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THE LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

RIGHTS OF PROVINCIAL BRETHREN.

AT the meeting of Grand Lodge to be held on Wednesday next, the recommendation submitted by the Board of General Purposes, for the recasting of the constitution of the Lodge of Benevolence, will come on for discussion. It is proposed to limit the number of members to forty-five, with the addition of a President, and the principal Grand Officers. Out of the forty-five, thirty are to be elective.

There is an amendment on the notice paper, proposed by the Rev. William Tebbs, which we believe aims at equalisation of the suffrage in respect of the elective members, but which does not otherwise affect the principle of the alterations proposed by the Board of General Purposes. Clause C of this amendment runs as follows:—"As many representatives (W.M. or P.M.) of London Lodges, to be elected by the W.M.'s of such Lodges, as shall be in twice the proportion of the number of London Lodges to the number of Provincial Lodges."

We confess our inability to fathom the exact meaning or limitation of this clause; and do not, we apprehend, stand alone in our want of acumen. However it be explained, we cannot but regard the amendment of Bro. Tebbs as complicated in theory, and cumbersome in practice, if it even be practicable. Except in Grand Lodge, it is not easy to get all W.M.'s of London Lodges together, and even there, many must be unavoidably absent on all occasions: a fact which is fatal to equalisation of the suffrage in this case. For this and other reasons we do not expect that this amendment will meet the views of any party in Grand Lodge. The real question at issue now is, not the way in which the Lodge of Benevolence shall be recast, but whether it be desirable to reconstitute it at all.

Another amendment stands upon the paper, emanating from Bro. Robert F. Gould, P.M. of No. 92, which has the merit of being perfectly intelligible, and provided the reconstitution of the Lodge of Benevolence take effect, is, from our point of view, highly desirable. It aims simply at protecting the rights of Provincial brethren, by providing that one-half of the number of elective members shall be actual or Past Masters of Country Lodges, *in case the requisite number of qualified brethren shall be put in nomination.*

We flatter ourselves that the English spirit of fair play is ever dominant amongst us, and that no one can desire to deprive our country brethren of a just share in the control of the Lodge of Benevolence, proportioned to that of Londoners. To this end, the amendment of Bro. Gould is happily calculated, and we doubt not that numerous influential brethren from the Provinces will be found in their place to support the insertion of a proviso which, in our opinion, would find its proper place annexed to the original motion.

As to the principle of the original motion itself, opinion may be divided; subordinate Past Grand Officers and others who will lose their former *ex officio* privilege of sitting at the Lodge of Benevolence, may feel disposed to resist the innovation. However the matter be settled, it will be well to bear in mind that the amendments must be put first to the meeting; that should the original motion afterwards be carried, it is desirable that the amendment protecting the rights of country brethren should be previously tacked on to it; and that brethren who vote for the affirmative on such amendment will remain perfectly free to oppose the original motion afterwards, if they deem fit.

LODGE "VICTORIA IN BURMAH."

OUR readers will have noticed a letter signed "A Looker On," which appeared in our issue of last week, and from which it will be gathered that the authority of Grand Lodge has been deliberately set at naught by "Victoria in Burmah," No. 832, Rangoon. We have no intention of recounting the whole of the circumstances connected with the recent disputes which have taken place in this Lodge, but it will be necessary to give an outline of the leading facts. In December 1875, Rev. Bro. Marks, at the time absent in England, was appointed Senior Warden of this Lodge. He did not, as it happened, return to Rangoon till the April following. He did not take his seat as Warden till August. He was a candidate for the Mastership in December 1876, when his eligibility was questioned; but Bro. Nichols, at the time W.M., ruled that he was eligible, and on a ballot Bro. Marks was elected Master by thirteen votes against eleven given to Bro. Vaillant. An appeal against Bro. Nichols's ruling was lodged in the proper quarter, but was dismissed on the ground that it was not couched in respectful language. Pending a second appeal, Bro. Marks was installed. The I.P.M. then presented a complaint against sundry brethren for un-Masonic conduct, and the Lodge passed sentence of exclusion against the brethren in question. Subsequently, the Dep. District Grand Master decided adversely on the second appeal, and he further declined to interfere in the matter of exclusion. Bro. Vaillant and his brethren in misfortune then carried their case to Grand Lodge, and at the Communication held on the 5th December last, that august body, on motion duly made by Grand Registrar, and seconded, resolved (1) that Bro. Marks was not eligible to fill the chair of his Lodge; (2) that Lodge "Victoria in Burmah" be directed to receive again as members the five brethren whom they had excluded, and restore them fully to all their Masonic rights and privileges. What has since taken place was recorded in these columns last week by "A Looker On." The excluded brethren presented themselves at the next regular meeting after the resolution of Grand Lodge had been received, that is, on the 11th January, and requested to be allowed to take their seats again in the Lodge. They were told, however, "by a P.M., who is also, D.D.G.M., the I.P.M." (Bro. Marks, we presume) "being also present, that their attendance at the Lodge was premature, and that they could not be admitted." In vain did they plead the peremptory order of Grand Lodge, which, it was admitted, had been received; in vain did they protest they had come in a friendly spirit. It was no good, and they had to retire crestfallen and disappointed, because in the opinion of Lodge Victoria in Burmah, "Grand Lodge had based its decision in ignorance and had made some mistake in procedure." These are the facts of the case thus far. Let us now turn to the law on the subject of "Appeal."

At page 95 of the Constitutions we find it laid down that—

"The grand lodge possesses the supreme superintending authority, and the power of finally deciding on every case which concerns the interest of the craft. Any lodge or brother, therefore, who feels aggrieved by the decision of any other Masonic authority or jurisdiction, may appeal to the next practicable grand lodge against such decision. The appeal must be made in writing, specifying the particular grievance complained of, and be transmitted, together with all documentary evidence, to the grand secretary twenty-one days at least before the next quarterly com-

munication of grand lodge, accompanied by a certificate. that notices and copies of the appeal have been sent by the appellant to the party against whose decision the appeal is made, and also to the opposite party, and upon receipt of the appeal and certificates by the grand secretary, he shall forthwith give notice thereof to the party whose decision is thereby called in question; and on the hearing of the appeal, the proof of the service of the notices and copies of appeal shall be upon the appellant unless admitted by the parties, and such service shall be considered valid if sent by the ordinary post.

"At the hearing of the appeal no fresh evidence shall be adduced by either party.

"No appeal can be received unless couched in proper and respectful language."

All this is clear enough. Now let us turn to what Grand Registrar said when he moved that the sentence of exclusion against these brethren be quashed, and that they be restored to their rights and privileges as members of the Lodge "Victoria in Burmah." Bro. McIntyre laid it down that this question—that is, the countercharge by the retiring W.M. against the members who had appealed to the Deputy District G.M. against the ruling of the W.M., as to Bro. Marks's eligibility to fill the chair of this Lodge—"was not a question to be decided by the Lodge, and for them to say whether these brethren should be excluded or not. It was a complaint made by brethren to a competent authority, who had to deal with all such questions, and not for any member or any number of members of a Lodge to say, 'In making your complaint against us, you have said that which is not true, and we will exclude you.'" Then further on, we have Bro. McIntyre pointing out what steps ought to have been taken. "What they ought to have done, if they complained of falsehood, was to have made a counter-complaint to the Deputy District Grand Master; have had witnesses called to prove whether the statements were true or false; and had complaint heard and decided by him, who was the supreme person there. But it was not competent, when a complaint was made before a higher tribunal, to make the same matter subject of complaint before the Lodge, as Grand Lodge decided some time ago in a case from Trinidad." Moreover, Bro. McIntyre added, "Pending the decision of the Deputy District Grand Master, the appealing members were treated by the Lodge most unfairly," and then we have, the grounds on which Bro. McIntyre felt himself bound to arrive at this conclusion, all which will be found in the proceedings of the December Communication of Grand Lodge.

This is how, so far as we know, this distressing case stands at this moment. The sentence of exclusion against Bro. Vaillant and other members of Lodge "Victoria in Burmah," has been declared null and void by our Grand Lodge, which, be it remembered, the Constitutions declare "possesses supreme superintending authority, and the power of formally deciding every case which concerns the interest of the craft." But the Lodge in question has so far declined to obey the resolution of Grand Lodge, and the brethren whom it has restored to their Masonic rights and privileges, are still denied them. And we are invited to believe that Grand Lodge has "based its decision in ignorance," and has "made some mistake in procedure." We do not of course take upon ourselves to say that our Grand Lodge authorities are infallible. They are men, and as such are liable to error, but we think it is too much—whether it be intended as a joke or in earnest—on the part of Lodge "Victoria in Burmah" to ask us to believe that our Grand Lodge, including Grand Secretary Hervey and Grand Registrar, has gone all wrong, while brethren of far inferior experience—as the officers of Victoria in Burmah have proved themselves to be—are all right. We have no wish to say anything which will hurt the feelings of brethren who are entire strangers to us, and we shall, therefore, say nothing further on this point than that we prefer to believe that the Grand Secretary has done his part as required by the Constitutions, and that the ruling of so distinguished a brother as the Grand Registrar, who, it must be borne in mind, is a Queen's Counsel, and therefore one pre-eminently learned in the law, is preferable to the opinions of the members of the Lodge Victoria in Burmah! We must, however, take upon ourselves to point out that the position of this Lodge is very different now to what it was three months ago. Then it had only displayed ignorance of its duties, now it has shown itself contumacious and has deliberately set the

edict of Grand Lodge at defiance. The first duty of a Mason is obedience to constituted authority, and Grand Lodge "possesses the supreme superintending authority" over all Masons within its jurisdiction. What Lodge "Victoria in Burmah" should have done was to have obeyed Grand Lodge unhesitatingly and then respectfully submitted to its authorities a statement setting forth in what particular respects Grand Lodge had acted in ignorance, and how it had erred in its procedure. As the case stands now, "Victoria in Burmah" may be suspended, and if it perseveres in its contumacy may be erased from the list of Lodges holding under Grand Lodge. And we feel bound to add, that in our humble but sincere opinion, Grand Lodge will sustain no very serious loss if so inharmonious a Lodge is swept away, so that no evidence of its existence is left behind.

REPLY TO "TOLERANCE."

BY BRO. JACOB NORTON.

I DISTINCTLY remember the predictions of *wise-acres*: that when Catholics were emancipated the streets would be deluged with blood; that the Reform of Parliament, would produce anarchy, and that the repeal of the corn-laws would ruin the country. Some denounced the contemplated reforms as crimes, while others declared that they were blunders which were worse than crimes, &c. But the Catholics were emancipated, the Reform Bill was passed, and the corn-laws were repealed, and *nobody was hurt*. On the contrary, the obstructionists themselves were afterwards ashamed of the ridiculous arguments they used on those occasions. Progress has also been made in the scientific world, as well as in the theological world, within the last fifty years, in spite of obstructionists; nor has Masonry been altogether standing still for the last thirty-six years (since I was initiated). Then Dr. Oliver's "Antiquities of Masonry" was regarded as a profoundly sublime work, but now it is conceded to be ridiculous; then, beliefs in Masonic legends and ancient landmarks were universal, but now these fade away like a scene of dissolving views; then we believed that an atheist was necessarily stupid and immoral, but now, even "Tolerance," my opponent, admits that atheists are respected in the best circles of society; then editors were too illiberal to have published "A Plea on behalf of the Grand Orient of France," but now Masonic editors are liberal. And, last, it cannot be denied that my present opponent is more generous and candid than my Masonic opponents have hitherto been; all which proves conclusively that the world has progressed in every direction, in spite of obstructionists and wise-acres, and I really believe that we shall continue to make progress, as hitherto, notwithstanding the opposition of timid conservatives, &c.

The dimensions of a Lodge are given as follow: "As long as from east to west, as broad as between north and south, as deep as from the surface of the earth to the centre, and as high as the heaven," meaning the *utmost universality*; with a proviso, however, for the brethren to be good and true, or men of honour and honesty, with just enough of theology to cement the harmony of the Lodge. Be it remembered that the religious clause of 1723 was really an innovation upon the old Constitutions, which required prayers to be addressed to the Trinity, and an unqualified submission to the doctrines of the Church; furthermore, the religious clause seems to have been inserted into the Charges of the Constitutions, because it was believed in those days that atheists were stupid and immoral.

Sweden, Denmark, Prussia, France, &c., have all received their first Masonic charters from the Grand Lodge of England, and each alike were bound to adhere to the Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of England. And now, our boasted Masonic universality amounts to this, in the first three of the above-named countries a Lodge has dwindled down to the size of the geometrician's point, viz.: without length, breadth, or thickness. In the United States the Lodge work is strongly impregnated with sectarianism, and even in England, though not quite as bad as in the previous jurisdictions, the dimensions of a Lodge do not come up to the plan marked out on her Masonic tracing board.

Now, it has recently been reported (whether rightly or wrongly is immaterial) that the Grand Orient of France has extended the circle of Masonic universality by expunging all theological requirements from candidates for Masonry, thereupon the Grand Lodge of England expressed great regret, and appointed a committee to search its old records, and there seems a disposition on the part of some to follow the lead of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, by expelling the French Grand Orient from the Masonic association.

At the very same meeting the departure from Anderson's landmarks by the Three Globes at Berlin was also brought to the notice of the Grand Lodge of England, but no committee was appointed thereon, either to search the record or to do anything else. The same members who were fierce against the Grand Orient of France considered it indelicate to disapprove of the un-Masonic conduct of the Berlin Grand Lodge. Admitting then that both France and Prussia have disobeyed Anderson's constitution, I want to know why the Grand Lodge of England has a right to interfere in France? and why it has no right to do the same thing in Germany? My opponent, in the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE of 5th of January, in a like manner confines all his indignation towards France, and has not a word to say about Germany. And here is the drift of his arguments.

The world consists of believers and disbelievers in a Deity. Likewise of believers and disbelievers in the necessity of a govern-

ment. He (my opponent) also takes for granted, that anarchists as well as atheists are respected among the first circles of society, on account of their high intellectual standing; that an anarchist may also be of a gigantic intellect, and might also be respected among the highest class of society; and as an anarchist is not a fit member for a society, therefore an atheist is also unfit for our society.

Now, in the first place, a gigantic intellectual anarchist is a mere phantom of my opponent's imagination, there is no such person in existence, and we need not therefore think what we shall or shall not do if he applies for admission to Masonry; but suppose there was such a person, I could see good reason for excluding him from any and every society. If our Masonic institution professed to be a religion there would be equally cogent reasons for excluding an atheist, but as "Tolerance" claims Masonry to be a mere moral institution, he ought to have furnished good evidence to prove that an atheist cannot possibly be a moral man before he undertook to thunder against the Grand Orient of France for admitting atheists. But he furnished no such proof; on the contrary, he frankly admitted that atheists are respected among the first circles of society, which itself implies that they are neither stupid nor grossly immoral. But yet, because Dr. Anderson and King David said, atheists were fools or libertines, he comes to the conclusion that "there can be no morality which is not based on theism."

If my opponent persists in the above opinion, against his own admitted evidence to the contrary, it is useless to continue this discussion. My own opinion is, that morality as well as immorality are independent of belief even in Deism; the former I have already proved; as to the latter, your prison chaplains will inform you that atheists have never polluted with their presence the prison chapel; that, in general, the greatest criminals have never doubted the doctrines of the Church they were trained to, and hence they are more orthodox than some doctors of divinity; and even King David, though a firm believer in the Deity, yet it did not save him from lust and crime; and last, when I see our American Masonic luminaries ever ranting about Christianity, &c. and are yet perfectly indifferent about lying and deceiving, I must come to the conclusion that morality or immorality do not depend on belief. The fact is, every religionist imagines that there is no morality like his morality, that his virtues are better than virtues of other religionists, that his people are the chosen people, that his heart is better than his neighbour's who believes in another ism. In short, each says, "I am holier than thou." The mission of Masonry, however, is just to disabuse our minds from these conceits. Its design is to bring together good and true men of all religious denominations, that each may see that goodness and virtues are not monopolised by his church. Dr. Anderson indeed imagined that atheists are necessarily void of common sense and morality, hence he excluded atheists from the Masonic brotherhood. It is now however demonstrated that Anderson's opinion was wrong (as already shown), and the French Grand Orient therefore concluded to extend the Masonic mantle of charity over that class too, and what harm will it do? Anderson, Payne and Desaguliers were Christian clergymen, their consenting to associate on the level with Jews, Deists, Mahomedans, &c., is certainly no proof that they entertained hostility towards Christianity, and what proof has been adduced to show that because the Grand Orient has decided, by a large majority, to extend the circle of Masonic universality, that it was prompted to do so on account of hostility to belief in God?

But here is another phantom of our brother's conjuring, "what becomes of my consistency (says he) when, on the one hand, I swear to obey the laws of my country, and on the other hand am ready to vote for an atheist into my Lodge."

This refers to the law that an atheist cannot testify in a court of justice, but as no law of my country exists forbidding me to vote for atheists into my Lodge, I certainly cannot violate a law by so voting for one. Besides which, laws made in the middle ages were mostly designed to favour the governing classes and the State Church at the expense of the people; most of these barbarous laws have disappeared, after severe struggles, and even bloodshed. This law against atheists is as unjust as the former laws were against heretics and Jews, and every one who believes in the golden rule of "Do as you would be done by," should use his influence to abolish every unjust law, whether the injustice affects a large or a small number of citizens, and I hope and trust that Bro. Tolerance will be benefited by the above hint.

With regard to the strong fears entertained by my opponent that somebody would transcend his boundary of liberty, if I can understand him rightly about the boundary, I fully agree with him, viz.: that no one has a right to insist that his insane ideas should be respected; that is, if I am persuaded that certain ideas are insane or ridiculous. I do not want the believer in those ideas to be continually boring me with his hobby; and, as religionists generally believe that all religionists outside of their own community, entertain some insane notions, hence all sectarian beliefs should be excluded from the Lodge service. As far as I can understand, there is not the remotest intention of introducing atheism into French Lodges, but as my opponent seems to fear that atheism will take the place of theism, the Grand Lodge Committee on the French question ought to have been authorised to visit Parisian Lodges, where they could learn whether his fears have any foundation, and if it should prove that theology as well as anti-theology are alike excluded from French Lodges, then the wisest course for the Grand Lodge of England is, not to meddle with the decision of the Grand Orient of France; for, in the first place, French Masonry is certainly more consistent with our professed universality than even English Masonry is; and, second, as the Grand Lodge of England had decided that it would be very indelicate to censure Berlin Masonry, which, in fact, annihilated the very essence of Masonry, I really cannot see how it can consistently censure the French Orient for improving and extending its beneficent influence.

And, last, let us remember the old adage, "Cast out the beam out of thine own eye, and then thou shalt see clearly the mote that is in thy brother's eye."

Boston, 25th January 1878.

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION OF GRAND LODGE.

THE following is the business to be transacted in Grand Lodge on Wednesday, 6th March 1878:—

1. The Regulations for the Government of Grand Lodge during the time of Public Business will be read.

2. The Minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 5th December 1877 will be read and put for confirmation.

3. The M.W. Grand Master will move:—

"That this Grand Lodge do grant the sum of One Hundred Pounds to be paid out of the Fund of General Purposes for the assistance of the members of the Igualdad Lodge, No. 653, in the Island of Curacao, West Indies, who have suffered from the Hurricane which occurred there on the 23rd September 1877."

4. The Right Hon. The Earl of Carnarvon, Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master, will present the Report of the Committee appointed at the Quarterly Communication of the 5th December last, to enquire into the circumstances relative to the elimination of the name of the Great Architect of the Universe from its Ritual by the Grand Orient of France, for the consideration of Grand Lodge, and will move its adoption.

5. Election of M.W. Grand Master.

6. Election of a Grand Treasurer.

7. Report of the Lodge of Benevolence for the last quarter, in which are recommendations for the following grants, viz:—

The Widow of a Brother of the Old Union Lodge, No. 46, London	£50 0 0
The Widow of a Brother of the Mechanics Lodge, No. 245, Jersey	50 0 0
The Widow of a Brother of the Royal Athelstan Lodge, No. 19, London... ..	50 0 0
A Brother of the Strawberry Hill Lodge, No. 916, Twickenham	100 0 0

8. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

[We refer our readers to the agenda paper for particulars.]

To the Report is subjoined a statement of the Grand Lodge Accounts at the last Meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 15th day of February 1878, showing a balance in the hands of the Grand Treasurer of £4,628 2s 8d; and in the hands of the Grand Secretary, for Petty Cash, £75; and for Servants' Wages, £96 15s.

9. Report of Bro. R. P. Harding, Auditor of Grand Lodge Accounts, of Receipts and Disbursements during the year 1877.

10. Adjourned Debate on so much of the Report of the Board of General Purposes of the 21st August 1877, as relates to the Lodge of Benevolence, viz:—

1. The "Lodge of Benevolence" to be in future designated the "Board of Benevolence."

2. The Board of Benevolence to consist of the Grand Master, Pro Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, the Grand Wardens, a President, and forty-five other members. The President and fifteen of such members to be annually nominated by the Grand Master at the Quarterly Communication in December, and the remaining thirty members to be elected by Grand Lodge from amongst the actual Masters and Past Masters of Lodges, such election to be conducted in the same manner as that of the Board of General Purposes, but it should not in our opinion be a regulation that one-third or any other proportion of the members should retire annually.

3. The Board to elect one of its Members to be Vice-President.

4. Five Members to form a quorum.

11. NOTICES OF MOTIONS.

1. By Bro. Rev. William Tebbs, P.M. No. 285, Shepton Mallet. Proposed Amendments on the Report of the Board of General Purposes, in reference to alterations in the constitution of the Lodge of Benevolence:—

(1.) The title; the mode of working; and the nomination and election respectively, of Officers of the Lodge of Benevolence to remain as now.

(2.) The Lodge of Benevolence from and after the end of this present year of office to be constituted as follows:—

a. All present Grand Officers.

b. One Representative (W.M. or P.M.) to be elected by the W.M.'s of the Lodges comprising each Provincial Grand Lodge.

c. As many Representatives (W.M.'s or P.M.'s) of London Lodges to be elected by the W.M.'s of such Lodges as shall be in twice the proportion of the number of London Lodges to the number of Provincial Lodges.

d. As many Past Grand Officers to be nominated by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, at the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, in December, as shall make up the number of "c" to that of "b."

2. By Bro. Robert F. Gould, P.M. No. 92, London.

On the President of the Board of General Purposes moving—

That Grand Lodge do adopt the recommendation of the Board of General Purposes with reference to the reconstitution of the Lodge of Benevolence,

To propose, as an Amendment, the addition of the following words, viz. :—

“That fifteen of the thirty members to be elected by Grand Lodge (as recommended in paragraph 2 of the Report of the Board of General Purposes) shall be actual or Past Masters of Country Lodges, in all cases where such number of qualified brethren shall be duly nominated for election.”

12. Letters and papers from Lord de Tabley, R.W. Provincial Grand Master for Cheshire, recommending the erasure of a Lodge from the Roll of Lodges.

Letter from the Secretary of the Lodge referred to praying, on behalf of the members, for a respite for twelve months.

Application from the Royal Lodge, No. 207, Kingston, Jamaica, for assistance to enable them to build a Masonic Temple.

List of Lodges for which warrants have been granted by the M.W. Grand Master since the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge:—

- No. 1733.—Sunbury Lodge, Sunbury, Middlesex.
 1734.—Trinity Lodge, Rayleigh, Essex.
 1735.—Carnarvon Lodge, Cape Town, Cape of Good Hope.
 1736.—St. John's Lodge, Halifax, Yorkshire.
 1737.—Winchester Lodge, Winchester, Canterbury, New Zealand.
 1738.—Lodge Excelsior in Khandeish, Bhosawul, in Khandeish, Bombay.
 1739.—Carnarvon Lodge, Gresley, Derbyshire.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS FOR SUFFOLK.

FROM THE EAST ANGLIAN DAILY TIMES.

THE Province of Suffolk, which has five Chapters of Royal Arch Masons—one in Woodbridge, three in Ipswich, and one in Bury—now owns its Grand Chapter, and as its head has one of the hardest working and most respected members of the Craft. In obtaining as the Grand Superintendent of the Province Comp. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, Past Grand Chaplain, Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Suffolk, and Past Grand Principal Sojourner, the Companions are to be congratulated, and the proceedings of Saturday may be considered as an indication of the satisfaction experienced by the members in his selection, and augurs well for the prosperity of Royal Arch Masonry. As stated by Comp. Martyn during the afternoon, it would have been a great pleasure to them all to have had their Provincial Grand Master as the head of the Chapters, but Bro. Lord Waveney has not become a Companion of Royal Arch Masonry, and his Lordship consequently requested Comp. Martyn to assume the responsibility of ruling the Provincial Grand Chapter. The Grand H. of the Supreme Grand Chapter, Comp. Lord Skelmersdale, very kindly attended for the purpose of the installation of Comp. Martyn, which took place in the Council Chamber of the Town Hall, Ipswich (kindly lent by the Mayor, C. H. Cowell, Esq.), on Saturday afternoon. The chamber presented a splendid appearance when set out in full Chapter form, with the Companions, numbering about 70, seated around.

The Chapter was attended by M.E. Comps. the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale Grand H. G.S.W. Lanc., Rev. C. J. Martyn P.G.P.S. P.Z., W. P. T. Phillips 81, J. N. York 1008, B. Gall 81, Dr. W. P. Mills 225, Rev. R. N. Sanderson 959, S. H. Wright 376, N. Tracy 376, J. Pitcher 376, J. A. Pettit 959, A. Barber 225, G. Cresswell 959, J. B. Fraser 376, H. Luff 376, W. H. Lucia 1008, A. Barfield 19, T. Grimwood 81, T. Robb 225, A. Fleming 376, F. Binckes 10, W. Wilmsburst 81. Comps. A. Barnes, R. D. Gall, and C. F. Browner of the Royal York Chapter 81, Woodbridge, W. Daking, G. Abbott, and T. J. Wentworth, of the St. Luke's Chapter 225, Ipswich, J. H. Staddon, A. Gamman, W. Clarke, W. Spalding, A. De George, T. R. Elkington, W. B. Jeffries, R. Allen, S. R. Anness, R. Anness, J. M. Harvey, S. Shortridge, W. H. Spicer, W. T. Jobson, W. G. Cunnold, W. Boby, H. C. Casley, J. Walker, J. K. Sidgwick, A. A. Seaborn, A. J. Grimwade, H. W. Hitchcock, and H. Ribbons of the Royal Sussex Chapter 376, Ipswich, W. D. Paine and A. A. Bennett of the Royal Alexandra Chapter 959, Ipswich, W. Armstrong, R. Evans, F. W. Joy, J. Shepherd, T. F. Lucia, E. King, W. Patrick, and the Rev. J. T. Hassall P.G. Chaplain of the White Rose Chapter 1008, Bury St. Edmund's, and the following visitors:—C. L. Lilley 12, T. J. Railing, W. Richey, G. Smith, C. Ellis, F. Wheeler, G. H. Grimwood, and H. Welham of Chapter 51 Colchester. The Royal Arch Chapter was opened by the M.E.Z. of the oldest Chapter in Ipswich (the St. Luke's), Comp. Dr. Mills, assisted by the M.E. Comps. Fraser and Sanderson. Upon the entrance of the Grand H., Lord Skelmersdale, the Companions saluted him in due form, and he accepted the chair which Comp. Mills resigned. His Lordship congratulated the Companions upon the progress of Masonry in the Province. He had made a promise to Comp. Martyn that he would instal him as the P.G.S., and he was pleased to be present in fulfilment of that promise. The M.E. Comps. Mills and Pitcher presented the M.E. Comp. Martyn to the Grand H., and the patent, dated 30th June 1877, was read, authorising the constitution of the P.G. Chapter. The Grand H. then installed Comp. Martyn, and congratulated him upon the position he had attained. He had watched his progress in Masonry with interest, and was sure the Grand Z. could not have found one better qualified to occupy the

office. E. Comp. Clarke, who acted as M.C. during the ceremony, then proclaimed the M.E. Comp. Martyn obligated, invested, and installed as the Provincial Grand Superintendent of Suffolk. The P.G.S. announced that he had selected the M.E. Comp. W. P. T. Phillips as Prov. Grand H., and the M.E. Comp. York as Prov. Grand J., and said he thanked all the Companions heartily and sincerely for the honour which had been conferred upon him, and felt proud to be installed by Lord Skelmersdale for such an important Province as Suffolk, and with God's will he would devote himself to furthering the work of the Province. He referred to the difficulty he had experienced in selecting officers out of the very large number of Past Officers, but said he thought in choosing the Z. of the oldest Chapter as H., and P.Z. and founder of the youngest Chapter in the Province as J. he had acted satisfactorily. He hoped to advance those brethren deserving of advancement, and he would be grateful for the assistance and co-operation of the Companions at all times. He thanked all for their presence, and particularly Lord Skelmersdale for coming at great inconvenience to himself. His Masonic and Parliamentary duties, they all know, were heavy, and he (the P.G.S.) was sure he would be but expressing the sentiments of them all when he returned the M.E. Comp. their hearty thanks. He moved that the first resolution entered upon the minutes of the P.G. Chapter be a vote of thanks to his Lordship for his attendance. The motion was seconded by the P.G.H. W. P. T. Phillips, and carried unanimously. The Grand H. (Lord Skelmersdale) said he had great pleasure in coming down to Suffolk again. He thought he had now a right to consider himself affiliated to the Province, and that he might consider himself as one of them. He trusted that the Provincial Grand Chapter of Suffolk, as well as Royal Arch Masonry, might flourish. A proposition made by the M.E. Comp. Luff, and seconded by the M.E. Comp. Sanderson, that the M.E. Comp. Dr. Mills be elected Treasurer for the Province was carried unanimously. The P.G.S. then appointed and invested his Officers as follow:—P.G.S.E. M.E. Comp. W. H. Lucia, P.G.S.N. M.E. Comp. Sanderson, P.G.P.S. M.E. Comp. J. B. Fraser, P.G. 1st A.S. M.E. Comp. Luff, P.G. 2nd A.S. M.E. Comp. S. H. Wright, P.G.D.C. M.E. Comp. Westgate, P.G.R. M.E. Comp. Armstrong, P.G. Stowards, M.E. Comps. Wilmsburst and Noble. It was decided that the appointment of a J. should not be made, but that the Chapter where the P.G.C. meets appoint a Companion for the day. Comp. G. Spalding was appointed for that day. The P.G.S. apologised for the absence of Comps. Lord Henniker, the G.S.E. J. Harvey, P. de L. Long, and the P.G.S. of Camb. The next business was the appointment of a committee to frame the byc-laws, and it was ultimately decided that it consist of the P.G.S., the two Principals, the P.G.S.E., and a representative to be selected by each Chapter. The P.G.J. proposed a vote of thanks to the mayor for granting the use of the Town Hall. This was seconded by the P.G.S., and unanimously agreed to. The Prov. Grand Chapter was then closed, and the Comps. retired to the Golden Lion Hotel, where a sumptuous banquet had been provided. The chair was occupied by the new Provincial Grand Superintendent, supported on his right by Lord Skelmersdale and the P.G.H., and on his left by the P.G.J. and M.E. Comp. Binckes; the vice-chair being occupied by M.E. Comp. Sanderson, the P.G.S.N.

ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED RITE.

ON Saturday last, at York, the installation meeting of the Hilda Rose Croix Chapter was held, when the ceremony of transferring the warrant from Whitby to York was performed, under the superintendence, and in the presence of the Supreme Grand Council of England. The meeting was held in the Masonic Rooms, Queen's Hotel, and there were present the following members of the S.C. 33°, members of the Hilda Chapter, and Visitors:—Capt. Nathaniel G. Philips 33° M.J. Lieut. G.C., Major General H. Clerk 33° G.T.G., J. Montague P. Montague 33° G.C., Lieut.-Col. S. H. Clerke G.S.G., H. D. Sandeman 33° G.S.F.C., C. J. Banister 33° S.G.I.G. (northern district), W. H. Marwood 31°, J. W. Woodall 31°, Walter Reynolds 31°, G. Wilkinson 30°, A. O. Marwood, T. Marwood, S. Middleton, Thos. Cooper, J. F. Holden, R. Huntley, T. B. Prissick, J. S. Cumberland, T. B. Whytehead, M. Millington, G. Simpson, John Ward, A. T. B. Turner, &c. Several brethren were elected joining members, and candidates for advancement, and two serving brethren. The days of meeting were fixed to be on the last Wednesday in November, February, May, and August. Bro. Thos. Cooper was installed M.W.S., and appointed the following Officers:—Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett H.P., T. B. Whytehead S.G., S. Middleton I.G., J. S. Cumberland G. Marshal, M. Millington R., A. T. B. Turner H., John Ward C. of G., B. Wormald Treas., G. Simpson D.C., P. H. Rowland Org., P. Pearson and H. Jackson Equerries. The proceedings were of a very successful character throughout, there being several visitors from the Hull and Sheffield Chapters present. During the morning the members of the S.C. visited the Cathedral, St. Mary's Abbey, the Museum, and other places of interest, under the guidance of Bro. T. B. Whytehead.

CONSECRATION OF A MARK LODGE AT ABERGAVENNY.

ON Thursday, 14th ult., a large number of Freemasons, including a number of the county gentry, met at the Freemasons' Hall, in Lion-street, to perform the ceremony of consecrating a Lodge of Mark Masons (the third in the county) in connection with the Blue and Royal Arch Lodges already established in the town, and to instal Bro. J. C. Hunter Little, of Llanvair Grange, as Worshipful

Master for the ensuing year, and appoint and invest his Officers. Having partaken of luncheon, at the Greyhound Hotel, about 11 o'clock all repaired to the Freemasons' Hall, and having transacted some minor business—advancing a number of duly qualified brethren, and initiating no less than 18 new members—the ceremony of the consecration of the new Lodge as "St. John's Lodge, No. 214," and the installation of Bro. Little as W.M., and appointment of Officers, was performed by the Right Worshipful Bro. L. Augustus Homfray P.G.M.M.M., assisted by the Right Worshipful Bro. Frederick Binckes P.G.S.W. and Grand Secretary of England. At the conclusion of the ceremony Bro. Little presented the Lodge with a massive silver goblet, to be used by the Craft as "a loving cup." The following is a list of the Mark Masons under the Worshipful Master of this new Lodge for the year:—Bros. W. Williams S.W., T. Harry S.W., Crawshaw Bailey M.O., F. Greene Lake S.O., Edward Phillips J.O., Rev. W. J. C. Linsay Chaplain, George Albert Jones Sec., W. Tucker Treas., J. O. Marsh S.D., W. White Supt. of Works, V. A. Julius J.D., J. B. Walford D.C., Henry Harris Reg., W. G. Hands Org., Capt. Wilson and McLeod Stewards, and Joseph Greene Tyler.

In the evening a grand banquet was held at the Greyhound Hotel, and the catering of Bro. W. Tucker gave great satisfaction. Bro. Little W.M. presided, and there were also present, in addition to those whose names have been already mentioned, Bros. Col. Chas. Lyne D.P.G.M., A. T. Perkins P.G.D.C. W.M. 109, S. H. Steel P.M. 818, S. G. Homfray P.G.S.W., E. O. V. Haldane P.G.M.O., W. O'Kerley, W. Pickford P.M. P.G.T. and C. P. Gwent Encampment, G. H. Gorvin P.M. 818, Chas. J. Daniel P.M. 818, Valentine J. O'Brien, Horseford W.M. 818, W. H. Spring Nos. 1182 and 464, H. J. Edmunds 818, W. J. Hands 818, Henry Harris 818, E. Hampton 818, Henry Fletcher P.G., W. Davies 281, Samuel Eames 281, T. Delafield 1005 and St. John's, Abergavenny, Jno. Jones, Crickhowell 818, Joseph Grieve Tyler, Jno. Chandler W.M. 178, J. W. Hallam P.M. 237, E. J. Baker 214, R. De M. Lawson P.M. 99 and 155 P.G.O. Eng., J. O. Marslo S.D. 214, Jas. Gosden 818, Edward Price 818, W. Rowe 818, R. Wain 818, John E. Thomas 818, W. Tucker, Thos. H. Gage, G. O. Keystone, Lodge 109, Arthur Jones 818, &c. A long list of complimentary toasts was gone through, and a pleasant evening was spent. We understand that the Provincial Grand Lodge meeting is fixed to take place at Abergavenny, in June next.

THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS AT THE CONFIDENCE LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 193.

AN unusually large gathering was expected at the Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., on Wednesday last, but as is but too often the case in this world, full of imperfections—men propose and the heavens dispose. For as the evening drew near, down came a pelting rain sufficient to damp the ardour and discourage the spirit of the most enthusiastic. Nevertheless, and despite the inclemency of the weather, a tolerable number made their appearance, and Bro. Ives, who on a former occasion was chosen to preside, was able to open the Lodge in due time and proceed with the appointed work. The S.W.'s chair was occupied by Bro. T. J. Barnes, that of the J.W. by Bro. Andrews. Bro. Gottheil was I.P.M. and Tollis I.G. There were also present, besides those who had undertaken to work the sections, Bros. J. Constable Treas., J. K. Pitt Sec., D. Posener, Biddle, Saint, Beattie, Boas, Gomm, Loewenthal, &c., &c. The responses were given in the following order, Biddle, Hallum, Sherborne, Ellis, Webb, Andrews, Hogg, Rawley, James Stevens, Ould, T. J. Barnes, Ellis, Clegg, Taylor, Barnes. There were several visitors, of whom Bros. Ould, Jones and Wood became members. The work was excellently done, and the hearty thanks and honorary membership which were unanimously voted to the W.M. were never more richly deserved. In these days the sections are worked pretty frequently, under a variety of more or less favourable conditions, but seldom are they given with such pleasure to the ear and so acceptable to the understanding as was the case in this instance. The workers, with one exception, were directly or indirectly pupils of Bro. Barnes, the distinctive character of whose teaching is daily becoming more widely known and appreciated. The above referred to exception was Bro. Jas. Stevens P.M. Great City, who works after the method of a former eminent Preceptor, the late Bro. John Thomas P.G.D., retaining many expressions considered obsolete by those who desire to re-model the ritual and lectures more in conformity with pure English diction. Bro. Stevens is eminently a representative of the old school, whose mode of teaching was fairly illustrated by him in the manner in which he gave the second section of the second lecture, while what is considered the modern or improved version found an exponent in Bro. Clegg, evidently a pupil of Bro. Barnes, and especially so in the work of the latter brother, whose version of the fourth section of the second lecture, in many essential points differs materially from that which has hitherto been deemed correct, and which there is no doubt many intelligent Preceptors are still ready to defend and uphold. It would be invidious to select any of the working brethren for especial praise, as they each displayed some excellencies of their own, and they will find a sufficient reward for their exertions in the gratification it was in their power to bestow upon those who had the pleasure to listen to them. Before the adjournment of the Lodge, the S.W. took opportunity to express his opinion of the manner in which the work had been performed, both by the Master and brethren, and assured the assembly that his position that evening was one of the most enjoyable he had experienced for some time. Bro. Bush was elected W.M. for next Wednesday.

Men may fight Masonry till the end of time without accomplishing its extinction,

Old Warrants.

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No. 114.

No. 340, "Ancients;" No. 434 at the "Union" of 1813, but extinct before 1832.

ATHOLL, GRAND MASTER.

THOMAS HARPER D.G.M.

JOHN B. ROACH S.G.W.

RICH^d. HUMPHREYS J.G.W.

To all whom it may concern.

WE, the GRAND LODGE of the most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons (according to the Old Constitutions granted by His Royal Highness Prince EDWIN, at York, Anno Domini Nine hundred twenty and six, and in the Year of Masonry Four thousand Nine hundred twenty and six), in ample form assembled, viz., The Right Worshipful the Most Noble Prince John, the 4th Duke, Marquis and Earl of Atholl, Marquis and Earl of Tullibardine, Earl of Strathtay and Strathardle, Viscount Balquider, Glenalmond and Glenlyon, Lord Murray, Belveny and Gask, Heritable Constable of the Castle of Kinclaven, Lord of Man and Isles, and Earl Strange and Baron Murray of Stanley, in the County of Gloucester, &c. &c. &c. GRAND MASTER OF MASONS, The Right Worshipful Thomas Harper, Esq^r, Deputy Grand Master, The Right Worshipful John Bryant Roach, Esq^r, Senior Grand Warden, and the Right Worshipful Rich^d. Humphreys, Esq^r, Junior Grand Warden (with the approbation and consent of the Warranted Lodges held No. 340 within the Cities and Suburbs of London and Westminster),

Do hereby authorise and empower our Trusty and Well-beloved Brethren, viz., The Worshipful John Joy, one of our Master Masons, The Worshipful John Johnson, his Senior Warden, and the Worshipful Robert Davy, his Junior Warden, to Form and Hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons aforesaid, at Ceylon, in the East Indies (or elsewhere), in the Second Battalion of His Majesty's 34th Regiment of Foot, with the consent of the Commanding Officer of the said Regiment, upon the First and Third Mondays in every Month, on all seasonable times and lawful occasions, and in the said Lodge (when duly congregated) to admit and make Free Masons, according to the most Ancient and Honourable Custom of the Royal Craft, in all Ages and Nations throughout the known world. And we do hereby further authorise and empower our said Trusty and Well-beloved Brethren, John Joy, John Johnson, and Robert Davy (with the Consent of the Members of their Lodge) to nominate, chuse, and install their Successors, to whom they shall deliver this Warrant, and invest them with their Powers and Dignities as Free Masons, &c. And such Successors shall in like manner nominate, chuse, and install their Successors, &c., &c., &c. Such installations to be upon (or near) every St. JOHN'S DAY, during the continuance of this Lodge, for ever. Providing the above named Brethren and all their Successors always pay due Respect to this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, otherwise this Warrant to be of no Force nor Virtue.

Given under our Hands and the Seal of our Grand Lodge in London, this Fifteenth day of September, in the Year of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and Seven, and in the Year of Masonry Five thousand Eight hundred and Seven.

ROBERT LESLIE,

Grand Secretary.

NOTE.—This Warrant is Registered }
in the Grand Lodge, Vol. (Letters, }
&c. vacant).

ENDORSEMENT.

"By a mandate of the R.W. Thos. Westrop, D.G.M., of Munster, I have installed John Joy W.M. of 340.

R. LOANE, W.M. of No. 84.

"Bandou, 25 November 1807. Masonry 5807."

No. 115.

No. 94 "Ancients;" No. 118 A.D. 1813, at "Union;" No. 95 A.D. 1832, and No. 80 from A.D. 1868.

ATHOL, GRAND MASTER.

THOMAS HARPER D.G.M.

C. HUMPHREYS S.G.W.

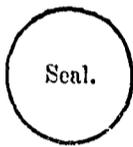
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within the Cities and Suburbs of London and Westminster), Do hereby authorise and empower our Trusty and Well-beloved Brethren, viz., The Worshipful David Searles, one of our Master Masons, The Worshipful Thomas Black his Senior Warden, and the Worshipful Thomas Grecian his Junior Warden, to form and hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, at Masons' Arms, Sunderland, Warrant No. 94 being first duly registered pursuant to the statutes in that case made and provided, upon the Second and Fourth Tuesday in every month, the twenty-fourth day of June and twenty day of December in every year, and on all seasonable times and lawful occasions, and in the said Lodge (when duly congregated) to admit and make Free Masons, according to the most Ancient and Honourable Custom of the Royal Craft, in all Ages and Nations throughout the known world. And we do hereby further authorise and empower our said Trusty and Well-beloved Brethren, David Searles, Thomas Black, and Thomas Grecian (with the consent of the Members of their Lodge), to nominate, chuse, and install their Successors, to whom they shall deliver this Warrant, and invest them with their Powers and Dignities as Free Masons, &c. And such Successors shall in like manner nominate, chuse, and install their Successors, &c., &c., &c. Such installations to be upon (or near) every St. JOHN'S DAY, during the continuance of this Lodge, for ever. Providing the above named Brethren, and all their Successors, always pay due Respect to the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, otherwise this Warrant to be of no Force or Virtue.

Given under our Hands and the Seal of our Grand Lodge in London, this Eighteenth day of December, in the year of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and Five, and in the year of Masonry Five thousand Eight hundred and Five.



ROBERT LESLIE,
Grand Secretary.

Around this Seal is inscribed the following, viz.,

"Grand Lodge of Free and
Accepted Masons according
to the old Institutions."

NOTE.—This Warrant is Registered
in the Grand Lodge, Vol. 7,
Letter G. 3rd June 1776.

Original Warrant granted to 51st Regt.
Oct. 21st 1761. Vol. 3, C. and E.

The present title, No., &c. are, "The St. John's Lodge," No. 80,
Sunderland.

London Masonic Club of Instruction.—Met at the Club, 101 Queen Victoria-street, E.C., on Monday, 25th ult., at six o'clock p.m. Present—Bros. A. Turner W.M., J. Brittain S.W., W. Sharrett J.W., J. E. Shand Sec. S.D., J. D. Langton J.D., C. E. White I.G., W. Smallpeice Preceptor, J. Marvine, and others. The minutes of last meeting were read and approved, ceremony and lectures worked in accordance with bye-laws. Lodge closed until Monday, 11th March, at six o'clock p.m., at which meeting arrangements will be made for working the Fifteen Sections, on a future day. This will be the first time at this Club, and by this Lodge of Instruction. Members desirous to take part in the work are requested to communicate with the Secretary, Bro. Shand, or the Preceptor, Bro. W. Smallpeice, who will preside upon the occasion.

Lodge of Israel, No. 205.—The usual meeting of the brethren of this prosperous Lodge was held on Tuesday evening last, at the Cannon-street Terminus Hotel. Bro. A. M. Cohen, who has been reinstated W.M., after a lapse of thirty years, presided; and despite the intimation that there would be no banquet, there was a goodly attendance of brethren. The business of the Lodge consisted of passing Bros. A. Abrahams and J. Richmond, and raising Bro. Louis Henry Leon, both of which ceremonies were most ably and efficiently rendered. It was, however, a matter for deep regret that the W.M. was not in the enjoyment of his usual health, and he consequently called upon P.M. Latour to assist him, by giving one small part of the ceremony.

Rising Sun Lodge, Bombay.—At a meeting held on Tuesday, 22nd January, at the New Freemasons' Hall, Byculla, Bro. Muncherjee Dosabhoj Wadia, a member of an ancient family much respected among Parsees, was installed Master of the above Lodge for the current year. From the account given by the retiring Master, Wor. Bro. Edwin Freeborn, the Lodge appears to be in a prosperous condition, and is rising in importance as well as usefulness.

Caledonia Lodge, Bombay.—The annual installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday evening, 25th January, at the New Freemasons' Hall, Nesbit-lane, Byculla, previously known as the Nawab's Bungalow. There was a very large attendance, and amongst those present were Bro. Macintosh Balfour, the Grand Master elect of Scottish Freemasonry in India, Bros. Hamilton Maxwell, Tyrrel Leith, Major Prendergast Walsh, and many other prominent Masons. The brother installed as Master of Lodge Caledonia for the ensuing year is Dr. F. W. Dochittle, and his Officers are:—Bros. Major Prendergast Walsh D.M., Captain Clark S.W., A. McM. Taylor J.W., Hausher Treasurer, W. F. Whitehead Secretary, J. K. R. Johnson F.S.D., H. Fether J.D., Rule I.G., and J. C. Houghland Tyler.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The Monthly meeting of the General Committee of this Institution was held on Thursday afternoon, in the Board Room, Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Joshua Nunn, V.P. presided, and there were likewise present Bros. Jno. Boyd, Col. Peters, H. Massey, Thos. W. White, R. B. Webster, Thos. Massa, Griffiths Smith, Thos. Francis Peacock, J. A. Rucker, H. A. Dubois, and F. R. W. Hedges, in the absence of Bro. Little, Secretary, through illness. The business transacted was of a merely formal character. On the motion, of which Col. Creaton gave notice at last meeting, the salary of Mr. Peachey, Junior Clerk, was raised £10 a year; and a letter from Bro. John Hervey was read to the meeting conveying the refusal of the Board of General Purposes to allow the Great Hall to be used for the half-yearly elections. There were but two candidates for being placed on the list, and no further business was before the meeting.

CONSECRATION OF THE FRANCIS BURDETT ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER, No. 1503.

THIS interesting event took place on Saturday last, at the Albany Hotel, Twickenham. The ceremony of Consecration was performed by Comps. J. Boyd P.Z. Prov. G.J. as M.E.Z., H. Dicketts P.Z. as H., and H. C. Levander P.Z. Prov. G. Scribe N. as J.; Comp. H. G. Buss P.Z. Prov. G. Treas. acted as Director of Ceremonies. Comp. J. Boyd then installed the three first Principals as under:—Comps. W. Wigginton M.E.Z., J. Tomlinson H., D. P. Cama J., and acquitted himself of his task in a manner that commanded the admiration of all present; this was the more satisfactory as there were no less than twenty-nine first principals or P.Z.'s in attendance. The M.E.Z. proposed that Comps. John Boyd, H. G. Buss, H. Dicketts and H. C. Levander should be elected honorary members; this being seconded, was carried unanimously. Several Companions were proposed as joining members, and a large number of brethren for exaltation. The New Chapter was then closed, and Col. Burdett, the Grand Superintendent of the Province of Middlesex, assisted by Comp. Davidson Grand H., and Comp. John Boyd Grand J. opened the Provincial Grand Chapter. On the conclusion of the preliminary business, the Grand Superintendent installed Comp. Boyd as Prov. Grand H., and Comp. Richards as Prov. Grand J. Comp. Levander was appointed G. Scribe E., Comp. Still P.S., H. Dicketts 1st Assist. The other officers being appointed, Provincial Grand Chapter was closed, and the Companions, at seven o'clock, sat down to an excellent dinner, under the auspices of the Francis Burdett R.A. Chapter. Col. Wigginton, the new M.E.Z., occupying the chair, supported by Comps. Tomlinson H. and Cama J. The usual toasts were given and replied to, and a pleasant evening was brought to a close about eleven o'clock. Amongst those present besides those names we have mentioned, we noticed Comps. Palmer, J. R. Sherwell, J. L. Thomas, Wm. Roebuck, Jermyn Boyd, Sir C. Palmer, Righton, Massa, Lechford, Charles Horsley, Stedwell, Thomas Cubitt, G. Kenning, G. States, Court sen., Court jun., &c.

NEW LIFEBOATS FOR DEVONSHIRE.

THE National Lifeboat Institution has just sent two fine new Lifeboats to be stationed on the Devonshire coast. One is for Yealm river, near Plymouth, and the other for Hope Cove, on the eastern side of Bigbury Bay. Each boat is 35 feet long, 9 feet wide, rows ten oars double-banked, and possesses the usual characteristics of the boats of the Institution in regard to self-righting, self-ejecting water, &c. The expense of the Hope Cove Lifeboat Station has been met from the munificent gift voted to the National Institution by the English Freemasons for the establishment of two lifeboat stations in perpetuity, in testimony of their loyal gratification on the occasion of the safe return of their Grand Master, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, from his tour through India. Their other lifeboat will be placed at Clacton-on-Sea, on the coast of Essex. The public inauguration of these lifeboat stations has been deferred until the summer, at the request of the Freemasons. The Yealm River lifeboat was presented to the Institution by a benevolent lady, under the initials A.B.S., and the boat, in accordance with her desire, is named the Bowman. These new boats will be placed on their stations under the superintendence of Admiral Ward, Inspector of Lifeboats to the National Lifeboat Institution. It should be mentioned that the Society is much indebted to the local committees for their kind co-operation in the organisation of these new lifeboat establishments. Mr. Baldwin Bastard is the chairman, and Mr. Ralph Dawson was honorary secretary for the Yealm River Branch, while the Hope Cove Lifeboat Station will be under the management of the Salcombe Branch, of which Mr. Robert Hurrell acts as chairman, and Mr. W. H. Webb as honorary secretary. The Institution now has 267 lifeboats under its management, thirty-six of which are placed on the coasts of Devon and Cornwall. A large sum is needed annually to maintain them in a state of thorough efficiency.—*Western Morning News.*

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THE LANGTHORN MASONIC CHARITABLE ASSOCIATION.

THE Anniversary Meeting was held on Wednesday last, at the Swan Hotel, Stratford. The President, Bro. J. G. Stevens, was unavoidably absent through indisposition, and the chair was taken by Bro. W. A. Tharp, the Vice-President of the Association; he was supported by Bro. Charles Lacey and the members of the Committee, while the energetic Secretary, Bro. T. S. Taylor, was in his accustomed place. After the minutes of the last meeting had been read and confirmed, ballot was taken for three Life Governorships, and resulted in favour of Bros. R. E. Baugh, E. Williams, and W. E. Farrington. The report for the past year was then submitted; it stated that the amount of subscriptions received during the year—£288 11s 6d—had enabled the members to have twenty-six appropriations for Life Governorships to the different Charities as against twenty-four the previous year, making a total of fifty since the establishment of the Association. The officers were then all re-elected, and the following forms the committee:—Bros. E. J. Anning 1364, C. Ashdown P.M. 1076, J. J. Berry P.M. 554, R. W. Biggs I.G. 1421, J. Boulton I.G. 1056, W. G. Durrant J.W. 1056, J. H. Guernsey 749, H. B. Holliday P.M. 1076, G. Levick P.M. 1227, J. F. Proctor J.D. 1421, H. N. Taylor J.W. 1421, R. J. Tucker W.M. 933. Votes of thanks to the executive were unanimously passed, and special mention was made of the efficient services of the worthy Secretary, Bro. T. S. Taylor. After a short interval the dinner was served; the Chairman was supported by Bros. F. Binckes, Secretary R.M. Institution for Boys, James Terry, Secretary R.M.B.I., H. Massey, W. W. Morgan, W. Land, Medwin, Bright, Triggs, Hobbs, Claridge, Holloway, Boulton, Proctor, Mole, &c. The vice-chair was filled by Bro. Hollington, W.M. of the Mother Lodge. In proposing the toast of the evening, "Success to the Langthorn Masonic Institution," Bro. Tharp described at length how it had been, in the first instance, suggested and brought into due form by Bro. T. S. Taylor, and he went to show how the success that had been achieved was mainly due to his exertions. No less than £500 had been voted in the course of the last two years. Bro. Taylor responded, and in doing so thanked all present for the compliment they had paid him, and attributed much of the success to the assistance which had been so freely offered him by several indefatigable brethren. Bro. Taylor also alluded to his success as a Steward at the recent Festival, pointing out that he had not only surpassed all previous achievements in the east of London, but had headed the list of Metropolitan Stewards. After the health of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman had been suitably honoured, the toast of the "Masonic Charitable Institutions" was proposed. Bro. W. W. Morgan, in the absence, through illness, of Bro. Little, was called upon to return thanks for the Girls' School, and took the opportunity of urging on brethren the necessity of supporting this Institution all the more earnestly that Bro. Little was prevented by the state of his health from pleading its cause in person. Bro. Binckes replied for the Boys' School, in his usual genial, fluent, and emphatic manner, and set forth the claims of his Institution to the continued support of the Craft. Bro. Terry followed suit, and fully endorsed Bro. Binckes's statement as to the labours which they both had to go through in visiting Lodges, and how gladly they would have occasional rest from this part of their duty. The toast of the "Visitors," and others brought the proceedings to a close.

It is with great pleasure we are able to announce that His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., has done Bro. Hartly, the artist to whom the Masonic world is indebted for the admirable memorial engraving of His Royal Highness's Installation as Grand Master in the Royal Albert Hall, the great honour of attaching his autograph to several of the artist's proofs. This will give an additional interest to this necessarily limited number of engravings now in course of issue, and there will be doubtless a very keen competition among Craftsmen as to who shall be the fortunate possessors. We offer Bro. Hartly our hearty congratulations on this crowning evidence of the merits of his work, and trust he may have a substantial reward for the cares and anxieties he must have experienced, as well as for the arduous labours he has gone through during the past three years.

We have to acknowledge the second number of *Der Bund*, a new Masonic publication which has made its appearance this year. Bros. Hugo Mandello and Dr. Ludwig Rosenberg are joint editors, and the contents are of a very interesting character. The new candidate for Masonic favour deserves to be well supported by our German and Hungarian brethren. It is published at Buda-Pesth, Vienna and Leipsic.

We acknowledge, with fraternal thanks, receipt of a copy of Bro. David Pryce Owen's *Scriptural Extracts*, compiled and pointed as a Musical Service for the various Masonic Ceremonies (Craft and Arch) as recognised by the Book of Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of England. The compilation has evidently been a labour of love with Bro. Owen, and he has done it well. Full directions are given as to when the extracts shall be introduced in the various

Ceremonies, and each group is faced by one or more blank pages lined for music, so that the different chants which find most favour with different Lodges may be inserted against the different extracts, each for each, in strict order of succession. We can only again repeat our thanks to Bro. Owen for allowing us an opportunity of judging for ourselves of his useful and well arranged publication. The price of a single copy is eighteen pence, of twenty-five copies (one interleaved), in cloth case, a guinea and a-half. It is published by Messrs. Simpkin and Marshall, London, and by Bro. Owen himself, at Welchpool.

We remind our readers that the Ball of the members of the New Concord Lodge, No. 813, will take place on Monday next, at Freemasons' Tavern. The Board of Stewards are using every exertion to make the gathering a success. Bro. T. J. Cusworth W.M. is the President, and Bro. J. R. Gallant P.M. Vice-President. These brethren will be assisted by Bros. T. Bartlett P.M., H. J. Gabb P.M., R. R. Harper S.W., W. Stead J.W., J. Stilwell T., S. George S.D., Wm. Gabb J.D., John Thomas D.C., E. Dunn S., J. Taylor I.G., F. W. Swales, T. Glass, W. Pierpoint, J. T. Sinclair, A. L. Faucquez, J. Bond, G. Mustoe, W. J. Crabb, H. L. Allardyce, W. H. Main P.M. (Hon. Sec.), 171 Kingsland-road. We anticipate a very pleasant gathering.

M.W. Bro. Mackintosh Balfour was installed as Grand Master of all Scottish Freemasonry in India, on Saturday, 26th January, the ceremony of investiture being performed by the retiring Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Morland. There was a very large attendance of both Scotch and English Masons, including the District Grand Master (the Hon. J. Gibbs) and his Deputy under the English Constitution.

We greatly deplore the death of Major George Barlow, whose genial kindness will long live in the memory of those with whom he was associated. Bro. Barlow was a distinguished member of Craft, Arch, Mark, and High Grade Masonry, and his ability was appreciated by the governing bodies of each of these branches of Freemasonry.

The following circular announces the suspension of Messrs. Willis, Percival, and Co., of 76 Lombard-street. The liabilities are thought not to exceed £650,000. The failure is attributed to heavy losses by bad debts. The firm was established prior to 1770, and has therefore been in existence upwards of a century. Although it is probable that other houses will be more or less compromised, no names have transpired.

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GERMAN FREEMASONRY.—The Union of the German Grand Lodges has elaborated a project of constitution of the future United Grand Lodge of Germany, which is to have its seat at Berlin. In the meantime the eight existing German grand lodges are to continue under the name of "mother lodges." Only the three symbolic degrees of apprentice, fellow-craftsmen and master are recognised. The particular lodges are to enjoy the liberty of their statutes. At the head is to be a Grand Master, elected for three years, and assisted by the Council of the Grand Lodge and the Assembly of Representatives. The first is formed of 16 members—two from each mother lodge—and the second of freely elected deputies of the particular lodges. The representation of German Freemasonry abroad takes place exclusively through the United Grand Lodge.—*Daily Chronicle*.

A WELL MERITED TESTIMONIAL.—Many of our readers will be pleased to hear that a movement has been recently set on foot to present Bro. Morris Abrahams, the enterprising proprietor of the Pavilion and East London Theatres, with a testimonial, not so much for the ability he has displayed in catering for the public amusement, but in recognition of the services he has rendered to the parish of Whitechapel, and the public spirit he has evinced as a guardian of the poor, and member of other local bodies, the members of which are not invariably distinguished for business ability. Major Munro, who is chairman of the Committee, said at the last meeting of the Committee that since Mr. Morris Abrahams had held the positions on the local boards, many great and important changes had been brought about, beneficial to the parish, a sentiment which was most heartily endorsed by Bro. W. Mustoe and others. It is not yet decided what form the testimonial shall take, but a goodly sum has been collected.

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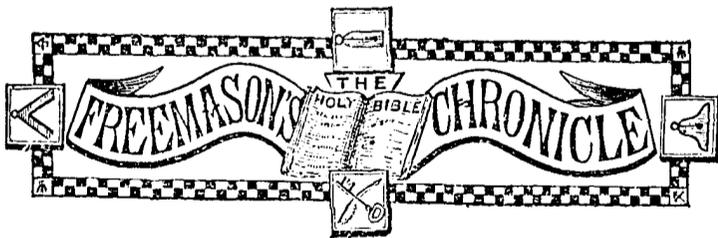
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OUR WEEKLY BUDGET.

THERE is still the same excitement in political circles, and though Parliament is outwardly calm, there can be no doubt there is the greatest anxiety in the minds of all classes, and events, as they happen, are watched most narrowly. Last Thursday, in the House of Lords, after Lord Stratheden and Campbell had given notice that he should, though in a slightly altered form, again bring forward the motion he had, at the instance of the Foreign Secretary postponed, the Earl of Derby, in reply to Earl Granville, stated that the Russians had undertaken not to

occupy Gallipoli or the lines of Bulair, or the Asiatic coast of the Dardanelles, provided we did not land troops on either coast of the Strait. This engagement, the Foreign Secretary said, had given great satisfaction to the Government. He further stated that he did not know when the Conference would be held, but he thought it might be towards the end of the first week of the current month. The Earl of Beaconsfield then, in a brief but forcible speech, moved the second reading of the Consolidated Fund (£6,000,000) Bill, and the Exchequer Bonds and Bills (£6,000,000) Bill. These were carried unanimously, and the House adjourned. On Friday, these Bills were read a third time and passed, and the Territorial Waters Jurisdiction Bill, after a few remarks from the Lord Chancellor and Lord Hatherley, received a second reading. On Monday, Lord Stratheden and Campbell brought forward the resolution of which he had given notice, to the effect that the Government should do its utmost to discourage encroachments on the treaties of 1856 and 1871, and was supported by the Earl of Dunraven and Lord Dorchester. Lord Derby, however, pointed out that the motion was too late, and that to have been of any service it should have been brought forward last year. He, therefore, moved the previous question, and was supported in so doing by Viscount Cardwell, acting, during Earl Granville's temporary absence from the House, as leader of the Opposition. Lord Houghton, however, supported the resolution. Lord Bury spoke briefly, and after a few words in reply from Lord Stratheden and Campbell, the previous question was carried without a division. On Tuesday, Earl De La Warr inquired of the Secretary for Foreign Affairs as to the proposed terms of peace between Russia and Turkey, but the latter said he could give their lordships no authentic information.

In the House of Commons on Thursday last, after the Chancellor of the Exchequer had stated, in reply to the Marquis of Hartington, what arrangements had been agreed upon between England and Russia, as to Gallipoli and Bulair, and the Asiatic coast of the Dardanelles, it was proposed to go into Committee on the Factories and Workshops Bill, when Mr. Fawcett rose and moved, by way of amendment, that it should be an instruction to the Committee that they have power to regulate the hours of labour, and for securing the attendance at school of children employed in agriculture. In the debate that followed, Messrs. Goldney, Mundella, and others took part, and Mr. Cross opposed the motion, which, on a division, was rejected by 208 to 93. The House then went into Committee on the Bill, and got as far as the sixteenth clause, when progress was reported and the House resumed. The Attorney-General then moved the second reading of the Bar Education and Discipline Bill, which after several attempts to adjourn the House, was agreed to. Nearly the whole of Friday's sitting was occupied in discussing Mr. Trevelyan's motion for assimilating the Franchise in Counties to that now existing in cities and boroughs. Sir C. Dilke spoke in favour of it, and so did Mr. Jaing and the Marquis of Hartington, while Mr. Lowe and Mr. Goschen from the Liberal, and the Chancellor of the Exchequer from the Conservative, benches opposed it. On a division, the motion was defeated by 271 to 219 votes, or a majority of 52. On Monday, after the Chancellor of the Exchequer had said, in reply to Mr. Forster, that the Government had no official knowledge of the terms of peace between Turkey and Russia, the House went into Committee on the Factories and Workshops Bill, and worked away from clause 17 to clause 65, when progress was reported. The Attorney-General then obtained leave to bring in a Bankruptcy Law Amendment Bill, and it was read a first time. On Tuesday, Mr. Hubbard brought forward his motion on the Income Tax, but after a brief debate, withdrew it by leave of the House, which was almost immediately afterwards counted out, a motion on the Herald's College, or College of Arms, not being sufficiently attractive. At Wednesday's sitting, in spite of the opposition of many Ministers, the second reading of the Colonial Marriages Bill was carried by a majority of 182 to 161.

The Queen held a Council at Windsor Castle on Tuesday last, at which were present the Duke of Richmond and Gordon, the Earl of Beaconsfield, the Lord Chamberlain, the Right Hon. R. A. Cross, and Colonel the Right Hon. T. E. Taylor, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster. Mr. Jas. Lowther, M.P., was introduced and sworn in as a member of the Privy Council on his appointment as Chief Secretary for Ireland. Mr. Lennox C. Peel was in attendance as Chief of the Council. The Duke of Richmond and Gordon and the Earl of Beaconsfield afterwards had

audiences of Her Majesty. Sir Horace Rumbold, Bart., was presented, and had the honour of kissing hands on appointment as Minister at Berne. Lord Kinnaid was also introduced and delivered to Her Majesty the insignia of the Order of the Thistle worn by his late brother, and Mr. Stirling Crawford that by the late Sir Stirling Maxwell, after which the Duke of Hamilton and the Marquis of Lothian were successively presented and invested by Her Majesty with the Riband and Badge of the Order of the Thistle. In the evening the Crown Prince of Austria arrived at the Castle, accompanied by the Count de Bombelles. The Austro-Hungarian ambassador, Count Beust, and Sir Andrew and Lady Buchanan also arrived and were included in Her Majesty's dinner party. The Crown Prince walked and drove with the Queen in the morning and returned to town after luncheon. Count Beust and Sir A. and Lady Buchanan returned in the forenoon. On Monday, the Count Della Rocca, Special Ambassador from the King of Italy, accompanied by his aide-de-camps, Count Morelli di Popolo, and Count Fr. di Hantecour arrived at the Castle and were introduced to Her Majesty, when Count Della Rocca delivered to the Queen the insignia of the Order of the Garter worn by his late Majesty King Victor Emmanuel. The Countess Della Rocca was afterwards presented, and all of them had the honour of being included in Her Majesty's dinner party. On Wednesday, the Queen, accompanied by the Princess Beatrice, and headed by the ladies and gentlemen of the Court, arrived in London and drove under escort to Buckingham Palace. On Thursday Her Majesty held a Court, which was numerously attended by the Diplomatic Corps and General Circle. The Prince of Wales and the Duke of Connaught are still in Germany at the moment of writing. They were present at the grand ball given by our Ambassador in Berlin, Lord Odo Russell, in honour of the marriage of the Prussian Princesses. They attended divine service according to the Anglican rite on Sunday, and on Monday left for Darmstadt, being accompanied to the railway station by the Imperial Crown Prince and Princess of Germany. Darmstadt was reached on Tuesday afternoon, and on their arrival at the station the English Princes were received by the Grand Ducal family. On Tuesday Prince Leopold took leave of Her Majesty, and set out on his journey to the South of France, whither he has gone for the benefit of his health. The Prince is attended by Mr. Collins, C.B., and travels *incognito*.

The meeting in Hyde Park on Sunday was significant of the present temper of the British public. An immense gathering under the auspices of the National Patriotic League was held near the Marble Arch about two o'clock, when resolutions in support of the Government were carried with acclamation. The peace party meeting was fixed for three o'clock, and the spot chosen was in the direction of Apsley House. Mr. C. Bradlaugh was the moving spirit, and had it been carried through, Mr. Auberon Herbert would have been the presiding genius; but he had not occupied his position for long, when his presidency was abruptly terminated. The National party marched upon them in overwhelming numbers in order to oppose the contemplated resolutions, and finding Mr. Bradlaugh and his followers armed with bludgeons, a *mélée* ensued, in which the peace party speedily disappeared, leaving hardly a trace behind them. Other resolutions of a patriotic character were put and carried, and in due time, but not till a late hour, the park was cleared of its noisy visitors. It is needless to say the interests of the park itself, which is intended to be a place of recreation for the public, and not a bear garden, suffered material damage, the grass being momentarily destroyed, and also the pretty flower beds, with their sprouting crocuses and other bulbous plants. It should be added that when the meeting was over, a party of the Nationalists marched to Downing-street for the purpose of presenting the Prime Minister with the resolutions. Lord Barrington thanked them on behalf of his Lordship, and promised that a day should be appointed for the reception of a deputation. Another and rougher section of the mob marched to Mr. Gladstone's residence, and one of the blackguards broke a window; and when a constable attempted to take him into custody, he behaved violently, and three policemen, each of whom he savagely assaulted, were required to take him to the station. On Monday, he was brought up at the Marlborough-street police-court, and sentenced by the presiding magistrate to three months' imprisonment with hard labour for each assault, and a fine of 40s. and £3 10s for the damage done to the window, with the alternative of

two months' hard labour in addition. Had the fellow had six months' hard labour for each assault, the public verdict would have been "served him right."

Government are losing no time in pressing forward with their Naval and Military preparations. A second ironclad, still more powerful than the first, has been added to our Navy. The vessel has been re-named the *Superb*, and carries an armament of twelve 18-ton guns, in a battery a hundred feet long. Her tonnage is about 9,000, and she can be sent to sea forthwith if it should be necessary, but the Admiralty are having her interior fittings altered. The First Lord, Mr. Smith, with Admiral Wellesley, First Naval Lord, and the Comptroller of the Navy visited Chatham on Monday, and inspected the vessels there in progress. The *Dreadnought* has had her complement of 38-ton guns placed on board, and the *Nelson* armour-clad has made efficient trials of her machinery, a high rate of speed having been obtained. In the House of Commons, Mr. Hardy, in reply to Sir H. Havelock, said that Transport and Commissariat were ready for one army corps, and very nearly so for a second; but the most significant fact of all is the official announcement that Lord Napier of Magdala has been appointed Commander-in-Chief of any expeditionary force it may be thought necessary to employ, and that Sir Garnet Wolseley will be his Chief of the Staff. These appointments have given general satisfaction, as Lord Napier, though of ripe age, having been born in 1810, is full of energy and ability, and is one of our most experienced generals; while Sir Garnet Wolseley, who first saw service in 1852, in Burmah, is younger, and, at the same time, equally energetic with his Chief. The Channel Squadron is at Malta, being now attached to the Mediterranean Fleet, and constitutes an addition of four powerful ironclads—the *Minotaur*, *Black Prince*, *Defence*, and *Resistance*—under Lord John Hay. In a very short time we shall be able to double our ironclad fleet. Lastly, orders on a large scale are being given for war material of every kind, and the Arsenal at Woolwich is fully as active as it was at the time of the Crimean War.

The clergyman, the Rev. Henry John Dodwell, who, on Friday morning last, attempted to shoot Sir George Jessel, the Master of the Rolls, was brought up the same day before Mr. Flowers, at Bow Street, on the charge of attempting to murder or do grievous bodily harm. He was formally remanded till Saturday, and then committed for trial, the witnesses being bound over to appear. On entering the Court, a short time after the occurrence, Sir George Jessel was congratulated by Mr. Roxburgh, Q.C., on behalf of the Bar, on his narrow but providential escape from peril, and the Master of the Rolls feelingly acknowledged the kindly congratulation, and also expressed his sense of thankfulness to Providence for having spared him from such imminent danger. Another clergyman, the Rev. Ogle Russel Lafont, Rector of *Hincksworth, Baldock, Herts*, was brought before Mr. Vaughan on Wednesday, and charged with being a wandering lunatic. Evidence was given that Mr. Lafont had presented himself at the Government offices, in Downing Street, and declared himself "the Prime Minister to be." A certificate of Dr. Boyd, divisional surgeon, showed that he was insane, and he was remanded to the Workhouse pending further inquiries as to his state of mind.

Rachel Levison, *alias* Madame Rachel, who, some years since, was tried and convicted of attempting to obtain money by false pretences, has been committed for trial on a charge of obtaining £200 from Mrs. Pearce, wife of a stockbroker, by fraudulent representations. In answer to application for the release of the prisoner on lower bail, the magistrate fixed it at, Madame Rachel in £2,000, and two securities in £1,000 each—the same as on the previous occasion.

It is formally announced that Pope Leo XIII. will be crowned in the Sistine Chapel to-morrow (Sunday), and will be afterwards proclaimed in the interior balcony of St. Peter's. Cardinal Simeoni is confirmed in his office as Papal Secretary of State.

The aspect of the Eastern Question becomes graver every hour. We have already alluded to the active preparations of our Government for war, if war should be inevitable, and there can be no doubt about the dangerous feeling in this country which the terms of peace have evoked. Whether or not, before these lines appear in print, peace will have been concluded, is comparatively of little moment, if the terrible terms which, whether authentic or unauthentic, have leaked out, are insisted upon. We need

not dwell at length upon them. Suffice it to say, that there is to be a huge independent Bulgaria, extending to within a few miles of Adrianople, cut out of Turkey, and placed for two years certain, if not for all time, under the administration of Russian officials. Servia, Montenegro, and Roumania, are to receive additional territory and independence, but the last is to be robbed of her strip of Bessarabia, in which case it is rumoured that Prince Charles will abdicate and his ministry resign. An enormous indemnity is demanded, and also a part of the Turkish fleet. As regards the former, part will be paid in territory, and £40,000,000 in bonds, the interest and principal being secured by the Egyptian tribute—which is already hypothecated to French and English bondholders—and other securities. In short, as it has been said in some journal, at home or abroad, Turkey is not only being murdered, but will be “skinned” likewise. There can be no doubt, indeed Russian journals openly admit, that these terms are intended to be an insult to this country and Austria, and it is equally clear that if the cession of ironclads and the appropriation of the Egyptian tribute are persisted in, England will very soon be engaged in a terrible war, under great disadvantages, and it may be single-handed. However, there are one or two points on which Russia will do well to ponder before she drives this country to extremes. Our wealth is enormous, our navy is capable of any amount of expansion. We have—regulars, reserves, militia, and volunteers included—nearly half a million of men trained to the use of arms, and we can have any number of excellent soldiers from India and volunteers from our Colonies.

The final meeting of the Board of Stewards for the recent Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was held at Freemasons' Hall, at 4 p.m., on Tuesday afternoon. Bro. Edward Cox, Hon. Treasurer and Vice-Patron, occupied the chair, and there were present Bros. Rev. A. F. A. Woodford Past G. Chaplain, C. Denton, W. Hicks, G. Ward Verry, T. S. Taylor, J. M. Klenck, R. W. Webster, C. W. Noehmer, and several others, together with Bro. James Terry, Hon. Secretary to the Board, and Secretary of the Institution. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The Secretary stated that the proceeds of the Festival amounted to £11,127 and some odd shillings, seven lists having since come to hand, so that there are only two or three now outstanding. Three hundred and sixty-four gentlemen, and one hundred and eighty-two ladies attended the Festival. It was further announced that the number of Stewards had been increased to 225; that £526 had already been paid in respect of the expenses of the Festival; that £193 14s 6d was still due on account of fees and dinner tickets, and that the expenses reached the sum of £671 2s 9d, leaving a small balance to the credit of the Board, which, by resolution, was left in the hands of the Secretary, to dispense as he might think fit. Votes of thanks were unanimously accorded to the Chairman, his Grace the Duke of Manchester, for having presided, to the President (Bro. Joseph Smith P.G.P.), the Treasurer (Bro. E. Cox), and the Secretary (Bro. James Terry), as well as to Bro. A. Best, the proprietor of Freemasons' Tavern, for the very admirable manner in which the dinner had been provided, and the necessary arrangements carried out. A vote of thanks to Bro. Cox for presiding was also passed, and the Board dissolved.

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The House Committee of the Royal Benevolent Institution met at Croydon at 3 p.m. on Thursday, when the residents received payment of their respective annuities for the quarter.

We have received a copy of “Balance Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December 1877,” of the Masonic Hall, Liverpool, of which Bro. J. R. Goepel P.P.G.D.C. and P.M. 155, 823, is the honorary Treasurer. The Receipts for the period show a total of £256 6s. Of

this sum £418 is in respect of Rents from Lodges, twenty-three holding their meetings in the Hall; £108 in respect of Rents from eleven Chapters; £45 for Rents, Miscellaneous—Conclaves, Preceptories, &c.; £37 for the Rents of Lodges of Instruction; £4 3s for Rents Occasional; £175 15s for Emergencies, Committees, Refreshments, &c.; £25 from the Masonic Club; and £43 8s cash borrowed from the Furniture Fund. The payments, including a balance of £5 4s 2d due to Treasurer on the previous year's accounts amount to £858 14s 9d, so that there was due to Treasurer on 31st December, the trifling sum of £2 8s 9d. These include £8 18s for Insurance; £145 7s 9d for House Account; £8 18s 11d for Printing; £25 18s 7d for Coal Account; £158 14s 2d for Repairs and Alterations; £22 11s 10d for Furniture; £100 for Interest; £32 2s 2d for Decorating; £78 4s 3d for Rates and Taxes; £23 2s 3d for Ironmongery; £103 14s 10d for Gas; £10 19s 11d for Coke; £22 3s 1d for Gas Fittings; £23 2s 2d for Plumbing; £22 for Organ; and £59 15s 2d, being cash advanced for Building, besides other small items. The outstanding debts, including balance to Treasurer, amount to £31 15s 8d. The Masonic Hall Building Fund Account shows an expenditure for Plumbing, Ironmongery, &c., of £128 6s, against which there are receipts amounting to £68 10s 10d, the balance £59 15s 2d, being advanced from the Maintenance Fund. The receipts of the Furnishing Fund Account amount to £43 8s, and the payments to the same sum, the amount being lent to Maintenance Fund. The Organ Fund Account touches one transaction only, namely, “removing, altering, and addition to organ” £62, towards which the Concert Committee paid cash £40, the balance, £22, being paid out of General Fund. Each of the foregoing is certified as having been duly “audited and found correct.” The statement of account has been carefully drawn, and does credit to Bro. Goepel's business qualities.

Our readers may have noticed that, in our report of the last meeting of the “Grey Friars Lodge, No. 1101,” at the Masonic Hall, Reading, it was stated “the ballot was taken for two candidates for initiation, one was rejected, and the other elected.” Circumstances have since come to our knowledge which induce us to offer a few remarks. The rejected candidate, we are given to understand, was a member of the Corporation, and a person of the highest respectability and moral worth, and this statement is borne out by the fact that his proposer and seconder were both Past Masters and Founders of the Lodge, the latter being the late Bro. Chancellor, who at the time of his death was Prov. G. Treasurer. No intimation was given of the rejection, which is looked upon, not without reason, as a deliberate and wanton insult to the Masonic sponsors of the candidate. The accepted candidate had been already rejected by the Mother Lodge (No. 414) and his proposal in the Grey Friars has, to say the least, a very suspicious appearance about it. As the ballot is necessarily secret, we are not in a position to explain this strange inconsistency. Here we have a worthy and estimable man, a member of the Municipal Corporation, of high moral character, and generally respected, denied initiation, though his sponsors were respected P.M.'s and Founders of the Lodge; while, on the other hand, a candidate, who had been rejected in the parent Lodge on, we assume, sufficient grounds, is accepted in the daughter Lodge. This is certainly anomalous, and to be deeply regretted. It will not tend to promote harmony among the “Grey Friars,” and it may cause a great deal of dissatisfaction, and so bring about a state of things which must prove injurious to the best interests of the Lodge, and indeed to the interests of the Craft generally. We cannot say the rejection of a candidate under the circumstances as described is contrary to the law, for, however worthy a candidate may be, some members of the Lodge in which he is proposed may imagine they will experience some difficulty in getting on with him comfortably, and though they might welcome him as a brother, are not prepared to accept him as a fellow-member of their Lodge. But the acceptance in a Lodge of a candidate rejected in another Lodge in the same town is assuredly matter for close scrutiny, and some explanation of so suspicious a circumstance should be forthcoming.

The installation of Bro. Bernard Sharp, P.M. 168, as W.M. of the Wolsey Lodge 1656, will take place at the White Hart Hotel, Hampton Wick, on Monday next, the 4th inst., at 4.30 p.m.

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.

SATURDAY, 2nd MARCH.

- General Committee, Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
 142—St. Thomas, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C.
 193—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
 860—Dalhousie, Sisters Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8. (Instruction.)
 1572—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
 1622—Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell.
 1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)
 Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.
 1223—Amherst, Kings Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent.
 1453—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester.

MONDAY, 4th MARCH.

- 45—Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, 12 Old-st., near Goswell-rd., at 8. (Inst.)
 174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
 180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
 518—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction.)
 704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
 1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8. (Instruction.)
 1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8. (Instruction.)
 1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7. (Inst.)
 1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8. (Inst.)
 1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)
 1656—Wolsey, White Hart Hotel, Hampton Wick.
 London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-st., E.C., at 6, on 2nd and 4th Mondays in each month.

- 37—Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moors.
 53—Royal Sussex, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath.
 119—Sun, Square and Compasses, Freemasons' Hall, Whitehaven.
 133—Harmony, Ship Hotel, Faversham.
 156—Harmony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth.
 199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover.
 236—York, Masonic Hall, York.
 338—Vitruvian, Royal Hotel, Ross, Herefordshire.
 395—Guy, Crown Hotel, Leamington Priors.
 431—St. George, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields.
 441—Three Grand Principles, Red Lion Hotel, Petty Curry, Cambridge.
 478—Churchhill, Masonic Hall, Oxford.
 482—St. James, New Inn, Handsworth, Staffordshire.
 597—St. Cybil, Town Hall, Holyhead.
 622—St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne.
 651—Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon.
 850—St. Oswald, Assembly Rooms, Ashbourne, Derbyshire.
 1009—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
 1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire.
 1050—Gundulph, Kings' Head Hotel, Rochester.
 1051—Rowley, Athenaeum, Lancaster.
 1051—Southam, Railway Hotel, Wilmslow, Cheshire.
 1077—Wilton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire.
 1124—St. Oswald, Wynnstey Arms Hotel, Oswestry.
 1264—Neptune, Masonic Temple, 22 Hope-street, Liverpool.
 1573—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Caer-street, Swansea.
 1578—Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales.

TUESDAY, 5th MARCH.

- Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
 7—Royal York of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 65—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7. (Inst.)
 65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
 101—Temple, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
 141—Faith, 2 Westminster-chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
 172—Old Concord, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
 217—Stability, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney. (Instruction.)
 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)
 765—St. James, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark.
 860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)
 1257—Grosvenor, Freemasons' Hall, Gt. Queen-street, W.C.
 1261—Golden Rule, Café Royal, Regent-street, W.
 1298—Royal Standard, Wellington Club, Upper-street, N.
 1391—Kennington, Surrey Tavern, Kennington Oval.
 1383—Friends in Council, Masonic Hall, Golden-square.
 1446—Mount Edgumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
 1471—Islington, Three Bucks, Gresham-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
 1472—Honley, Railway Tavern, Stratford New Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
 1507—Metropolitan, 269 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)
 1668—Samson, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30.
 70—St. John, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth.
 103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
 120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.
 124—Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Durham.
 153—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness-on-Sea.
 200—Etonian, Masonic Hall, Windsor.
 248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon.
 340—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Oxford.
 393—St. David, Freemasons' Hall, The Parade, Berwick-on-Tweed.
 493—Royal Lebanon, Spread Eagle, Gloucester.
 558—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.
 673—St. John, Masonic Temple, Hope-street, Liverpool.
 702—Sherborne, Subscription Rooms, Stroud, Gloucestershire.
 734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington.
 804—Carnarvon, Lodge Rooms, Waterloo-road, Havant.
 847—Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.
 928—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Petersfield, Hampshire.
 949—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard.
 960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Woking-street, Cardiff.
 1002—Skiddaw, Lodge Room, Market-place, Cockermonth.
 1244—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar.
 1322—Waverley, Caledonia Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne.
 1336—Square and Compass, Corn Exchange, Wrexham.
 1488—St. Eleth, Castle Hotel, Amlwch.

WEDNESDAY, 6th MARCH.

- Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, Freemasons' Hall. At 6 for 7.
 193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7. (Instruction.)
 201—Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
 538—La Tolerance, Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, W., at 7.45. (Inst.)
 781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
 862—Whittington, 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.)
 1278—Burdett Courts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8.30. (Inst.)
 1288—Finsbury Park, Finsbury Pk. Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
 1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)
 1585—Royal Commemoration, Star and Garter Hotel, Putney.
 1707—Eleanor, Angel Hotel, Edmonton, at 8. (Instruction.)
 R. A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
 R. A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
 81—Doric, Private Room, Woodbridge, Suffolk.
 298—Harmony, Masonic Room, Ann-street, Rochdale.
 326—Moir, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol.
 327—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton.

- 406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne.
 417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester.
 428—Sincerity, Angel Inn, Northwich, Cheshire.
 471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Mon.
 645—Humphrey Chetham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction.)
 1010—Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship-street, Hull.
 1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby.
 1091—Erme, Erme House, Ivy Bridge, Devon.
 1144—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne.
 1167—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Alnwick.
 1274—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Chester-le-Street.
 1323—Tailbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea.
 1351—Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh, Lancashire.
 1363—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester.
 1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, at 7.0. (Instruction.)

THURSDAY, 7th MARCH.

- 3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 7. (Instruction.)
 15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
 27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction.)
 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8. (Instruction.)
 435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
 1349—Friars, Cheshiro Cheese, Crutched Friars, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
 1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, E.C. at 6.30. (Instruction.)
 1445—Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tavern, Sandringham-road, Kingsland.
 R. A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)
 M. M.—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-road, Dalston, at 8.30. (Inst.)
 K. T.—Bard of Avon, Masonic Hall, Golden-square.
 24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle.
 31—United Industrious, Guildhall, Canterbury.
 38—Union, Council Chamber, Chichester.
 41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath.
 50—Knights of Malta, George Hotel, Hinckley, Leicestershire.
 123—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire.
 249—Mariners, Masonic Temple, 22 Hope-street, Liverpool.
 294—Constitutional, Assembly Rooms, Beverley, Yorks.
 295—Combermere Union, Macclesfield Arms, Macclesfield.
 300—Minerva, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton-under-Lyne.
 309—Harmony, Red Lion, Fareham.
 317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
 360—Pomfret, Masonic Building, Abingdon-street, Northampton.
 412—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Boroughbury, Peterborough.
 446—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire.
 463—East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound, Croydon.
 509—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.
 650—Star in the East, Pier Hotel, Harwich. (Instruction.)
 792—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bullring-lane, Grimsby.
 1012—Prince of Wales, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire.
 1074—Underly, Masonic Room, Market-place, Kirkby Lonsdale.
 1282—Anchorage, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire.
 1284—Brent, Globe Hotel, Topsham, Devonshire.
 1304—Olive Union, Masonic Hall, Horncastle, Lincolnshire.
 1360—Royal Arthur, Village Club Lecture Hall, Wimbledon.
 1367—Beaminster Manor, White Hart Hotel, Beaminster.
 1473—Boote, Molyneux's Assembly Rooms, Bootle, Lancashire.
 1500—Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich.
 1594—Cedewain, Public Rooms, Newtown, Montgomery.
 1612—West Middlesex, Feathers Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
 1639—Watling-street, Cock Hotel, Stoney Stratford, Bucks.
 M. M. 53—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.

FRIDAY, 8th MARCH.

- Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
 25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
 766—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. (Inst.)
 834—Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-road. (Instruction.)
 902—Burgoyne, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales-road, Kentish Town. (Inst.)
 933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction.)
 1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction.)
 1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
 1260—Hervey, Punch's Tavern, 99 Fleet-street, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
 1298—Finsbury Park Master Masons' Lodge of Inst. Finsbury Park Tavern, at 8.
 1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (Inst.)
 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
 1642—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 7.30. (Inst.)
 R. A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8. (Inst.)
 36—Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary-street, Cardiff.
 127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate.
 697—United, George Hotel, Colchester.
 780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
 1087—Beaudesert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard.
 1239—Rock, Bedford House, Bedford-road, Rockferry, Cheshire.
 1536—United Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead.
 1621—Castle, Crown Hotel, Bridgnorth.

SATURDAY, 9th MARCH.

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

WEST YORKSHIRE.

SATURDAY.

- R. A. 303—Affability, Station Hotel, Bottoms, Eastwood.

MONDAY.

- 151—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.
 1108—Wharfedale, Private Room, Boroughgate, Otley, York.
 1211—Goderich, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds.
 1239—Wentworth, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.
 1302—De Warren, Masonic Hall, Hotel, Halifax.
 R. A. 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds.

TUESDAY.

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

WEDNESDAY.

- R. A. 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds

THURSDAY.

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

FRIDAY.

- 458—Aire and Calder, Private Rooms, Ouse-street, Goolc.
 1001—Harrigate and Cluro, Masonic Rooms, Parliament-street, Harrogate.
 R. A. 61—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax.
 K. T.—Hope, Freemason's Hall, Huddersfield.

EDINBURGH DISTRICT.

- MONDAY—429—St. Kentigern, Royal Hotel, Penicuik.
 TUESDAY—5—Canongate and Leith (L. and C.), 86 Constitution-street,
 THURSDAY—97—St. James, St. James' Hall, Writer's-court,
 FRIDAY—56—Canongate Kilwinning, St. John-street,

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Royal Athelstan Lodge, No. 19.—The Past Masters' centenary Club attached to this Lodge held its ninth anniversary at the Freemasons' Tavern, on Wednesday, the 28th ult. Bro. Daniel Nicholson P.M. in the chair, supported by Bro. John Charles W.M. and many of the Past Masters of the Lodge. Bro. Alexander T. Hollingsworth, having completed his year of office as W.M., was formally introduced as a member of the Club, and invited by the President to partake of the loving cup (the gift of Bro. W.M. Bywater P.M.) Bro. George Campion P.M. was unanimously elected chairman of the Club for the ensuing year, 1879. The banquet, served by Bro. Best, proprietor of the Freemasons' Tavern, was everything that could be desired.

Egyptian Lodge of Instruction, No. 27.—Held its usual weekly meeting at Bro. Maidwell's, the Hercules Tavern, 119 Leadenhall-street, E.C., on Thursday evening last. Present—Bros. Richards W.M., Chapman S.W., Coulson J.W., Maidwell S.D., Kemp J.D., Cuthbertson I.G., Grammer Hon. Sec., Webb Preceptor, Atkins P.M. Treasurer, and other brethren. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Ellis as candidate. The first and second sections of the lecture were worked by Bro. Ellis, assisted by the brethren. A cordial vote of thanks was recorded on the minutes to Bro. Richards, it being the first time he had performed the duties of the chair. After other business the Lodge was closed.

Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.—Held at the Old Rodney's Head, 12 Old-street, Goswell-road, on Monday last, the 25th ult. Present—Bro. Hallam W.M., Wing S.W., Sparrow J.W., Tolmie Preceptor, J. W. Smith S.D., Lorkin J.D., Banks I.G., Christopher Tyler; also Bros. Kidder, Johnstone, Isaac, &c. The minutes were read and confirmed. Bro. Johnstone answered the usual questions leading to the second degree, and was entrusted. Lodge was advanced to second degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Johnstone candidate. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, Bro. Kidder being the candidate. Bro. Sparrow worked the first, and Bro. Isaac the second sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Lorkin of the Duke of Connaught Lodge, No. 1524, was elected a member. Bro. Wing will preside next week.

Constitutional Lodge of Instruction, No. 55.—On Tuesday, the 26th of February, at the Bedford Hotel, Southampton-buildings, Holborn. Bros. John Soper W.M., E. Abell S.W., J. Cooper J.W., W. G. Dickins Sec., W. Bramham S.D., T. B. Linscott J.D., A. W. Tranter I.G., J. Bingham Preceptor; Bros. J. S. Brown, J. H. Dodson, A. Sanders, E. Miroy, J. L. Cornu, C. F. May, and several other brethren. After preliminaries, Bro. Hallam offered himself as a candidate, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. The second and fourth sections of the lecture were worked by Bro. Brown, and the third by Bro. Bingham. Bro. Abell was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. A cordial vote of thanks was passed to Bro. John Soper for his able working for the first time in this Lodge of Instruction. After which the Lodge was closed, in perfect harmony, and adjourned to Tuesday, 5th March.

Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, No. 65.—Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, on the 26th ult. Present—Bros. Cambridge W.M., Sayer S.W., Brown J.W., Daniel S.D., Wharman J.D., Gladwell I.G., J. S. Fraser, D. Posener, Hollands, Forrest, Ellis, Quincey, Chivers, C. Alphonse W.M. 108; Bro. Leins Installing Master, and Bro. Barnes (Doric). Bro. J. S. Fraser opened the Lodge. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Fraser vacated the chair. Bro. Cambridge was presented by Bro. Barnes to Bro. Leins for installation, and the ceremony was duly proceeded with. Bro. Cambridge invested the officers. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Chivers candidate. This brother also answered the questions leading to the second degree. The thanks of the meeting were given to Bro. Leins for presiding and working the ceremony in such a perfect and impressive manner. Bro. Sayer was elected W.M. for the ensuing Tuesday. Bro. C. Alphonse, W.M. of Lodge 108, was elected a member. The ceremony of installation is generally worked at this Lodge of Instruction on the fourth or fifth Tuesday in every month. Brethren wishing to make themselves proficient should bear this in mind.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—The annual dinner of this Lodge of Instruction took place on Monday, at Bro. Fysh's, the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road. There was a capital attendance of members and their friends, and the whole proceedings were of a most agreeable character. The chair was occupied by Dr. Robert Cross, W.M. of the mother Lodge, who was supported by Bro. George Lambert P.M. 198, and by several of his officers. The vice chair was filled by Bro. Stock, and Bros. Halford, Killick, and Pearcey, Treasurer, Secretary, and Preceptor of the Lodge of Instruction, exerted themselves to promote the comfort of the guests. The repast was capitally served, and on the removal of the cloth, Dr. Cross proposed the health of Her Most Gracious Majesty: We always unite our loyalty to the Queen with our loyalty to the Craft. Her Majesty had three sons who were Freemasons, and she is, through them, intimately associated with us. The toast was then fully honoured, and the W.M. then gave the health of the M.W. the Grand Master, the Pro. Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers. Dr. Cross then proposed Prosperity

to the Percy Lodge of Instruction. In introducing the toast the worthy Doctor remarked that he was proud to be in his present position. He thought, however, that one of their own members might have better filled the chair (cries of No, no). He supposed that he must agree with them. He certainly felt it a great honour to be there as representing the Mother Lodge, though he hardly thought they should be considered the Alma Mater. The brethren whose guests they were that evening met together to impart instruction; they had the sanction of the Mother Lodge, which had reason to be proud of the association. He was convinced the brethren to whose hands the management was entrusted would always reflect credit on the honoured name of Percy. With the toast he would associate the name of the Preceptor, Bro. Pearcey. After a song from Bro. Stock, Bro. Pearcey replied: He was proud to have the W.M. and several influential members of the Mother Lodge present. Since the resuscitation of the Lodge of Instruction they had met with great success, and had enrolled 246 members. He thanked the brethren present for the kind way they had received his name in connection with the toast. Bro. Pearcey then, in brief terms, proposed the health of the Chairman, who gracefully replied: He would not occupy much of their time: he knew his old friend Bro. Lambert wished to say a few words. He would nevertheless take a look back at the past. It was thirty years ago since he had the pleasure of initiating Bro. Lambert, who was a very worthy member of the Percy Lodge, and was universally respected by its members. For himself he would only add that he was greatly pleased at the satisfactory way in which those present carried on their work, and he trusted he should again and again have the pleasure of meeting them. Bro. Lambert on rising said he never felt in a prouder position. The Percy Lodge of Instruction was the first ever held in this country, in fact the Emulation Lodge of Improvement was an offshoot from it. It was established in 1789. Bro. Lambert then related some interesting details in connection with its earlier career; how in those days, in Lodges of Instruction it was customary to make Masons, and how till within a few years he had personally known a brother who had been made in such a manner. He, with other members of the Lodge, had naturally been anxious, when application was made for their sanction, to know what manner of men they were to whom was to be entrusted the responsibility of working under their name. He then referred with regret to the fact that the minute books were missing, but he would do all in his power to assist in bringing them to light. The other toasts comprised the Officers, to which Bros. Halford and Killick replied; the Visitors, responded to by Bro. Grabham; the Charities, by Bro. Jas. Terry, and the Press, by Bro. Morgan. The chairman then toasted our Distressed Brethren, and the company dispersed.

Cleveland Lodge, No. 543.—On Monday night the members of the Cleveland Lodge, No. 543, met at the Lodge-room, Golden Lion Hotel, Stokesley, to instal the W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. W. S. Dixon was duly installed as W.M. by Bro. G. Marwood P.D.P.G.M. for the North and East Ridings. Bro. Dixon nominated for his Officers—Bros. W. R. Sharpe S.W., T. R. Unthank J.W., Thomas Fenny S.D., F. Wrightson J.D., A. Skilbeck I.G., J. H. Handyside Secretary, R. Watson Treasurer, H. Fawcett Organist, and W. Harrison Tyler.

William Preston Lodge of Instruction, No. 766.—On Friday, the 22nd of February, at the Feathers Tavern, Upper George-street, Edgware-road. Present—Bros. Aug. Braun P.M. 766 W.M., Harris S.W., Kidman J.W., W. J. Miller P.M. 766 pro tem Sec., Kennard Treas., Hill S.D., Parsons J.D., Heath I.G.; Bros. C. Webster, Nichols, Hall, Moore, Mathias, Reid, West, Evans, Adair, Tribbel, March, Clipper, W. Webster, and sundry other brethren. The Lodge was opened in due form; the minutes were read and confirmed. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. Geo. West S.W. 1287 was duly presented for installation, which ceremony was rehearsed by Bro. Braun. Lodge being closed down, Bro. Henry Moore 1287 was elected a member. Bro. Harris was appointed to preside at the next meeting. A vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Braun for rehearsing the ceremony of installation.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—Met at the Star and Garter, Kew-bridge, on Friday, 22nd Feb., at 7.30 p.m. Present—Bros. Blasby W.M., Irwen S.W., Goss J.W., Costelow S.D., Tucker J.D., Gomm I.G., C. Rowe Preceptor, Gunner Secretary; Dorey, Acworth, Metcalf, Kyezor, &c. After formalities had been complied with, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Acworth being the candidate. Bro. Tucker gave the lecture on the Tracing Board, with admirable completeness, to the edification of the members present, and reflecting great credit on so young a Mason. The Lodge was closed down in due form, in harmony, peace, and brotherly love.

The Lily of Richmond Lodge of Instruction.—Met at the Greyhound, at 7.30 p.m. on Saturday, 23rd inst. Bro. Hinton W.M., Kyezor S.W., Wade J.W., Fisher S.D., Hamblin J.D., C. Roo I.G., Phillips Preceptor and Secretary. Visitor—Bro. W. Newsome. Lodge was opened in due form, in the first, second and third degrees, and resumed to the first. Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Newsome answered the questions, and was raised to the sublime degree by the W.M. with his usual ability and effectiveness. Bro. Preceptor Phillips said he felt constrained, with much regret, to place his resignation in the hands of the brethren. The continued absence of so many of the members made it at times impossible to carry on the Lodge duties, and although those present invariably expressed themselves indebted for his attention, he could only view with concern the gradual breaking up of the Lodge of Instruction. He would be the last to desert the ship, and would remain in office

until the brethren found a successor. Bro. Wade trusted that Bro. Phillips would reconsider the matter, as the members would find it impossible to replace him. Bro. Kyezor said it was with very deep regret that he had heard Bro. Phillips tender his resignation, as he had known him for years, and looked upon him as the keystone of the arch, and on which the vitality of the Lodge of Instruction rested. If Bro. Phillips resigned, the fabric would collapse from inanition; the Lodge had recently suffered from the errors of others, and matters over which they had no control. He hoped that the members would make an effort to raise it again to the elevated position it formerly enjoyed. Bro. Phillips then proposed, and Bro. Hinton seconded, that Bro. Kyezor fill the chair of King Solomon on Saturday next, 2nd March. Bro. Kyezor having thanked the brethren, appointed the officers in rotation, and trusted that the members would assemble in strength at the next meeting.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—At Bro. Smyth's, Sister's Tavern, Pownell-road, Dalston, on Tuesday, 26th ult. There was a very large assemblage on this occasion; many brethren who had not been able to attend since the removal of the Lodge from the Triangle came to pay a mark of respect to their old Preceptor, Bro. Wallington. Bros. Dallas W.M., Weige S.W., Slater J.W., C. Lorkin S.D., M. Christian J.D., Wardel I.G., Smyth Tr.; also Bros. Worsley, Smith, Johnson, Barker, Pavitt, Watkins, Allen, Musto, Cusworth, &c. Lodge opened in due form, and the minutes were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Musto candidate. Bro. Allen worked the second section of the lecture, and Bro. Worsley the fourth, assisted by the brethren. Bros. Ferrar, Sadler and Atkinson, were elected members, and Bro. Weige was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week, the Lodge was then closed and adjourned until Tuesday next at eight.

Whittington Lodge of Instruction, No. 862.—On Wednesday, the 27th February, at the Red Lion, Poppins-court, Fleet-street. Bros. Abell W.M., May S.W., Marston J.W., Vizzard S.D., Hyde J.D., Pate I.G.; P.M. Long Preceptor; Woods, &c. Business—The ceremony of initiation was ably performed by the W.M., and the sections of the lecture were worked by the brethren, after which Bro. May was appointed W.M. for next meeting. On account of the indisposition of Bro. Tate, who was to have worked the Fifteen Sections on Wednesday next, 6th March, they are unavoidably postponed.

Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227.—Held at Bros. Bolton and Lane's, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, on Friday, the 22nd ult. Present—Bros. Smith W.M., Lane S.W., Cloverley J.W., Fenner Preceptor, Townsend Sec., Simmons S.D., Hunter J.D., Hine I.G., also Bros. Bolton, Posener jun., Wartski, Campbell, Stroud, Percy, &c. Lodge was opened, the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of Initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Simmonds being candidate, Bro. Campbell worked the first and second sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Wartski of the Zetland Lodge, No. 511, was elected a member. Bro. Lane was unanimously elected W.M., for the ensuing week. Lodge was closed in due form and adjourned.

Burdett Coutts Lodge of Instruction, No. 1278.—Meets at the Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road. On Wednesday next, Bro. Crouch will work the installation ceremony. On the fourth Wednesday in March, Bro. Verry will work the Fifteen Sections. The meetings are held every Wednesday evening.

Gladsmuir Chapter, No. 1385.—The installation meeting of this Chapter was held at the Red Lion Hotel, Barnet, on 21st Feb. The Comps. present were—Ex. G. Ward Verry, Prov. G.P.S. M.E.Z., H. Edwards H., J. Livingston Prov. G.S.B. J., T. S. Carter Prov. G.H. S.E., J. Lowthin P.P. 2nd Assist. Treas., G. Neall P.Z., F. H. Wilson Iles' Prov. G.S.E., Cussans S.N., W. J. Crutch P.S., R. F. Young 2nd Assist. Soj., J. Parrott D.C., W. Marks, J. Cutbush, F. Venables. Visitor—Comp. C. P. Cobham, 403, &c. E. Comp. G. W. Verry installed E. Comp. H. Edwards as M.E.Z., E. Comp. Iles installed E. Comp. Livingston as H. and Comp. Cussans as J. The other Officers appointed were E. Comps. Carter S.E., Crutch S.N., Lowthin Treas., J. Cutbush D.C., J. Parrott Steward. E. Comp. Verry was presented with a P.Z.'s jewel, which had been subscribed for by the Chapter. The Comps. afterwards dined together, when a very pleasant evening was spent.

The Weyside Chapter, No. 1395.—The ceremonies of consecrating and opening the first Provincial Grand Chapter for Surrey took place on Tuesday, the 26th ult., at the Crown and Anchor Inn, Woking, Surrey. A number of the Companions were visitors, who had come from London and other parts to meet the Companions of the new Chapter, and assist in the ceremony. The Chapter was formed by the Grand Superintendent for Surrey, Lieut.-General Brownrigg, C.B., assisted by Ex. Comps. Dr. Harcourt P.Z. 370 and Complin. The following Comps. were also present:—Rev. C. W. Arnold, Dr. T. C. Eagan, H. W. Charrington, C. H. Woodward P.Z., Greenwood P.G.S., March, Groombridge, J. W. Sugg 1452, S. Brownrigg P.G.C., Rev. C. J. Martyn P.G.S. Suffolk, Knight 185, Elsam Lorimer 370, Bottinger, J. H. Wilson, H. E. Frances Z. 452, Magnus Ohren P.Z. 452, &c. The ceremony of consecration was most ably and impressively performed by Lieut.-General Brownrigg P.G.S., Comp. Dr. Harcourt giving as the oration a very eloquent and instructive essay on the relative teachings of the M.M. degree and R.A. Masonry, which was listened to with deep attention, and much appreciated. After the consecration, Dr. Harcourt installed the Principals

designate into their respective chairs, as follow:—Comps. Rev. C. W. Arnold Z., Dr. T. C. Eagan H., H. W. Charrington J. After the business of the Weyside Chapter, Comp. Dr. Harcourt again took the chair of Z., and obligated Lieut.-Gen. Brownrigg P.G.S., and installed him into the chair of Z., who, calling upon Comps. Complin and Arnold to take the the obligation of Past Grand Principals, severally placed those Comps. into the chairs of H. and J., appointed the remainder of his P.G. Officers as follow:—Comps. Greenwood G.S.E., C. H. Woodward G.S.N., Price P.G. Treas., Groombridge P.G. Reg., March P.G.S., Eager First Assist. G.S., Charrington Second D.G.S., H. E. Frances P.G.D.C., T. H. Woodward P.G. Sword Bearer, J. W. Sugg P.G. Standard Bearer. A committee was appointed to prepare the bye laws, and the business being ended, the Prov. Grand Chapter was closed. The Comps. then adjourned to the house of Comp. Dr. Eager, where they were made welcome to an excellent luncheon, and the various viands were done ample justice to by the Comps. The necessity of catching an early train for the return journey shortened the time for speech making, but each Masonic toast received its due amount of appreciation. The Grand Superintendent, with Dr. Harcourt, and prosperity to the Weyside Chapter, as toasts, being very warmly received, nor were the ladies of Dr. Eager's household forgotten in the enthusiasm which acknowledged the tasteful way they had decorated the tables with choice and beautiful flowers.

Hemming Lodge, No. 1512, Hampton.—A very successful meeting of this Lodge was held on Thursday, 18th inst., at the Red Lion Hotel, under the presidency of Bro. John Hammond W.M., supported by Bro. John Hurst I.P.M.; in the west by Bro. Fox W.M. 1326; in the south by Bro. Jassett; Bros. E. Hopwood P.G.S.B. Mid. Treas., W. Hammond P.P.G.D. Mid. Sec., Ockenden S.D., Walls J.D., Kent I.G., Moody J.S. The Lodge being opened and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed, the ballot was taken, resulting unanimously in favour of the admission of Bro. Winfred Kay 1326 as a joining member, and of Messrs. Robert Bray and David Papworth as candidates for Masonic light. The W.M. then proceeded with the initiation of these gentlemen (both of whom were his personal friends), and also passed Bro. W. C. Davey to the degree of F.C., working both ceremonies admirably. The R.W. Provincial Grand Master (Bro. Colonel Burdett) was, on the proposition of the W.M., unanimously elected an honorary member of the Lodge. A candidate for initiation was proposed, and further business being despatched, the brethren adjourned to refreshment. After the removal of the cloth, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured. Special reference was made to the illness of the R.W. Deputy Prov. Grand Master, and if the good wishes of the Hemming Lodge were of any avail, our Bro. Little would be a "Hercules" to-morrow. The health of the Worshipful Master met with a hearty reception. For the Visitors Bro. Stokes, from Ireland, replied, and expressed his gratification at the hospitality extended to him generally wherever he had visited a Lodge in the Province during his sojourn in Middlesex. Bros. Bray and Papworth responded for the Initiates in suitable terms. We were glad to notice that the toast of the Charities was high up on the list, and we hope the appeal of the W.M. and of Bro. Hurst (whose name, as Steward for "the Girls," was coupled) will result in a total creditable to 1512. Notice of motion for £10 10s to head the list had been given in open Lodge by the Treasurer. One other feature we also feel bound to notice. The speeches were brief, the words well chosen, and each toast appropriately recommended. Bro. John Hammond's example is worthy the imitation of many a presiding genius in our Masonic hierarchy, who, when the labours of the evening terminate, is apt to be just a little prosy at the banquet. In such instances a brother has sometimes to leave before the programme is completed, in order to catch his train, with an uncomfortable feeling that he has not been mindful of his duty in paying homage to all the toasts, or else accept the alternative of waiting till the weary end. Bro. Court 1503 was also present as a visitor, and the following members, not already named:—Bros. W. Knowles, H. Jones, H. C. J. Murphy, H. Tagg, &c. Bros. Papworth, Davey, Walls, Hurst, Jessett, and Knowles contributed vocally to the harmony of the evening. The brethren separated shortly after ten, to meet again, all being well, on Thursday, 18th March.

Duke of Connaught Lodge of Instruction, No. 1524.—At the Havelock Hotel, Albion-road, Dalston, on Wednesday evening, 27th February. Bros. McMillan W.M., Slaiter S.W., Bonner J.W., G. Ferrar Treas., E. Dietrich Sec., Jones S.D., G. Davis J.D., Jameson I.G., Fieldwick Preceptor; Brasted, R. Olley, Maples, O. Dietrich, C. Olley, &c. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Ferrar candidate. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. R. Olley, who had previously answered the questions, was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. The Lodge was resumed to the first degree, and the third and fourth sections of the lecture were worked by Bro. Fieldwick, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Slaiter was unanimously appointed W.M. for the next meeting.

Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, No. 1642.—The Masonic Ball took place on Friday the 22nd ult., at the Ladbroke Hall, Notting-hill, under the presidency of Bro. Penn W.M. of the Mother Lodge, ably assisted by Bro. Marlis P.M., who acted as Ho. Sec., Bro. Parkhouse and the brethren of the Lodge. The Hall was splendidly decorated, under the superintendence of Bro. Adkins, and upwards of 160 ladies and gentlemen enjoyed a very pleasant evening; the gay dresses of the fair sex, made the scene one of the most brilliant that could be imagined. The supper was served in an excellent manner, presided over by Bro. Penn. Bro. Stephens P.M., Steward for the next Festival of the Girls' Institution, in responding to a toast, said, that after this successful evening, he would alter his mind; the

amount he intended to have on his list would certainly not be less than £200. Dancing was kept up with great spirit, until the small hours of the morning. The whole of the arrangements were under the direction of Bro. Murlis, who is to be congratulated on the success which attended his efforts; the Stewards were Bros. Smout sen., Woodmason, Adkins, Newland, Whitaker, Crabb, and Spiegel.

Urban Lodge, No. 1196.—The first regular meeting of this Lodge since the installation of Bro. E. G. Legge (noticed in our issue of the 26th January) was held at St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, on Tuesday, the 26th February. The Lodge was opened in due form with prayer, and after the minutes of the previous Lodge meeting had been read and confirmed, the bye laws were read. The W.M. then stated that as there were no candidates for either of the degrees, he had determined, with the assistance of the Officers and approval of the brethren, to work the 1st, 2nd and 3rd sections of the First Lecture, feeling assured that to such of the brethren as had not had opportunities of visiting Lodges of Instruction, it would be both interesting and instructive to hear the explanations of some of the principles of Freemasonry, and of the ceremonies through which they all had passed, they would find that every part had special objects in view, and if, on some future occasion, any Brother would express a wish to take up a section, or part of any section, he (the W.M.) would be very happy to work it with them in the Lodge. The W.M. then, with the assistance of the Officers, and especially of Bro. Henry Marsh P.M. and Bro. C. H. Webb D.C., worked the three first sections of the First Lecture in a very efficient manner, the W.M. putting all the questions, and also giving some of the addresses and the charge. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to a substantial supper supplied by Bro. Gay, which, though not on this occasion comprising "black puddings," included the famed "Urban pudding," to which full justice was done. After the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts had been given, the W.M. proposed the health of the Visitors, of whom he said he was pleased to see six present, including the W.M.'s of two other Lodges (although this was only what might be considered an off-night). Visiting Lodges was a duty they were all enjoined by the Book of Constitutions to perform, and he (the W.M.) did not know anything which tended more to the creation and extension of brotherly love and good fellowship than visiting strange Lodges, whether at home, in the country, or abroad, and afterwards recounting the pleasant reminiscences of such visits. While on the question of visiting, the W.M. stated he wished it to be known amongst the brethren that he intended to pay an official visit to the Urban Lodge of Instruction, which held its warrant from their Lodge, on some early date to be arranged by the Secretary and Bro. Hawksley, who was an active member, and one of the founders of the Lodge of Instruction. He hoped to have the support of all the Officers on that occasion. Bros. Walford P.M. 1489 and Watts P.M. 194 replied on behalf of the Visitors, and expressed their thanks for the cordial reception they had received, and the great pleasure it had afforded them to hear the sections worked in so admirable a manner in open Lodge; they wished this was more generally practised. Bro. Marsh, too, in reply to the toast of the Past Masters, spoke of the pleasure it had given him to be present to hear and take part in working the sections in open Lodge, which he characterised as a happy thought on the part of the W.M. He (Bro. Marsh) was one of the founders of the Urban Lodge, and had installed six of its Masters, but from the thorough knowledge of the work which the W.M. had displayed, he felt sure that he (Bro. Legge) would instal his successor in the chair. He should be very pleased for him to do so. Bro. Carpenter, the Secretary, also stated that the W.M., whom he designated as the reigning king, was not a man to abdicate any of his rights or powers; he regretted that only three of the Past Masters were present, and he felt sure all would sympathise with the absent ones, as Bro. Tickle was kept away by family illness, and the popular Brother J. Pearson through an unfortunate accident sustained at the Zoological Gardens, while Bro. Simpson I.P.M. was where, as a Mason, he should be—by the side of his Masonic Bro. J. Pearson. Shakspeare has said that the lion would not touch the true prince, but Bro. Carpenter opined that Shakspeare was wrong in this instance. After the Officers' and Tyler's toasts had been given, a very pleasant evening was brought to a close, and the brethren separated at half-past ten o'clock. Amongst the brethren present were Bros. Blatchford S.W., Heath J.W., Eckstein S.D., Radford J.D., Hawksley I.G., Webb D.C., Ware P.M., Marsh P.M., Carpenter Sec., Dowsing, Green, Harvey, Buck, Beck, Temperley, and F. Radford. Also Visitors Bros. Bouter, Porcheron, A. Buck, G. Watts No. 194, Walford 1489, and Webster W.M. 569.

Fitzroy Lodge, No. 569.—The regular monthly meeting was held on Friday, the 22nd ult., at the Head Quarters of the Honourable Artillery Company, Finsbury, under the presidency of Bro. R. G. Webster W.M. The following officers were present:—J. D. Everingham S.W., Lieut. Darrant acting J.W., Ensign F. J. Stohwasser S.D., Quarter Master W. G. Brighton J.D., W. Birdseye I.G., Captain Helsham P.M. Treasurer, Capt. J. Eglese P.M. Secretary, W. Jolliffe D.C., and Ensign W. I. Spicer I.P.M. After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, a ballot was taken for Capt. M. H. Jacobs, which being unanimous, he was initiated into the mysteries of ancient Freemasonry. Ballots were also taken for Bros. Hy. Bateman, Chas. Edward Eglese, Wm. Henry Baker, and Horace Gooch, as joining members, who were all unanimously elected. Bros. Dadsell, Parr, Elam, and Ralls having answered the usual questions, were severally passed to the second degree. The W.M. then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Ensign W. I. Spicer I.P.M., who raised Bros. Blanks, Ellis, A. M. McKenzie and C. H. McKenzie to the sublime degree. The whole of the ceremonies were exceptionally well performed. The Lodge then voted the following sums to the undermentioned Charities, to be placed on the lists of Bros. Webster W.M., Everingham J.W., and Lieut. Darrant, who had

undertaken to serve as Stewards at the respective Festivals:—To the Boys' School, ten guineas; to the Girls' School, ten guineas; to the Aged Freemasons and Widows, £10. The Lodge was then closed, with solemn prayer, and the brethren adjourned to supper.

The Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement.—This Chapter is steadily progressing in its career of usefulness, and although not so numerously attended as might be desired, still there is a marked improvement in the number of those whose visits may be counted upon with tolerable regularity. The Companions who are habitually met around the miniature furniture, with its tiny standards and banners (which, by the way is a rather ingenious contrivance, furnished by Comp. Caney of Cheapside), are nearly all well qualified to instruct, although they modestly prefer being thought to go there for the purpose of being instructed. At the meeting on Tuesday, the 26th ult., held at the Jamaica Coffee House, St. Michael's-alley, Cornhill, E.C., there were present Comps. F. Brown M.E.Z., J. B. Sorrell H., W. Stephens J., Thos. W. White S.E., P. Wagner S.N., Thomas Call P.S., J. Constable, J. Peartree, F. Buckland, J. G. Middleton, visitor from St. James's Chapter, No. 2, R. W. Goddard, S. P. Catterson, T. Pownceby, W. H. Cohen, E. Gottheil, &c. The ceremony of the degree was rehearsed in a manner reflecting the highest credit to all the Officers. It may be doubted whether any regular Chapter can boast a staff so capable of performing the by no means easy duties the exigencies of the degree demand with such consummate ability and precision. The business of the convocation commences at 6.30, and as a rule concludes shortly after eight, thus affording Companions an opportunity to take advantage of its benefits without materially interfering with a natural desire to reach home at an early hour, after the fatigues of their daily occupation.

THE THEATRES, &c.

DRURY LANE.—At 7.0, THE DAY AFTER THE WEDDING, and THE WHITE CAT. (Last night.)
HAYMARKET.—At 7.30, FARCE. At 8.15, TWELFTH NIGHT. On Monday, THE HUNCHBACK.
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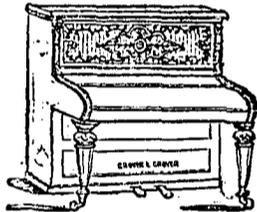
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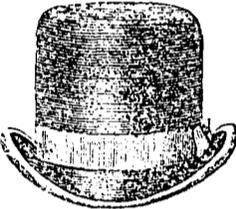
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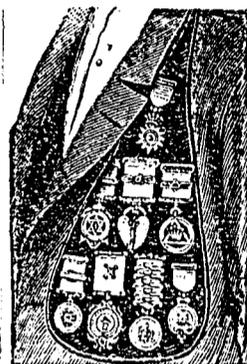


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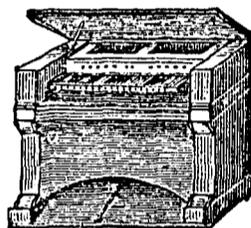
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