form with prayer, minutes read and confirmed. The Fifteen Sections were then most ably worked by the W.M. Bro. Ives, who, though only a young Mason, bids fair to be a perfect and skilful worker. The whole of the brethren who assisted worked with precision, and nothing better could be desired by the most fastidious. The W.M. rose, and it was proposed by Bro. Breden Sec., seconded by Bro. Musto P.M. 1349, that the Visitors named above be enrolled as members of this Lodge of Instruction. This was carried unanimously. This evidenced how high in estimation the brethren in the East-end hold the working and Preceptorship of the Merchant Navy Lodge of Instruction. It was then proposed by Bro. Turquand, seconded by Bro. Barnes P.M., that Bro. Ives W.M. of the evening be made an hon. member. This was readily agreed to, and, in returning thanks, Bro. Ives alluded to the assistance given to him, and many other brethren, by their esteemed Preceptor. He tendered his sincere thanks to Bro. Barnes and the brethren for the kind manner in which they had come forward to support him. Bro. Barnes thanked the brethren. He was especially indebted to Bro. Scherboam, who laboured under two disadvantages; first, he was an old Mason, and had to unlearn what he had already learned; secondly, he was a foreigner, and could not speak the English language without trouble and perseverance. However, he thought this the greater reason why he should be more especially selected from the rest of the brethren. The Lodge was then closed in due form. The following are the names of those who assisted:—FIRST LECTURE—Bros. J. H. Pringle, L. Norden, A. Scheerboam, W. C. Livormore, C. H. Webb, J. Andrews, W. Musto. SECOND LECTURE—Bros. M. Clegg, S. Hewlett, Onld, W. Hogg, Ellis. THIRD LECTURE—W. Hallett, J. Taylor, I. P. Cohen.

**New Concord Chapter, No. 813.**—A Convocation was held on Thursday, the 24th January, at the Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton. Comps. J. R. Gallant M.E.Z., W. Crawford H., J. Wright J., T. J. Cusworth S.E., W. H. Main S.N., &c. Minutes having been read and confirmed, Bros. Sinclair, Thomas, Chicken and Gabb, who had been previously balloted for, were, by the courtesy of the M.E.Z., duly exalted into Royal Arch Masonry by Comp. W. Smeed P.Z. 946, an honorary member of the Chapter, to whom thanks were accorded for his able rendering of the ceremony. The Companions afterwards partook of a banquet, provided by the new proprietor, Bro. A. Probyn.

**Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.**—On Tuesday last, at Bro. Smyth's, the Sisters Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston. Bros. C. Lorkin W.M., Bonner S.W., Lovelock J.W., M. Christian S.D., Wardell J.D., Weige I.G., Dallas Sec., Smyth Treas., P.M. Wallington Preceptor; Bros. J. Lorkin, McClean, Slater, Collins, Fenner, Lines, Carr, Caithness, and others. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Maclean candidate. Bro. Carr answered the necessary questions; the Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. On resuming, Bro. Fenner worked the second section of the Lecture. Bro. Caithness, of Lodge 299 was elected a member. Bro. Bonner was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week.

**Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227.**—Held its regular Meeting at Bros. Bolton and Lane's, the King and Queen, Norton Folgate, on Friday, the 25th January. Present—Bros. Ellis W.M., Lane S.W., Hine J.W., Townsend Sec., Simmonds S.D., Campbell J.D., Smith I.G.; also Bros. Bolton, Hunter, Clarke, Posener jun., Strond, Saveas, &c. Lodge was opened in due form, minutes of last Lodge meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Hunter candidate. Bro. Smith answered the questions leading to the second degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. Bro. Simmonds answered the questions leading to the third degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. All the ceremonies were worked by the W.M. in a most excellent manner. Lodge was resumed to the first degree. Bro. Hine was appointed W.M. for ensuing week. A vote of thanks was awarded to the W.M.

**St. John of Wapping Lodge of Instruction, No. 1306.**—The members met at the Gun Hotel, High-street, Wapping, on Monday evening, at 8 o'clock. Present—Bros. Baldwin W.M., Jameison S.W., Greeley J.W., Mortlock P.M. J.D., Brame Secretary, Elliott I.G., and several others. The Lodge having been duly opened, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Brame being candidate. The second and third sections of the lecture were worked by Bro. Mortlock P.M., assisted by the brethren. Bro. Jameison was appointed W.M. for ensuing week.

**The Ebury Lodge, No. 1348.**—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Tuesday, 22nd inst., at the Morpeth Arms, Grosvenor-road. Bro. A. J. Ireton W.M. presided, assisted by Bros. E. Jacobs S.W., W. J. Edmunds J.W., J. Coutts P.G.P. P.M. Treas., W. Bourne P.M. Sec., T. Farnell J.D., G. Stacey P.M. Organist, Simeon Jacobs W.S., W. H. Richardson I.G., J. Verity P.M., J. Elliall I.P.M., J. Palmer P.G.S.W. Berks and Bucks, and about forty of the brethren. Among the visitors we noticed Bros. W. II. Gulliford W.M. Montefiore No. 1017; T. White P.M. 22, J. Edgar 1287, S. Harrison Organist 386, R. Michell 1614, Geo. Coleman 1614, T. A. Dickson 1614, and H. Moore 1329. The Lodge having been opened, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bros. T. Frame, W. H. Read, and R. H. Johnson, candidates for raising, answered the usual questions, were entrusted and retired.

The Lodge was advanced, and the brethren named were raised, in a most faultless manner by the W.M., who delivered the Traditional History in a very impressive manner. The Lodge was resumed to the first degree, and Bros. W. E. Thomson, J. H. Tilney, E. Moody, and E. D. Hook, candidates for passing, answered the questions, and in due course were passed. The W.M. explained the tracing board of the degree. A ballot took place for the following gentlemen:—Messrs. J. Stacey, W. C. Wigley, H. Fincham, and J. Chevin Hall, which being unanimous in their favour they were initiated into Ancient Freemasonry; the W.M. delivered the ancient charge, in a faultless and impressive manner. Indeed, the excellent working of the W.M. deserves the highest praise. A gentleman was then proposed for initiation at the next meeting. The W.M. intimated his intention to represent the Lodge at the Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and the Lodge voted £10 to his list. The Lodge was closed, and the brethren retired for refreshment. The Queen and the Craft, the M.W.G.M. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Pro G.M., the D.G.M. toasts having been proposed, Bro. J. Coutts P.G.P. responded. The W.M.'s health was proposed by the I.P.M., who deservedly praised him for his working during the evening; considering this was the first meeting since the installation, it showed how hard Bro. Ireton must have studied; whoever succeeds him must look to their laurels. The Initiates, the Visitors, the P.M.'s, the Officers, were toasted in their turn, and some eloquent speeches were given in response. Altogether, one of the most pleasant evenings we have ever enjoyed was passed.

**Hotspur Lodge, No. 1626.**—The regular meeting of this young but flourishing Lodge was held on the 24th, at the Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne. There were present Bros. T. J. Armstrong W.M., J. Hopper I.P.M., Dr. Luke Armstrong S.W., J. Bell J.W., R. L. Armstrong Treasurer, R. C. Simonds Secretary, Grist S.D., Bolam J.D., W. S. Hughes P.M. D.C., G. W. Lox Org., W. Smith I.G., G. W. Sims Tyler. The Lodge being opened, and all formalities being disposed of, five gentlemen were initiated by Bro. W. S. Hughes P.M., &c. The Lodge being closed, the brethren adjourned to refreshment, when the Loyal and Masonic toast were duly honoured. Amongst the visitors were Bros. I. Enon W.M. 481, T. Halliday W.M. 406, G. J. Dean W.M. 541, Rev. S. H. Harris P.M. 406, &c.

**Earl Carnarvon Lodge of Instruction, No. 1642.**—On Friday, 25th January, at the Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-road, Notting-Hill. Present—Bros. Murlis P.M. W.W., Penn S.W., Adkins J.W., Tettenborn S.D., Spiegel J.D., Smout sen. I.G.; and Bros. Savage P.M. Preceptor; Crabb, Wood, Hatton, Newland, Sutton, and others. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. The first and second sections were then worked by Bro. Savage, assisted by the brethren. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Hatton being the candidate. Bro. Sutton, of Exelsior Lodge, No. 161, Dublin, was elected a member. Bro. Penn was appointed W.M. for next meeting.

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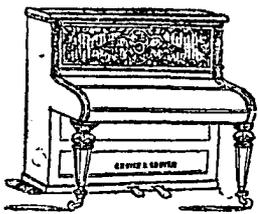
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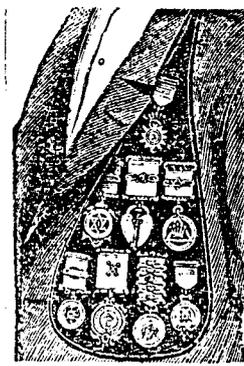
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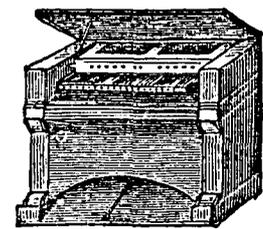
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