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## LODGE VICTORIA IN BURMAH.

THE letter we published last week from "A Looker-on," indicates a state of things in Lodge "Victoria in Burmah" which is the reverse of creditable. We are aware our correspondent's statement is an *ex parte* one, and it is our duty, therefore, to wait and hear what the other side can urge in its behalf before passing judgment on the whole of the merits. Unfortunately, there is enough to show that the Lodge in question has been guilty of a flagrant dereliction of duty in not yielding unqualified obedience to the edict of Grand Lodge. We need not go over the circumstances again; they must be fresh in the memory of our readers. It is enough that at the December Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, the appeal of Bro. Vaillant and others against the sentence of exclusion from Lodge "Victoria in Burmah," passed upon them some time previously, was sustained, and, in consequence, directions were sent to the W.M. of the Lodge to the effect that the excluded brethren should be re-instated in all their Masonic privileges. The regular meeting of the Lodge, as luck would have it, fell on the day immediately following that on which the instructions were received. Bro. Vaillant and his fellows in misfortune accordingly attended, in high glee at the prospect of being again in the enjoyment of their rights; but, alas! for the vanity of human wishes. They were doomed to sore disappointment. The directions of our Grand Lodge were set at nought, and the five brethren returned to their several homes in a disconsolate state, the Lodge authorities having declined to re-admit them. Since then we are given to understand that the District Grand Master has given orders that they should be received, but these orders have not yet been complied with. The Worshipful Master is reported to have been seized with certain conscientious scruples about the validity of his election, and has closed his Lodge. No one, it seems, has challenged his election, but so the case stands. Lodge Victoria in Burmah is in abeyance by reason of its Master's conduct, and the brethren who should have been restored to their Masonic privileges nearly four months ago are, we presume, still out in the cold. We imagine it will be the duty of the Board of General Purposes to take cognisance of these proceedings, unless, in the meantime, the District Grand Master has insisted on his orders, as well as the edict of our Grand Lodge, being obeyed, and has succeeded in vindicating the dignity of his office, as well as that of the Grand Master, whose representative he is in Burmah. Obedience to the Masonic laws is one of the first duties of a Freemason. Bro. Baxendale, who is the present W.M. of this Lodge, cannot thus early in his career have forgotten that among the "Antient Charges and Regulations" which, prior to his installation, he agreed to submit to and support, is the following, "You promise to pay homage to the grand Master for the time being, and to his officers when duly installed, and strictly to conform to every Edict of Grand Lodge." It strikes us as more than passing strange that a brother of so conscientious a mind as Bro. Baxendale appears to possess, should, as it were, strain at the gnat of perplexity as to the validity of his election, while he swallows the camel of authority by exercising the functions of Master, and in doing so declines to obey an edict of Grand Lodge, and orders the issue of a circular letter with the title of W.M. appended to his name. Bro. Baxendale will have no one but himself to blame if, sooner or later, he should find he is in a somewhat serious

difficulty. Bro. Baxendale must bear in mind that he cannot be Master and not Master at one and the same time. It is a flagrantly inconsistent act for him, on the one hand, as Master, to exercise on this occasion the functions of that office, as he has unquestionably done by refusing to obey the orders of Grand Lodge to reinstate certain brethren, by closing his Lodge, and by directing the issue of a circular letter; and, on the other, to pretend that his election is invalid, and therefore that he is not in a position to exercise those functions. If Lodge "Victoria in Burmah" is at the present time, by reason of previous irregularities, without a head, then, in our opinion, its case is provided for at page 78 of the Constitutions, the first part of clause six on which is as follows:—"If the master shall die, be removed, or be incapable of discharging the duties of his office, the senior warden, and in the absence of the senior warden, the junior warden, and in the absence of both wardens then the immediate past master, or in his absence the senior past master, shall act as master in summoning the lodge, until the next election of officers." If, then, Bro. Baxendale is not legitimately the Master of his Lodge, then it becomes the duty of the Senior Warden to call it together, or in his absence that of the Junior Warden, and so forth. Then, as to working the Lodge in the Master's absence, or, as it would be in this case, in the absence of any Master, the second part of this same clause 6 reads thus:—"In the master's absence, the immediate past master, or, if he be absent, the senior past master of the lodge present shall take the chair. And if no past master of the lodge be present, then the senior warden, or in his absence the junior warden shall rule the Lodge." Here, then, is ample provision for carrying on the duties of the Lodge without a Master, and it will be the duty of Lodge Victoria in Burmah to see that these regulations are observed. There is another point to be considered. In clause 5, p 63, of the Constitutions, it is laid down that "The by-laws of the lodge shall be fairly written in a book, which shall be delivered to the master on his installation, when he shall solemnly pledge himself to observe and enforce them." Now, we presume the by-laws of Victoria in Burmah, like the by-laws of other Lodges, fix the days for the regular meetings to be held. How can so scrupulous a Mason as Bro. Baxendale have the hardihood to set at nought the laws of his Lodge, when "he has solemnly pledged himself to observe and enforce them?" He is, indeed, in this predicament. If he is W.M., he is violating the by-laws he has sworn to uphold. If he is not W.M., he has no *locus standi*, and his order suspending the meetings of the Lodge is void and of no effect. In the latter case, therefore, we revert to the position as indicated in the aforementioned clause 6, p 78, of the Constitutions, and the Senior Warden must summon the Lodge. We know that a W. Master has great power, and if he is disposed to behave arbitrarily can do much mischief, but we do not think he is in a position above the laws, which he has pledged himself to "observe and enforce." Perhaps Bro. Baxendale will enlighten us, and show us the way out of some of these difficulties. Our columns will be open to him for any explanation he may desire to offer, and if we find we have stated anything which is not warranted by the circumstances, we shall willingly retract it, and make him and any others it may concern the *amende honorable*.

We conclude these remarks by a reference to the invalidity of Rev. Bro. Marks's election and installation as W.M. of this Lodge, and what, in our opinion, are the simple consequences of that invalidity. His position is affected to this extent. He cannot be deprived of his status of a Past

Master, but he cannot exercise any of the privileges of that position. Just as a person who has been irregularly initiated is called upon to undergo the ceremony again, in order that he may be freed from the taint of irregular initiation, so in the case of Bro. Marks it seems to us that in order to enjoy the privileges as well as the rank of Past Master he must first qualify for the chair of his Lodge by serving the office of Warden for a full year, and then, having occupied the chair for the prescribed term, he will, to employ the distinction mentioned in Oliver's Jurisprudence, be an *actual*, instead of as now only a *virtual* P.M. But the work that he did in the chair of his Lodge cannot be undone any more than he can be deprived of the further knowledge and experience he has acquired of Freemasonry. As regards Bro. Baxendale, supposing him to have qualified, and to have been duly elected, we do not see what impeachment there could be of his position as Master. At all events, the very worst that could happen to him would be that he might, perhaps, be called upon to undergo the ceremony of installation a second time. This, indeed, is a point we should like to see discussed. Supposing Bro. Baxendale to have been installed by his predecessor in the chair, Rev. Bro. Marks, whose election and installation have since been declared invalid, the question arises, Ought a Master to be installed a second time in order to free his first installation from the taint of irregularity? There should be some close argument over a matter of such delicacy.

### A JOKE AT OUR EXPENSE.

IN commenting on a former article of ours, in which we pointed out the real nature of the objections which English Freemasons raise to the alteration in the first paragraph of the Constitutions of the French Grand Orient, *Le Monde Maçonique* is pleased to be funny. We said that English Masons admit men of *all* religions, but exclude those which have *no* religion whatever; that is to say, remarks our worthy French contemporary, English Masons excommunicate and treat as pariahs those who worship not a god of some kind or other—*ce dieu fût-il un éléphant blanc ou un manitou quelconque*—be it a white elephant or —. Well, we frankly admit that "*un manitou quelconque*" is beyond our powers of translation, and we can only suggest that it means "A Manitto," which, as readers of Fenimore Cooper's novels—"The Last of the Mohicans," for example—will remember, is the name given to the god of the North American Indians. We dismiss the elephantine worship at once, as being far too unwieldy for a plain unsophisticated English Deist to appreciate; but if our suggestion as to "*un Manitou quelconque*" is right, then say we, there is no objection whatever to recognising the worship of Manitto as a legitimate form of Deism. The North-American Indian, in his rude, uncultured fashion, believes in a Great Being, to whom he is indebted for the blessings of life. He also has some idea of a future state, if we are to trust Cooper and other writers, who represent him as looking forward to the enjoyment of the pleasures of the chase in the happy hunting grounds he will visit after death. We are inclined to think this is a very respectable kind of religion for what we are wont to call an "untutored savage." There is something of the spiritual in it, something far different from the fetish worship of the negro, or the adoration of a white elephant, or a block of wood. We infinitely prefer it to the belief which regards man as a superior kind of monkey, whose instinct has developed into an intelligence; or that which imagines we are grown much in the same way as cabbages, and for no higher purpose; or which places the creation of the Universe and the erection of a block of houses on about the same level. We have, we repeat, no objection to the Manitto religion if our idea of "*Manitou*" is right, but we dismiss the elephant and the other materialist notions of a God.

### ROYAL ARCH MASONRY IN VIRGINIA.

THE Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Virginia was held at St. Albans Hall, Richmond, on the 13th and 14th December 1877. M.E. Comp. Wm. H.

Lambert G.H.P. presided, and among the G. Officers present were Comps. A. S. Lee G.K., Sam H. Bowman G.S., O. M. Marshall G. Treasurer, and W. B. Isaacs G. Secretary. The G.H.P. delivered his annual address, in the course of which reference was made to the loss R.A. Masonry in the State had sustained by the death of Comp. John Dove, Grand Secretary. He also referred to the General Grand Chapter of the United States, and explained the grounds on which the G. Chapter of Virginia had held aloof from that body, and why it did not see fit at this time to depart from the policy of abstention. Allusion was then made to the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales, which had forwarded to the G. Chapter a complete but concise history of its formation, and asked for recognition on the part of the Grand Chapter. Comp. Lambert, without entering into the causes which had led to the erection of our Mark Grand Lodge, expressed his belief that, as it has been recognised by the Grand Chapters of Ireland, Canada, Pennsylvania and Iowa, and likewise by the General Grand Chapter of the United States, there was no reason why the Grand Chapter Virginia should not in like manner extend the right hand of fellowship towards our Mark Grand Lodge, and he recommended it should be done accordingly. He further announced that official notification of the establishment of a Grand Chapter, Quebec, had been made, and he recommended that it should be recognised. The address was referred to a Committee, and other business having been transacted, the Convocation was closed, and met again on the following day, under the same presidency. The Grand Officers for the ensuing year were elected. The Reports of the several Committees were submitted, the only noteworthy matter in these being the recommendation of the Committee on the G. H. P.'s address, that the recognition of the Mark Grand Lodge of England and Wales should be postponed till the next Grand Annual Convocation. The following are the principal Officers for the ensuing year, namely, Comps. A. Stith Lee G.H.P., S. M. Bowman G.K., P. S. Coles G.S., O. M. Marshall G. Treasurer, and W. B. Isaacs G. Secretary.

### DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH BURMAH.

AT a Quarterly Communication, holden at the Masonic Temple, Rangoon, on Thursday, the 27th of December 1877, being the Festival of St. John the Evangelist. Present—R.W. Bros. H. Krauss D.G.M., J. Dawson D.D.G.M., A. M. Buchanan P.D.G.S.W. as D.G.S.W., C. J. Brown P.D.D.G.M. as D.G.J.W., B. Samuel D.G. Treas., Capt. G. O. Smith as D.G. Reg., W. H. Porter D.G. Sec., E. H. Stone as D.G.S.D., Capt. F. E. Barrow as D.G.J.D., W. Stenhouse as D.G.S. of W., P. Benemy as D.G.D. of C., Capt. J. Cuthbert as D.G.S.B., W. H. Wootton as D.G.O., W. G. Jackson as D.G. Purs., S. J. Seth D.G. Steward, J. H. Clarkson D.G. Tyler; together with representatives of Lodges: Social Friendship, No. 497; Star of Burmah, No. 614, Rangoon; Victoria in Burmah, No. 832, Rangoon; Greenlaw, No. 1095, Toungoo; Rangoon, No. 1268, Rangoon; and Bros. P. Benemy, T. T. Thompson, E. Moore, C. Preston, of No. 614, visitors.

The District Grand Lodge having been opened in *ample* form at 6.15 p.m., the summons convening the Communication was read. W. Bro. J. Dawson then proposed, and W. Bro. A. M. Buchanan seconded, "That the minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 11th September 1877, having been printed and circulated, be taken as read." Carried unanimously. R.W. Bro. H. Krauss proposed, and W. Bro. C. J. Brown seconded, "That the minutes of the proceedings of the Quarterly Communication of the 11th September 1877 be confirmed." Carried unanimously. The D.G. Sec. reported receipt of apologies for their unavoidable absence from several brethren, and read the report of the proceedings of a meeting of the District Grand Lodge Committee, which comprised, among other matters, the D.G. Treasurer's accounts, since the date of last audit; these had been examined and found correct, and showed a balance in favour of the District Grand Lodge Fund of Rs. 88 12 8, and District Grand Lodge Fund of Benevolence of Rs. 66 10 0. Announcement that Quarterly Returns and dues had been received from Lodges:—Greenlaw, No. 1095, Victoria in Burmah, No. 832, Star of Burmah, No. 614, Astræa, No. 1376, Philanthropy, No. 542. Report from D.G. Sec. that the Worshipful Master of Lodge Greenlaw, No. 1095, Toungoo, had returned the Provisional Warrant which had been issued to that Lodge on the 21st March last, in lieu of the Grand Lodge Warrant which had been burnt, the said Lodge having since applied for and obtained a Warrant of Confirmation from the Grand Lodge of England. The Provisional Warrant was therefore cancelled. Also that Lodge Greenlaw, No. 1095, Toungoo, had submitted a case where a Tyler of that Lodge, who had been admitted a serving brother in the said Lodge, but had not, in consequence of removal from the station, served the period of four years as required by the Book of Constitutions, page 87, though he had paid his dues to the Grand Lodge Fund of Benevolence, and enquiring whether he could be relieved in case

of distress, and be eligible to become a subscribing member of his mother Lodge, on payment of Lodge fees for initiation, passing, and raising. The District Grand Master ruled in the affirmative, but had submitted the question to the Grand Lodge of England. Decision of D.G. Lodge Committee that the D.G. Lodge attend Divine Service in Holy Trinity Church, Town of Rangoon, on the morning of St. John's Day, that the Rev. J. H. Taylor, Chaplain, be requested to allow the use of the Church for the Festival, that W. Bro. Rev. J. E. Marks, D.G. Chaplain, be requested to perform Divine Service, and invite the co-operation of the Rev. J. H. Taylor, and other clergymen if he thought it necessary, that the brethren of the Rangoon Lodges be invited to attend, and that the usual collection be made in aid of the Greenlaw Masonic Orphan Fund. Report of the receipt of the Proceedings of the Quarterly Communication of the 21st June last, of the District Grand Lodge North Island of New Zealand, and that of Bengal of the 25th June 1877, and of the Grand Lodge of all Scottish Freemasonry, Bombay. The D.G. Lodge of Madras had not extended its courtesy to this D.G. Lodge for some time past.

W. Bro. B. Samuel, No. 832, was unanimously re-elected D.G. Treas. Bro. J. H. Clarkson, No. 832, was unanimously re-elected D.G. Tyler. The D.G. Sec. reported that since the meeting of the D.G. Lodge Committee on the 3rd December, the Worshipful Master of Lodge Greenlaw, No. 1095, Toungoo, had applied for a dispensation to instal the Master elect on the 10th December, in advance of the usual period, on the ground that on the usual date a Board of Installed Masters would not be available. A dispensation was granted, and a report of the same was ordered to be forwarded to the Grand Secretary, London. The R.W. the D.G.M. then briefly addressed the D.G. Lodge, with a commentary on the report of the D.G.L. Committee, and the other business submitted to the District Grand Lodge, and then proceeded to make the following appointments for the year 1878:—W. Bros. Jos. Dawson 832 D.D.G.M., E. G. Man 1268 D.G.S.W., J. Petley 1095 D.G.J.W., the Rev. J. E. Marks 832 D.G. Chaplain, B. Samuel 832 D.G. Treas., W. A. Nicol 832 D.G. Reg., W. H. Porter 614 D.G. Sec., W. Ford 614 D.G.S.D., Major M. Furlong 542 D.G.J.D., E. H. Stone 1268 D.G.S. of W., F. W. Harper 1376 D.G.D.C., Captain G. O. Smith 497 D.G.S.B., W. H. Wootton W.M. elect 614 D.G.O., C. T. Baxendale W.M. elect 832 Pursuivant. Bros. F. A. Burot 542, Charles Preston 614, J. H. White 832, R. H. Pilcher 1268, W. G. Jackson 1268, and M. I. Vyapoori Moodeliar 1376, D.G. Stewards. The following brethren were elected to serve on the D.G. Lodge Committee, exclusive of the *ex-officio* members:—W. Bros. J. Dawson 832 D.D.G.M. President *ex-officio*, C. J. Brown 1268 P.D.D.G.M., A. M. Buchanan 832 P.D.G.S.W., G. E. L. Dawson 1268, C. Egerton Allen 1268, Capt. G. O. Smith 497 D.G.S.B., A. F. Lingham S.W. 1268, W. H. Wootton W.M. elect 614, B. Samuel 832 D.G. Treasurer *ex-officio*, W. H. Porter 614 D.G. Secretary *ex-officio*. Business being ended, the D.G. Lodge was closed in *ample* form, at 8 p.m.

### COMPLIMENTARY DINNER AND PRESENTATION TO J. D. MOORE, ESQ., M.D., F.L.S.

ON Tuesday, 26th March, nearly thirty members of the Rowley Lodge of Freemasons assembled at the Kings Arms Hotel, in response to an invitation from the W.M., to attend a complimentary dinner given to Bro. J. D. Moore, M.D., P.M. 1051, P.G.S.B. of E. &c., who for the last eleven years has filled the office of Hon. Sec. of the Rowley Lodge, but which he resigned at Christmas last. The dinner was served in capital style, under the personal supervision of the manager, Mr. Piper. Another pleasing feature in the evening's programme was the presentation of a handsome epergne, value £40, to Bro. Moore, which had been subscribed for by the members of the Lodge, as a slight acknowledgment of the many and varied services he has rendered to the Lodge. The epergne, which is of frosted silver, stands about sixteen inches high, and has a very elegant and chaste appearance, the stem being formed of vine branches, the foliage and fruit of fruit of which is so arranged at the top as to form a receptacle for holding a cut-glass dish in which fruit, flowers, &c., may be placed. On the base are three medallions, on one of which is the following inscription:—"Presented to Bro. J. Daniel Moore, M.D., P.M. 1051, P.G.S.B. of E. &c., by the members of the Rowley Lodge, in appreciation of his long and valued Masonic services to them as Masons. 26th March 1878." In the two remaining medallions Dr. Moore's coat of arms and the jewel of a Past Master are respectively engraved. Bro. A. Sheriff, the W.M. of the Lodge, presided. After the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts had been given and responded to,

The Chairman rose to propose the toast of the evening—the health of Bro. Dr. Moore—which was received with great cordiality. The honourable position which he occupied as Worshipful Master of the Rowley Lodge had imposed on him the performance of a most pleasing duty, which was to convey to their guest that evening—Bro. Moore—the thanks of the members of that Lodge, and to express to him their esteem and admiration for the invaluable assistance he had rendered, not only to the Lodge, but the members individually. There might be a few members of the Lodge who were acquainted with the services rendered by Bro. Moore, but there were many who had no conception of them. He (the Chairman) would, therefore, claim their indulgence for a short time and also that of their guest, which he was sure he would require, whilst he gave expression to the feelings entertained by the members of the Lodge towards Bro. Moore. Fortunately for himself, the members had wisely determined that those feelings should be recorded in an address, to be hereafter presented to Bro. Moore. They had, however, given a more tangible expression to their feelings by providing the handsome epergne before him, and which it would be his pleasing duty to present. Before doing so, he might not be deemed irregular if he related a few of the many services Bro. Moore had rendered to the Lodge during his connection

with it. If he mistook not, the Lodge was formed in 1865—the consecration taking place on the 3rd March in that year, since which time his relations with it had been of a most intimate character. Although Bro. Moore was not a member of the Lodge when it was founded; yet, at the Lodge of emergency held on the same day, he was initiated into Masonry. A very short time elapsed before he distinguished himself, and that fact was recorded in the minute book. Five or six meetings afterwards they found Bro. Moore occupying the seat of Senior Warden in the Lodge. In December 1866, he was elected to the office of Worshipful Master of the Lodge, a most unparalleled advancement in Masonry. About this time, also, Bro. Moore, not finding sufficient to engage his zeal and energy in the Master's chair, took upon himself also the duties of Secretary of the Lodge, and from that time down to the end of last year the minutes would be found recorded in his well-known characteristic handwriting, and to which office he was formally appointed at the end of 1868, having filled the duties two years previous to that date. From the time that Bro. Moore took charge of the Secretaryship, they would find a marked increase in the attendance of members at the Lodge meetings. In 1867 he was re-elected W.M. of the Lodge, and on his attendance at Grand Lodge shortly afterwards, he formed one of a deputation who waited on the R.W.G.M., the late Earl of Zetland, to ask him to lay the foundation stone of the Royal Albert Asylum. They all, doubtless, knew that the Grand Master did attend, and knew also in what an efficient manner the ceremony was performed, and how everything passed off satisfactorily, but he (the chairman believed they did not know that the success of that meeting depended greatly on the skill, energy, zeal, and tact of Bro. Moore. (Hear, hear.) They found also that when there was no business of special interest before the Lodge, Bro. Moore was always ready to turn it into one of Instruction, and himself occupying the chair, was willing to impart the light of Masonry to those not so well up in matters as himself, and with an ability which few were so well able to impart. At one of the meetings of the Grand Lodge, the year following Bro. Moore's re-election to the office of Worshipful Master, the Grand Master was pleased to bestow on him the office of Grand Sword Bearer of England which was not only an honour to the brother on whom it was conferred, but to the advantage of the Craft in the town generally. (Hear, hear.) How many times he had represented the various Charities, he (the chairman) was at a loss to say; but he thought he was within the mark if he put them down at sixteen or seventeen, but the amount of time devoted by Bro. Moore to those and kindred matters connected with the Craft, was more than they could have any idea of. During the existence of the Lodge Bro. Moore had given them lectures on many occasions, and on various subjects connected with Masonry. Those were a few of the services rendered by Bro. Moore to the Lodge, and which could not be done except at the sacrifice of much personal comfort, of which no one but their worthy brother himself knew, and for which he had only the approbation of his own conscience. The chairman, in addressing Bro. Moore, said: I have great pleasure in giving to you the sincere thanks of the brethren of the Rowley Lodge, for the many valuable services which from time to time you have rendered them, and at their wish, and in their behalf, to present you with this epergne, which I hope you and yours may long enjoy, and I hope also that you may have a long, prosperous and happy life.

Bro. Moore, who was received on rising with great cordiality, said he really knew so little what to say in reply to the kind speech and the handsome present which had been made to him that he thought the wisest course would be to simply say, "thank you," and sit down. He felt, however, that that would not convey the degree of thanks he was desirous of doing. Such a present was entirely unexpected on his part, and although Bro. Garnett had once surprised him in the same manner in another Lodge—and he must confess it was a very pleasant surprise indeed—yet he had not the slightest idea in the world that he was coming here that evening to do more than take his place and partake of the capital dinner which they had provided, and which he considered amply recompensed him for any humble services he might have rendered to the Lodge (Applause). Bro. Moore then detailed the circumstances under which he joined the Craft, remarking that when he undertook the duties of Secretary during the time he was W.M. it was on account of the illness of the late Bro. Hunsbrow. He next went on to say that with regard to his career in Masonry, with regard to his duty to the Craft, and to the Lodge, he was amply repaid. He was indeed proud, and he hoped pardonably so, of the position in which he had been placed both in the Grand Lodge and also in the Rowley Lodge, but he was much more proud to receive at their hands that gratifying acknowledgement of any humble services which he might have rendered to them. (Hear, hear.) During his Masonic career it had been his earnest endeavour, as far as possible, not only to improve the Lodge as a body, but to give instruction to those who were junior members of the Craft. It had been said with regard to many Masons, that they wished to get all the knowledge they could, and keep it to themselves. That, however, was not in the true spirit of Masonry, as Masons should always be ready both to give and receive instruction from their brethren in the craft. (Hear, hear.) In conclusion, Bro. Moore begged to thank the chairman for the very complimentary terms in which he had addressed him, and also the brethren for the kindness he had always met with at their hands. (Applause).

Other toasts followed, and a thoroughly enjoyable evening was spent.

Our readers will learn with great regret of the death of Bro. George Bubb, P.M. and Treasurer 180, J.W. of the Londesborough Lodge, and W.M. of St. John's Lodge, Maidenhead. Bro. Bubb's death will be lamented by his sorrowing family and a numerous circle of Masonic and private friends.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

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## GRAND ORIENT AND ENGLISH FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—“Q.” is quite right in objecting to “A Free-Mason and P.M.’s” assertion that “a man who believes in Buddha would doubtless hesitate in an English or French Lodge to declare such belief,” namely, in a “God.” A true Buddhist would tell you that Buddha was the saviour of the world, the exact counterpart of our Jesus Christ, honoured in their triune worship under the name of “San Pao Fuh.” He was but a priest of the rites of Vishnu, and it is pretended that, for his zeal, he received Parinibbanan honours, or final emancipation after death. The belief in Buddha does not destroy the belief in “Kal and Parrati,” the “God of Gods;” for Vishnu, to whom Buddha was the priest, is said to bow, with Brahma and all the gods, to “Kal and Parrati.” Buddha never pretended to be the “Supreme God,” he merely obeyed the divine command. It is said that he received a “divine command” to shave his head, and then formed a number of disciples with shaved heads like himself. There seems but little doubt that Buddha had in his day come in contact with some Chaldean priests; and he wished it to be understood that he was the “seed” of the great divinity. In the same way, our own god Thor was represented with a blazing circle on his breast, denoting he was the “seed” of Odin. Jesus Christ is represented with a circle round his head, typifying the “seed” of God; yet we are none the less called on to swear by that Christian name in our Lodges. We swear by the G.A.O.T.U., the “Futher” of Christ, of which he was the representative; the same as Buddha was the “seed” or representative of a Greater God.

Yours fraternally,

T. B. R., No. 972.

Canterbury, 2nd April.

## MILITARY LODGES.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The following extract, from “History of Freemasonry and the Grand Lodge of Scotland,” by W. A. Laurie, 1859, p. 407, will appropriately fit in with the list of English Military Lodges published in your last impression.

## MILITARY LODGES NOT STATIONARY.

No.	Name of Lodge.	Year of Institution and Date of Charter.
328	George William, 94th Regiment (dormant)	... .. 1830
373	Star-in-the-East Turkish Contingent, Kertch (dormant)	1856

## LODGES FORMERLY EXISTING.

Original No.	Name of Lodge.	Original No.	Name of Lodge.
53	Duke of Norfolk's	158-2	St. Andrew, Royal Arch, Scotch Greys
63	Welsh Fusiliers	168	Unity, 17th Regiment
73	White's, 32nd Regiment	188	Queen's, 7th Dragoons
97	Hooker St. John, 17th Reg.	211-60	Union Royal Arch, 3rd Regiment Dragoons
100	Fort George, 31st Regiment	258	St. John Military, Argyle
101	King George III., 56th Reg.	278	Aboyne, North British Militia
106	Duke of York	289	Royal Thistle, 1st Regiment
108	St. George, 31st Regiment	310	St. Andrew, 42nd Regiment
121	Union, Genl. Majoribank's Regiment	311	Fifeshire Militia
132	Moriah, 22nd Regiment	320	St. Cuthbert, Durham Militia
137	Royal Welsh Fusiliers		
147	United, 4th Regiment		
156	St. Patrick Royal Arch, 43rd Regiment		

It thus appears that two Warrants of Constitution were granted to the 31st Regiment, empowering the brethren of that corps to meet as Lodge “Fort George” and “St. George” respectively, plainly evidencing that a separate and distinct Lodge, under the Scotch Constitution, was existent in each of the two battalions, which, until the termination of the Peninsula war, constituted the fixed establishment of the 31st Regiment.

Two Military Warrants were also granted to the (23rd) Royal Welsh Fusiliers, though from their respective numbers (63 and 137) they were separated by a greater interval of time than occurred in the parallel case of the 31st Regiment.

Yours fraternally,

R. F. GOULD,

3rd April 1878.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

SIR AND BROTHER,—Adverting to the contrast drawn in your article on the above in your last issue between the Masonic element in the British army in the year 1814 and that existing at the present

time, you will permit me to call the attention of your readers to the fact that, in addition to the six regimental Lodges working under warrant from the Grand Lodge of England, there are nine of a similar character hailing from the Grand Lodge of Ireland, viz. :—

No. 26	... 26th Cameronians	No. 322	... 29th Regiment
„ 128	... 39th Regiment	„ 354	... 49th Regiment
„ 179	... 12th Lancers	„ 411	... 38th Regiment
„ 218	... 17th Lancers	„ 570	... 5th Dragoon Guards.
„ 263	... 20th Regt. (2nd Bat.)		

And in addition to these, No. 730, Dublin Garrison, which though essentially a Military Lodge is not of a peripatetic nature like the others.

Thus the number of Military Lodges in the British Army becomes sixteen instead of six, and reviewing the number of Lodges working at Victoria, New Zealand, Tasmania, Malta, Constantinople, Ceylon, Canada, the West Indies, and other places, frequented largely by our troops, I think the “decadence of Military Masonry” is more manifest on paper than in reality, and that the defenders of British interests fail not to commingle their loyalty to their Queen and country with a reverence for the ancient landmarks of the square and compasses.

I have the honour to be, Dear Sir and Brother,

Fraternally yours,

FRANCIS E. CLARKE LL.D. P.M. P.K. &c., 411.

Drogheda, 1st April 1878.

## HELP FOR THE FORLORN.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Right or wrong, Freemasonry, it is said, is not to be regarded in its entirety, but in its results.

It is charity that adorns it.

We have Schools for Boys and Girls, an Asylum also for the Aged of both sexes. From these institutions we would not subtract ought, but would, if possible, increase their revenues, and secure more magnificent results.

The pecuniary resources of such institutions must be indemnified from the possible contingency of any failure of Treasurers for the future, and there is no reason why the same precaution should not be taken as is adopted by the Charity and Ecclesiastical Commissioners.

The education of our Masonic children must take a higher standard, if we look, as we ought to do, for results.

But there is a class to be looked after, which has been overlooked—the unfortunate rejected candidates. It is not always that brethren can be found to get a candidate into one of our institutions after being doomed to the cold shade of the unfortunate. We, in Lincolnshire, think that something must be done in our Province even for those who cannot help themselves; for those who merit, but who cannot command, the adventitious help of patronage.

Out of seventy-eight candidates for the Boys' School on the 15th of April 1878, only thirty can be admitted. We cannot, as our Great Master did, multiply the five barley loaves and the two small fishes.

We are aware that something is being attempted to be done in Lincolnshire for some of the unfortunate forty-eight, whose characteristic is to be forsaken and forlorn. The two f's are to be exchanged, we hope, for fathers and friends. Let the project be set on foot in Lincolnshire under the form of a Sutcliffe Memorial, and the county will act liberally.

The late and ever lamented Brother Sutcliffe ran to the rescue of the forlorn and helpless, to the deserving and the forsaken. He had nothing of the insidious selfishness of the age. With him, the only inquiry was, Is the case deserving? and at once he ran to the rescue. So the blessing of Him that was ready to perish embalms and ennoble his memory. We enjoin each and every Lincolnshire Mason to imitate his noble example. We say to each, go thou and do likewise. Bro. W. H. Radley, M.D., of Boston, will gladly receive your donations and subscriptions.

Believe me, yours very truly,

DANIEL ACE, D.D.

Laughton Vicarage, Gainsborough, 3rd April 1878.

## A FISH ORDINARY.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Having read your article under the above heading I was anxious to prove the truth of the several statements therein made, and consequently repaired to Billingsgate and partook of the two shilling ordinary supplied by Bro. Smith, and I think the following bill of fare, as put before before my friends and self, should satisfy the greatest epicure :—

Salmon, cod boiled and fried, scallops, ells stewed and fried, mackarel, whitebait plain and devilled, mutton cutlets, haunch of mutton, roast beef, with salad, cheese, &c. How such a fare can remunerate at two shillings is best known to the caterer. I suppose the tale of the old woman and her apples will apply here, *i.e.* “quantity pays.”

The attendance was all that could be desired, and the cleanliness of the establishment in every feature was perfect. I can only add that Billingsgate will often claim my visit when in want of a dinner.

I am, yours fraternally,

A DINER OUT.

## GRAND LODGE OF THE ISLAND OF CUBA.

WE have been requested to publish the following circular, addressed by the Grand Lodge of Cuba to those Lodges of the United States who have not yet accorded their recognition. We have pleasure in complying with this request:—

## OFFICE OF THE GRAND MASTER.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge F. A. M. of.....

WISDOM. VIRTUE. FRATERNITY.

Havana, 15th March 1878.

Dear Brethren,—The *Grand Lodge of the Island of Cuba*, established at Havana the 1st August 1876, according to the general principles of Masonic Jurisprudence ruling all the regular Grand Lodges, has already had the honour to request recognition, through her Grand Foreign Representative, R.W. Bro. Ramon Illa; the history and precedents of this Grand Lodge being at large set forth in the documents which the same worthy brother made known to you in due time.

The legitimate petition of the *Grand Lodge of the Island of Cuba* has hereto been successful before the following high Bodies:—

Grand Orient of Spain ( <i>Sagasta</i> ).	Grand Lodge of Kansas.
Grand Lodge of Delaware.	Grand Lodge of Wyoming.
Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.	Grand Lodge of Utah.
Grand Lodge of Maryland.	Grand Lodge of Scotland.
Grand Lodge of New York.	Grand Lodge of South Carolina.
Grand Lodge of Rhode Island.	Gd. L. of District of Columbia.
Grand Lodge of Colorado.	Gd. L. of Washington Territory.
Grand Lodge of Manitoba.	Grand Lodge of Oregon.
Grand Lodge of Arkansas.	Grand Lodge of New Jersey.
Grand Lodge of Idaho.	Grand Lodge of Tennessee.

Now, dear brethren, when the good right of this Grand Lodge has been acknowledged by so many respectable Masonic Authorities, we dare expect that *your* Grand Lodge will not withdraw the friendly hand of welcome and love to a sister, young, yet full of life and Masonic zeal; and confident in the future welfare of the Craft in Cuba, through their common efforts and the brotherly support of the Grand Lodges on the world.

With profound respect and fraternal affection, we are,

Dear brethren, truly yours.

For the Grand Master:  
the S.G.W.

Attest:

GREGORIO GONZALEZ AMADOR.

AURELIO ALMEIDA, G.S.

## BOMBAY.

A FUNERAL Lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Nesbit-lane, Byculla, Bombay, on the 20th February 1878, in memory of the late Right Worshipful Bros. Rustomjee Cowasjee Bhaderjee, and Rustomjee Jamsotjee Nadershaw, by Lodge Rising Star of Western India, S.C. This mournful tribute to the deceased brethren, who were eminent and highly respected members of the Masonic fraternity, was a deserved, although sorrowful recognition of their genuine worth. Each of them had laboured zealously and successfully to promote the interests of the Lodge over which they had presided with distinguished ability and untiring perseverance and assiduity. They were held in the highest esteem, not only by the members of their own Lodge, but had won the respect of all the brethren of the Craft throughout the Bombay Presidency. They were both members of the medical profession, and had risen to high eminence, whilst each enjoyed a most extensive practice, and was recognised by the professors of the Grant Medical College, as also by *confrères*, as gentlemen thoroughly qualified in all branches of their profession. Consequently their services were eagerly sought, and, in cases of poverty and distress, were at all times freely and gratuitously extended to sufferers in humble life. The poor of their own community, more especially, had cause to bless them, for the disinterested and skilful manner in which they tended them was highly appreciated; and in many a sick chamber their loss will be as deeply deplored as it is amongst the brethren of the Craft in Bombay.

The brethren present included representatives from the Grand Lodge of all Asia, and the sister Lodges of the Presidency. After the Lodge had been duly opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, the members and visitors adjourned to the ground floor of the hall, where a procession was formed, and the brethren marched to the Lodge room, a funeral dirge being played by the Grand Organist. The Lodge was then passed to the second, and raised to the third degrees. The Right Worshipful Master said that at the last meeting of the Lodge two of their Past Masters were unavoidably absent, and they little knew at the time that they were both lying on their death-beds. The hand of death had since then snatched them from our midst. The late R.W. Bro. Nadershaw, the W.M. observed, was closely connected with him by ties of friendship, and he was, therefore, in a position to state that all who knew him loved and admired his qualities of head and heart. Similar remarks were applicable to R.W. Bro. Rustomjee Bhaderjee, who was equally respected and revered by his large circle of friends. He (the R.W.M.) had one consolation, namely, to see before him so large and influential a gathering to do honour to the memory of their departed friends and deeply-loved brethren. R.W. Bro. K. R. Kama opened the proceedings with prayer. The R.W. Master, assisted by his Wardens, then read the funeral service most impressively, after which the Lodge was lowered to the first degree, and the following propositions were unanimously carried and ordered to be recorded.

That, by the untimely death of our Rt. Worshipful Bro. Rustomjee

Jamshedjee Nadershaw, Lodge Rising Star of Western India is deprived of one of its warmest friends, his associates of a cheerful and open-hearted companion, his family of a kind supporter, and the community of an exemplary citizen.

That while this melancholy event saddens our hearts, we have still the pleasing reflection that the conscientious and upright life of our brother, his devotedness as a friend, his honesty and integrity in all his dealings, his faithfulness to the principles of our Order, have won for him a good name, which is above all price, and the highest respect and esteem of all who knew him.

That he died at the untimely age of thirty-five years, too young for one to die, so gifted with talents, and so capable of serving the community as a rational and intelligent medical practitioner of rare attainments, and a student of science, that his memory will be long endeared to us. He was mild, affable, and generous.

That the brethren respectfully tender to the afflicted widow their deep and cordial sympathy for her irreparable loss.

That as a token of our heartfelt sorrow for the sad event, and as a mark of our esteem and high appreciation of the worth of our deceased brother, who was greatly endeared to us by the strong fraternalties of our Order, as well as by those rich shining social qualities by which he was eminently distinguished as a man, that the Lodge of which he was a member meet in mourning on the next regular meeting in March.

That a copy of the above resolutions be sent to the widow of the deceased.

That while this Lodge bows with humble submission to the will of the Supreme Grand Master in calling away our esteemed Right Worshipful Bro. Rustomjee Cowasjee Bhaderjee, we cannot withhold the expression of our profound sorrow for the heavy loss sustained by the bereaved family by his untimely death.

The Lodge loses in him one of its most distinguished members, ever ready in promoting its welfare and prosperity, and Bombay one of its highly esteemed citizens, his name being associated with many charitable institutions as a donor and a supporter.

That while we cherish the memory of our departed brother, we will strive to imitate those virtues which he assiduously practised, and which shone so conspicuously in his brief but memorable life as a medical practitioner, and cultivate those Masonic virtues and amiable disposition which adorned his public and private career, and gladdened the hearts of those with whom he came in contact.

That to the afflicted widow and children of the deceased this Lodge tenders the assurance of their sincere and heartfelt condolence.

That the Lodge meet in mourning on the next regular meeting in March in testimony of his worth.

That a copy of the above resolutions be sent to the widow of the deceased.

A telegram received in Bombay on the 4th March, from Madras, announces the death there, on the 2nd instant, of R.W. Bro. John Miller, Administrator General, from typhoid fever. He was a leading member of the Bar there, and District Grand Master of Freemasons in that Presidency.

## JAMAICA.

Bro. G. Sargeant, son of the Rev. G. Sargeant, Superintendent of the Wesleyan Methodists in the Island of Jamaica, has been elected Master of the Royal Lodge.

The Right Wor. Altamont De Cordova has been appointed Grand Senior Warden. The Right Wor. J. J. G. Innis has been appointed Grand Junior Warden. The Right Wor. G. C. H. Innis has been appointed Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of East Jamaica.

At the ordinary meeting of the Phoenix Lodge, Port Royal, Jamaica, held on 7th March, Wor. L. C. Hollar, Master, presided. The Right Worshipful Hon. Dr. Hamilton, Provincial Grand Master of East Jamaica, accompanied by his Grand Senior and Junior Wardens and Grand Secretary, paid an official visit, and inspected the books. A candidate was raised. The Grand Master praised the Wor. Master for his working, and the manner in which the books had been kept.

We have great pleasure in announcing that Bro. Falkner Lee, of the Watford Lodge, No. 404, Herts, will give a Grand Concert at St. James's Hall, on the 23rd May, the proceeds of which will be equally apportioned between the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, with a view to recouping them a portion of the losses they have respectively sustained by the failure of Messrs. Willis, Percival and Co. Bro. Falkner Lee is making strenuous efforts to ensure a brilliant success. He has already obtained the patronage of Lord Skelmersdale our Deputy Grand Master, and other influential Craftsmen, and he will have a grand array of musical talent, both vocal and instrumental, on this occasion. It is needless to say that Bro. Lee has our heartiest good wishes, and we trust the result may be worthy of so spirited and so laudable an effort.

## REVIEWS.

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

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*Practical Guide to English Versification.* With a Compendious Dictionary of Rhymes, an Examination of Classical Measures, and Comments upon Burlesque and Comic Verse, Vers de Société, and Song Writing. By Tom Hood. A New and Enlarged Edition. To which are added Bysshe's "Rules for Making English Verse," &c. London: John Hogg, Paternoster-row. 1877.

THE English student who may have any taste for versification, or who is in the habit of cultivating the Muses, will find this Guide of much assistance. As the late lamented author remarks in his preface, it is not intended as "a handbook for poets or a guide to poetry;" its aim is "to teach the art of versification." It is written with the object of enumerating, explaining, and defining the laws of this art, and this it does very clearly, concisely, and correctly. After a chapter devoted to "Verse Generally," the work passes on to treat of "Classic Versification," its character, its measures, its structure, and the points worthy of observation in the composition of such measures. The Hexameter, Pentameter, Alcaic, and Sapphic measures necessarily claim the first and principal share of attention, but none are overlooked. We are then treated to an account of the various Guides and Handbooks which had been published previously, and then in Chapters IV. to VII., both inclusive, "The Rules of Rhyme" are laid down for us, under the separate and distinct heads of "Feet and Cæsura," "Metre and Rhythm," and "Rhyme." These chapters contain the pith of the work, and are greatly to be commended for the careful manner in which they have been written. After a few remarks on Burlesque and Comic Verse and Song-Writing, which may be followed unhesitatingly, knowing, as we do, the author's practical experience in these branches of versification, there comes a very useful Dictionary of Rhymes, which may be described as invaluable to those who are much given to poetic effusions. There is an Appendix, containing a reprint of part of the introductory portion of "The Young Poet's Guide," and Bysshe's "Rules for Making English Verse," both of which will be found to greatly enhance the value of this little Guide. Bro. Hogg, we think, has done well in publishing this new edition, and it will be found of particular service in those of our public and private schools where any attention is paid to the art of writing English verse. Speaking with a full recollection of the carelessness with which our own schoolfellows treated the occasional exercises in English verse which were set them, we should say that this Guide would be of great assistance, and would probably create an interest in this class of work. It would also help, as the author suggests, to improve the pronunciation of English among our youth, if it did not contribute to swell materially the ranks of English versifiers. It will do even more than this, for a knowledge of rhythm will enable people to read correctly the works of our poets, and our readers will admit there is ample room for improvement in this respect. In fine, the book is deserving of great praise, and we thank Bro. Hogg for his courtesy in enabling us to give expression to this opinion.

### NORTHUMBERLAND AND BERWICK LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS.

THE regular meeting of this time immemorial Lodge was held on the 27th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne. Bro. W. E. Franklin P.P. Sup. of Works W.M. in the chair, supported by the following Officers and Past Masters:—Bros. W. Cockburn S.W., Dr. Luke Armstrong J.W., J. E. Robson J.O., R. Lock Treasurer, R. G. Salmon Secretary, J. Blinkensop S.D., J. Wood J.D., S. M. Harris I.G., J. T. B. Bell and J. Usher Stewards, G. Simms Tyler, W. S. Hughes P.M. P.S.G.W., J. Ridsdale P.M., Janson P.M., &c. The Lodge being opened, and the usual formalities gone through, two brethren were advanced to the honourable degree in a most impressive manner by the W.M., assisted by Bro. W. S. Hughes the I.P.M. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment, where the usual Loyal and M.M. toasts, as well as several complimentary ones, were duly honoured. The Tyler's toast concluded a very pleasant evening.

The annual Meeting of the provincial Grand Chapter of Northumberland is fixed for Monday, the 15th April, and will be held at the Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne, under the banner of the St. Peter's Chapter, No. 481. M.E. Comp. L. M. Cockcroft Prov. Grand Superintendent will preside. The banquet will be held at the Queen's Head Hotel, Pilgrim-street.

### THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS

Will be worked as under:

On Monday, 8th April, at the London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction (held at the Club), 101 Queen Victoria-street, E.C., at 6 o'clock p.m.

[We gave the names of those who will assist here in our last issue.]

At the Chigwell Lodge of Instruction, Princes Hall, Princes-road, Buckhurst-Hill, Essex, on Friday, the 12th April, at 6.30.

On Good Friday evening, the 19th proximo, at St. Luke's Lodge of

Instruction, White Hart Tavern, King's-road, Chelsea. Pro. P.M. Ardin, Zetland 511, will take the chair at 6.30 p.m.

At the Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198, Bro. Fysh's, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, Islington, by the members of the Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction, by invitation of the members, on Saturday, 27th April 1878. Bros. T. Cull S.D. 1446 W.M., S. J. Byng W.M. 902 S.W., P. Dickinson P.M. 1298 J.W. FIRST LECTURE—Bros. S. Boaz 185, J. M. Lockwood S.D. 198, H. B. D. Dunn S.D. 1698, C. G. Sparrow 192, J. W. Wright P.M. 1298, W. J. Hall I.G. 193, J. A. Powell J.W. 186. SECOND LECTURE—Bros. J. Eldridge P.M. 167, P. Dickinson P.M. 1298, G. W. Saul S.W. 1201, S. J. Byng W.M. 992, F. G. Chant 193. THIRD LECTURE—Bros. J. Shackell P.M. 193, G. H. Hunter J.W. 1298, J. Yeomans S.W. 167.

**Doric Lodge of Instruction, No. 933.**—The Lodge meeting was held as usual at the Duke's Head Whitechapel-road, on Friday, the 29th March, when the Fifteen Sections were worked by Bro. Barnes P.M. 933 and 554, assisted by the brethren of William Preston Lodge of Instruction; Bro. Rudderforth S.W., Goddin J.W., Job S.D., Harris J.D., Mac Donald I.G., Turquand P.M. 1556 I.P.M. The Lodge was opened in the three degrees, and the sections worked by the following brethren:—First Lecture—Bros. Murch 27, Nicholl 1287, Goddin S.D. 862, West S.W. 1287, Harris 1586, Cleghorn 1287, Hill 862. Second Lecture—Bros. Hall I.G. 193, Harris 1586, Evans 862, Rudderforth J.D. 12, Adair 19. Third Lecture—Bros. Braun P.M. 766, Passingham 193, Hayes 619. The Lodge was closed in the third and second degrees. Bros. Turquand 1556, Kidman 766, Francis 1685, Nash 79, Kinnard 145, Matthias 1586, and Tribble 1287, were unanimously elected members. Bro. Musto then addressed the Lodge; he said that he was not an eloquent man, and therefore would not detain the brethren by making a long speech, but he was quite sure the members of the Doric Lodge would agree with him when he said that the Sections had been rendered as perfectly as he had ever heard them. He understood that nearly all of the members of the William Preston Lodge of Instruction were young Masons, some never having worked a section before; this reflected great credit upon the worthy Preceptor (Bro. Rudderforth) of William Preston Lodge, for the care, time, and attention he must have given to enable them to perform their task in the efficient manner they had, where the work was done so well it would be invidious to single out a single Bro., but the palm must be awarded to Bro. Harris, whose working of the fifth was most eloquent. He then said he was not surprised at the perfect rendering of the Sections, seeing the advantage they possessed in having such an excellent teacher, knowing as he did that Bro. Rudderforth is one of the most energetic and hardest workers in the Craft. He would not detain the members any longer, but would propose that the brethren of the William Preston Lodge of Instruction who have assisted the W.M. in the Sections be elected honorary members of this Lodge. Bro. Webb seconded the proposition, and it was carried unanimously. The W.M. then addressed the workers. He said that though Bro. Musto was not an eloquent man, he had completely taken the wind out of his (the W.M.'s) sails, by saying all that he could have said; however, he had great pleasure in informing them that they had been elected honorary members of the Doric Lodge of Instruction, and he hoped that the ball he had set rolling they would keep going. Bro. Rudderforth, in reply, thanked the W.M. and brethren for the honour conferred upon those under his tuition, and for the kind expressions in regard to himself, but he said the task had not been such a difficult one as many would imagine, for he had been blessed with good material to work upon, and that each of the brethren had taken as much interest in trying to perfect himself as he had to teach them. Again thanking the W.M., he would conclude his remarks by expressing a hope that the brethren of the Doric would accept an invitation to work the Sections at the William Preston Lodge of Instruction, where he was sure they would meet with a hearty reception. Bro. Musto then rose to propose a vote of thanks to the W.M. for having presided. He was already an honorary member, and would have been over and over again, if such a thing were possible; this was seconded and carried. The Lodge was closed in due form, and adjourned until the 5th April.

**Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.**—A meeting was held on Friday evening, 29th March, at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew-bridge. Present—Bros. Blasby W.M., Gunner S.W. and Sec., Acworth J.W., Goss (W.M. of 780) S.D., Erwin J.D., Talbot I.G., Roe P.M. and Preceptor, Parker, &c. Business—Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed, the W.M. ably and carefully rehearsed the ceremony of initiation. Lodge was then opened up, and Bro. Parker was duly passed to second degree, after having first answered the questions. Lodge was opened up to the third degree, closed down, and called off for refreshment. After a short interval, labour was resumed, and a vote of thanks unanimously accorded to Bro. Acworth for the very handsome square and compasses presented by him. It may here be remarked, that upon this evening the officers were provided with the remainder of their regalia, at the expense of the Lodge Fund. A high compliment was paid to the worthy Preceptor for his exertions, which had resulted so successfully. The Lodge of Instruction is now provided with working tools, furniture and officers' regalia complete. The W.M. for ensuing meeting having been elected, and his officers appointed, Lodge was closed in brotherly love and harmony, and adjourned until Friday evening, 5th April, at half-past 7.

**Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.**—On Tuesday, the 2nd inst., at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston. Bros. Williams W.M., Young S.W., Slaughter J.W., Wardell S.D., Christian J.D., Carr I.G., Dallas Sec., Smyth Treas., P.M.

Wallington Preceptor; Bros. Bonner, McClean, Brasted, G. Brown, J. Lorkin, Parss, Brand, Weige, Finch, Allen, Perrin, &c. All prescribed formalities duly observed, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. C. Lorkin candidate. The Lodge was called from labour to refreshment, and afterwards resumed its Masonic duties. Bro. Allen worked the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th sections of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bros. Holsworth of Lodge 193, Sinclair of 813, Polak and Moon of 1521, and Williams of 1056, were elected members. Bro. Young was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week.

**Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227.**—The second annual supper of this thriving young Lodge was held on Thursday, the 28th ult., at Bros. Bolton and Lane's, King and Queen, Norton Folgate. Bro. Brown, W.M. of the Mother Lodge, occupied the post of honour. Bro. A. W. Fenner, the Preceptor of the Lodge of Instruction, as S.W., Bro. Townsend filling the J.W. chair; there was a goodly muster of brethren, some twenty-eight being present, amongst them being Bro. Reuter P.M. P.G.D.C. Kent, and several other eminent brethren, as also several visitors. After the supper, which was done ample justice to, the W.M. proposed the usual toasts. The W.M., in a short but happy speech, gave the Visitors, to which they severally replied. The toast of the evening was then proposed, —Success to the Upton Lodge of Instruction—which was drunk with great cordiality, and Bro. Fenner briefly replied; he referred to the continued progress of the Lodge of Instruction, which he hoped would in time become one of the best attended in London. The health of the Officers was proposed, and fully honoured. Bro. Fenner proposed the health of the W.M. of the Mother Lodge, remarking he was glad to have his services as Chairman for the evening. He felt that Lodges of Instruction ought to receive the co-operation of their Mother Lodges to ensure their success; to this the W.M. replied. The following brethren sang some excellent songs:—Bros. R.W. Pearcey, Watton, Townsend, Cleverly, Smith, and Isaacs. Bro. Campbell gave a recitation. The brethren separated about 11.30, well pleased with the evening's enjoyment.

**Clapton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1368.**—On 29th March, at the White Hart, Lower Clapton. Present—Bros. McMillan Worshipful Master, Slaiter Sen. W., McDowell Jun. W., Badkin S.D., Soper J.D., Clennell I.G., also Bro. Cusworth P.M. Preceptor, Paul, Goddard, and other brethren. The preliminary business being concluded, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Goddard being candidate. The Lodge was then opened in the second degree. Bro. Paul gave proof of his proficiency; and was duly passed. The Lodge being closed down to the first degree, the thanks of the Lodge were accorded to Bro. McMillan for the efficient manner in which he had performed the duties of the chair for the first time. Bro. Slaiter will preside next week.

**Marquess of Ripon Lodge of Instruction, No. 1489.**—At the Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-road, Hackney, on Monday, the 1st inst. Present—Bros. E. Bishop W.M., Slaiter S.W., Mann J.W., McDowell S.D., Garrod J.D., Lockett I.G., P.M. Stephens Preceptor and Treasurer; also Bros. P.M. Soper, Glaskin, Blunt, Greenwood, Jacob, &c. After confirmation of the minutes of previous meeting, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Jacob candidate. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. Glaskin answered the questions leading to the degree of M.M., and was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the third degree, and the W.M. ably worked the ceremony of raising; also giving the traditional history and lecture on the Tracing Board. Lodge was closed in the third and second degrees. Bro. Slaiter was elected W.M. for the ensuing two weeks. Lodge was then adjourned to Monday, the 8th inst., at 7.30. Bro. P.M. Stephens gave an ancient charge on closing, to the great pleasure and instruction of the brethren present.

**Duke of Connaught Lodge of Instruction, No. 1524.**—Havelock Tavern, Albion-road, Dalston, on Wednesday. Bros. Th. Slaiter W.M., Dignam S.W., J. Lorkin J.W., Woolley S.D., E. Dietrich J.D. and Sec., R. Olley I.G., Fieldwick Preceptor, G. Ferrar Treas., and Bros. J. B. Shackleton, Hy. Meyer, O. Dietrich, McMillan, Carver, C. Olley, Bonner, &c. After the usual preliminaries had been gone through, the ceremony of initiation was most ably rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. O. Dietrich candidate. The sections of the lecture were then worked by Bros. Shackleton and Hy. Meyer, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Dignam was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting.

**Kingsland Lodge, No. 1693.**—Held its regular meeting on Tuesday, the 2nd inst., at Bro. Fysh's, the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, under the able presidency of Bro. C. K. Killick, assisted by Bros. A. Trewinnard S.W., H. P. Isaac J.W., C. K. Killick sen. Sec., J. H. Hawkins S.D., A. W. Fenner J.D., H. Hall I.G., A. E. Western W.S., W. Bartle D.C., W. J. Hornblower A.D.C., Steedman Tyler. There were also present Bros. H. Opperman, J. Thompson, W. Gurson, W. White, W. Fysh, A. W. Smith, S. J. C. Wolton, C. A. Hall, G. F. Böhme. The Visitors were—Bros. H. Topley S.D. Capper Lodge 1076, C. D. Hill Drury Faithful 85, J. Garrod High Cross 754, and R. Roxby Confidence 193. The Lodge being opened, the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. S. J. Wolton having proved his efficiency, was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason by the W.M., in a very excellent manner. Lodge being resumed, Bro. C. A. Hall was passed. On the resumption of the Lodge to the first degree, Bro. A. W. Smith, of the City of London Lodge, No. 901, was unanimously elected a joining member. The next business on the rota was the election of W.M. for the ensuing twelvemonths. This proved unanimous in favour of Bro. A. Trewinnard, and we congratulate the Lodge in selecting so able an exponent of the tenets

of the Craft for its Master. The election of Treasurer proved in favour of Bro. Crosbie. Bro. Steedman P.M. 754 was re-elected Tyler. The proposition that a P.M.'s jewel should be voted to the retiring W.M. met with universal approval. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to supper, which was served by Bro. Fysh in a very excellent manner. The viands were done ample justice to. Grace having been said, the cloth was removed, and the usual loyal toasts were proposed and responded to. The W.M. gave the health of the joining member, Bro. A. W. Smith, who he complimented on the excellent recommendation he had brought with him. Bro. Smith returned thanks in a neat speech. Bro. P.M. Killick senior proposed the health of the W.M., observing that no brother present had known him so long as he, yet he believed they had known him long enough to appreciate the services he had rendered; the toast was drunk with all the honours. The W.M. in returning thanks observed he would ever bear in mind the good feeling he had experienced at the hands of the Officers and brethren of the Lodge, and thanked them very heartily for their expressions of kindly feeling towards him. The health of the Visitors being drunk, Bro. C. Hill Drury replied; he thanked the brethren for the welcome all had received, and paid a high compliment to the W.M. in having such an efficient staff of Officers. The W.M. next proposed the health of the W.M. elect; by his assiduity he had fully qualified himself to fulfil the duties of the high office which had been conferred upon him. The toast was drunk with all Masonic honours. Bro. Trewinnard said he hoped his conduct in the chair would meet with the approbation of the brethren; nothing, he trusted, would be found wanting on his part to perform the duties which he would so shortly be called on to fulfil. The Officers' health was proposed and duly responded to, as also was Bro. Fysh's; this was his natal day, and the toast was drunk with cordiality. The Tyler brought a very pleasant evening's proceedings to an end. The following brethren contributed to the harmony of the evening, Bros. Opperman, Fysh, and H. Hall; an excellent recitation was given by Bro. Hawkins.

## Old Warrants.

No. 117.

No. 46, "Ancients;" No. 65, A.D. 1814 (at the Union), No. 57, A.D. 1832, and No. 49 from A.D. 1863.

ATHOLL, GRAND MASTER.

THOMAS HARPER D.G.M.

M. GILLIES S.G.W.

THOMAS MAHON 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, Duke, Marquis and Earl of Atholl, Marquis and Earl of Tullibardine, Earl of Strathay and Strathardle, Viscount of Balquider, Glenalmond and Glenlyon, Lord Murray, Belveny and Gask, Heritable Constable of the Castle of Kinleaven, Lord of Man and the Isles, and Earl Strange and Baron Murray of Stanley, in the County of Gloucester, &c. &c. &c. GRAND MASTER OF MASONS, The Right Worshipful Thomas Harper, Esq., Deputy Grand Master, The Right Worshipful Malcolm Gillies Esq., Senior Grand Warden, and the Right Worshipful Thomas Mahon, Junior Grand Warden (with the approbation and consent of the Warranted Lodges held within the

No. 46 Cities and Suburbs of London and Westminster), Do hereby authorise and empower our Trusty and Well-beloved Brethren, viz., The Worshipful Bro. George Eyre, one of our Master Masons, The Worshipful Bro. John Templeman, his Senior Warden, and the Worshipful Bro. Robert Robinson, his Junior Warden, to Form and Hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons aforesaid, at the house known by name or sign, The George, at George Stairs, Southwark, or elsewhere, upon the Second and Fourth Tuesday in every Month, 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 farther authorise and empower our said Trusty and Well-beloved Brethren, George Eyre, John Templeman and Robert Robinson (with the Consent of the Members of their Lodge), to nominate, chuse, and install their Successors, to whom they shall deliver this Warrant, and invest them with their Powers and Dignities as Free Masons, &c. And such Successors shall in like manner nominate, chuse, and install their Successors, &c., &c., &c. Such installations to be upon (or near) every ST. JOHN'S DAY, during the continuance of this Lodge, for ever. Providing the above named Brethren and all their Successors always pay due Respect to this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, otherwise this Warrant to be of no Force nor Virtue.

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

ROBERT LESLIE,

Grand Secretary.

NOTE.—This Warrant is Registered }  
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**THE GRAND FESTIVAL** will be held on Wednesday, 24th April 1878, at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, London.**THE RIGHT HON. THE EARL OF CARNARVON IN THE CHAIR.**

Tickets may be obtained of the Grand Stewards, but no Ticket will be issued after Four o'clock on the day preceding the Festival.

Dinner at half-past Six o'clock precisely.

The Musical Arrangements will be under the direction of Bro. C. E. WILLING, Grand Organist.

Brethren must appear in full Masonic Craft Clothing.

T. A. MASEY,

Hon. Sec. Board of Grand Stewards.

North Cheam, Surrey.

SIXTH APPLICATION.

**Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.****APRIL ELECTION, 1878.**

The favour of the Votes and Interest of the Governors and Subscribers is earnestly solicited on behalf of

**SOLOMON HIRAM SHURY,**

AGED TEN YEARS.

Son of Bro. WILLIAM SHURY, of Myland, Colchester, who died on the 25th of February last, after two years of great suffering, in his 75th year. Bro. SHURY was formerly engaged in the Circulation Department of the Post Office, but, owing to severe attacks of neuralgia in the head, and defective vision, consequent upon cataract, he was compelled to resign his position when at the age of 54 years. His only permanent income since that time had been a pension of £11 a year, to which he was entitled on account of his service, and he had to encroach continually upon his savings, till they were quite exhausted. Consequently he had been unable to provide for the boy's education, as he did for his children by his first marriage, and his declining days were comforted with the thought that the lad would eventually be elected into the Institution.

When in the full possession of health Bro. SHURY was a most active Mason. He was initiated in the Saint John's Lodge, Hampstead, No. 196 (now 167), in 1848, and, after passing through the intermediate offices, eventually became W.M. When, in 1861, the state of his health compelled him to remove from the District, he tendered his resignation, and the brethren at once elected him an honorary member, in recognition of his valuable services to his Mother Lodge. Bro. SHURY afterwards joined the Wellington, 548, as a country member; and became a member of the Angel Lodge, Colchester, No. 51, in 1868. He was exalted in the Domestic Chapter, No. 177, in 1832, and was elected to the Third Chair, but the continued unsatisfactory state of his health compelled him to resign. He was also one of the Founders of the Mount Lebanon Chapter, No. 73. When the present applicant was a child in arms, Bro. SHURY's position enabled him to make himself, wife, and child, Life Subscribers of the Boy's Institution, not thinking at the time that he should ever be compelled to avail himself of its benefits and he has besides this, done all in his power to excite in others an interest in the Masonic Charities. Altogether he had contributed to the funds of Grand Lodge for the long period of TWENTY-NINE YEARS.

*The case is strongly recommended (among others) by*

The Right Worshipful Bro. R. J. BAG-

SHAWE Prov. Grand Master Essex.

R.W. Bro. RICHARD BOLTON BARTON

LL.D. P.P.G.M. for Western India.

R.W. Bro. MATTHEW E. CLARK Dep.

P.G.M. Essex.

V.W. Bro. Rev. C. J. MARTYN V.P.

D.P.G.M. Suffolk, &amp;c.

V.W. Bro. FRED. A. PHILBRICK, Q.C.,

Recdr. of Colchester, P.C.J.W., &amp;c.

\* W. Bro. A. D. LOEWENSTARK P.M.

518, 733, 107, and P.Z. 73, 185.

W. Bro. FREDERICK WALTERS V.P.

P.G.P. Middlesex, P.M. and P.Z. 73.

W. Bro. WILLIAM PRATTARTY Steward

R.M.L.G. P.M. 1326 and 1351.

W. Bro. GRIFFITHS SMITH Past Grand

Steward, P.M. No. 21.

W. Bro. F. ADLARD V.P. P.M. No. 7.

\* W. Bro. JOHN BOSWORTH P.M. 170

and 349, P.P.J.G.W. Dorset.

W. Bro. SAMUEL COLE, Life Governor,

R.M.I.B., P.M. 184 and 1424, Past

P.G.P. Kent.

\* W. Bro. HENRY T. R. WARR L.G.

R.M.I.B., P.M. Albion Lodge, No. 9.

Bro. M. D. LOEWENSTARK J.W., 1360,

S.N. Chapter 73.

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Lodge, No. 51, P.G. Sec. Essex.

\* W. Bro. the Rev. C. L. ACLAND P.M.

558, P. Prov. Gd. Chaplain, Oxford.

P. Prov. Grand Chaplain, Essex.

W. Bro. the Rev. R. T. WHITTINGTON

Apollo University Lodge, No. 357,

and Angel Lodge, No. 51.

Proxies will be thankfully received by those Brethren whose names are marked with an asterisk.

Proxies of other Masonic or National Institutions are most valuable for the purposes of Exchange.

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**A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT** of the Governors and Subscribers of this Institution will be held in the Hall of the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, Lincolns-inn-fields, London, on Saturday, the 13th day of April 1878, at Twelve o'clock precisely, on the General Business of the Institution, to consider Notices of Motion as follow, and to elect Eighteen Girls into the School by ballot, from a list of 24 approved Candidates. The Election will commence at One o'clock (or after the usual business is over), and close at Three o'clock precisely.

By Colonel Creaton, J.P., Trustee and Vice-Patron:

"That Nineteen Girls be elected instead of Eighteen as previously arranged, by which the number of Girls in the School will be then increased to 200."

Also,

"That the funded property of the Institution be transferred into the names of the present Trustees."

Upon recommendation of the Building Committee, by

Colonel Creaton, Chairman:

"That authority be given for the necessary expenditure in laying out the grounds of the Institution."

By Bro. Thomas W. White, P.G. Std., Vice-Pres.

"That John Bond Cabbell, Esq., the Devisee of Trust Estates under the will of the late Bro. Benjamin Bond Cabbell, the survivor of the Trustees in whom the property of the Institution is vested, be requested and authorised to execute the necessary Documents to vest the said Property in the present Trustees, viz.:-

The Right Hon. the Lord Leigh, Lieut.-Colonel J. Creaton, the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, and the Right Hon. the Lord Skelmersdale.

R. WENTWORTH LITTLE,

(D.Prov. G.M. Middx.) Secretary.

**THE NINETIETH ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL**

Will take place at the Freemasons' Tavern, on Friday, 10th May 1878,

on which occasion

The Rt. Hon. The EARL OF CARNARVON, M.W. Pro G.M.,

R.W. Prov. Grand Master Somersetshire,

Has most kindly consented to preside.

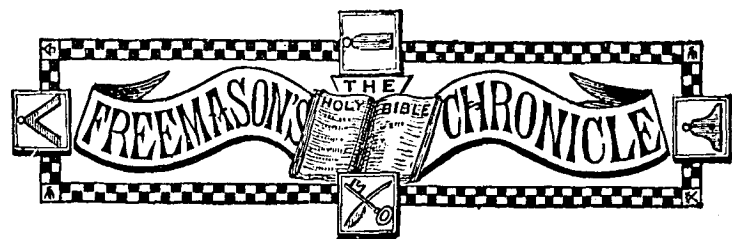
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**OUR WEEKLY BUDGET.****T**HE last few days have been among the most eventful of the Session. Indeed, one or two of the sittings will be of historical interest, while the proposals brought forward may be fraught with the most tremendous consequences, not only to the British Empire, but likewise to Europe and, indeed, the whole world. On Thursday, on the Peers meeting for the despatch of business, the House was taken by surprise on finding that the Earl of Derby did not take his seat on the ministerial bench, but below the gangway. The matter was soon explained, for the noble Earl rose almost immediately, and announced that, owing to the differences that existed between himself and his colleagues he had ceased to be Foreign Minister, or rather that he only continued to hold the seals of office till his successor had been appointed. Lord Derby, though full liberty of explanation had been given him, did not avail himself of the opportunity of doing so, but merely stated that while he was in accord with the other ministers of the Crown as to the end to be obtained, he differed with them as to the means. The Earl of Beaconsfield, however, who rose immediately for the purpose of expressing his sorrow that his political connection with the noble Earl, which had extended over a quarter of a century, was thus abruptly



determined, thought it would serve to allay apprehensions if he explained the reason for his late colleague's retirement from office, and he then stated that it had been resolved in the present critical state of the Eastern Question to call out the Reserve forces, and that it was this step to which Lord Derby took exception. A few remarks from Lord Cardwell, and then this memorable meeting was brought to a close. On Friday, the Premier, in reply to Earl Granville, stated the nature of the correspondence that would be laid on the table of the House, and likewise that the Queen's message, announcing her intention of calling out the Reserves would be delivered on Monday, on which day he should be in a position to fix a date for the discussion of the Message. Accordingly, the Message was read on Monday. A discussion followed, in which Earl Grey, the Earl of Redesdale, and Earl Granville took part. A second reading was then accorded to the Education (Scotland) Bill, and to the Mutiny Bill, and the other business having been despatched, the House adjourned. On Tuesday, there was a short debate on the propriety of opening Museums and Picture Galleries on Sundays; among the speakers were Lord Thurlow, the Lord Chancellor, the Bishop of London, and the Dukes of Westminster and Somerset. The Mutiny Bill was passed through Committee, and the Marine Mutiny Bill was read a first time.

The sittings of the House of Commons have been equally exciting. The Chancellor of the Exchequer, in reply to Lord Hartington, described the character of the latter portion of the correspondence among the Powers relative to the Berlin Congress, after which the House went into Committee on the Mutiny Bill, and after a long and wearisome debate over sundry of the clauses, with some half dozen divisions, in which, with one exception, the minority consisted of less than twenty, the Bill was ordered to be reported without amendment. It was also announced that the Queen had resolved on calling out the Reserve Forces, and subsequently the House adjourned at an advanced hour of the night. On Friday there were further questions as to the Eastern crisis, and sums on account of the Civil Service Estimates and Revenue Departments were voted. On Monday, Mr. Hardy presented the Queen's Message at the bar of the House, and it was at once read by the Speaker, all members present being uncovered. A discussion as to the day on which the policy advocated by the Message should be debated, resulted in Monday, the 8th instant, being named, as Thursday had already been fixed by Sir Stafford Northcote for the delivery of his Budget speech. Mr. J. Derby Allcroft, the newly-elected member for Worcester, having taken the oaths and his seat, the House went into Committee on the Intoxicating Liquors' Sunday (Ireland) Bill, but though the House sat till twenty minutes past six on Tuesday morning, the result was *nil*, the whole of the sitting being occupied in debating the alternate motions that the Chairman leave the chair, and that progress be reported. Tuesday evening was principally taken up with the discussion of a series of three resolutions, proposed by Mr. Fawcett, on Indian Finance. He was defeated, however, on the first by 163 to 87, and on the second by 159 to 96. The third resolution was withdrawn. The House was counted out just before half-past twelve o'clock. On Wednesday afternoon the motion for the second reading of the Vaccination Law (Penalties) Bill was defeated by 271 to 82. The vacancies for Worcester and Belfast have been filled by the election of Messrs. Allcroft and Ewart, both Conservatives, vice Sherriff (Liberal) and Johnston (Conservative). There are also vacant seats in North Lancashire and South Northumberland, the former by the acceptance by Colonel Stanley of the Secretaryship of State for War, and the latter by the elevation of Lord Eslington to the peerage.

The Queen held a Council at Windsor, on Tuesday, at which there were present the Duke of Richmond and Gordon, the Marquis of Salisbury, and the Right Hon. Gathorne Hardy. The Earl of Derby, the Marquis of Salisbury, and Mr. Hardy previously had audiences, and delivered up their respective seals of office. Colonel Stanley was then introduced and sworn in a member of the Privy Council, after which he was sworn in as one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State. The Marquis of Salisbury then received the seals of office as Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, Mr. Hardy those as Secretary for India, and Col. Stanley those as War Secretary. Mr. C. Lennox Peel was in attendance as Clerk of the Council. On Wednesday, the Prince and Princess of Wales visited Her Majesty at Windsor Castle, and remained to lunch.

It is announced that Her Majesty will hold Drawing Rooms at Buckingham Palace on the 7th and 9th May, and that His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales will, by the Queen's command, hold a *Levéé* at St. James's Palace on the 17th May. It is Her Majesty's pleasure that presentations to the Prince shall be deemed equivalent to presentations to Her Majesty.

A numerous deputation of Liberals had an interview with Earl Granville and the Marquis of Hartington, at the Westminster Palace Hotel, on Wednesday afternoon. Mr. Bright introduced it, and having stated its object in waiting on the Liberal leaders, and various members of it having expressed their views, the Earl and the Marquis severally addressed the meeting at great length, but very guardedly, and without committing themselves to any particular policy at the present juncture. This is exactly what might have been expected from two statesmen of such experience and bearing such serious responsibilities.

There has been a terrible outrage in the North West of Ireland, surpassing in atrocity any previous outrage of a similar character. On Tuesday evening, the Earl of Leitrim, with his clerk and car-driver, was driving from his residence, Manor Vaughan, Milford, Co. Donegal, to keep an appointment with his solicitor, when the whole party were shot at and killed. The car-driver's death was instantaneous; the clerk's wound was mortal, and he died almost immediately afterwards; but the Earl was not injured at first, and was only beaten to death after a brief but terrible resistance, his arms being broken and his head battered in. The late Earl was born in 1806, and though kind and charitable to the poor, was a strict and even exacting landlord, so that the general belief appears to be that the outrage was of an agrarian nature. The valet was following in another cart, and, according to the evidence he has given at the inquest, he saw his master resisting the onslaught of two men. Some evidences were left behind by the murderers, and two persons have been arrested on suspicion. The deceased nobleman had formerly been in the army, but retired in 1855, on succeeding to the title and estate. His life had been attempted on a previous occasion, when he himself arrested the would-be murderer, and since then he has been threatened, so that he invariably went about armed.

The preparations for war continue on a large scale, and the Queen's Proclamation calling out the Reserves was issued on Tuesday. In accordance with this important instrument, the Reserves of the first Army Corps are to join their several depôts by the 19th instant, so that shortly after that date there will be ready for service in the field a force of some 30,000 men and 90 guns, a second corps of equal strength being likewise in course of organisation. We have, too, an enormous fleet ready for any emergency, and every preparation is being made for the transport of troops by sea. Measures also are being taken for enabling our merchant navy to carry guns and protect themselves in the event of war breaking out. It is satisfactory to note further that militia officers in the dominion of Canada are coming forward in great numbers, and offering their services to the British Government. Indeed, there is little doubt if we should be forced into war that a strong Canadian contingent of from 10,000 to 20,000 men could be added to our regular army.

Lord Salisbury inaugurated his rule at the Foreign Office by the issue of one of the most important manifestoes ever despatched to our representatives at foreign courts. In this document his lordship gives first of all a concise summary of the correspondence with other governments as to the proposed Congress, and then he shows how the treaty of San Stefano, taken in its entirety, must necessarily be a danger to the interests of Europe. It is not for us to enter into the merits of our new Foreign Secretary's arguments; it is enough that we note them, with the mere additional remark that the leading journals in Paris, Berlin, Vienna, and Pesth, recognise as well the clearness and force of this manifesto as its importance. Many even regard it as more likely than anything else that has lately been issued to secure a peaceful issue out of the present difficulties.

This day week the great amateur aquatic event of the year will take place, and we shall then know whether what is called the Blue Riband of the Thames has fallen for 1878 to Oxford or Cambridge, to Dark Blue or Light Blue. Both crews are now in full practice over the London course, and, as usual their doings are eagerly watched and keenly criticised both by those who do not know how to row as

well as by those who do. We are not sporting prophets. We content ourselves, therefore, with the simple "tip" that, if Dark Blue is successful there will be rejoicings among the Oxonians, while if Light Blue wins the race, there will be rejoicing on the banks of the Cam.

As regards the political world, the state of things could hardly be more serious than it is just now, and yet, as the darkest cloud has a silver lining, so there is just a slight chance that the present gloom may after all be dispelled. In the first place, Russia's losses of men by sickness are on the increase, and it is said that as many as ten per cent. are being incapacitated daily in Bulgaria alone. Not much more than a third of the artillery are properly horsed, and the cavalry have great difficulty in getting fodder. Then it must be remembered that Russia is weak financially, though strong as a military power, if we look only at the numerical strength of her army. Turkey, too, though reduced to the agonies of despair, has still a respectable force at Constantinople, and she might prefer to fight against, rather than on the side of, her hereditary foe. Austria-Hungary likewise takes pretty nearly the same view as England respecting the treaty of San Stefano, and she has an army almost as numerous as Russia. Roumania and Servia are dissatisfied with the terms of peace, and the former is resolved not to part with her portion of Bessarabia, if she can help it, and only on compulsion. Altogether the perils which seem to await Russia, if she insists on the treaty of San Stefano being forced down the throats of the other European powers, are such, that now General Ignatieff has gained nothing by his visit to Vienna the Czar may well pause before setting England at defiance, and not England only, but the moral force of the whole of Europe as well. Even Prince Bismarck seems to think there is something in Lord Salisbury's despatch, and the present attitude of this country. So there is a chance, albeit only a slight one, that peace may be preserved.

## THE LOSS OF THE EURYDICE.

By REV. DR. STEVENS.

(Raphael Asa.)

'Tis service morn, that peaceful time  
When hearts are tuned and thoughts are raised  
To Him the Lord of every clime;  
The Crew unite in "God be praised!"

But as the day proceeds, so fair,  
And all seems tranquil and serene,  
A sudden darkness fills the air—  
A sudden fall of snow is seen.

At that dread moment, within sight  
Of Shanklin's pleasant beach, and hail!  
A Frigate hove, grand in her might  
Of seamen brave, and full in sail.

But, lo! a moment, and she reels;  
The wind in fury turns her o'er,  
And down she goes. Oh! heart that feels,  
Present a prayer; thou'rt on the shore.

She's gone, and only two remain  
Of those *Three Hundred* seamen, bold;  
Their lives are o'er; they're free from pain;  
They never more will tread the hold!

But why this dreadful work? we ask;  
Was care, precaution, and the like  
Bestowed? if so, to whom the task  
Of ballasting? Were men on strike?

Alas! too late 'twill be found out;  
The sorrowing hearts, the left and lorn,  
Can ne'er again lift hand and shout,—  
Brave Jack's returned! *We with them mourn.*

This loss of life, may't move the hearts  
Of those whose duty it may be  
To fit with weight, and sound the parts  
Of stately vessels, *conscience free.*

Oh, God! oh, God! in mercy hear  
Our prayer for all who brave the sea.  
May they, and we, have help to bear  
The lot, the part, what's'er it be!

The Poplars, Walthamstow.

On Sunday, 24th March 1878, this magnificent vessel, the Eurydice, one of the finest sailing frigates in the British Navy, after rounding Dunnose headland, near Shanklin, in the Isle of Wight, on her return from the West Indies, was turned over by the force of the elements, after which she sank. She had 300 seamen on board, of whom only two survived.

## DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges throughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Days of Meeting, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

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### SATURDAY, 6th APRIL.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.  
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)  
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)  
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, at 8.  
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
1223—Amherst, Kings Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent.  
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester.

### MONDAY, 8th APRIL.

45—Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, 12 Old-st., near Goswell-rl., at 8.0. (In.)  
90—St. John's, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.  
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)  
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)  
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction.)  
704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8. (Instruction.)  
957—Leigh, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8. (Instruction.)  
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rl., Paddington, at 8. (Instruction.)  
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Anlhurst-rl., Hackney, at 7.30. (In.)  
1506—White Horse of Kent, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square.  
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8. (Inst.)  
1625—Prelegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)  
London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-st., E.C., at 6, on 2nd and 4th Mondays in each month.

75—Love and Honour, Royal Hotel, Falmouth.  
104—St. John's, Ashton House, Greek-street, Stockport.  
151—Albany, Masonic Hall, Newport, I.W.  
240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields.  
262—Salopian, Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury.  
292—Sincerity, Masonic Temple, 22 Hope-street, Liverpool.  
297—Witham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln.  
411—Commercial, Flying Horse Hotel, Nottingham.  
481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne.  
502—Rectitude, Town Hall, Reading.  
587—Howe, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.  
689—Druid's Love and Liberality, Masonic Hall, Redruth.  
665—Montague, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis.  
797—Hanley, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth.  
893—Meridian, National School Room, Millbrook, Cornwall.  
1021—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Custom House Buildings, Hindport-road, Barrow-in-Furness.  
1069—United Brothers, Castle Hotel, Southsea.  
1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham.  
1253—Travellers, Queen's Hotel, Manchester.  
1436—Sandgate, Masonic Hall, Sandgate.  
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury.  
1592—Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds.  
1611—Eboracum, Queen's Hotel, Micklegate, York.  
1618—Handyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea.  
R. C. 12—Atheneum, Lancaster.

### TUESDAY, 9th APRIL.

55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7. (Inst.)  
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)  
141—Faith, 2 Westminster-chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)  
177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
193—Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.  
211—St. Michael, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.  
223—United Strength, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.  
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney. (Instruction.)  
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)  
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)  
933—Doric, Arderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.  
1446—Mount Edgecombe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)  
1471—Islington, Three Bucks, Gresham-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)  
1472—Henley, Railway Tavern, Stratford New Town, at 8. (Instruction.)  
1507—Metropolitan, 269 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)  
1538—St. Martin's-le-Grand, The London, Fleet-street, E.C.  
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-street-rd. at 8. (In.)  
1604—Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 7.0.  
R. A. 145—Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

93—Social, Freemasons' Hall, Norwich.  
131—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro.  
184—United Chatham of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Kent.  
272—Harrony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston.  
284—Shakespeare, Masonic Room, High-street, Warwick.  
400—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-st., Newc-on-Tyne. (Instr.)  
503—Belvidere, Star Hotel, Maidstone.  
626—Lansdowne of Unity, Town Hall, Chippenham.  
650—Star in the East, Pier Hotel, Harwich.  
820—Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup.  
892—Royal Edward, Royal Oak, Leominster.  
903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport.  
1120—St. Milburga, Tontine Hotel, Ironbridge.  
1250—Gilbert Greenhall, Masonic Rooms, Sankey-street, Warrington.  
1414—Knole, Masonic Hall, Sevenoaks.  
1465—Ockenden, Talbot Hotel, Cuckfield, Sussex.  
1509—Madoc, Queen's Hotel, Portmadoc.  
1593—Royal Naval College, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.  
Wynstay, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8. (Instruction.)

### WEDNESDAY, 10th APRIL.

Committee, Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemasons' Hall, at 3.  
3—Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
15—Kent, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C.  
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth.  
193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7. (Instruction.)  
201—Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)  
538—La Tolerance, Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, W., at 7.15. (Inst.)  
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road.  
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8. (Instruction.)  
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7. (Instruction.)  
1196—Urban, The Three Bucks, Gresham-street, at 6.30. (Instruction.)  
1260—Hervey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
1278—Burdett Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-rod, at 8.30. (Inst.)  
1288—Finsbury Park, Finsbury Pk. Tav., Seven Sisters-rl., at 8.0. (Instruction.)  
1305—St. Marylebone, Eyre Arms Tavern, St. John's Wood.  
1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-street, Wapping.  
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)  
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell.  
1707—Eleanor, Angel Hotel, Edmonton, at 8. (Instruction.)  
R. A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8.0. (Instruction.)  
R. A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)

147—Justice, White Swan, High-street, Deptford.  
 199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover. (Instruction.)  
 204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.  
 225—St. Luke, Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich.  
 231—Fortitude, Athenaeum, Lancaster.  
 483—Sympathy, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend.  
 615—St. John and St. Paul, Pier Hotel, Erith, Kent.  
 666—Benevolence, Private Room, Prince Town, Dartmoor, Devon.  
 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond.  
 851—Worthing of Friendship, Steyne Hotel, Worthing.  
 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury.  
 1101—Grey Friars, Masonic Hall, Reading.  
 1209—Lewises, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate.  
 1243—Denison, Grand Hotel, Scarborough.  
 1342—Walker, Stack Hotel, Walker-on-Tyne.  
 1398—Baldwin, The Castle, Dalton-in-Furness.  
 1424—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham.  
 1434—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham.  
 1479—Halsey, Town Hall, St. Albans.  
 1503—Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham.  
 1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, at 7. (Instruction.)  
 1520—Earl Shrewsbury, Public Rooms, Cannock, Staffs.  
 1582—Llanidloes, Trevythen Hotel, Llanidloes, North Wales.

#### THURSDAY, 11th APRIL.

3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 7. (Instruction.)  
 15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
 19—Royal Athelstan, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.  
 27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8. (Instruction.)  
 206—Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.  
 263—Bank of England, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.  
 435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)  
 531—Polish National, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 657—Canonbury, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.  
 860—Dalhousie, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.  
 1349—Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)  
 1425—Hyde Park, the Westbourne, Craven-road, Paddington.  
 1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, E.C. at 6.30. (Instruction.)  
 R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)  
 85—Medina, 85 High-street, Cowes.  
 97—Palatine, Masonic Hall, Toward-road, Sunderland.  
 333—Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston.  
 339—Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Cumberland.  
 469—Hundred of Elloe, Masonic Rooms, London Road, Spalding.  
 477—Morsey, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.  
 546—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Caroline-street, Longton, Stafford.  
 732—Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton.  
 739—Temperance, Masonic Room, New-street, Birmingham.  
 784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal.  
 945—Abbey, Abbey Council Chamber, Abingdon, Berks.  
 991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Willington Quay, Northumberland.  
 1035—Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.  
 1055—Derby, Knowsley's Hotel, Cheetham, Lancashire.  
 1093—St. George, Private Room, Temperance Hall, Tredogar, Mon.  
 1144—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne.  
 1204—Royd's, Imperial Hotel, Malvern, Worcestershire.  
 1273—St. Michael, Free Church Schoolrooms, Sittingbourne.  
 1343—St. John's, King's Arms Hotel, Grays, Essex.  
 1369—Bala, Plasgoch Hotel, Bala.  
 1416—Falcon, Masonic Hall, Castle Yard, Thirsk.  
 1429—Albert Edward Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Newport, Mon.  
 1593—Ley Spring, Red Lion, Leytonstone.  
 1612—West Middlesex, Feathers Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)

#### FRIDAY, 12th APRIL.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.  
 25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)  
 607—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.)  
 1288—Finsbury Park Master Masons' Lodge of Inst. Finsbury Park Tavern, at 8.  
 1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)  
 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
 1642—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 7.30. (Inst.)  
 R. A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8. (Inst.)  
 R. C.—Mount Calvary, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square.  
 36—Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary-street, Cardiff.  
 697—United, George Hotel, Colchester.  
 780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
 1087—Beauesert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard.  
 1289—Rock, Bedford House, Bedford-road, Rockferry, Cheshire.  
 1536—United Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead.  
 1621—Castle, Crown Hotel, Bridgnorth.

#### SATURDAY, 13th APRIL.

Quarterly General Court, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, W.C., at 12.  
 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)  
 1607—Loyalty, Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill.  
 1621—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)  
 1671—Mizpah, Albion Hotel, Aldersgate-street.  
 Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.  
 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
 1391—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester.  
 1612—West Middlesex, Institute, Ealing.  
 1637—Unity, De Burgh Hotel, West Drayton.

#### WEST YORKSHIRE.

##### SATURDAY.

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

##### MONDAY.

296—Royal Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.  
 1221—Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds.  
 R. A. 154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.  
 R. A. 495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.

##### TUESDAY.

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

##### WEDNESDAY.

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

##### THURSDAY.

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

##### FRIDAY.

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

##### SATURDAY.

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

#### EDINBURGH DISTRICT.

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

#### NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

**Duke of Connaught Lodge, No. 1524.**—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held at the Havelock Hotel, Albion-road, Dalston, on the 28th ult. Present—Bros. B. Meyer W.M., N. Green S.W., H. Meyer J.W., J. B. Shackleton P.M., E. Dignam S.D., E. Dietrich J.D., J. Payne I.G., J. Varnoy, C. Lorkin, F. Brasted, G. Ferrar, O. Dietrich, R. Polak, G. Davies, H. G. Moon, A. Leoffler, S. Blow, C. T. Brame, E. George, G. M. Stevenson, C. J. Olley, A. R. Olley, W. Beasley, J. Bonuer, T. Bigg, W. J. Ford, and J. Hill. Lodge was opened in due form; minutes of installation meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the second degree. Bros. Leoffler and Ford were interrogated, entrusted, and withdrew. Lodge was opened in the third degree, and Bros. Leoffler and Ford were raised to the degree of M.M. Bro. Brand proposed Bro. Smyth as Treasurer, seconded by Bro. Shackleton, and on the ballot being taken Bro. Smyth was unanimously elected to the office. There being no further business, Lodge was closed and adjourned. Refreshment followed labour. The Queen and the Craft, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Pro and Deputy Grand Masters, were ably proposed and heartily responded to. The I.P.M. proposed the health of the W.M., congratulating him on the very excellent manner he had worked the ceremony, and the pleasure the Lodge felt in having at the head of affairs a brother so well qualified to govern and rule. The W.M. thanked the brethren for the hearty way they had responded to the toast. During his year of office he would endeavour to discharge his duties to their satisfaction. He had come two hundred miles to be present at the Lodge meeting. Their cordial reception was very gratifying to him, and he would always, either at labour or refreshment, try to promote the best interests of the Lodge and its members. In proposing the Officers, the W.M. complimented each one on his excellence of working. He had no doubt when they were called on to assist in the other degrees, they would do so to the satisfaction of the members. The W.M. next proposed the Masonic Charities, adding that Bro. E. Dietrich was Steward for the Boys' School. He would call on Bros. Shackleton and Dietrich to respond. Bro. Shackleton explained the objects of the Institutions, especially the Boys' School, reminding the brethren the Lodge had sent Stewards to the Benevolent and Girls' Institutions, Bro. P.M. Lee having served one and he (Bro. Shackleton) the other. The W.M. had also served the Boys' School, and was a Life Governor. He concluded by urging the brethren to support Bro. Dietrich in his endeavour to take up as large an amount as possible. Bro. Dietrich hoped to have three figures on his list; but if he could not reach three, he hoped they would help him to come very near it. He was very glad Bro. Shackleton had been called on to reply; he would submit his list at once. The result was that though there was only a small attendance of members, the sum of £35 was promised. The W.M. regretted he was unable to propose anything from the Lodge funds, but as they would have another meeting before the Festival, he hoped the Lodge would be able to add £10 10s. Some capital songs and recitations were given by several members of the Lodge. At near midnight the Tyler's toast concluded a very pleasant evening.

**Royal Arthur Lodge of Instruction, No. 1360.**—At the Prince's Head, York-road, Batterssea, on Tuesday last, there was a very large attendance. It had been arranged that the Fifteen Sections should be worked, and accordingly Bro. Collings 511 took the chair, and was supported by Bro. Pulsford 1153 as S.W., while the Junior Warden's chair was filled by Bro. Ratcliffe J.W. 211. The Lodge was opened up to the third, and resumed, when the first lecture was worked by Bros. Fane, Carter, Josey, Oliver, Alais, Davy, and Pulsford; the second lecture by Bros. Smith, Wise, Leaper, Davis, and Collings; and the third lecture by Bro. Ratcliffe, Holloway, and Colegrave. On the conclusion, the customary vote of thanks was passed to the W.M. for presiding, and was duly acknowledged by Bro. Collings, who referred to the great assistance rendered by the brethren who had so ably filled the Wardens' chairs. The following brethren were elected members:—Bros. Alais, Lawrence, Webb, Boulton, Holland, Lane, Bird, and W. W. Morgan, and after those who had worked the sections had been thanked for the service rendered, the members dispersed, after having spent a most agreeable evening.

**Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227.**—At Bros. Bolton and Lane's, the King and Queen, Norton Folgate, on Friday, the 29th March. Present—Bros. Smith W.M., Cleverly S.W., Lane J.W., Fenner Preceptor, Townsend Secretary, Hine J.D., Bolton I.G.; also Bro. Geruschein visitor. Lodge opened, minutes were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed by the W.M. in a manner that reflected great credit on him, Bro. Geruschein acting as candidate. Lodge was advanced to the second degree. Bro. Geruschein answered the usual questions leading to the third degree. On the resumption of the Lodge to the first degree, Bro. Fenner worked the second and fourth sections of the lecture. Bro. Cleverly was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

**Egyptian Lodge, No. 27.**—The members of this Lodge met on Thursday, the 4th inst., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street. The W.M. Bro. T. J. Maidwell was assisted by his Officers:—Wm. Richards S.W., H. G. Buss P.M. G.A.S. Treas., J. B. Poole Sec., J. H. Coulson S.D., J. H. Komp J.D., C. Cuthbertson I.G., Grammer D.C.; P.M.'s Bros. J. Walker, C. Atkins, Hoare, Green, Sillis, C. B. Payne; also Visitors Bros. W. H. G. Rudderforth J.D. 12, Wharman P.M. 15, W. W. Morgan 211, H. F. Browne 731, Ginder 1499, J. Smeaton 1598. On the assembly of the brethren, Bro. Maidwell opened his Lodge, and minutes of last meeting were read and received due confirmation. The W.M. then opened up his Lodge, and proceeded with the ceremonial part of his duties. This consisted of the passing of Bro. James Jones, and the raising of Bro. J. Ulmann. The ballot box was then passed round, and the W.M. announced that Mr. Comyns William Lateward Berkeley had successfully passed the ordeal. This gentleman was then introduced, and the ceremony of initiation was performed; Bro. Maidwell doing his work, as he had also done in the two previous instances, in a manner eminently satisfactory, and creating a deep impression on the candidate. The election for Brother Henry Frederick Browne, of Arboretum Lodge, No. 731, resulted in his being admitted a joining member. The W.M. announced that Bro. Walker P.M. had signified his intention to serve as a Steward for the approaching Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. It was proposed that the sum of ten guineas be placed on his list from the funds of the Lodge. This was ably discussed, many of the members expressing a desire that the amount should be increased to twenty guineas. Eventually, however, a compromise was effected, and fifteen guineas was ordered to be placed on the list of Bro. Walker. The Committee of the Benevolent Fund then presented their Report. This showed most satisfactory results, and a substantial balance on the credit side. Some proposed alterations in the by-laws governing this Fund were considered and adopted. The Lodge was then closed. At the banquet which followed, and which was capitally served, under the personal superintendence of Bros. Robert and Frank Clemow, the W.M. presided. On the removal of the cloth, the toasts were briefly introduced and full honour was paid. In responding for the Pro G.M., the D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Bro. Buss Grand Assistant Secretary, after acknowledging the compliment, remarked that we never yet had, at the head of affairs, more energetic brethren than those who held office as the rulers of the Order. No labour was too arduous for Lord Carnarvon, and he spared neither time nor influence to advance the interests of Freemasonry. He was ably seconded by Lord Skelmersdale, who was perhaps better known in his own province; at the same time, no one could be more appreciated wherever he was known. He thanked the brethren for having associated his name with the toast. The W.M. next gave the health of the Visitors, and called on Bros. W. W. Morgan and W. H. G. Rudderforth to respond. After these brethren had acknowledged the compliment paid them, Bro. Maidwell proposed the health of the Initiate, and Bro. Berkeley rose to reply. He sincerely thanked the members for having admitted him into their ranks. He had been induced to join Freemasonry from an intimate knowledge of men who were distinguished in the Order, whom he respected and esteemed for their sterling qualities. He would exert himself to be a good Mason, and trusted he might never have cause to regret the step he had that night taken. On Bro. Walker devolved the task of proposing the health of the W.M.; this he did in most felicitous terms, paying a just tribute to the capabilities displayed by Bro. Maidwell. After a very humorous song, Bro. Maidwell rose. He could not agree with all Bro. Walker had said; he certainly could not endorse the remark that that brother as I.P.M. had not been missed; individually, he knew better; he had felt the absence of Bro. Walker. He was gratified by the many kind words expressed. Before resuming his seat, however, he would propose the health of the Past Masters of the Lodge. They were a numerous body—fifteen he thought they could muster—and there were very few Lodges who could boast more. He called attention to the satisfactory condition of their Benevolent Fund, which would stand as an evidence of what the P.M.'s of the Egyptian Lodge had achieved. Bro. Walker replied to the toast. He regretted the W.M. had not associated other names with his. However, he could say this, the P.M.'s of the Egyptian Lodge were full of loyalty to their Lodge. Each and every one was ready and willing at all times to help the W.M. Bro. Walker then referred to his Stewardship. The members of his Lodge had subscribed liberally, but he should not be content with what he had already been promised. They would have another meeting previous to the Festival, and then he intended to tax them further. The other toasts comprised the health of the Treasurer and the Secretary; the Joining Member; the Officers; and the several replies were concise and well to the point. The W.M. then called the Tyler, who brought the proceedings to a close. Some capital songs and recitations were given during the evening, and all strove to make the meeting a pleasant one.

**Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.**—At the Old Rodney's Head, 12 Old-street, Goswell-road, on Monday, the 1st instant. Present—Bros. Pearey W.M., Hallam S.W., Dybdahl J.W., Tolmie Preceptor, Fenner Secretary, Hunter S.D., W. Rawley J.D., Elliston I.G., Christopher Tyler; also Bros. Cuthbert, Millington, Millward, &c. Lodge was opened, minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was performed by the W.M. in his usual unexceptionable manner, Bro. Cuthbert being the candidate. The W.M. worked the first and second, Bro. Fenner the third, and the W.M. the fourth sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Walter Rawley, of the Cosmopolitan Lodge, No. 917, was elected a member. Bro. Hallam was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The Lodge was then closed, and adjourned until Monday next, at 8 o'clock.

**Prosperity Lodge, No. 65.**—The installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Thursday, the 28th March, at the Guildhall Tavern. There was a numerous attendance of members and visitors. Bro. Charles Daniel occupied the chair. Bros. H. Burgo S.W., G. T. Brown J.W. and W.M. elect, Goodwin P.M. Treasurer, C. E. Ferry Secretary, E. W. Braine S.D., Matthews J.D., Sim I.G.; P.M.'s Bros. A. L. Leins, Cornwall, J. Carruthers, Chivers, Forbes, Arnold, Davey, R. Betterby. The Lodge was opened at 8 o'clock. Bros. Jarvis, Bright, Mitchell, and Chivers were raised to the third degree, and Mr. Wiseman was initiated into the Order. A Board of Installed Masters was opened, and Bro. G. T. Brown was presented to the Lodge as W.M. elect, and duly installed into the chair by Bro. A. L. Leins, who well deserved the encomiums passed on him at the conclusion of the ceremony. There were thirty W.M.'s and P.M.'s present. The newly installed W.M. appointed and invested his officers, who each received a cordial recognition. Bros. C. Daniel I.P.M., Burgo S.W., E. W. Braine J.W., Goodwin P.M. Treasurer, Ferry Secretary, Matthews S.D., Sim J.D., Wright I.G., L. A. Leins P.M. Director of Ceremonies, Roberts Wine Steward, Speight P.M. Tyler. The Secretary read the report and resolution of the Grand Lodge with reference to the proceedings of the Grand Orient of France, and Bro. Daniel proposed, and Bro. Leins seconded a motion, that it be entered on the minutes. The death of Bro. Lynch, a member of the Lodge, only 32 years of age, was announced, and it was agreed that a letter of condolence be sent to his sorrowing family. A committee was appointed to make arrangements for the summer banquet. The Lodge was then closed until the fourth Tuesday in June, and the brethren, 104 in number, sat down to banquet and dessert provided by Bros. Ritter and Clifford. Grace having been said, the W.M. briefly and in appropriate terms proposed the routine toasts. After the health of Her Majesty, the National Anthem was sung. Bro. C. Daniel I.P.M. proposed the health of the W.M., which was received with loud and prolonged cheering, evidently showing the brethren had made an excellent selection. The manner in which Bro. Brown had conducted the duties of the chair testified they had the right man in the right place. He (Bro. Daniel) had placed him in office, and felt proud of him. The W.M. thanked the brethren for their kind expressions. He hoped at the expiration of his year of office the same words would be as kindly spoken, and that he should realise the anticipations formed of him. The W.M. next gave the toast of the initiate. The members were pleased to have him among them, and trusted he would never regret his entrance into Freemasonry. Bro. Matthews responded; he spoke of the impressive ceremony, which he hoped would never be effaced from his memory. He trusted in future to be a good Mason, and to deserve the kind words spoken of him by the W.M. The health of the Visitors came next. They were so distinguished in the Craft and so numerous that he could not particularise their several qualifications. Bro. West and Bro. H. M. Levy, Past Master 188, responded, each referred to the excellent presidency of the Worshipful Master, and the admirable manner in which the ceremony had been rendered by Bro. Daniel, and the perfect working of the installation ceremony by Bro. Leins. In proposing the health of the Immediate P.M., Bro. Daniel, who had so well performed the duties of the chair during the past year, the W.M. said the brethren did not only thank him in words, but showed their appreciation and respect by presenting him with a jewel; also a special illuminated address on vellum, a clock, two tazzas, and a gold watch, which they asked him to accept for Mrs. Daniel, in token of his eminent services—in which she had shown so lively an interest—during his year of office. This was a just tribute, and he trusted the worthy lady might look with pride on this recognition that her husband's services were so appreciated, not only by his Lodge, but by his private friends. Bro. Daniel rose, and was loudly cheered; when silence was restored, he said he felt unequal adequately to return his thanks; he owed them a debt of gratitude for their kindness, and he felt at a loss for words. He trusted he had gained their esteem. He would be pleased to wear the jewel as a mark of their regard. The address would be appreciated by his family, who would look on it with pride. The presentation to his wife, of a watch, was most gratifying to him. She had been present at several of their Festivals, and was with him, heart and soul to advance the cause of Freemasonry, and aid its Charities. Bro. Daniel then referred to the several gifts with which he had been presented, and expressed his gratification at receiving such tangible marks of their regard. Before resuming his seat he would call on them to drink to the health and prosperity of the Installing Master, Bro. Leins, whose services were always at their request, and were at all times thoroughly appreciated and valued by the brethren. Bro. Leins had performed the Installation ceremony in an admirable manner, and to the satisfaction of all present, and he trusted he might be spared, and have health to be with them for many years to come. Bro. Leins returned thanks; the I.P.M. was in every way competent to perform the ceremony; at the same time he was gratified that the task had devolved on him; his heart and sympathies are, and always were, with the Lodge of Prosperity. The toast of the Past Masters was next given, and Bro. Arnold responded. This was followed by prosperity to the Masonic Charities. The W.M. felt great pleasure in seeing Bro. James Terry, Sec. R.M.B.I., also Bro. C. Daniel, who is a Steward for the Girls' School. Bro. Daniel said he had great pleasure in serving as Steward; up to the present time he had £72 on his list, which he hoped would be increased. He fully realised the claims of the R.M.B.I.; as we grow older, we see many of the aged who require assistance. He had supported the various Charities, and would do so again. Bro. Terry followed; he could not refrain from thanking the Lodge for all they had done for the Masonic Charities. Sixteen years ago things were very different from what they now were; to-night they had had a sumptuous banquet; as the Lodge had progressed, so had the members given to the Charities. The Girls' School had at times been in debt; the Boys' School had always been in debt; while the Benevolent Institution had just sustained a heavy loss. If he might be allowed to make a suggestion, it would be that every brother

throughout the Craft should subscribe a sum of 2s 6d. The Charities would then sustain no loss. Bro. Barber served as Steward for the R.M.B.I., and he handed in £82; Bro. Barber is now a Steward for the Girls' School, and at that meeting had given a donation that was acknowledged with thankfulness. The Lodge had a good balance. He hoped that no member would ever be compelled to apply for the benefits of the Institutions. The W.M. was, by virtue of his office, a Vice-President of the Institution; of this he might be justly proud; he hoped he would be among them frequently. The health of the Treasurer, Secretary, and other Officers was given, and the Tyler concluded a very agreeable and harmonious evening. Bros. Miller, James, Drew, Hawkins, and Knightsbridge contributed to the harmony. Among the Visitors were Bros. C. M. Major 63, S. Baker P.M. 1632, A. Drew P.M. 890, A. McDowell 94, G. Clements P.M. 1297, Smith 217, Rush 1201, Garrott P.M. 869, W. H. Main P.M. 813, J. Chinnery 145, Goodall P.M. 784, Strutt 831, A. W. Comrie 795, J. Marfleet P.M. 217, Magnus 63, W. Payne Treas. 1602, Lancaster P.M. 1287, Berenberg 188, J. Grocott P.P.G.S.W. Herts, Poulton 1602, W. H. G. Rudderforth 12, C. Burrell P.M. 1446, S. Watkins P.M. 212, Hollands P.M. 1321, D. McLeod P.M. 1624, J. J. West P.M. 548, H. M. Levy P.M. 188, &c.

**Kendal Castle Chapter, No. 129.**—The regular Quarterly Convocation of this Chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, Stramontgate, on Thursday, 28th March, at 2.30 prompt time. The M.E.Z., E. Comp. Joseph Bintley, was supported by E. Comps. John Talbot H., G. J. McKay Prov. G.S.E. J., John Bowes P.Z. Prov. G.S.N., and Titus Wilson P.Z. The Chapter having been opened in ample form, the rest of the Companions were admitted, and the minutes of the Annual Convocation read and declared to be correctly recorded. The ballot was then taken for the following candidates for exaltation, viz., Bros. J. Sisson S.D. 129, G. Taylor J.W. 1051, and F. W. Watson J.W. 129; in each case the ballot proved unanimously in favour, and the brethren being present were exalted in ample form by E. Comp. Bowes, the historic lecture being given by E. Comp. McKay from the third chair. The duties of P.S. were well performed by that Officer, Comp. Banks. Comp. R. Godfrey S.E. presented a draft copy of bye laws for the government of the Chapter, which, after due consideration, were adopted, and ordered to be sent to the Prov. G. Superintendent, Lord Beotiv, for his approval. The annual banquet was fixed for 4th July, at the Hotel, Grange-over-Sands, and a Committee was appointed to make the necessary arrangements. After the consideration of some routine business, the Chapter was closed, with the usual solemnities, and the Companions separated in perfect harmony, to meet again on the last Thursday in June, when the report of the Banquet Committee will be made.

**Holmesdale Lodge of Mark Master Masons, No. 129.**—The installation meeting of this flourishing Lodge was held at the Royal Hotel, Ramsgate, on Thursday, the 28th ult., and was well attended by members and Provincial Grand Officers. The Lodge was honoured on this occasion by the presence of the R.W. Prov. Grand Mark Master the Rev. G. W. Sicklemore, the W. Bro. W. Snowden Deputy Prov. G.M.M., the W. Bro. Jas. S. Eastes, Deputy Prov. G.M. (Craft) for Kent, the V.W. Bro. James Stevens P.G.J.O., and by several other important Prov. Grand Officers members of the Lodge. Previous meetings having cleared the agenda paper, the business of installation of the W.M. elect was, immediately after the opening of the Lodge by Bro. T. C. Harrison, and the confirmation of the minutes, proceeded with. The V.W. Bro. James Stevens P.G.J.O. having taken the chair of A., the outgoing Master presented Bro. R. J. Emmerson the W.M. elect, and that worthy and distinguished brother was duly installed as W.M., with full ceremonial, musical service and addresses. The Officers for the ensuing year were appointed and invested in the following order, viz.:—The Rev. — Robinson S.W., W. Searles J.W., Jas. S. Eastes M.O., F. W. Hallett S.O., C. J. Ayton J.O., H. Friend Reg. of M. and Sec., Lewis Finch Treas., A. W. Conquest S.D., G. W. Greenhill J.D., A. Aubrey Org., I. J. Tulman I.G., James S. Harris and Chancellor Stewards, and Rolfe Tyler. Bro. George Page P.M. officiated as D.C. At the conclusion of the ceremony Bro. Finch Past Master and Bro. Elleron Past Master seconded a vote of thanks to Bro. Stevens for his services as Installing Master; services which he had annually rendered since the formation of the Lodge, and which the members hoped might be continued for many years to come. The vote was unanimously carried, and cordially acknowledged. Bro. Stevens expressed his great gratification as to the progress of the Lodge, and the support afforded by its several Past Masters, all of whom, except Bro. J. W. Smith, now in India, and with whom he had frequent correspondence, never failed to be present on these occasions. Having had the honour to instal all previous W.M.'s in this Lodge, he looked forward to fulfil the like duty on future occasions. Propositions having been taken, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to a liberal banquet provided in the well-known satisfactory style associated with Bro. Hiscock's management of the "Royal." The usual toasts were admirably proposed by the W.M., and each received able response. The entire proceedings were greatly appreciated by all present, and universal regret at parting was expressed when the hour for separation arrived.

**Industry Lodge of Instruction, No. 186.**—This old Lodge of Instruction, which has ceased to meet for many years, has been resuscitated, and will in future assemble every Monday evening, between 1st September and the 31st May, at half-past six o'clock p.m., at the Bell Tavern, Carter-lane, Doctor's Commons, E.C. Our readers will remember, we stated, in our report of the January meeting of the Industry Lodge, that permission was granted to Bro. John G. Horsey, one of its members, to renew the Lodge of Instruction as above mentioned, of which he has been appointed Secretary.

Bro. John Noke, P.M. Vitruvian No. 87, is Preceptor, and Bro. Chas. Sawyer, S.W. Sackville No. 1619, is Treasurer. It has been arranged to formally re-open this Instruction Lodge at 6 p.m. on Monday, the 15th instant, when Bro. C. W. Noehmer, P.M. of the Mother Lodge, will rehearse the ceremony of installation.

**Lodge of Joppa, No. 188.**—The regular meeting was held on Monday, the 1st inst., at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, City. Bros. Miller W.M., M. Spiegel S.W., Hymans J.W., L. M. Auerhaan Treas. S.D., E. P. Albert P.G.P. Sec. J.D., J. Benjamin I.G., Blanks Steward. P.M.'s L. Lazarus, L. Alexander, J. Abrahams, S. Hickman, A. Dodson, M. Alexander, and H. M. Levy; Bros. J. E. Walters, J. Wynman, Dewsnap, Van Bolen, Martin, Rosier, I. Botibol, Pearce, C. W. Botibol, J. Langley. The Lodge was formally opened and the minutes confirmed. There was a notice of motion on the agenda paper; also several candidates for the 3rd degree, but they were not present. After the Lodge had been closed, the brethren adjourned to slight refreshment. The W.M. proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. These were duly responded to, and the proceedings were enlivened by harmony.

**Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193.**—Met on Wednesday, the 3rd inst., at the Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., Bro. Biddle in the chair. There were also present Bros. Staley S.W., W. Lipscombe J.W., E. Gottheil P.M., J. Constable Treas., J. K. Pitt Sec., Bone S.D., James J.D., Sawyer I.G.; Bros. Bush, Harris, Millhouse, A. Posener, Wharman, Walker, &c. Bro. Arthur W. Masters, of Leinster Lodge, No. 18, St. John's, New Brunswick, was a visitor. The first ceremony and four of the sections were rehearsed. Bro. Biddle's working of the ceremony was distinguished by a quiet fluency which promises to develop—as soon as greater confidence is acquired—into a gentle eloquence, usually so strikingly impressive upon the candidate. Bro. Constable was re-elected Hon. Treas., and Bro. J. K. Pitt Hon. Sec. for the ensuing year. Bro. Staley was elected W.M. for next Wednesday.

**Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.**—Held its regular weekly meeting on Saturday, the 30th March, at the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, Islington, N. Present—Bros. Garrod W.M., Hallam S.W., Hallam jun. J.W., Killick Sec., Halford Treas., Brund S.D., Stock J.D., H. Hall I.G., Percy Preceptor. Visitors—Bros. J. Millington 861, C. Hall 1693. The Lodge was opened in regular order and the minutes confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed Bro. Slaiter candidate. Several sections of the first lecture were worked. Bros. Millington and Hall were elected members. A vote of thanks was unanimously accorded to the W.M., it being his first appearance in the chair. Bro. Hallam will preside next week.

**Old Globe Lodge, No. 200.**—The members held their monthly meeting on Wednesday night, in their Lodge room, Old Globe Hotel. After the transaction of ordinary business a very pleasing ceremony took place, viz., the presentation of a testimonial to Bro. G. H. Walshaw P.M., P.P.G.D.C., subscribed for and given by the members of the Lodge on the occasion of that gentleman's marriage. The testimonial consisted of a very handsome bronze and marble timepiece, with a pair of vases to match, and was presented on behalf of the subscribers by the W.M., Bro. A. W. Tomlinson. After a few appropriate remarks from Bro. J. Woodall P.M. P.P.G.J.W., the Senior Past Master present, Bro. Walshaw feelingly acknowledged the compliment, of which he may well feel proud, evincing as it does the high estimation in which he is held by his Masonic brethren, and the fraternal goodwill they bear towards him.

**Salopian Chapter, No. 262.**—The regular convocation was held at the Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury, on Monday, the 1st inst. In the unavoidable absence of M.E.Z. Comp. R. Cresswell Peck, Comp. E. Andrew P.Z. acted as first Principal, assisted by Comps. J. B. Boucher II., E. M. Wakeman J., II. Charles Clarke E., W. L. C. Crump Treas., II. O. Wakeman (pro tem) P.S., J. S. Davies 1st A.S., W. E. Stuart 2nd A.S., J. Bodenham (pro tem) D.C., J. B. Hide Janitor. After the usual routine business had been disposed of, it was resolved to take advantage of the occasion to convert the Chapter into one of Instruction, and Comp. P. H. Evans volunteered as a candidate for exaltation. Comps. J. B. Boucher II. and E. M. Wakeman J. acquitted themselves very well, and Comp. J. L. Warren gave the charges, &c. in his usual eloquent and impressive style. Bro. J. O. Smith, surgeon, was then balloted for, and unanimously elected. The Chapter was then closed, and the Companions adjourned to banquet. The M.E.Z. (pro tem) gave the customary loyal and R.A. toasts, which were duly honoured. Comp. J. L. Warren referred to the pleasure he should feel in proposing the next toast,—the Prov. Grand Chapter, but, unfortunately, there was no Prov. Grand Chapter; he thought, and the idea appeared feasible to a M.E. Companion present, that we ought and could succeed in procuring this desirable result. After some remarks from Comps. Boucher and Wakeman, it was proposed by Comp. Warren, and seconded by Comp. Wakeman, that there be an Enquiry Committee formed to ascertain the opinions of Companions of Sister Chapters on the subject, and that Comps. Wight, Spaul, Redman, and the M.E.Z. (pro tem) compose that Committee, with power to add to their number. The proposition was unanimously approved. Comp. Wakeman then gave the health of the Principals, when he expressed the thanks of the Companions present for the kindness shown by Comp. Andrew in coming to preside at so short a notice, and at great inconvenience; to Comp. Boucher for his energy and zeal in coming from London expressly to be at his post that evening, and to Comp. Warren for the able manner in which he did the difficult part entrusted to him. The toast was

cordially received, and responded to by each in appropriate terms. Comp. J. L. Warren then gave the Visitors, in his usual happy, genial manner, and Companion Gumbleton responded, followed by Comp. S.M. Davies (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE). After the toast of the Officers had been proposed and warmly received, Comp. Wakeman replied, and after spending a very pleasant evening, which was enhanced by the vocal powers of several of the members, the Companions dispersed at a seasonable hour. Past 1st Principals present—E. Comps. J. L. Warren, T. Onions, and W. H. Spanll. Visiting Companions G. Gumbleton 357 Oxford, S. M. Davies G.R.C.

**Rothsay Lodge, No. 1687.**—The regular meeting was held on Wednesday, the 3rd inst., at the Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn Fields. Bro. Louis Beck W.M., F. Kirk S.W., Hancock J.W., B. Swallow I.P.M. Treas., W. C. Parsons P.M. 180 Sec., Docker S.D., Crosland J.D., Outhwaite I.G., Forscutt D.C., F. C. Jones A.D.C. All formalities observed, Bros. Valeriani, Nathan and Lintott were raised to the third degree. Bros. Danton, Green, and Nowell were passed to the second degree, and Mr. John Carter was balloted for and duly initiated into the Order. The W.M. acquitted himself in an excellent manner for so young a Mason. The election for W.M. then took place, and Bro. F. Kirk was unanimously chosen. Bro. L. Beck W.M. was elected Treas., and Bro. Potter P.M. Tyler. Bros. Lucas, Livermore, and McGillivray, were elected auditors. The Secretary read the report of the Committee of Grand Lodge in reference to the Grand Orient of France. Bro. B. Swallow proposed, and Bro. Forscutt seconded, that the letter be entered on the minutes. The Lodge was then closed until October, and the brethren sat down to a very excellent banquet and dessert, *a la Russe*, provided by Bro. Walter Gosden. The W.M. proposed the usual toasts; when giving the health of the M.W. the Grand M., Bro. Beck alluded to the fact of His Royal Highness allowing them to use his arms and also his name as Duke of Rothsay. The health of the Pro G.M., the D.G.M. and the rest of the Grand Officers was given, and with the toast was associated the name of Bro. E. P. Albert, who acknowledged the compliment. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the newly made brethren, there were three present, two had been previously initiated; Bro. Carter was the youngest member among them; he had just attained the age of 21. Each of those enumerated severally responded. Bro. B. Swallow I.P.M. and Treasurer congratulated the brethren on their selection for W.M. The working of Bro. Beck was known and appreciated; he regretted that in the hurry of leaving the Lodge a jewel had not been proposed for him. However, at the audit meeting that could be remedied; he was sure that Bro. Beck's services were appreciated in the Lodge, and he believed they would give him his just reward. The W.M. thanked the brethren for the kind manner he had been received. As he was now the newly-elected Treasurer, he hoped to do all he could for their interests. He had felt it a great honour to be the first W.M., and he trusted he might be among them many years. Before resuming his seat, he would remark there were fourteen visitors present; the members were pleased to see them. Perhaps it was rather out of place, but he would take this opportunity to say he was a Steward for the Girls' School; the Lodge had voted the sum of £10 10s on his list, and he felt gratified at having that amount from so young a Lodge; he hoped the brethren would assist him. But to return; he would now call on the brethren to drink the health of the Visitors. Bro. H. M. Levy P.M. 188 and H. Gulliford responded. Each complimented the W.M. on the success that had attended his year of office. The W.M. then had great pleasure, in this new Lodge, to propose the toast of the W.M. elect. Those who had seen that brother's working, must appreciate with what pleasurable feelings he offered the toast for their acceptance. As Bro. Kirk had performed the duties of S.W., so would he fulfil those of W.M., and all wished him success. Bro. F. Kirk thanked the W.M. and the brethren for his election; he was pleased to say it had been unanimous. He could not say much in words, but hoped in the future his deeds would merit their approval. The health of the Treasurer and Secretary followed; no Lodge could get on without the services rendered by these Officers. The W.M. could not have deserved the praise given him had he not had their assistance. Both Bros. Swallow and Parsons were well-known and respected. Bro. Hancock in due course will be the next S.W., and would be a credit to the Lodge. Bros. Swallow, Parsons, Hancock, and the Junior Officers severally responded, and then the Tyler's toast was given. The Visitors were:—Bros. E. P. Albert P.G.P., H. Gulliford W.M. 1017, S. Rowley 1602, Lakin 180, Hornsea 890, Milford, F. H. Atkins W.M. 890, H. Hughes 869, A. Martin 1539, A. Mount 1328, E. Crickney 1426, Deaton 25, Aushuson, and H. M. Levy P.M. 188.

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**ROYAL ITALIAN OPERA, COVENT GARDEN.**—This evening, FRA DIAVOLO. On Monday, FAUST E MARGHERITA.  
**HAYMARKET.**—At 7.30, FARCE. At 8.15, ROMEO AND JULIET.  
**ADELPHI.**—CARI ROSA OPERA COMPANY (last night).  
**PRINCESS'S.**—At 7.0, OUT TO NURSE. At 7.45, JANE SHORE.  
**OLYMPIC.**—At 7.30, THE LITTLE VIXENS. At 8.15, THE VAGABOND.  
**STRAND.**—At 7. OVER THE WAY. At 7.30, FAMILY TIES. At 9.30, DORA AND DIPLUNACY.  
**GAIETY.**—At 7.15, A MERE BLIND. At 7.45, OLD SOLDIERS. At 9.30, FAUST.  
**GLOBE.**—At 7.0, MY WIFE'S OUT. At 7.45, A FOOL AND HIS MONEY and A NATIONAL QUESTION.  
**VAUDEVILLE.**—At 7.30, A WHIRLIGIG. At 8.0, OUR BOYS, and A FEARFUL FOG.  
**PRINCE OF WALES'S.**—At 8.0, DIPLOMACY.  
**LYCEUM.**—At 7, TURNING THE TABLES. At 8, LOUIS XI.  
**COURT.**—OLIVIA, &c.  
**OPERA COMIQUE.**—At 8.0, THE SORCERER. At 10.0, TRIAL BY JURY.  
**CRITERION.**—At 7.30, THE PORTER'S KNOT. At 8.45, PINK DOMINOES.  
**ST. JAMES'S.**—At 8, LADY CLANCARTY. On Monday, OTHELLO.  
**DUKE'S.**—EAST LYNNE, &c.  
**FOLLY.**—LES CLOCHES DE CORNEVILLE, &c.  
**ROYALTY.**—LA MARJOLAINE, &c.  
**ALHAMBRA.**—At 7.20, FARCE, and LA FILLE DE MADAME ANGOT. On Monday, THE GRAND DUCHESS.  
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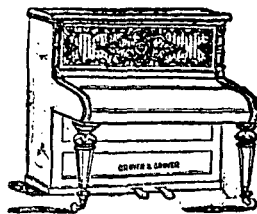
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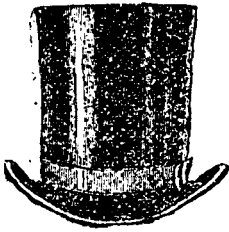
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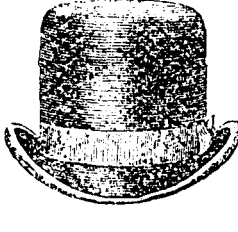
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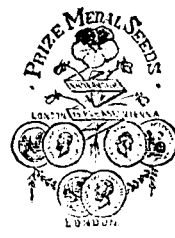
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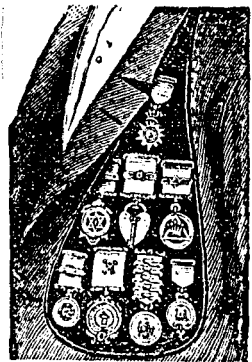


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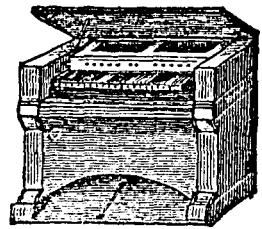
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