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## FESTIVAL OF THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

THIS important event will be held at Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday next, when the chair will be occupied by his Grace the Duke of Manchester, Provincial Grand Master for Northamptonshire and Hunts, and it is obviously our duty to make a few remarks on the first in order of time of the three leading events of the year. It is not necessary we should devote much space to the comments we are about to offer. The case is simple enough. The Benevolent is an Institution of which English Freemasons are very proud. The services it renders in alleviating the distresses of indigent brethren and the widows of brethren are of incalculable value, but the permanent income on which it has to rely, including interest on invested moneys and the grants by Grand Lodge and by Grand Chapter, amount, in round figures to £2,341. Now, a sum of £10,000, more or less, is absolutely necessary for the payment of annuities, and there is a further amount of over £2000 required for the official and contingent expenditure of the Institution. Thus, for considerably more than three-fourths of its total outlay the governing body must look annually to the voluntary subscriptions and donations of Craftsmen, in order that it may be in a position to fulfil all its liabilities. To speak more precisely: if the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution is to continue effecting the amount of good it presently does,—and no more,—then a sum but little short of £10,000 must be raised annually. This, therefore, is the task which the friends and advocates of this right noble charity have before them on Wednesday next, and the question which is exercising the minds of most of us is very simple: Will there be a failure in the attempt? Will the attempt be barely successful; or, will it be successful with, as was the case last year, an ample margin to spare? If we look back, and take only the last four Festivals, and note that year by year the proceeds of the Annual Festivals of this Institution have gone on increasing we should incline to believe that as a possible maximum—by which we mean a maximum which, without any extraordinary effort on the part of the Craft, it is certainly possible to compass—we say, as a possible maximum has not yet been reached, there is no reason why the proceeds of Wednesday's Festival should not be in excess of last year's. But we must not be too sanguine of a result so favourable. Great as was the success which attended the efforts of Bro. Terry and his numerous and influential Board of Stewards last year, there is, that we are aware of, no serious reason why the sum of £13,300 realised last year, should not be exceeded. But there are several minor reasons which induce us to believe it will not be so. We intend nothing derogatory to the noble Chairman of Wednesday—and, indeed, he will doubtless be the first to acknowledge the justice of our remark—when we say that some part of last year's success was attributable to the announcement that Prince Leopold, Prov. G. Master of Oxon, would preside. That, at the last moment, considerations of health forbade His Royal Highness fulfilling the arrangement made, we believe, but little difference in the result. Without for one moment insinuating that the spirit of flunkeyism is abroad among us, we cannot doubt that the fact of a Royal Brother having promised to play the leading part on the occasion induced many of the Craft to follow his illustrious example. Without suggesting that some may have needed such an example in order to shake them into a just sense of their duty, we think it likely that

some few may have been aroused to greater activity by the knowledge that the Provincial Grand Master of Oxon, albeit one of our youngest members, was far from being the least resolute in fulfilling his obligations. At all events, the Craft showed itself sensible of the intended honour of having the youngest Prince of the Blood Royal as President of this particular Festival, and responded munificently, albeit circumstances prevented him at the last moment from occupying the chair. Any one, under such circumstances, would labour under certain disadvantages when following immediately in His Royal Highness's footsteps. Yet, are there few worthier Masons who could have been invited to preside on Wednesday next. The title of Manchester is an honoured one in the Craft. A century since, and an ancestor of the present Duke was our M.W.G. Master, so that, in one sense, his Grace has an hereditary claim to the loyal support of his brethren, and we doubt not it will be forthcoming on this occasion. That he will do his best for the Charity is beyond question, and we trust the result will be equal to that of last year, though it may not surpass it. Other circumstances there are which may exercise an unfavourable effect. The times are not prospering. To say nothing of the political anxieties of the moment, there is the depressed state of trade which has endured for so considerable a period, and it is very possible that with the will to give liberally, there is not the same amount of ability. But after making every allowance for the different circumstances under which the Benevolent Festival of this year will be held, we are not without hope that it will be nearly, if not quite, as productive as in 1877. At all events we have no fear that it will fall short of what is required for the necessary expenditure of the year. We imagine it will be sufficient, with a fair, if not a considerable, margin to spare. One matter must be noticed, Bro. Terry has an efficient Board of Stewards, numbering over 200; last year there were 274. The number is certainly less, but, as was evidenced at the Boys' Festival last June, it sometimes happens that a Board, which is numerically weaker, is as serviceable as one that is stronger. However, a few days only must elapse, and the result will be known; and it only now remains for us to add that we trust Bro. Terry and his zealous coadjutors will find their hopes of a satisfactory result in the fullest degree realised.

## ENGRAVING OF THE INSTALLATION OF H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES.

THIS interesting representation of one of the most auspicious events in the history of English Freemasonry is at length ready, and copies will be issued to subscribers as fast as time and labour will permit. The artist, Bro. Harty, has had many and grave difficulties to overcome, and many a sharp disappointment has intervened between him and the completion of his task. Still he has persevered resolutely, and has at length the pleasure of submitting his work to the criticism of his Masonic friends and patrons. That it will meet with general approbation is, in our humble judgment, a matter beyond all question. The engraving is a great success, whether we judge of it as a whole, looking in such case to the general effect only, or whether we examine its various parts more or less minutely. In either case we shall find that Bro. Harty has surpassed all his previous efforts, and has produced an illustration in every respect worthy of the great event it is

intended to commemorate. The grouping of the figures on the dais is admirable, while the attitudes of the brethren seated in the foreground of the picture are very artistically arranged; the perspective is perfect, and, as we have said already, the general effect leaves nothing to be desired. To pass now to the various kinds of engravings which will in due course be issued, we must premise that each state or class of impression—according to its money value—must be finally completed before the next is commenced. Thus, there are five classes or descriptions of impressions, namely, (1) Artist's Proofs, signed by the artist and engraver in autograph pencil. These are the most valuable, and will be *bonâ fide* limited to two hundred; (2) Proofs before Letters, or B.L. Proofs. On these the artist's and engraver's names are engraved only, with the *publication* line, but with no title or dedication. This class will likewise be limited to two hundred. (3) Lettered Proofs, on which the dedication or title is engraved. (4) and (5) Prints, differing only in the quality of the paper on which they are printed, that used for No. 4 being, of course, the more valuable. For these later descriptions of impressions the plate will be cut down, and the paper, &c. will be smaller and inferior to that used for the superior classes. It is anticipated that these two stages will be completed by the end of the month of April, as the process of printing is very slow, it being only possible to accomplish ten proofs per day. The first class, or Artist's Proofs are now in course of being issued, and will be forwarded to subscribers in order of priority. The majority of them are beautifully and appropriately framed, and ready for immediate hanging. Indeed, Bro. Harty has made arrangements for the supply of suitable frames of different qualities and degrees of ornamentation, according to price. We have merely to say, in conclusion, that we have watched the progress of what will certainly be one of the most important historical engravings in connection with Freemasonry with a great degree of interest. We know how anxiously and unceasingly Bro. Harty has laboured in order to secure success, and we congratulate him most heartily on the very brilliant success he has achieved. We sincerely trust his labours will receive their due measure of appreciation from the Masonic public. He has raised a lasting memento of one of the most important Masonic events, as it is unquestionably the most interesting, which has occurred this century. Let him now be permitted to reap the reward of his ability as well as of all his toil and trouble.

### THE DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF NEW SOUTH WALES.

AT a Special Communication held in the Masonic Hall, Sydney, New South Wales, on the 19th November last, R.W. Bro. John Williams was installed as District Grand Master, English Constitution. R.W. Bro. J. Squire Farnell, Prov. G. Master Irish Constitution, presided, and acted as Installing Officer, there being present R.W. Bro. Sedgwick, Prov. G. Master Scottish Constitution, R.W. Bro. George Thornton, Past Prov. G. Master Irish ditto, Bros. R. Coley Past Dep. D.G.M., W. N. S. Gordon D.G.S. Warden, J. G. Davey D.G.J. Warden, with other District Grand Officers, and between six and seven hundred members of the three Constitutions. District Grand Master elect having been announced, a procession was formed, and Bro. Williams was introduced and presented to the Installing Officer. His patent of appointment having been read, Bro. Williams was obligated, and subsequently invested and proclaimed. Bro. W. H. Simpson was then obligated and invested as Dep. D.G. Master, after which the D.G. Officers were appointed and invested, the principal among them being as follows:—Bro. H. Westcott District S.G. Warden, W. G. Cassidy D.J.G. Warden, Rev. Wazir Beg M.D. LL.D., and Rev. W. White D.G. Chaplains, A. Gardner D.G. Registrar, Leworthy D.G. Secretary, Norman Selfe D. President Board of General Purposes, M. Medway D.G.S. Deacon, and N. J. Robinson D.G.J. Deacon, J. Booth D.G. Supt. of Works, F. B. Davidson D.G. Dir. of Ceremonies, G. L. Kirchner D.G. Sword Bearer, J. S. Carroll D.G. Organist, D. Mitchell D.G. Pursuivant, and S. A. De Lissa D.G. Tyler. The District Grand Master then briefly addressed the brethren, and promised that he would exhibit the same zeal in behalf of Freemasonry as he had done during his previous term of the same exalted

office, and he referred with just pride to a letter he had received from the Grand Secretary, England, in which those former services were spoken of in terms of high commendation: We append the letter, which is as follows:

FREEMASONS' HALL, LONDON, W.C.  
16th August 1877.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have the pleasure to hand you here-with the Patent of your appointment to be District Grand Master of New South Wales, in succession to Bro. A. T. Holroyd, resigned, an office which you have already held with so much credit to yourself and satisfaction to your brethren in the district, that they again desire you to resume your sway over them. I sincerely trust that your efforts in the cause of Masonry may be as successful now as they were on a former occasion, and that health and strength may be granted you to carry out the duties of the office as formerly, for the general benefit of the Order.

I have the honour to be,

Yours truly and fraternally,

JOHN HERVEY, G.S.

John Williams, Esq.

Right Worshipful District Grand Master for New South Wales.

At the conclusion of the address, the election of a brother to fill the office of D.G. Treasurer, become necessary by the appointment of Bro. Simpson to be District D.G.M., was proceeded with, and Bro. N. Hopson having been proposed by Bro. Simpson, and seconded and supported by Bros. Dr. Beg and Webster respectively, was unanimously chosen. Bro. Hopson having been invested, and expressed his thanks for their election, District Grand Lodge was closed with the usual formalities.

We have received several communications in reference to the Public Night for which arrangements have been made by the Companions of the Prudent Brethren Chapter, No. 145. It will take place at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, on Tuesday next, and the following is the Programme of the evening's proceedings:—

Chapter will be opened in due form at 6 o'clock.

Companion J. Boyd, P.Z. 145, will call the attention of the Companions to the connection of Royal Arch Masonry with the Craft.

The First Clause of the First Section will be worked by Comp. H. Venn, No. 145.

The Second Clause of the First Section, by J. C. Cox J. 145.

The Third Clause of the First Section (Ancient), by Comp. D. Haslett P.Z. 145.

Companion J. C. Cox will deliver the Historical Lecture.

Companion J. Jermyn Boyd, No. 145, will give the History of Moses's Rod.

Companion Thomas Bull, P.Z. 145, will deliver the Symbolical Lecture.

Companion C. A. Woods, No. 145, will give an Illustration of the Four Principal Banners and Ensigns.

Companion Edward Moody, Z. 145, will explain the Traditional Ceremonies, Sacred Signs, and Mystical Part of this Degree.

Companion J. Boyd P.Z. will illustrate the Symbolism of the Royal Arch Jewel and Platonic Bodies.

Companion Herbert Dicketts P.Z. 145, will act as Director of Ceremonies.

Evening Dress—full R.A. Clothing.

A cold collation will be provided by Bro. A. Best, Proprietor of the Freemasons' Tavern, at 9 o'clock. Tickets, 3s each, to be had of the attendants in the Ante-room.

### AN AMERICAN MASONIC PILGRIMAGE.

FROM a Brother in York we learn that some of the members of the Mary Commandery of Knights Templars, Philadelphia, U.S., are planning a pilgrimage to Europe next July, chiefly for Masonic purposes. Their plan is to leave New York on the 6th July, arriving in Glasgow on the 16th of that month. The next few days are to be spent in Scotland, in visiting places of interest, such as the line of Lochs, to Stirling, thence to Edinburgh and Melrose, and so through to Sheffield, where they expect to arrive on the 23rd July. The night will be spent amongst the hospitable brethren of Sheffield, who will, we trust, not kill the pilgrims with kindness. On the 24th, York is to be visited, and the archaeological wonders of that ancient city glanced at, and the following three days are to be devoted to the metropolis. Thence to Paris, and in succession to Brussels, Antwerp, and back to London. On the 12th August, the wanderers will be in Liverpool, and on the following day in Dublin, arriving in Londonderry on the 17th, and on the 18th August sailing for New York, where they hope to arrive on the 29th of the same month. There can be no question about the energy of our 'Transatlantic brethren, and in the foregoing programme it must be admitted that they have taxed their time and abilities to the utmost. We feel quite sure that their reception will be most cordial wherever they go, and that they will take back with them to Philadelphia bright recollections of their meetings with their brethren of the mother country.

# ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

List of Stewards for the Anniversary Festival, Wednesday,  
13th February 1878 :—

HIS GRACE THE DUKE OF MANCHESTER,

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Bro. Rimell, J. G. ... ..	1602
„ Simpson, G. ... ..	1611
„ Howes, Joseph ... ..	1623
„ Durham, Edmund ... ..	1639
„ Christian, W. T. ... ..	W.M. 1662

Bro. Calderwood, George Henry	1677
„ Klenok, J. Matthew (P.M. 1339, Z. Chap. 1339)	W.M. 1686
„ Killick, Charles K. ...	W.M. 1693
„ Purkiss, William Thomas	W.M. 1695

Bro. Murray, J. J. ... ..	1706
„ Farnfield, W. H. ... ..	W.M. 1716
„ Snelling, W. H. ... ..	

## CORRESPONDENCE.

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

We cannot undertake to return rejected communications.

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

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## ANONYMOUS CORRESPONDENTS.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Rev. Bro. Simpson is not the only man who objects to anonymous correspondents, but it seems to me there are many cases in which it is an advantage for people to be able to express their opinions in the columns of a newspaper without divulging their names. All editors will do their best to keep out libellous communications, and most editors will disallow what are ungentlemanly in tone and feeling and statement. “SPES BONA” questioned the justice or propriety of certain statements made, or opinions expressed, by Rev. Bro. Simpson at a Lodge banquet, in the presence of a considerable number of brethren, but there was nothing personally offensive to my rev. brother in the manner in which your correspondent so questioned them. Indeed, “SPES BONA” is, in my opinion, entitled to Rev. Bro. Simpson's thanks; for while he wrote with a full knowledge that, if he misrepresented or misinterpreted what Bro. Simpson had stated, he exposed himself to the penalty of being corrected and rebuked, not only by that brother, but by others who were present on the occasion, he did so with the certain knowledge that, in case of necessity, Bro. Simpson would explain what, if I judge rightly from “SPES BONA's” letter, was the interpretation which others, as well as he, attributed to Bro. Simpson's statements. In writing as he did, there was no necessity for “SPES BONA” to make his name public, though I dare say he is not ashamed—there is, in fact, no reason whatever why he should be ashamed—to divulge it.

There is another case in which the opportunity of writing anonymously is clearly a great advantage. As you well know, I have, with your kind permission, written several letters in your columns, on matters of general interest, and, in nearly every case, some brother or brethren have expressed themselves pleased with the opinions I have expressed. I am a young Mason, if not a young man, and probably my views might have passed unheeded had it been known they emanated from one so inexperienced. As it is they had a certain weight, and exercised a certain influence on the minds of others. I do not say they would not have produced the same feeling had I appended my name, but they *might* not have done so. Similarly, the anonymous articles, be they social or political, which we read in the journals of the day, we accept and respect them as expressing the opinions of a section of the general public; but if the names of the writers were appended we should come to look at them as merely the opinions of the writer. I read the articles in my favourite paper—the *Times*, the *Standard*, or the *Telegraph*—and I say perhaps to a friend—Have you seen the *Standard's* article on the war, or reform, or what not? I do not know, nor do I concern myself as to who wrote it. The article expresses a certain form of public opinion, and that is sufficient; but if I were aware it was from the pen of Mr. Jones or Mr. Robinson, in time I should bring myself to regard it, not as public opinion, but as the opinion of the writer only.

Yours fraternally,

PETER.

## AN INQUIRY.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Can I obtain, through the medium of your journal, the following information?

List of Masonic works calculated to assist an inquirer in investigating the history of a London Lodge from 1750 to 1813.

Names of Lodges dating their existence prior to the Union in 1813 of which histories have been written, including those printed for private circulation only.

Yours fraternally,

A MASONIC STUDENT.

The weekly gatherings for instruction, held at the residence of the W.M. of No. 23, were adjourned from the 5th until Tuesday the 19th inst., to afford the brethren who are capitular Masons the opportunity of being present at the Prudent Brethren Chapter Public Night.

The third annual banquet of the members of the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, No. 1507, will take place on Tuesday, 12th February, at the Metropolitan Club, Kings Cross. Bro. R. T. Kingham, W.M. of the parent Lodge, will preside.

## REVIEWS.

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

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*The Country of the Moors; A Journey from Tripoli in Barbary to the City of Kairwân.* By Edward Rae, F.R.G.S., author of “The Land of the North Wind.” Map and Illustrations. London: John Murray, Albermarle-street, 1877.

Works of travel, even if they are only moderately well written, are always popular with the English reading public, while books which contain an account of some comparatively unknown region are read with avidity. The work before us comes under the latter category, for though the coast-line of Tripoli may be tolerably well known, and likewise some of the principal towns, yet the interior is not traversed by many people, and consequently there is much in these pages which will be new and highly interesting to the reader. As to the author, he appears to possess most of the requisite qualifications for a traveller, and especially that determination to please and be pleased, combined with firmness and self-possession, of which a man moving among comparatively uncivilised strangers stands in absolute need. He is an adept in the use of his pen, to the extent of writing in an easy and unaffected style, and his knowledge of photography has enabled him to present a few illustrations, chiefly of the ruins he was permitted to see. Indeed, the number is such as to make us wish they had been far more numerous. Just prior to starting, Mr. Rae received a variety of commissions from friends and even strangers, to bring back for them embroideries, silken stuffs, china, &c., &c. One of them we transcribe at length:—

“Dear Rae, I send a list of a few things I wish you would get for me. Twelve inlaid hand mirrors with mother-of-pearl and ivory; five or six essence cabinets, such as are found in Tunis and Cairo; two soft silk scarfs, of scarlet and plum colour; a set of coffee-cups and silver holders set in turquoise; must be old; any blue and white china worth having; whatever large pieces of silver work—bracelets, &c.—you don't want yourself; some old embroidery; a brass Jewish lamp; and a brass ewer and basin.”

Another gentleman asks for shells and birds' eggs, and he kindly forwards Mr. Rae an illustration showing him how he is to blow the eggs: and yet another asks him to execute commissions to the extent of fifty or a hundred pounds in oriental embroidery. These are only a few out of the many purchases he was invited to make.

We pass over the earlier chapters till we come to the ruins of Septis, which are still of considerable extent, but which, if the present work of spoliation goes on, will soon be reduced to nothing. Thus, at p. 44, we read: “We ascended the hill, and found on its crest a gang of fifteen or twenty negroes, with a Maltese overseer, hard at work excavating. They had come upon the site of a temple, of which the noble red granite columns still stood erect under the sand. They had excavated a huge hole, and length by length the columns were being removed, and placed ready for transport to Homs. This disgraceful traffic is destroying what remains of Lebda's glories. Maltese and low Mediterranean traders in Homs are growing rich upon the sale of columns” which, it seems, are “invaluable as olive-crushers,” and one case is mentioned of a “Maltese who came penniless to Homs,” and now has “a shop of his own, and is doing well.” Some interesting details are given of the early history of the city, and among them the following legend is worthy noting:—“In order to settle disputes as to the boundaries between Cyrene and Carthage, it was determined that certain deputies should set forth from each capital simultaneously, and the spot at which they met should be determined as the boundary. Two brothers, Philæni, set out from Carthage, and, travelling swiftly, outstripped the more dilatory Cyrenians, encountering them on the shores of Leptis. Enraged, and fearing the vengeance of their countrymen, the Cyrenians began to pick a quarrel, and declared they would ‘fix’ the Carthaginians, who must have started before their appointed time. They gave them the option of withdrawing to the spot the Cyrenians desired as a boundary, or of being buried alive where they stood. The disinterested Philæni, for the welfare and glory of their fatherland, chose the latter alternative, and were interred, living, somewhere in the neighbourhood of these ruins. Here the Carthaginians erected altars, and instituted at Carthage religious solemnities in their honour. We were,” adds the author, “on the point of shedding a tear to the memory of the Philæni, when we referred to our chart, and discovered that the Cyrenians must have travelled from seventy to eighty miles more than the Carthaginians.”

Chapter XV. contains some interesting details of the City of Sfax. While there, the arrival of a caravan, from the Djerid, with dates, took place, but they proved to be unsaleable, owing to the plentiful supply that season. It is, however, worth learning about the prices and qualities of their fruit. “The finest dates of Tunisia,” says Mr. Rae, “or, indeed, of Africa—the *degbla*—can be bought in Tunis for thirty-five shillings the hundredweight; in the Djerid for, perhaps, ten shillings. There are dates in Djerba, known as *bilahh* and as *b'sir*, but they are far behind the *degbla*. In Morocco is a date also known as *bilahh*. On the flatish lands of Kerkeneh there grows a soft dark date, called *ertoûb*, cheap, and not very good.” As to measures, we are told that the Tunisian pound, the *rotal attari*, is just equivalent to our lb. avoirdupois; the *oke* contains two *rotals*, and the *kantar* fifty *okes*. The Tunisian measures for corn, flour, &c.,



are the *sah*, equal to four and a half imperial pints; the *ouïba*, containing twelve *sah*, and the *kajiss* sixteen *ouïbas*. There is a second scale of weights for precious metals. The coinage begins with the *karoûb* or farthing, which is nominally equivalent to six and a half *bourbe*. The silver *piastre* is worth sixpence; the *bouhamsa* or *mahboob* half a crown. There are ten, twenty-five, fifty, and hundred *piastre* pieces in gold, of which the most common are the twenty-five *piastre* pieces, representing just fifteen francs."

Of the Sfaxin and other Tunisian Moors, we read that it is a general custom "to carry, under the turban and above the ear, a small bouquet—sometimes a couple of rosebuds, or a rosebud in a ring of orange-blossoms. The contrast with the snowy white, straw-coloured silk, or green cotton turban is very telling;" and further, that they exhibit grace, both of dress and manner, which does not characterise the Egyptians or Syrians, and which recalls their ancestors, the refined Moors of Granada and Cordova. "There are no bazaars where such delicacy of taste, in dress and colour, are to be seen as in Tunis. The people seem tasteful by instinct, and it is a positive treat to sit and watch them. They reflect the polish and good breeding of the Spanish Moors, and are noted for their intelligence." We read further, that the gardens of Sfax are of immense extent: "There are no less than twelve thousand of them about the city. There is not a really poor man in Sfax; each one has his 'garden' outside the walls, if only containing a fig-tree and half-a-dozen olive trees. The man who comes to beg for bread has his country-seat, though it may be only a dozen yards square."

But the most important place which the author visited is the City of Cairuan or Kairwân, which Mr. Rae recommends intending tourists to be careful in visiting. This is the religious capital of Tunis, and it is necessary to be very circumspect in moving about it. It is rich in remains, many noble shafts and capitals having been transported from Cyrene. Thus Dr. Shaw is quoted as saying, "We have several fragments of the ancient architecture at this place, and the Great Mosque is accounted the most magnificent, as well as the most sacred in the Barbary States. It is supported by an almost incredible number of granite pillars. The inhabitants told me, for a Christian is not permitted to enter the mosques of the Mahometans, that there are no fewer than five hundred; yet, among the great Variety of Columns and the ancient Materials used in this large and beautiful Structure, I could not be informed of one single Inscription." Temple, another writer, is also quoted: "Kairwân is, as is well known, a sacred or holy town, the present hot-bed of all the bigotry of Mohammedanism in Africa. The traveller who wishes to enter its walls must take upon himself all the risks of the enterprise." And then the same writer's remarks as to the difficulties under which they traversed the town are quoted: "Our promenades through the town were managed with the greatest mystery, the Kaid at first positively refused to let us walk out, except after sunset. After further difficulties he appointed an officer to attend us, making us promise not to stare about too much, take notes, drawings, or speak in any European language. Disguised in Arab dress, we paraded through the town, observing a dignified silence and a steady solemn pace. More than one walk we were not allowed to take, as I was told that if we were known to be Christians whilst walking about, we might be torn to pieces by the infuriated populace." As to the precautions which the author took with all this before him, we follow his statement in pp. 205-9, with considerable amusement. The great difficulty was in obtaining a dye for the face and hands which would last for some days. However, he received at length a letter to the effect that he could enter the city under the protection of an escort of soldiers. Accordingly he set out, and in due course reaches a suburb of the city. His experiences here are noted at pp. 218-20. Afterwards, he enters the city and we have a full account of his sojourn, how he moved about, always attended by a body-guard, how he was not unfrequently hooted by boys, and how he occasionally received hard words from children of a larger growth. Following this is a brief historical sketch of the city, and then further details of his visit to the holy city. All this is extremely interesting, and Mr. Rae tells his story admirably. In fact, the work, taking it as a whole, is most agreeably written, while that portion of it which describes the city of Kairwân is, as we have said, in the highest degree interesting.

*Mottoes and Aphorisms from Shakespere*: Arranged alphabetically, with a copious index of words and ideas. Second Edition. London: John Hogg, Paternoster-row. 1877.

It is quite unnecessary we should speak at any length of a work of this description. The fact that it has reached a second edition is sufficient to show the appreciation in which it is held. There are just 2,700 quotations from our great national poet, and of these more than one hundred and sixty have been added in the present issue. They refer to every imaginable subject, so that any one on the look out for a device, or for an apt quotation which will serve to illustrate some particular point, will have no difficulty in finding one to suit his purpose. He has but to refer to the index for the word which he is desirous of illustrating, and against it he will find the number, or numbers, of the passages relating to it. Thus, on the subject of "Love" he will have the choice of more than one hundred passages, on "Philosophy" of some half-a-dozen, on "Pity" of about as many. Then, as each motto has appended a reference showing from which of the plays or poems it is taken, a further consultation of the play or poem will enable him to gather from the context the exact force or bearing of the motto, and whether it will be applicable to the kind of idea he desires to illustrate. As the index contains some 9,000 words or ideas, which are fitted with mottoes or aphorisms, our readers will be able to judge of the value of the work,—which it is impossible to estimate too highly. To the literary man and the journalist it must prove especially useful. With this little volume at hand when he is writing, he will be able to hit on the exact passage he may wish to quote, without moving from his chair and breaking

the thread of his article or essay. As regards the work of compilation, it has been done most carefully, and in the many cases we have tested for accuracy, we have found them, without exception, to be correct transcripts from the original, both verbally and in respect of punctuation. We repeat, the work is a most useful one, and we are glad to have had the opportunity of expressing a favourable opinion of its merits.

## PERIODICAL LITERATURE.

THE serials in *Cassell's Family Magazine* progress most favourably. In "Time shall try," the scene between Dora and Harry Gwynne is admirably contrived, though the latter exhibits a wilfulness of misunderstanding which is hardly in consonance with the previous feelings he has shown. "Suspense," by the author of "A Hard Case," is well written, and impresses us more favourably the further it advances. "Snowed up," by the author of "A Race for Life," is neatly told, but we are not favourably impressed with the illustrations. Of the other contents it is almost unnecessary we should say they are on a level with the ordinary contributions. Mr. Payne writes admirably on "Soup," and we think housewives will do well if they accept his advice on this interesting part of a dinner. Then there is a paper on the "Higher Examinations for Women," which is perhaps more than usually *a propos* just now when the question of the admission of women to our university degrees has been brought forward with more than the usual prominence. Another useful educational paper will be found in the shape of an article on "Educational German Universities," and Lady Georgina Wilson contributes a sketch of "A Belgian Day Nursery." A Family Doctor speaks with his usual force on "Harmless Requisites for the Toilet," and Mr. Munro, C.E. writes at some length on the "Telephone," his sketch being one of the most interesting contributions to the current number. Those who have been studying the events of the war, which, according to the latest accounts is concluded, will find much pleasure in reading the gallant exploit of an English officer in the service of Russia performed more than a century ago. The title of the paper is "Running the Gauntlet of the Dardanelles," and is alone sufficient to ensure the attention of the reader. The author of "Beauty Spots" contributes "A Dream of the Western Wye," and a very agreeable piece of descriptive writing it is. Some other papers and the "Gatherer's" notes complete an excellent number. We notice that the illustrations are not as good as usual.

The current number of the *Countries of the World* deals, in the first instance, with scenes in the United States, and thence we pass to Mexico. The account of the changes of Government through which the latter country has passed, is told very tersely. The subsequent chapters, in which the sub-divisions, climate, and products of the country are described, are interesting. The illustrations throughout the whole number are admirable, the following being among the most noteworthy, namely: "View of Mount Mansfield, Vermont,"—the frontispiece; "View on the Missisquoi River, Vermont;" "View of Vera Cruz, on the Gulf of Mexico;" "Colossal Head Carved in Stone in an Aztec ruin at Izamal, in Yucatan." "Aloes (*Agave Americana*) in bloom;" "Tropical Climber;" and "Lagoon in the Tierras Calientes."

Successive numbers of *Temple Bar* hardly require to be noticed, for there is seldom, if ever, any deviation from the ordinary standard of excellence. Occasionally, of course, we light upon contributions which are comparatively feeble, but more frequently it happens that we meet with an article which is above the *Temple Bar* level. In the current number will be found a tale by Mr. D. E. Bandmann, entitled "The Stroller." It is excellently well put together, and the style in which it is written is certain to enlist the favourable consideration of the reader. The story is of the son of a woman in poor circumstances, who, thanks, however, to his mother's exertions, is provided with means sufficient for him to pursue his studies at some college; but he happens to witness the performance of a company of strolling players, and is immediately stage-smitten. He is, in consequence, sent off to college, and in time meets the same company. In spite of his mother's curse, he resolves on adopting the stage as his profession. He makes a favourable impression, and soon finds himself rising in public favour. Chance brings him in the way of a beautiful girl, with whom he looks forward to unite himself, but the fates or Mr. Bandmann have willed it should be otherwise, and their acquaintance ends most tragically. We imagine those who read this story of Mr. Bandmann's will be on the look out for further contributions from his pen. Two other articles are to be commended: "Our Old Actors—Charles Macklin," and "Dangers of Alpine Mountaineering." The serial tales, one of which "Jet; her Face or her Fortune," by Mrs. Edwardes, is commenced this month, are worth reading.

## GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

A Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Scotland was held on Monday afternoon in the Freemasons' Hall, the Most Worshipful the Grand Master Mason, Sir Michael R. Shaw Stewart, on the throne. Bro. F. A. Barrow was in his place as Senior Grand Warden, and Bro. R. F. Shaw Stewart, Senior Grand Deacon, acted as Junior Grand Warden. There was a large attendance of the brethren; and amongst those present were:—Bros. Henry Inglis of Torsooce Depute Grand Master, Colonel Montgomerie Nelson Prov. Grand Master of Glasgow, Lauderdale Maitland P.G.M. of Dumfries, John C. Forrest P.G.M. of Lanark, D. Murray Lyon Grand Secretary, David Kinnear Grand Cashier, the Rev. Dr. Gray Grand Chaplain, William Hay Grand Architect, Alexander Hay Grand Jeweller, Thomas Halkett Grand Bible Bearer, Captain Hills Grand Marshal,

William Mann Past Senior Grand Warden, and W. H. Bickerton Provincial Grand Secretary, Glasgow. The following representatives from Foreign Grand Lodges were present:—Bros. F. S. Melville, President of the Board of Grand Stewards and Representative of the Grand Lodge of Hungary, William Officer Representative of Egypt and Pennsylvania, Dr. Loth Representative of the Grand Orient of France, Daniel Robertson Representative of South Carolina, William Barton Representative of Tennessee, A. Thomson Representative of Illinois, John Baird Representative of Cuba, and R. S. Brown Representative of Kentucky. Apologies for absence were intimated from Bros. the Rev. A. Thomson Grand Chaplain, and Captain G. F. R. Colt of Gartsherrie Grand Sword Bearer.

Reference was made in appropriate terms by the Deputy Grand Master to the death, in December last, of Bro. James Ballantine, who had held the office of Grand Bard since 1861, and on the 7th January, of Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Kinnaid, who was Grand Master Mason in 1830-31, and at his death was Provincial Grand Master of Perthshire East, which post he had filled for the period of fifty years. The following resolutions, which had been prepared by Grand Committee, were then adopted, and the Grand Secretary was instructed to communicate their terms to the relatives of the deceased Brothers:—“(1) That the Committee desire to express their unfeigned regret at the grievous loss sustained by the Scottish Craft in the demise of their Grand Bard, Bro. James Ballantine—a loss shared in by the Scottish nation. He was enshrined in the hearts of both; for to genius of a high order he united qualities which are not always, or even often, combined with it. His life was pure—his sympathies with all that was virtuous and good were unbounded—his affections towards all humanity had the true ring of Christian and Masonic charity and love; and he died, as he had lived, distinguished by the admiration and attachment of his fellow men. (2) That the Committee have also to mourn the death of one of their Past Grand Masters—Bro. Lord Kinnaid—a nobleman who added to his exalted rank that attribute so valued and appreciated by Freemasons—a life-long and unvaried devotion to their Order.”

The minutes of Grand Committee brought up the question of the recent change in the constitution of the Grand Orient of France, whereby a profession of belief in God and in the immortality of the soul is not now essential to admission as Freemasons in that body; and stated that Grand Secretary had intimated to the Grand Orient that should it be the case that such a radical change in the fundamental principles of Ancient Freemasonry had indeed been confirmed by that body, Grand Committee would be under the necessity of recommending to Grand Lodge to sever the fraternal relations that have for so long a period subsisted between it and the Grand Orient of France.

A reply was submitted from the Grand Orient expressing great astonishment at the proposal for the rupture of fraternal relations, and remarking that there seemed to be a belief that the Grand Orient, in modifying the first article of the French Masonic Constitution, wished to profess atheism and materialism; but holding that this was an erroneous interpretation of the vote—an interpretation which there had already been occasion to protest against—and declaring without hesitation that nothing was more contrary to the feelings which dictated the revision of the article of constitution. In concluding, the letter from the Grand Orient expressed the hope that the considerations set forth therein would be weighed by Grand Lodge, which counted among its members so many distinguished men, that when better informed on the question now occupying its attention it would refuse to take part in an act of intolerance which would be at complete variance with the real sentiments of the Masonic brotherhood, and that the fraternal relations now existing between Grand Lodge and Grand Orient would be continued. Grand Committee had expressed an opinion that the reply of the Grand Orient was not satisfactory, and this was confirmed by Grand Lodge.

Grand Lodge then proceeded to the election of the Grand Committee, the whole of the members of that body retiring on this occasion, in accordance with a new law of Grand Lodge. There were fifty-seven nominations for the thirty-six seats, and after a considerable amount of dividing, the following were elected:—Bros. R. F. Shaw Stewart and Hugh Munro, Edinburgh; Alexander Kelt, Dundee; William Mann, Edinburgh; John Baird, Glasgow; Dr. Carmichael, H. E. Gordon, William Hay, R. S. Brown, and Alexander Hay, Edinburgh; F. S. Barrow, Glasgow; George McLean, James Turner, F. S. Melville and W. Officer, Edinburgh; William Barry, Leith; John Beveridge, John Davidson, Dr. Middleton, William Barton, William Niven, Charles L. Ramsden, W. J. C. Abbott, and G. H. Thoms, Edinburgh; W. H. Bickerton, Glasgow; Adam Thomson, Galashiels; A. N. Clarke, Edinburgh; Z. H. Heys, James Morgan, James Thomson, and Robert Nesbit, Glasgow; Peter Sinclair and Albert Althorpe, Edinburgh; Farquhar MacGillivray, Lanark; MacNaught, Glasgow; W. Macdonald, Dundee.

Grand Secretary was instructed to issue charters in favour of the following new Lodges:—“Ben Ledi,” Callander, Perthshire, No. 614; “St. Andrew,” Qneanbeyan, New South Wales, No. 615; “St. John,” Coquimbo, Chili, No. 616; and “Sir George Cathcart,” Cathcart, No. 617. It was agreed to repone Lodge “St. John, Operative,” Forres, under its old number, 37, it having been dormant since 1869.

Bros. Henry Knight, of Maurer, Joseph E. Salles, and C. H. Johnston were appointed representatives of Grand Lodge to the Grand Lodges of St. John's, of Hungary, the Island of Cuba, and Kentucky respectively.

Some statements were submitted as to the finances, and were extremely satisfactory. The income for the quarter ending 21st December last had exceeded the expenditure by upwards of £940.

After disposing of some other business, Grand Lodge was closed in ample form.

Speak well of your brother Masons, or else don't speak of them at all. Remember to praise, and forget to blame, and you will be truly charitable.

## EDINBURGH.—VISITATION BY GRAND LODGE.

ON Tuesday the 5th instant, the Lodge “Journeymen” (No. 8) was honoured with a Grand Visitation by the M.W. G. Mason, Sir Michael R. Shaw Stewart, and a number of the Officers of the Grand Lodge. The throne was occupied by Brother H. Munro, Right Worshipful Master of No. 8, supported by a large number of the Past Masters, and there were upwards of two hundred of the members of the Lodge present. The Grand Master was accompanied by the Deputy Grand Master, Brother Henry Inglis of Torsonce; Brothers Robert F. Shaw Stewart, Senior Grand Deacon, acting as Senior Grand Warden; William Hay, Grand Architect, Acting Junior Grand Warden; D. Murray Lyon, Grand Secretary; David Kinneir, Grand Cashier; Alexandra Hay, Grand Jeweller; Montgomerie Nelson, Provincial Grand Master of Glasgow; Lauderdale Maitland, P.G.M. of Dumfries; William Officer, representative of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and Egypt. R. S. Brown, representative of the G. Lodge of Kentucky, &c. Among the Masters of daughter Lodges present were—Brother H. E. Gordon R.W.M. of St. Luke (No. 44); Wm. Grieg R.W.M. of St. Stephen (No. 145); William Barry R.W.M. of Trafalgar (No. 223); and John Grieg R.W.M. of Lodge North British Railway (No. 597).

After the usual introductory toasts, Brother Kerr gave a brief sketch of the history of the Lodge Journeymen, which comprised an account of the origin of the Lodge in 1707—the breaking off from the Incorporation of Freemen Masons in Edinburgh, and commencing on their own account in the infant Lodge of the Journeymen. He described their plight in having their books seized, their Master and Wardens made prisoners in the City Court-house, at the instance of the Incorporation of Masons, and mentioned that in 1707 the Lords of Council and Session gave them a constitution authorising them to exist as a Lodge, to “gie the Mason word,” and receive fees, at the same time presenting to them their constitution in a crimson velvet purse, with a contribution to the benevolent funds, subscribed by the judges on the bench. [The purse was exhibited to the meeting.] Long afterwards the Lodge contributed both men and labour to the building of the present Royal Infirmary, and carried the working tools and consecrating elements and inscription tablets to the foundation of the Infirmary in 1738. The managers of the Infirmary intimated in 1745 that a ward had been set aside for the use of the journeymen masons, and during the great dearth towards the close of the last century the Lodge-room was fitted up as a granary for Indian corn, which the Lodge imported on their own account, and had ground in meal and baked in bread as the necessities of the labourers required. During the time the Lodge was so occupied, they held their meetings in the journeymen's ward of the Royal Infirmary. In 1825 the mason trade became so much depressed in Edinburgh that its members were scattered over the whole of the British colonies. Yet they did not give up their connection with the Lodge, but remitted their contributions yearly until the whole of those members died out. In 1842 the lodge removed the restriction which had permitted the admission only of members of the mason craft, and threw open its membership to the building trades generally, in order to prevent the bankruptcy of the funds, on account of the short lives of operative masons. The lodge, he then showed, had since retrieved its position, so that now it has a capital of nearly £4000, yielding an annual produce of about £200, besides the contributions of the members, which are applied entirely to benevolent purposes. In the administration of their charity, he added, they are careful to aid only such as are really deserving objects, and they have invariably found these to require only temporary aid, and in casual charity they are careful to make due enquiry as to deserving objects. Brother Kerr was heartily thanked for his interesting address.

The toast of “The Grand Lodge of Scotland and the Most Worshipful Grand Master” was then proposed from the throne, and drank with hearty Masonic honours. In acknowledging the toast, the Grand Master remarked that that was the first occasion on which he had met a purely operative Lodge—one really of working men—and that he had often noticed how much interest the members of No. 8 displayed in the business when they were supporting him at meetings of Grand Lodge. Therefore, he felt the greatest pleasure in being present to meet them that evening. In concluding, he proposed the health of the R.W.M. of Lodge Journeymen. The R.W. Masters of Lodges present, and the Past Masters of Lodge No 8 received similar compliments. In the course of the evening, some excellent music was provided, and a pleasant evening was spent.

## MASONIC KNIGHTS TEMPLAR AND KNIGHTS OF MALTA.

THE annual meeting of the Holy Cross Encampment and Priory of Malta was holden at the Huyshe Masonic Temple, on Friday, the 1st February. The Encampment was opened in ancient form by E. Sir Knight Westcott P.E.C., and the minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed, the business on the agenda paper was at once proceeded with. This was to instal the eminent Commander for the ensuing year, and E. Sir Charles Godtschalk P.E.C. of the Royal Veterans' Encampment, having been invited to perform this ceremony, then occupied the throne. The Eminent Commander elect, Sir Knight Admiral Gisse, C.B., was then introduced for the honour of installation, and he was thereupon, in the ancient and prescribed form, duly entrusted with the solemn rites peculiar to his exalted position and entroned. The manner in which this ceremony was performed by Sir Knight Godtschalk elicited the warm commendations of those present. He is always correct and highly impressive, but in his address to the new E.C. he surpassed himself, and well earned the thanks awarded him for kindly undertaking the duty at short notice. He was supported by

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The brethren of the Capper Lodge, No. 1076, have decided to open a subscription list on behalf of Bro. J. Henderson, P.M., &c. whose prolonged services in Freemasonry fairly entitle him to a handsome recompense. Bro. Henderson has now reached the Scriptural limit of "three score years and ten," and his unwearied kindness and indefatigable exertions in the various offices of the Lodges he belongs to are well known. It has been decided to invite the active co-operation and assistance of the Worshipful Masters, Wardens and Officers of such Lodges, to aid in obtaining a substantial reward for long and faithful services rendered by this worthy brother. Subscriptions will be received by the following brethren, who form the Committee :—

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## Obituary.

THE Provincial Grand Lodge of Berks and Bucks has sustained a severe loss by the death of their Provincial Grand Treasurer, Bro. George Chancellor, who has filled that important office, with great credit to himself and benefit to the Province, for about six years, he was also P.P.G.W., and one of the Founders of the Grey Friars Lodge, No. 1101, and a warm supporter of our Masonic Charities; in fact, whether it was either within or without the pale of Masonry, it was only for him to know it was a case requiring assistance, and his liberal hand was never withheld. His loss will be severely felt, not only by Masons but also by a large circle of sorrowing friends. Our late lamented brother's illness was of short duration. He caught a severe cold, while fulfilling a business engagement in London, on the 23rd January, which resulted in congestion of the lungs, terminating in his death, on Saturday last, at the early age of 45. He was buried in the Reading Cemetery on Wednesday, being followed to his last resting place, in addition to his bereaved relations, by about 50 members of the Reading Lodges, the pall being borne by the W.M.'s of 414 and 1101, and four Provincial Grand Officers. He leaves a widow and three young children to mourn his loss, to whom we beg to offer our sincere sympathy.

THE ancient and illustrious order of Freemasons have promptly availed themselves of the opportunity afforded by the death of the late Marquis of Conyngham, to testify their loyal respect and esteem for the Duke of Connaught, by electing him to the vacant office of Great Prior of Ireland. We feel sure that no more gratifying or acceptable proof of the popularity of H.R.H. has been given since the Prince became a sojourner amongst us. In every part of the country which his Royal Highness has visited he has been received with the utmost cordiality by all classes of the people. The warmth of the reception is, no doubt, due, not only to the attachment felt for his Royal mother, but to his personal qualities, which conciliated the good-will of all parties. While such is the feeling with which his Royal Highness is regarded throughout Ireland, which claims him as her own, the Order of Freemasons were glad to be enabled to offer a special token of respect, which the Prince would be likely to appreciate. To those who are uninitiated in the mysteries of the distinguished Craft the names which the officers bear will appear singularly quaint, but they possess a significance which every member understands, and the proceedings are stamped with a solemn character which is intelligible to every one. The assailants of Freemasonry, who bring reckless charges against it, may well be perplexed and disappointed when they come to read the details of the imposing ritual which was performed. His Royal Highness is now the Great Prior of Ireland, the head of a flourishing branch of the Grand array of Masonry. The ceremony, which was gone through with stately and reverential pomp, was no idle pageant, but suggestive of religious impressions. The services of the Prelate of the Order were gone through with becoming solemnity, in presence of the .receptories who took part in the scene, representing the great body of Freemasons throughout the whole country. The obligation which was administered to His Royal Highness, the solemn prayer which was offered up, the hymn of praise which was sung as the brethren marched in procession amidst the pealing of the grand organ—the whole ritual of expressive forms and symbols—conveyed to the mind of the spectator impressions worthy of an order of sacred chivalry, in which even Royalty itself might feel honoured in being allowed to bear an official part. Every brother will join in congratulating the Great Prior on his installation, and the whole Masonic body in having its highest offices filled with such distinction. If any incentive were needed to stimulate their loyalty it would be supplied by the fact that they have enrolled in their highest ranks the Heir Apparent to the Throne and two other sons of their beloved Queen.—*Dublin Daily Express.*

Pope Pius IX. died on Thursday afternoon, from an attack of serous apoplexy. A large crowd gathered round the Vatican, but no one was allowed to go either in or out of that building. The foreign Cardinals have been ordered to proceed to Rome without delay.

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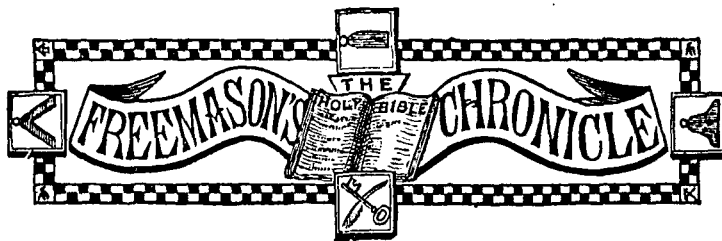
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**OUR WEEKLY BUDGET.**

ON Friday there was only a brief sitting in the House of Lords, but on Monday, and again the day following, questions were asked by the Government touching various phases of the Eastern crisis, and to these the Earl of Derby, as Foreign Minister, gave suitable replies, so far as he deemed it possible, having due regard to the exigencies of the public service. But though there has been a calm atmosphere in the House of Lords, there has been far more than the usual amount of excitement in the House of Commons, and the public has watched as narrowly, and with almost as keen an interest as members themselves, the progress of the yet unfinished debate on the Vote of Credit; or, rather be it said, on Mr. Forster's amendment to the Chancellor of the Exchequer's motion, that the House resolve itself into Committee of Supply for the purpose of voting the sum of six millions. The debate, as our readers are aware, commenced on Thursday, and on Friday it was resumed by Mr. G. O. Trevelyan, who opposed the Vote. He was followed by Sir Robert Peel, who spoke with great emphasis in favour of the Government proposal. Towards the latter end of his speech, the right honourable baronet paid a well-deserved compliment to Mr. Bright for the eloquence he displayed at the time of the Crimean War in opposing a war on behalf of Turkey. Among the other speakers were Mr. Lowe, Mr. P. J. Smyth, Mr. Bourke—the Foreign Under Secretary of State, Mr. Goschen, and Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, the Earl of Carnarvon's successor at the Colonial Office. The debate was resumed on Monday by Mr. Gladstone in a speech of more than two hours' duration. The right honourable gentleman spoke with studied moderation, and suggested that the resolution and the Vote should be withdrawn, and then that both sides of the House should unite in passing an Address to the Queen expressive of confidence in her Ministers. Mr. Gathorne Hardy followed, and his speech was one of the best he has ever made. He rejected offhand Mr. Gladstone's proposition on the principal ground that the attacks of the Opposition outside



the walls of Parliament had been too persistent and too bitter for the Government to accept any such conciliatory terms. The other speakers included Sir H. D. Wolff and Mr. Childers. On Tuesday, Colonel Stanley, the Financial Secretary of the Treasury, opened the ball, as soon at least as a very acrimonious personal explanation between the War Secretary and Mr. Trevelyan, in which several other members took part, permitted him to do so. Lord E. Fitzmaurice spoke in a very conciliatory spirit, and suggested, as Mr. Gladstone had done, that mutual concessions should be made. Mr. Norwood, though a member of the Liberal party, declared it was impossible he could record his vote for the resolution of Mr. Forster. Sir C. Dilke bitterly opposed the Government, while Mr. Hall, one of the members for Oxford, as strenuously supported it. The two remaining speakers were Sir W. V. Harcourt and the Solicitor General, and both of them evoked loud cheers from their respective parties. The debate was then adjourned till Friday, and there is some reason to believe the result of the division, in the event of one taking place, will not be known till these lines meet the eyes of our readers.

The Queen held a Council at Osborne on Monday, when the Duke of Richmond and Gordon, the Duke of Northumberland, Sir M. Hicks-Beach, and General Sir T. M. Biddulph were present. The Lord President, on behalf of the Lord Privy Seal, and the late Secretary of State for the Colonies (the Earl of Carnarvon), handed to Her Majesty the seals of their offices, whereupon the Queen handed the seal of office of Lord Privy Seal to the Duke of Northumberland, and those of the Secretary of State for the Colonies to Sir M. Hicks-Beach. Both His Grace and the Right. Honourable Baronet were sworn into office, and kissed hands on appointment. The Duke of Richmond and Gordon and the Duke of Northumberland afterwards had audiences of Her Majesty.

The Prince and Princess of Wales returned to Clarence House, after their visit to Lord and Lady Alington, at Crichil House, Wimborne, Dorsetshire, on Saturday. On Monday evening, their Royal Highnesses as well as Prince Leopold, Prince Christian, and the Imperial Crown Prince of Austria-Hungary, were present in the House of Commons during the first part of the adjourned debate on the Vote of Credit. Indeed, Prince Christian has been present every evening it has lasted, and has watched its progress with the greatest interest.

The number of meetings that are being held almost daily is greatly on the increase, and the House of Commons is being overwhelmed with petitions, either for or against the policy of the Government. The Metropolis, towards the end of last week and at the beginning of this, was in a state of the greatest excitement. A Liberal meeting was to have been held at the Cannon Street Hotel, but the Conservatives forestalled their rivals, and completely overwhelmed them. The greatest enthusiasm was displayed, cheers for Lord Beaconsfield being given again and again, and *Rule Britannia* being sung with great heartiness. Afterwards, some three or four thousands of people made their way towards Guildhall, and with the permission of the Lord Mayor, held a meeting in it in favour of the Government, a deputation being at once sent down to the House of Commons, to carry to Lord Beaconsfield and the Chancellor of the Exchequer the resolutions which had been passed. On the Stock and Corn Exchanges, and at Lloyds, similar demonstrations have been made in favour of the Ministry, while in the Provinces, Manchester, Bristol, Wolverhampton, and other large towns, have followed the example of Sheffield and the Metropolis, and declared strongly in favour of the Ministerial policy. At no time that we can call to mind since war with Russia seemed imminent in 1853-4, has there been so much public excitement, and there is reason for it; for there seems little doubt that a still greater crisis is at hand, and that the perils we have escaped thus far, during the Russo-Turkish war, are still more grievous and threatening. We do not pretend to account for it, nor is it any part of our duty to apologise for or object to it, but there is no doubt whatever that the popular voice is inflamed against Russia. Englishmen are not easily stirred, but once they are started off, they pursue their excitement very thoroughly.

Considerable interest was attached to the election of a member of Parliament for Perthshire, rendered necessary by the death of Sir W. Stirling-Maxwell, Bart., and the interest increased when it was found that the election for the city of Perth had gone in favour of the Liberals by very nearly three to one. The rival candidates were Col.

Drummond-Moray, Conservative, and Captain Greville, Liberal. The poll took place on Saturday, and was declared on Monday, when it was found that the former had been returned by 2,439 to 2,255 votes, or by a majority of 184. The vacancy for Oxfordshire, caused by the retirement of Mr. Henley, has been filled by the election of Col. Harcourt, Conservative.

The case of *Goring v. Goring and Palmer*, which has been before the Divorce Court for several days past, and in which Sir Charles Goring sought to obtain a decree *nisi* on the ground of Lady Goring's adultery with Captain Palmer, the co-respondent, was brought to a close on Wednesday. The jury found that the respondent and co-respondent had not been guilty of the charge laid against them, and the suit was therefore dismissed with costs.

There has been more fighting with the Kaffirs, who have sustained more than one defeat at the hands of Colonel Glyn. More British troops are on their way out to the Cape, and the newly appointed commander-in-chief, Major-General Thesiger, C.B., and staff are *en route* likewise. Thus, with the volunteers and the imperial troops together, we ought to bring the enemy to his senses very shortly.

There has been one more lively scene in the French Legislative Assembly. On this occasion, MM. Rouher and Gambetta were the leading opponents, the question which caused the disturbance being connected with the inquisition into certain recent elections. There is also a rumour that Marshal MacMahon has resigned the Presidency, but the truth of this is doubted in very many quarters. A very sad piece of news comes from Calais. On Sunday, a large audience were assembled in an Italian Circus, and a large number of persons in the gallery, who had been creating a great disturbance, suddenly rose and made their way in a body down the platform, leading to the second class portion of the theatre. Others followed, and suddenly there arose the terrible cry of fire! When there was immediately a rush, and as those who had descended from the gallery made for a special door which opened inwards, there was soon a tremendous block. The result was that ten persons were killed, two fatally injured, and seventeen others more or less seriously hurt. The soldiers and garrison, who, on hearing the alarm of fire, made for the scene of the catastrophe, rendered valuable service in extricating people who would otherwise have been suffocated or trampled to death.

Russia has at length consented to stay her hand, and has vouchsafed terms of peace to Turkey. The preliminaries and the conditions of the armistice were signed on Thursday last. What are the actual conditions is not as yet fully known, but so far as they have been made public there is little doubt they point to the disintegration of the Turkish Empire. Bulgaria is to be erected into a principality, Roumania, Servia, and Montenegro will obtain each a rectification of frontier and an extension of territory. Russia is to receive a large indemnity in money or territory, and to remain in occupation till payment has been made. The question of the Straits is reserved for settlement between the Czar and the Sultan. There is only one consolation about the matter, and that is, that with the exception of the money payment, all the terms are of more or less immediate importance to Europe, and especially to Austria and Great Britain, and they and the other parties to the treaties of 1856 and 1871 have, it is believed, no intention of allowing Russia to cut in pieces the Turkish Empire and apportion it as she pleases. As regards the armistice, it is said that, in Europe, the Danubian fortresses, and in Asia, Erzeroum, will be occupied by Russian troops, the Turks retiring on Shumla and Varna. It should be noted that almost the last engagement took place near Batoum. The Russians, learning that a portion of the garrison had sailed for Constantinople, made a vigorous attack with a view to capturing the lines which command the place; but they were foiled in the attempt with, rumour hath it, a loss of 2,000 killed and wounded, and 300 prisoners, two Turkish ironclads rendering signal help to the garrison. Servia and Montenegro have put a stop to further hostilities; but just at the very moment when the belligerents have resolved to settle, if possible, their difficulties amicably, there appears in the field another power. Greece, under the pretext of preventing the slaughter of its co-religionists in Thessaly, has marched a force of 10,000 men into that province; but it seems as though the Hellenes were beginning to repent them of their eagerness to have a slap at Turkey. At all events, the news that a Turkish squadron of ironclads was on its

way to the Piræus, has spread consternation among all classes. However, we shall hear more anon. But the most astounding piece of intelligence was to the effect that Russian troops were already in Constantinople. On receipt of the news, a Cabinet Council was immediately summoned. A great panic prevailed on the Stock Exchange.

Bro. T. Adams's Annual Ball is announced for the 26th instant, and will be held at Willis's Rooms, St. James's. It is altogether needless to say, with reference to this regularly recurring fête, that we sincerely trust Bro. Adams will meet with the success he is so deservedly entitled to hope for. Bro. Adams has manfully done his duty in the station of life in which he moves, and we doubt not his very large circle of friends will recognise this fact, and support him loyally. By the way, there is a trifling circumstance in connection with these annual festivals of our worthy brother which is worth mentioning. In March 1857, the *Freemasons' Magazine*, in recording that Bro. Adams's Annual Ball had taken place, that it was his twenty-first in the regular succession of years, and that it was announced to be his last, expressed, very naturally, the hope that Bro. Adams would alter his mind, and commence a fresh series. It even went so far as to suggest that the second series might consist of twenty-one likewise. It seldom happens that a wish is so strictly realised, that we may almost imagine the writer of the paragraph in which it was contained had at the moment the spirit of prophecy strong upon him. Nevertheless, it is a fact that the Ball fixed for the 26th instant will be the crowning one of a second series of twenty-one Annual Balls given by Bro. Adams. If our excellent friend continues at this rate, it will be our duty to consult Mr. Frank Buckland as to the possibility of "annuals" being turned into "perennials." One thing we know, that if Bro. Adams should attain the age of Methuselah, he will always remain an "evergreen," and this, perhaps, may be at the bottom of the whole mystery.

We have pleasure in reproducing the following from the *Western Morning News*, in reference to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys:—

His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, Senior Grand Warden, has consented to take the chair at the 80th Annual Festival of this Institution, the date of which, and the locality of the Festival, have yet to be announced. Under such auspices it is expected that the response from the Craft will be hearty and generous. Since its foundation in 1798, 1,350 boys have received the benefits of the Institution, and there are now 186 being clothed, maintained, and educated. The number of applicants, however, increasing yearly, has induced the members to provide additional accommodation for some twenty-five boys more, at a cost of £3,500; and that at the election in April fully thirty boys will be admitted, instead of the usual eight to ten; this will be a great boon to many, who otherwise would have to wait, probably, for years for admission, if accepted at all. There are seventy-eight candidates for the election ensuing, so that nearly half will be successful. At the election in October 1877 there were sixty-seven candidates, and only ten vacancies; the last successful polling 1,736. The 30th on the list, according to the number of votes, polled 398; hence it may be assumed that some 650 votes, or probably less, will prove successful in April. No less than eleven candidates will be elected then, even if they do not poll another vote, as already the votes to their credit are all above 640. The highest number ever polled was by Cox, of Plymouth, viz., 2,329 in October 1877. The building having cost nearly £50,000, until recently the invested funds have been generally *nil*; now however a beginning has been made with £8,000. The actual contributions from Devon during the past year have been £163 15s, and from Cornwall £121 16s, making a total of £285 11s. The number of boys in the Institution from Devon is three, whilst Cornwall is without any in the building at present, one lad being disqualified by reason of age who would otherwise have been admitted. The average cost of the education, maintenance, and clothing of each boy, exclusive of the office expenses, is generally about £10 annually, and of late years especially the reports of the efficiency under each department have been very encouraging and satisfactory. The boys leave the Institution when sixteen years of age, and usually receive a substantial grant of money to assist their advancement in life. Her Majesty the Queen is Patron, and is one of the largest contributors to the Institution, the Energetic Secretary of which is Mr. Frederick Binckes, Freemasons' Hall, London.

Bro. S. Adams, late manager of the Royal Music Hall, Holborn, announces his benefit, which will take place at that establishment on the 27th inst. In addition to the regular company, he will have the services of several talented artistes. A large attendance of his friends is anticipated.

## 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, 9th FEBRUARY.

- 193—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.

### MONDAY, 11th FEBRUARY.

- 45—Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, 12 Old-st., near Goswell-rd., at 8. (Inst.)
- 90—St. John's, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
- 174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
- 180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
- 957—Leigh, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 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, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7. (Inst.)
- 1506—White Horse of Kent, Masonic Hall, Golden-square.
- 1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8. (Inst.)
- 1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)
- London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-st., E.C., at 6, on 2nd and 4th Mondays in each month.
- 75—Love and Honour, Royal Hotel, Falmouth.
- 104—St. John's, Ashton House, Greek-street, Stockport.
- 151—Albany, Masonic Hall, Newport, I.W.
- 210—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields.
- 262—Salopian, Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury.
- 292—Sincerity, Masonic Temple, 22 Hope-street, Liverpool.
- 297—Witham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln.
- 411—Commercial, Flying Horse Hotel, Nottingham.
- 481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne.
- 502—Rectitude, Town Hall, Reading.
- 587—Howe, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
- 589—Druid's Love and Liberty, Masonic Hall, Redruth.
- 605—Montague, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis.
- 797—Hanley, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth.
- 893—Meridian, National School Room, Millbrook, Cornwall.
- 1021—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Custom House Buildings, Hindport-road Barrow-in-Furness.
- 1089—United Brothers, Castle Hotel, Southsea.
- 1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham.
- 1253—Travellers, Queen's Hotel, Manchester.
- 1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury.
- 1592—Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds.
- 1611—Eboracum, Queen's Hotel, Micklegate, York.
- 1618—Handyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea.

### TUESDAY, 12th FEBRUARY.

- Supreme Council, 33°, Masonic Hall, Golden-square.
- 46—Old Union, Westminster Palace Hotel, Westminster.
- 55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7. (Inst.)
- 65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
- 141—Faith, 2 Westminster-chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
- 177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
- 193—Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
- 223—United Strength, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
- 518—Wellington, White Swan Tavern, Deptford.
- 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney. (Instruction.)
- 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)
- 860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)
- 933—Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
- 1446—Mount Edgcombe, 19 Jernyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
- 1471—Islington, Three Bucks, Gresham-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
- 1472—Henley, Railway Tavern, Stratford New Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
- 1507—Metropolitan, 269 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)
- 1538—St. Martin's-le-Grand, The London, Fleet-street, E.C.
- 1604—Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 1635—Canterbury, 33 Golden-square, W.
- R. A. 145—Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall, W.C. Public Night. At 6.
- 51—Angel, Three Cups Hotel, Colchester.
- 93—Social, Freemasons' Hall, Norwich.
- 131—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro.
- 181—United Chatham Lodge of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton Kent.
- 272—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston.
- 284—Shakespeare, Masonic Room, High-street, Warwick.
- 406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-st., Newc.-on-Tyne. (Instr.)
- 626—Lansdowne of Unity, Town Hall, Chippingham.
- 650—Star in the East, Pier Hotel, Harwich.
- 892—Royal Edward, Royal Oak, Leominster.
- 903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport.
- 1120—St. Milburga, Tontine Hotel, Ironbridge.
- 1250—Gilbert Greenhall, Masonic Rooms, Sankey-street, Warrington.
- 1347—Lorne, Greyhound Hotel, Sutton, Surrey.
- 1405—Ockenden, Talbot Hotel, Cuckfield, Sussex.
- 1509—Madoc, Queen's Hotel, Portmadoc.

### WEDNESDAY, 13th FEBRUARY.

- Supreme Council, 33°, Masonic Hall, Golden-square.
- Committee, Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemasons' Hall, at 3.
- Festival, Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemasons' Hall, at 5.30.
- 3—Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 9—Albion, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, Regent-street, W.
- 15—Kent, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C.
- 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth.
- 193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7. (Instruction.)
- 201—Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
- 533—La Tolerance, Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, W., at 7.15. (Inst.)
- 781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road.
- 862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin'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.)
- 1260—Hervey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 1278—Burdett Coult's, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8.30. (Inst.)
- 1283—Finsbury Park, Finsbury Pk. Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
- 1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-street, Wapping.
- 1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)
- 1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell.
- R. A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
- R. A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
- R. C.—Grand Metropolitan Masonic Hall, Golden-square.
- 199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover. (Instruction.)
- 204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
- 225—St. Luke, Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich.
- 231—Fortitude, Athenæum, Lancaster.
- 615—St. John and St. Paul, Pier Hotel, Erith, Kent.
- 666—Benevolence, Private Room, Prince Town, Dartmoor, Devon.

851—Worthing of Friendship, Steyne Hotel, Worthing.  
 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury.  
 1101—Grey Friars, Masonic Hall, Reading.  
 1209—Lewises, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate.  
 1248—Denison, Grand Hotel, Scarborough.  
 1342—Walker, Stack Hotel, Walker-on-Tyne.  
 1398—Baldwin, The Castle, Dalton-in-Furness.  
 1424—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham.  
 1431—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham.  
 1503—Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham.  
 1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, at 7. (Instruction.)  
 1520—Earl Shrewsbury, Public Rooms, Cannock, Staffs.  
 1582—Llanidloes, Trewythen Hotel, Llanidloes, North Wales.

#### THURSDAY, 14th FEBRUARY.

3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 7. (Instruction.)  
 15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
 19—Royal Abbeistan, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.  
 27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8. (Instruction.)  
 206—Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.  
 283—Bank of England, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.  
 435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)  
 534—Polish National, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 657—Canonbury, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.  
 880—Dalhousie, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.  
 1349—Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)  
 1425—Hyde Park, the Westbourne, Craven-road, Paddington.  
 1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, E.C. at 6.30. (Instruction.)  
 R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)  
 R. A. 1383—Friends in Council, Masonic Hall, Golden-square.

35—Medina, 85 High-street, Cowes.  
 97—Palatine, Masonic Hall, Toward-road, Sunderland.  
 112—St. George, Masonic Hall, Fore-street-hill, Exeter.  
 216—Harmonic, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool.  
 333—Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston.  
 339—Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Cumberland.  
 460—Hundred of Elloe, Masonic Rooms, London Road, Spalding.  
 477—Mersey, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.  
 546—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Caroline-street, Longton, Stafford.  
 732—Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton.  
 739—Temperance, Masonic Room, New-street, Birmingham.  
 945—Abbey, Abbey Council Chamber, Abingdon, Berks.  
 991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Willington Quay, Northumberland.  
 1035—Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.  
 1055—Derby, Knowsley's Hotel, Cheetham, Lancashire.  
 1098—St. George, Private Room, Temperance Hall, Tredegar, Mon.  
 1144—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne.  
 1204—Royd's, Imperial Hotel, Malvern, Worcestershire.  
 1369—Bala, Plasgoch Hotel, Bala.  
 1416—Falcon, Masonic Hall, Castle Yard, Thirsk.  
 1429—Albert Edward Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Newport, Mon.  
 1457—Bagshaw, Bald Faced Stag, Buckhurst-hill.  
 1612—West Middlesex, Feathers Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
 R. A. 51—Patriotic, Three Cups Hotel, Colchester.

#### FRIDAY, 15th FEBRUARY.

House Committee, Boys' School, at 4.  
 Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.  
 25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)  
 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
 768—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.—Invicta, Masonic Hall, Golden-square.  
 127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate.  
 347—Noah's Ark, Wagon and Horses Hotel, Tipton.  
 516—Phoenix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket.  
 541—De Lorraine, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street-west, Newcastle-on-Tyne.  
 780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30. (Instruction.)

#### SATURDAY, 16th FEBRUARY.

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

#### WEST YORKSHIRE.

##### MONDAY.

61—Probity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax.  
 264—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, New-road, Batley.  
 296—Royal Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.  
 403—Three Graces, Private Room, Haworth.  
 1221—Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds.  
 1542—Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford.  
 R. A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury.

##### TUESDAY.

495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.  
 603—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Cleckheaton.  
 1214—Scarborough, Wilton Arms Hotel, Batley.  
 1522—Olicana, Crescent Hotel, Ilkley.  
 1545—Baildon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baildon.  
 R. A. 265—Juden, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley.  
 R. A. 239—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds.

##### WEDNESDAY.

253—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike.  
 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley.  
 910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Pontefract.  
 1019—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.

##### THURSDAY.

139—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.  
 203—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury.  
 275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South-parade, Huddersfield.  
 337—Candour, Private Rooms, Commercial Inn, Uppermill.  
 M.M. 53—Britannia, Freemason's Hall, Sheffield.

##### FRIDAY.

401—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Slaidburn.  
 653—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth.  
 1034—Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill.  
 1311—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Great George street, Leeds.  
 R. A. 521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.  
 R. A. 837—Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon.  
 R. C.—White Rose of York, Freemason's Hall, Sheffield.

##### SATURDAY.

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

#### EDINBURGH DISTRICT.

MONDAY—145—St. Stephen, St. James's Hall, Writer's-court.  
 TUESDAY—1—Mary's Chapel, Waterloo Hotel, Waterloo-place.  
 WEDNESDAY—2—Canongate Kilwinning, St. John's Chapel, St. John's-street.  
 R.A. 1—Edinburgh, Freemasons' Hall.  
 THURSDAY—48—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall.  
 R. A. 152—Perseverance, Lodge Room, 86 Constitution-street.  
 FRIDAY—R. A. 83—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall.

#### NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

**Fortitude and Old Cumberland Lodge, No. 12.**—The installation meeting was held on Monday, the 4th instant, at the Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, and was honoured by the presence of the P.D.G.M. Bengal, several Grand Officers, and many distinguished brethren. Bro. H. B. Kidder W.M., H. Nicols S.W. and W.M. elect, W. H. Bateman J.W., L. Ruf P.M. Treasurer, A. Snelgrove P.M. Sec., H. Mower S.D., R. Coombs J.D., W. H. Rudderforth D.C., P.M.'s Bros. J. B. Lemaitre, J. Cleaver, G. Angold, Dudley Rolls, R. W. Stewart P.G.D., S. Rolls, A. H. Lilley; Bros. Beedel, G. Snelgrove, Bautenbach, G. Hudson, F. Cantor, S. Delavanx, J. W. Cleaver, J. Kent, C. Stanger, T. F. Cooper, A. Porter, C. Ruf, E. L. B. Kidder, F. Mean, &c. The Lodge opened, and minutes were confirmed. Mr. Matthews was duly initiated into the Order, and Bro. F. Cantor was passed. These ceremonies were excellently given by the W.M. A board of Installed Masters was opened, and Bro. Nicols was presented to the Lodge, and duly installed by the retiring W.M. There were twenty-two W.M.'s and P.M.'s present. On the re-admission of the brethren the salutations were given, and the W.M. appointed and invested his Officers:—Bro. H. B. Kidder I.P.M., W. H. Bateman S.W., H. Mower J.W., L. Ruf P.M. Treasurer (for the 13th time; he was loudly cheered on his investiture, showing the respect he is held in by the Lodge), A. Snelgrove P.M. Sec., R. Coombs S.D., W. H. G. Rudderforth J.D., E. L. B. Kidder, jun. I.G., Gilchrist P.M. Tyler, Bautenbach D.C. The appointment of the officers seemed to give great satisfaction. At the conclusion of the addresses, Bro. Kidder received the warmest thanks of the Lodge, and the distinguished visitors and the brethren present offered their congratulations. The W.M. then presented Bro. Kidder with an elegant solid gold jewel, suitably inscribed, for the able and efficient manner in which he had conducted the duties of the chair, and in token of the high respect he is held in. Bro. Kidder, in returning thanks, said he felt this a great honour he had received. No brother would wear the P.M.'s jewel with greater pride; he hoped to see many of their members wear similar ones. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren sat down to a *récherché* banquet. A very elegant menu and button-hole was provided for each guest. Grace having been sung, by Bros. Lester, Hubbard, Thompson, and Warwick Jordan, the W.M. proposed the toast of the Queen and the Craft. After the National Anthem the W.M. proposed the health of H.R.H. the M.W.G.M. the Prince of Wales. This was followed by the glee, "Glorious Apollo." The M.W. the Pro G.M., the D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers Past and Present were then successively given. With the latter toast the W.M. associated the name of Bro. H. Sandeman P.D.G.M. Bengal. Bro. Sandeman had great pleasure in responding. He commented on the high estimation in which the Pro Grand Master is held, also how universally Lord Skelmersdale was appreciated. He trusted the W.M. of this old Lodge would have a successful year, and congratulated the brethren on their selection. Bro. Kidder was privileged in having to propose the toast of the W.M. He was sure the brethren, in the sincerity of their heart, felt proud to see one who was unanimously popular elected to the chair. They would see how ably he would represent them. The glee, "Life's a Bumper" was then sung. The W.M. thanked those visitors who had honoured him with their presence. This to him was a great day, and one he should not readily forget. It was a great privilege to be W.M. of such a Lodge. During his year of office he would do all he could to promote the interests of the brethren. He specially thanked Bro. Kidder for his support. He was sure the Past Masters would also assist him. He thanked the members for having elected him. Bro. Nicol then gave the toast of the Past Masters, and alluded to the great services those brethren had rendered. They had the honour to have Grand Officers among them. Severally they each had performed the arduous duties of the Lodge to the satisfaction of the members. Bro. H. B. Kidder I.P.M., after acknowledging the compliment, said he had the privilege of presenting a testimonial to one who was in every respect worthy to receive it. He referred to their esteemed Treas., Bro. Ruf, who had worthily gained their esteem. He was sure all would agree that Bro. Ruf had done his duty. He had been a member of the Lodge many years, and had that evening been invested as Treasurer for the 13th time. There was a centenary Lodge, and Bro. Ruf was at present its father. In the name of the Lodge he (the speaker) would ask him to accept the testimonial he had now the pleasure to present. This consisted of a very elegant tea and coffee service, artistically designed, and suitably inscribed. Bro. Ruf on rising was visibly affected. He had been twenty-eight years a member of the Lodge, twenty-one years a Past Master, and thirteen years Treasurer, and if in the latter capacity there was a doubt that his endeavours to please had been successful, that elegant and valuable testimonial proved it. He would never forget their kindness; he would hand their gift down to his children, that they might look on it with pride and pleasure, as a memento of the regard their parent was held in by the members of his Lodge. Bro. Kidder proposed the health of the newly-initiated brother; he had known him for twenty years, and he now hoped to see him frequently amongst them. Bro. Matthews had distinguished himself in many capacities, that entitled him to the respect of all with whom he might be associated; he now came among them as a Mason, and he would be a credit to the Order. Bro. Matthews thanked,



Bro. Kidder for the kind manner in which he had spoken of him. It was his great aim to become a useful Mason, and he could not have had a better introduction. He trusted he should never regret having joined so worthy a Lodge. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Visitors. They were so numerous and distinguished that he could not find words to speak of their qualifications. It was sufficient to know they were present. The members were pleased to see them. Bro. Colonel Shadwell Clerke P.P.G.S.W. Devon returned thanks. He felt gratified in being present. It was a great and especial pleasure to see their Worshipful Master, who, though not an Englishman by birth, is an Englishman at heart, in his present office; he was sure the Visitors congratulated him on having attained that position. He regretted not being present to see the working of the I.P.M. in the earlier part of the evening, but he was pleased to see how excellently he had rendered the ceremony of installation. In the name of the Visitors, he begged to return their sincere thanks. Bro. Kidder, by the permission of the W.M., proposed the toast of the Treasurer and Secretary; the Lodge was deeply indebted to them for their kind and valuable assistance. Bro. Ruf replied to this toast. Bro. Dudley Rolfs P.M., in the absence of the Secretary, rose: He remembered the time when the Lodge consisted of but six members. Its resuscitation was due to Bro. Leopold Ruf, who had been ably assisted by their worthy Secretary. He hoped the Lodge would continue to advance under its present Master. Bro. R. W. Stewart P.G.D. P.M. said he rose to propose a toast that he was sure was for the benefit of the Lodge. He saw brethren present who were ready to speak of our noble Institutions. It was a great pride and pleasure to see the aged well and worthily cared for. The W.M. was about to serve as a Steward, and would make himself a Vice-President of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. However, he would call on Bro. Terry, Secretary of that Institution, to respond to the toast which he was about to give—Prosperity to our Masonic Institutions. Bro. Terry, with his usual ability, pleaded the cause of the Charity he so well represents. He thanked the W.M. for consenting to act as Steward, and hoped he would be liberally supported by the brethren. In responding to the health of the Officers, Bro. H. Mower remarked that the W.M. had said he was proud of his Officers. He, as well as every Officer, was proud of their W.M. Bros. Coombs and Rudderforth followed; each thanked the W.M. for the step they had advanced. The Tyler's toast was then given, and the brethren separated. The Visitors were Bros. Hyde Pullen P.G.S.B., Novel 871, A. Bird 7, M. Davis P.M. 12, A. Rowley P.M. 917, A. Curlier P.M. 11, H. Sandeman P.G.D.G.M. Bengal, E. C. Massey 1297, L. Stean P.M. 917, Grabham P.P.S.G.W. Middlesex, Roebuck P.P.S.G.B. Surrey, Colonel Shadwell Clerke P.S.G.W. Devon, F. Binckes P.G.S., H. Dicketts P.G.S., James Terry P.G.D.C. Herts, H. M. Levy 188. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. Jordan, and were everything that could be desired.

**Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.**—At the Old Rodney's Head, 12 Old-street, Goswell-road, on 4th inst., at eight. Present—Bros. Moseley W.M., Percy S.W., Stock J.W., Tolmie Preceptor, Fenner Sec., Robison S.D., Byott J.D., Hallam I.G., Christopher Tyler, also Bros. Powell, Heinrich, Alford, Wing, Trewinnard, G. E. Cook, Burtle, Hall, Millward, Hunter, Woodcock, Morton, Johnstone, &c. After Lodge was opened, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Heinrich candidate. Bros. Percy worked the first, Stock the second, Fenner the fourth, and Tolmie the seventh sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Woodcock, Prince of Wales Lodge 1012, W. W. Morton of the Era Lodge 1423, and W. Johnstone of the Mount Egmont Lodge 640, were elected members. Bro. Percy will preside at next meeting. A vote of thanks was accorded to the W.M. for the manner he had conducted the business of the evening.

**Constitutional Lodge of Instruction, No. 55.**—On Tuesday, the 5th February, at the Bedford Hotel, Southampton-buildings. Present—Bros. J. H. Dodson W.M., Soper S.W., Tranter J.W., W. G. Dickens Sec., Laker S.D., Abell J.D., Johnston I.G. Bros. Cornu, J. B. Dodson, Tate, Brown, &c. Business—After preliminaries, Bro. Brown offered himself as a candidate, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. The first and third sections of the lecture were worked by Bro. Tate, and the second and fourth by Bro. Dickens. Bro. Soper was unanimously elected W.M. for Tuesday fortnight, Tuesday next being set apart for the installation ceremony, which is to be worked by Bro. A. J. Melhuish.

**Economy Lodge, No. 76.**—The ceremony of installing the W.M. Elect of this Lodge for the present year (Bro. W. G. Blanchard) took place at the Lodge Room, Winchester, on Wednesday. There was a large attendance of members of the Lodge and visitors, including the Dep. Prov. G.M. Bro. Hickman, Bros. James Harris P.S.G.W., George Rake P.J.G.W., Mark E. Frost P.G. Treasurer, Colonel Naghten M.P., and the W.M.'s of the neighbouring Lodges. The installation ceremony was performed most impressively by Bro. James Harris Prov. S.G.W., and the new W.M. appointed his Officers as follow:—Bros. E. D. Godwin I.P.M., T. R. Bryan S.W., W. Hutt J.W. and Organist, T. Stophor P.M. Treasurer, G. Nixon Secretary, W. Powell S.D., J. Murray J.D., Captain Hall I.G., Captain Moore P.M.D.G., Dr. J. Salter P.M.A.D.C., J. Roles Steward, James Harris P.M. Assistant Steward, Sims Tyler. At the conclusion of the Lodge business, about fifty brethren dined together at the Royal Hotel, under the presidency of Bro. W. G. Blanchard, the new W.M.

**Union Lodge, No. 129, Kendal.**—The annual meeting of this old and flourishing Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Stramongate, on Thursday, 31st January. The W.M., Bro. R. J. Nelson, was supported by his officers, and between forty and fifty members, in-

cluding a few visitors. The Lodge was opened in form, when the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The Lodge being opened in the second degree, the W.M. elect, Bro. George J. McKay S.W., was presented for the benefit of installation, and the first part of the ceremony gone through. The chair was now taken by Bro. W. B. Gibson P.M. Prov. G. Sec., and the ceremony of installation completed. The Board of installed Masters numbered fourteen. The W.M. nominated and invested his officers as follow:—Bro. R. J. Nelson I.P.M., John Banks S.W., F. W. Watson J.W., G. B. Greenall Treas., J. Henry Hogg Sec., J. Sisson S.D., J. Wilkinson J.D., Robt. Godfrey P.M. D.C., J. B. Wilson I.G., Dan Cleary Tyler; Bros. John Bowes P.M. P.P.J.G.W., John Talbot P.M. P.P.J.G.W., and W. B. Gibson P.M. Prov. G. Sec., respectively delivered the charges to the W.M., Wardens and brethren. Before the ordinary business was transacted, a cordial vote of thanks was given to the Installing Master and the brethren who kindly assisted him. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the King's Arms Hotel, where an excellent banquet was served by the Misses Dawson. Grace after meat being said by the Chaplain, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and the evening was greatly enlivened by some good songs, which were capitally rendered. The Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close.

**Kendal Castle Chapter, No. 129, Kendal.**—The annual convocation of this Chapter was held on Thursday, 31st January, at the Masonic Hall, Stramongate. In the absence of the M.E.Z., E. Comp. John Bowes P.Z. Prov. G.S.N. took the chair, assisted by E. Comps. Joseph Bintley H., John Talbot J. Titus Wilson P.Z., and W. B. Gibson P.Z. Prov. G.J. opened the Chapter, after which the Companions were admitted, and amongst them we noticed Comps. John Holme M.E.Z., R. J. Nelson, Robt. Godfrey, Geo. J. McKay, J. Bell, T. Baron, J. Gooding, W. Tattersal, J. Banks, D. Cleary, &c. The minutes of the last convocation having been read and confirmed, E. Comp. Bowes was asked to instal the Principals for the ensuing year, viz.—Joseph Bintley Z., John Talbot H., and George J. McKay J. The other officers invested were Comps. Robt. Godfrey S.E., J. Bell S.N., John Banks P.S., who nominated Comps. Baron and Gooding his assistants, and Dan. Cleary Janitor. The Installing Principal then proclaimed the new Principals, and after they had been greeted and saluted, he closed the ceremony with the Benediction. A hearty vote of thanks was ordered to be placed on the minutes to E. Comp. Bowes for his services that day. A committee was nominated to frame bye-laws for the governance of the Chapter, and four brethren were proposed as candidates for exaltation. There being no further business the Chapter was closed, and the Comps. joined their brethren of the Union Lodge at the banquet table.

**Zetland Chapter, No. 236.**—The annual meeting of this Chapter for the election of officers took place on Wednesday evening, in the Masonic Hall, York, with the following result:—The Earl of Zetland M.E.Z. (by dispensation), Sir James Meek H., Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett J., J. G. Turner S.E., Meek S.N., W. Cowling Treas., A. Buckle P.S.

**Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.**—On Tuesday, the 5th inst. at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston. Bros. Bouner W.M., Lovelock S.W., M. Christian J.W., Wardell S.D., Weige J.D., Carr I.G., Dallas Sec., Smyth Treas., P.M. Wallington Preceptor; Bros. McClean, Forss, Allen, Finch, C. Lorkin, J. Lorkin, J. Brown, Crouch, &c. After opening, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Salter candidate. Bro. Dallas worked the first, and Bro. Allen the second and third sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Lovelock was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his Officers in rotation. The Lodge was closed in due form.

**Whittington Lodge of Instruction, No. 862.**—On Wednesday, the 6th February, at the Red Lion, Poppins-court, Fleet-street. Bros. Tate W.M., Brown S.W., Thompson J.W., Abell S.D., Hallam J.D., Pate I.G.; P.M. Bro. Long Preceptor, &c. After the confirmation of the minutes, the ceremony of passing, with the lecture appertaining thereto, was very impressively performed by the W.M. Some new members were then elected, and the Lodge was closed.

**St. Augustine Lodge of Instruction, No. 972, Canterbury.**—The annual supper-banquet in connection with this Lodge took place on Wednesday, 30th January, when twenty brethren sat down to an excellent repast, served up in the usual good style of Bro. Shaxby, at the Guildhall Hotel. It was a very fraternal meeting, the W.M.'s of 31 and 1419, the other two Lodges in the city, being present, and a very enjoyable evening was spent, enlivened at intervals by the singing of the brethren, who are members of the Cathedral choir. This Lodge meets on Wednesday evenings.

**Sykes Lodge, No. 1040.**—This Lodge has issued circulars for a Masonic Ball, to be held at Driffield, near Hull, on Tuesday next, under the patronage of Bros. Lord Londesbro, Christi Sykes, E. H. Raynard, and many other prominent members of the Craft. A dispensation has been granted for the brethren to appear in Masonic costume.

**Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227.**—At Bros. Bolton and Lane's, King and Queen, on Friday, the 1st inst. Present—Bros. A. Posener jun. W.M., Hine S.W., Da Silva J.W., Fenner Preceptor, Townsend Sec., Simmonds S.D., Stead J.D., Lane I.G.; also Bros. Posener sen., Stroud, Bolton, Haines, Hunter, Trewinnard, Campbell,



Pearcy, &c. Lodge being opened, minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed; the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Haines being candidate. Bro. Fenner worked the first, second, and third sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bros. Haines of the Cosmopolitan Lodge 917, Stead of the New Concord Lodge 813, and Da Silva of Israel Lodge 205, were duly elected members. Bro. Hine was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

**Denison Lodge, No. 1248.**—The installation of Sir Charles Legard M.P. as W.M. of this Lodge, will take place at Scarborough, on Wednesday next, at 5 p.m. There will be a subsequent banquet at the Grand Hotel at 7 o'clock. A large attendance of brethren is expected.

**Burdett Coutts Lodge of Instruction, No. 1278.**—On Wednesday last, at Bro. Smith's, Salmon and Ball, Bathnal Green-road. Bros. Crouch W.M., Startevant S.W., Hewlett J.W., Toye J.D., Ashburner P.M., Loveday I.G.; Chitson, Jones, Christian, Makeing, Smith, &c., &c. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed by Bro. Crouch, Bro. Makeing candidate. Bro. Smith answered the questions leading to the second degree, and was entrusted. Bro. Hewlett worked the first and second sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Startevant was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, when he will rehearse the ceremony of passing.

**St. John of Wapping Lodge of Instruction, No. 1306.**—At Bro. Mortlock's, Gun Hotel, High-street, Wapping, on Monday evening, the 4th inst. Present—Bro. Jameson W.M., Cox S.W., Coleman J.W., Mortlock P.M., Brame Secretary, Horsley S.D., Moaks I.G., Baldwin and several others. Lodge was opened in due form and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Moak being the candidate. Bro. Brame, as candidate for passing, answered the usual questions and withdrew; the Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Baldwin candidate. Bro. Cox was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

**Wolsey Lodge, 1656, Hampton Wick.**—The usual monthly meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday last, the 4th inst., at the White Hart Hotel, Bro. Wm. Hammond in the chair. Bro. J. Hammond I.P.M., J. W. Baldwin acting S.W., Bond J.W., Rev. F. J. C. De Crespigny Chaplain, Hurst J.D., Ockenden Secretary, Walls I.G., Marvin D.C., Scott W.S., and a large muster of the members. The Lodge was opened shortly after 5.30, and the minutes of the regular meeting in December, and emergency meeting in January, read and confirmed. A notice of motion made by Bro. Sharp S.W. at the December meeting, to extend the limit of the number of members in the Lodge, was next considered, and the proposition carried. Bros. Aylen and Darling were raised to the sublime degree, Bro. Humphries and Burchill passed, and Messrs. Chandler, Abbett, Jobbins, Turner and White initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry. The next business was the election of a W.M. and Treasurer for the year ensuing. Bro. Sharp, unavoidably absent in consequence of very severe illness, was elected to the chair. A letter explaining the reason of his absence was read in open Lodge, and on the proposition of the Rev. Chaplain (Bro. De Crespigny) it was resolved that a communication be forwarded to the W.M. elect, condoling with him in his present affliction. Bro. Alfred Nuthall was re-elected Treasurer. A Past Master's jewel, on the proposition of Bro. Bond, was unanimously voted to Bro. Wm. Hammond, as a slight recognition of his excellent services to the Lodge during the past year. This mark of their approbation the retiring Master well deserves. It has been mainly owing to his exertions that the Wolsey Lodge was established, and he has during his year of office admitted about five-and-twenty aspirants to Masonic light. The labours of the evening on this occasion occupied about four hours and a half, and shortly after ten, the Lodge being closed, the brethren retired to the supper room for refreshment, beaming with delight and very hungry. They separated at eleven o'clock.

**Beaconsfield Lodge, No. 1662.**—A general meeting was held at the Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, on Saturday, the 2nd February. Present—Bros. W. T. Christian W.M., W. Groome S.W., W. G. Hallows as J.W., J. Pinder P.M., F. Hallows Sec., T. Franklin S.D., J. H. Cambridge J.D., M. Hunt as I.G., T. Upward Organist, A. Delvalle W.S., Gilchrist Tyler. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The candidates for passing not having arrived, the W.M., assisted by the brethren, worked the first section of the Lecture. Bros. Harris and Putney were afterwards examined and entrusted. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the two candidates were regularly introduced and passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. The Lodge was resumed, and the election of W.M. for the ensuing year was proceeded with; the choice of the brethren was unanimous in favour of Bro. W. Groome S.W. Bro. W. T. Christian was elected Treasurer, and Bro. Gilchrist Tyler. A Past Master's jewel was unanimously voted from the Lodge Funds to the outgoing W.M., for his able and efficient services to the Lodge during his term of office. A Past Master's jewel was also voted to Bro. J. Pinder for his services as first P.M. of this Lodge. The Audit Committee was then appointed, and the Lodge was closed in due form, and adjourned until Saturday, the 5th October. The brethren afterwards sat down to an excellent supper, after which the usual Masonic toasts were given by the W.M. Amongst the Visitors present were the following brethren, viz.:—Bros. W. Mackay 861 P.M., E. Simm W.M. 1602, J. Glynn 33, J. G. Baxter jun. 206, R. Shephard 861, F. Meddle 645, R. Dallas 860, G. Edwards 907, W. Snellgrove 907, A. Turner 1228, &c. The following members of the Lodge were also present, viz.:—Bros. Burnard, Rubery, Stockwell, Moffatt, Stringer, &c., &c.

**Eleanor Lodge of Instruction, No. 1707.**—The Fifteen Sections will be worked in the above named Lodge of Instruction on Wednesday evening, 20th February, at the Angel Hotel, Edmonton, commencing at 7 o'clock precisely. Bros. Turquand P.M. 1556 W.M., Pinder P.M. 15 and 1662 S.W., Christian W.M. 1662 J.W., Tanner W.M. 1707 I.P.M.

**FIRST LECTURE.**—Bros. Hunt 1662, Pringle 781, Francis S.D. 1685, Christian W.M. 1662, Killick W.M. 1693, Andrews S.D. 1227, Hewlett 141.

**SECOND LECTURE.**—Bros. Brasted 1524, Powell J.W. 184, Garrod 715, Pinder P.M. 15 and 1662, Garnett J.D. 1707.

**THIRD LECTURE.**—Bros. Tanner W.M. 1707, Garnett J.D. 1707, Taylor D.C. 554.

This Lodge of Instruction meets every Wednesday, at 8 o'clock precisely. Bro. J. Tanner Preceptor.

**Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement.**—The weekly convocation was held on Tuesday, the 5th instant, at the Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill. The following officers presided:—Comps. J. B. Sorrell M.E.Z., F. Brown H., E. B. Grabham J., J. Boyd Treasurer, T. W. White Scribe E., G. L. Walker Scribe N, J. Constable P.S. There were also present Comps. P. Wagner, S. P. Catterson, J. Seex, E. Darcy, Buckland, and Thomas Cull, who was afterwards elected a member. The usual preliminaries were gone through, and the ceremony of exaltation rehearsed, Comp. Wagner acting candidate. Upon previous notice of motion by Comp. E. B. Grabham, it was unanimously resolved to hold the future meetings of the Chapter at 6.30 instead of 7 o'clock. It is hoped that those Companions whose convenience this alteration is intended to serve will be more regular in their attendance. Comp. Constable moved that the Chapter be adjourned until Tuesday, the 19th inst., which was seconded and carried *nem com.* The object of this step was to allow Companions the opportunity of attending the Public Night of the Prudent Brethren Chapter on the 12th instant, when several illustrations and lectures in connection with the degree will be given. We know no more able exponent than our excellent Companion John Boyd, under whose auspices this meeting is promoted.

**Hilda Rose Croix Chapter.**—We understand that, with the approval of the Supreme Grand Council 33°, the warrant of the Hilda Chapter 18°, Whitby, is about to be transferred to York. This step takes place with the full approval of all concerned; York being a central point, where it is anticipated the Chapter will have a far better chance of making progress than in such an outlying, albeit charming spot, as Whitby.

**Rising Star Lodge of Western India.**—This flourishing Lodge held its annual meeting on Saturday, the 12th ult. It was most numerous attended, not only by the active and enterprising members of the Lodge, but by a distinguished number of the most eminent brethren of the sister Lodges in Western India. It being installation meeting, a particular interest was displayed in the proceedings, particularly when it was unanimously admitted that it would be difficult to find a worthy compeer and successor to so talented a Master as R.W. Bro. Hormusjee Dabhoy. Yet it was the concurrent opinion that no one connected with the Lodge could more worthily represent its interests and protect its welfare than the R.W. Master elect, Bro. Hormasjee Dadabhoy. The important ceremony of installation was admirably performed by R.W. Bro. Rustomjee Merwanjee, and a due mead of praise, deservedly won, was accorded him by all present. The R.W. Master installed the following brethren as office-bearers for the ensuing year, viz.:—W. Bros. Hormusjee Muncherjee Chichgur Senior Warden, Dr. Cursetjee Framjee Junior Warden and Treasurer, Rustomjee Muncherjee Chichgur Secretary, Muncherjee-shaw Merwanjee Bhownuggur Senior Deacon, Dr. Atmarani Pandownung Junior Deacon, Maneckshaw Dhunjeesha Doctuma Inner Guard, Nowrojee Dajeebhoy Unwalla Jeweller, Merwanjee Setna Architect, Cowasjee Patell Tyler. After the business of the evening was brought to a conclusion, the members of the Lodge and the visiting brethren retired from labour to refreshment, and enjoyed a social evening, when the usual conventional and Masonic toasts were proposed and cordially responded to. The brethren dispersed at High Twelve, sorry to part and happy to meet again.

At the meeting of Lodge Allegiance, No. 546, Scottish Constitution, held on 12th December, at Allahabad, Bro. H. Gawke was elected R.W.M. for the ensuing term, and Bro. J. Russell the retiring Master as Treasurer of the Lodge. Serjeant Major G. R. Prestwood, R.A., was balloted for, and, the ballot being clear, initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry.

## MARK MASONRY.

**Moore Lodge of Mark Masters, Lancaster, No. 146.**—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday, the 28th ult., at the Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster. There were present Bros. F. Dean Prov. G.J.O. W.M., Dr. Moore G.J.O. of England as I.P.M., W. Hall S.W., W. J. Sly Prov. G.D. as J.W., Edmund Simpson P. Prov. G.R. of Marks Sec., H. Longman M.O., J. Stanley S.O., J. J. Crookell J.O., &c. After the formal business had been transacted, and the accounts audited and passed, the election took place for a W.M. for the ensuing year, which resulted in the unanimous choice of Bro. W. Hall S.W. to that important office. Bro. W. J. Sly was also elected Treasurer. The installation will take place on Monday, 25th March, on which occasion the founder of the Lodge, Bro. Dr. Moore, will officiate as Installing Officer.

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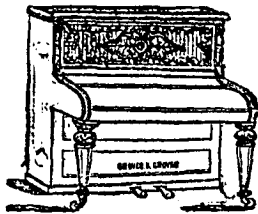
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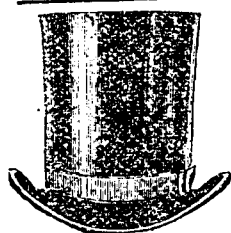
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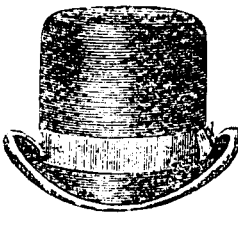
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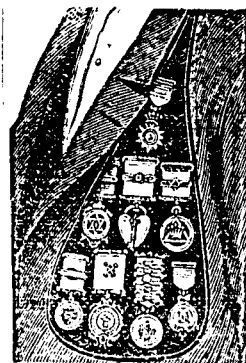


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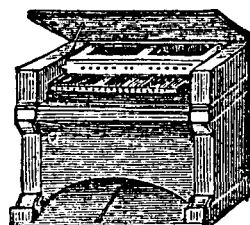
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