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## MILITARY LODGES.

### MINDEN LODGE, No. 63, I.C.

SO little has been written on this subject that we need offer no excuse for returning to it. Hitherto our remarks have been confined to English Military Lodges, while two of our correspondents have been kind enough to draw attention to the existence of Scotch and Irish Lodges of a like character. Of the former, but little, we fancy, is known, but of the latter, we offer a few particulars which, we doubt not, will prove interesting. In January of last year there appeared in a Masonic monthly contemporary, a list, No. 3, of Old Lodges, republished by Bro. W. J. Hughan, from a Dublin "Pocket Companion for Freemasons," of the year 1735. This list contained 163 Lodges, Irish and English, Nos. 1 to 37 inclusive being Irish, the rest English. Among the former are no less than five Military Lodges, namely, No. 12, "In the first Battalion Royal;" No. 13, "In Major General Dalzeel's Regiment of Foot;" No. 25, "In Colonel Hamilton's Regiment;" No. 34, "In the Royal Regiment of North British Fusiliers;" and No. 36, "In Major General Price's Regiment of Foot." As far as we have been able to trace, none of these Lodges are now in existence. Of the ten existing Lodges, including "No. 730, Dublin Garrison," on the roll of Grand Lodge Ireland, several can boast of a tolerably long existence. Thus, according to the Irish Freemasons' "Calendar and Pocket Companion" for the current year, No. 26, in the 26th Cameronians, dates from the year 1810; "No. 128, 39th Regiment," from 1742; "No. 322, 29th Regiment," from 1759; "No. 354, 49th Regiment," from 1760; "No. 441, 38th Regiment," from 1795; "No. 570, 5th Dragoon Guards," from 1780. It is impossible for us, without further inquiry, to say whether the Warrants, bearing the above dates, have always resided in the Lodges which now hold them; or whether, during the whole period of their existence, they have been Military Warrants. Still, the inclusion of Military Lodges in the list of 1735, to which we have referred above, and the dates of the Warrants of existing Irish Military Lodges, show that this class of Lodge at an early date found favour with the Grand Lodge of Ireland. On these and any other points connected with these Lodges we shall gladly receive information. We now turn to the history of an Irish Lodge, not now in the list of Irish Lodges, which was published in 1849 by Bro. John Clarke, Sergeant Major 1st Battalion 20th Regiment, and at the time Senior Warden of his Lodge, remarking, *en passant*, that No. 263 (Irish) is attached to the 2nd Battalion of the same Regiment.

The Warrant, which was granted to Lord George Sackville, Colonel of the Regiment, and first Worshipful Master, Colonel Edward Cornwallis, and Captain Millburne, bears date December 1748, the day itself being illegible, the Regiment at the time being engaged in the pacification of the Highlands, which had been rendered necessary by the expedition of the Young Pretender, Prince Charles Edward. As regards the records of the Lodge from its foundation to the year 1802, they have been lost, a circumstance which is not to be wondered at, considering that during that period the 20th Regiment was repeatedly, if not continuously, engaged on Foreign Service. Thus, it was constantly on the move from 1748 to 1755, when it was stationed on the coast of Kent, to resist a threatened invasion. In 1756, we find it *en route* for Germany, where, in 1759, it took part in the memorable

victory of Minden, and to the glorious achievements on this occupation is due the circumstance of its being known in future as the "Minden" Lodge. It continued fighting till the end of the war in 1762, when it returned home, and remained there till 1775. That during this period it resumed its labours, Bro. Clarke considers there is satisfactory evidence in the following, "written memorandum, and appended to a printed copy of By-laws, now" (that is, in 1849) "in the archives of the Lodge."

"The foregoing 26 Resolutions are recommended by the Grand Lodge to all Warranted, as most useful and necessary at this time.

"As given under my hand this sixth day of July, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy Two, and in the year of Masonry 5772.

(Signed)

WILLIAM DICKEY, G.S."

In 1775, the Regiment was ordered to North America, and landed at Quebec in the latter part of the year. It took part in the earlier portion of the war of American Independence, but though it maintained its former reputation for gallantry, it had the misfortune to form part of the force under General Burgoyne which, after the unfortunate battle at Saratoga, in 1777, was forced to capitulate to the American General Gates. The Colours of the Regiment had previously been destroyed, and Bro. Clarke thinks it not improbable that all the records of the Lodge shared a similar fate. The regiment were kept prisoners at Prospect Hill, near Boston, Mass., nor were they released till after the conclusion of peace in 1783. It will be interesting to know if, in the history of Masonry in Massachusetts, there is any mention at this epoch of members of the Minden Lodge mixing with their Boston brethren. From 1783 to 1789 the Regiment was employed in England. On 1st June of the latter year it sailed for Halifax, Nova Scotia, where it remained till June 1792, when it proceeded to St. Domingo, and thence to Jamaica, where it took part in suppressing insurrections among negroes and brigands. It returned home from the latter station in 1796, a mere skeleton of its former self, mustering only 6 officers and 70 non-commissioned officers, drummers and privates. However, it soon recruited itself, and was divided into two battalions, amounting to upwards of 2,000 men, exclusive of officers. In 1799, they embarked for Holland, and displayed their usual gallantry at Crabendom, under Sir Ralph Abercrombie, and at Egmont-op-Zee. They returned to England at the end of October the same year, and in the beginning of 1800 were sent to Ireland. In June, it made an unsuccessful attempt to land at the fortress of Belleisle, off the coast of Brittany, after which it was sent to Minorea, where it remained till, in 1801, the whole of the two battalions volunteered for service in Egypt, and having landed in Aboukir Bay, it again distinguished itself in the actions of the 17th, 25th, and 28th August, and 2nd September, and was thanked for its gallantry. It landed in Malta, in December 1801, and thenceforward we have some glimpse of Masonic work, not, it is true, continuously, but still with comparatively short breaks.

All this time, though everything in the shape of record had disappeared, the Warrant had been religiously preserved, but to what brother or brethren the Lodge was indebted for this piece of good fortune there is nothing to show. At all events, the Lodge, mustering eighteen members, met at Victoriosa, Malta, on the 29th March 1802, for the purpose of installation, and the record of this meeting is the oldest in existence. The particulars or minutes are, it seems, somewhat meagre, but we learn that Bro.

Charles Whitton, rank in Regiment unknown, was installed W.M., and that the Lodge increased so rapidly that, in June 1803, or fifteen months after its revival, the number of members had reached forty. Bros. Long and Kyme, of unknown rank in the Regiment, were W.M.'s in 1803 and 1804 respectively. From 1805 to 1811, the Regiment was engaged on Foreign Service, and the Lodge consequently did not meet. In 1806, the gallant 20th was present, and highly spoken of in the Commander-in-Chief's despatches for its conduct at the battle of Maida. In July 1808, it embarked for Portugal, and shared in the glories of Vimiero, under Sir Arthur Wellesley. In 1809, it served under Sir John Moore, and suffered greatly in the disastrous retreat to Corunna, as it formed the rear-guard of the army. It fought in the battle in which the illustrious Moore, himself a Mason, was killed. It embarked for England, and on landing at Portsmouth was greatly reduced in strength. When quartered at Mallow, Ireland, the Lodge resumed work under the old Warrant, the following being the letter authorising such resumption.

Dublin, 7th February 1812.

Sir and Brother,—Your memorial for the revival of Warrant No. 63 was received in course, and surprised me much, not having any trace whatever of it on the Books for above forty years, only a memorandum that it had been issued to your Regiment; neither can I give you any account why it was placed on the list as cancelled, it being before my time, but I suppose it was from the circumstance of its officers not making the regular communications for so long a time; there was a very strenuous application made for a second duplicate of it about two years since, but refused by the Committee of the Grand Lodge.

Yester even was monthly meeting of the R.W. Grand Lodge, before whom I laid your Memorial, with the Lieut.-Colonel's signature, and they have been pleased to order the Warrant to be revived *without* the fees as usual on such occasions. You will therefore instal the officers, and resume your Masonic labours, transmitting me their names, and that of each of the members for registry, according to rule. On receiving your return, I shall make the necessary returns, and am,

Sir and Brother,

Your most obedient servant.

(Signed) WM. GRAHAM, D.G.S.

P.S.—Your making the return and payment to Bro. Miles Edwards will be the same as to me, only by requesting he will advise me by the following post.

Serjt.-Major John Storey.  
(63) 20th Regiment, Mallow.

Bro. Harrell, of unknown regimental rank, was W.M., but the time allowed the Lodge for its peaceful Masonic meetings was of the briefest. It sailed for Corunna in October, and thence it embarked for Lisbon. In 1813 it took part in the glorious victories of Vittoria and the Pyrenees, in the latter of which it was one of four regiments which charged the enemy four times with the bayonet. In 1814 it bore its share of fighting at Orthes and Toulouse, and afterwards landed in Ireland, when the meetings of the Lodge were resumed, Bro. Serjt. Winterbottom being W.M. in 1814, Bro. Serjt.-Major Hollinsworth in 1815 and 1816, Bro. Serjt. Porter in 1817, Bro. Serjt.-Major Hollinsworth again in 1818 and 1819. In the last mentioned year the regiment was ordered to St. Helena, where it had charge of Napoleon, but there was no place suitable for holding a Lodge. In 1821 it embarked for Bombay, but here again fortune was unfavourable to the resumption of the Lodge meetings; but on 19th August, at Cannanore in the Madras Presidency, it met again, thanks to the energy of Bro. Hollinsworth, one of four members yet remaining to the Lodge. Serjt. Johnston Wade is set down as W.M. for the year, and in 1825 we find Bro. Hollinsworth again occupying the chair. So energetically did the brethren work that from 19th August to 27th December 1824 there were no less than eighteen meetings, and the members increased to twenty-seven. On 24th October 1825 the Lodge assisted in laying the foundation stone of a Masonic Temple at Poonah whither it had removed that year. Bro. Lieut.-General Sir Charles Coville, the Commander-in-Chief, assisting the Grand Master. In 1826 Bros. Quarter-Master-Serjt. John Dorrington, and Lieut. Henry Clinton were successively Masters of the Lodge, and the latter held the same office in 1827. At the beginning of this year a medal was presented to Lieut. and Adjt. Hollinsworth for his eminent services in connection with the Lodge, and this and the following years are likewise memorable for the reception into Freemasonry of four distinguished members of the Lodge, namely, Captains Charles South, Charles C. Taylor, and Charles J. Deshon,

and Assist. Surgeon Jas. W. Moffatt. At this time the funds of the Lodge had increased to such an extent that the widows and orphans of deceased brethren were entirely supported by them, and "magnificent grants to the Masonic Orphan Asylum in Dublin were frequently made." In 1828 when Bros. John Dorrington (2nd time), and Lieut. T. Burke were successively Masters, a silver cup was presented to the Lodge by a member who had received all his degrees, but had been subsequently removed on duty to Tabreez in Persia. In 1829 the Lodge, mustering at the time sixty members, removed to Colabah, where it continued its labours with Captain J. Deshon as W.M., this brother being re-elected the following year. In 1831 Bro. Lieut. Burke was again Master, the regiment having changed its quarters to Belgaum. During this, the one instance which involves any discredit to the Lodge occurred, a member being expelled for defrauding a brother. In the years 1832-3, Captain South held the Mastership; in 1834-5, Captain Cyril Taylor; in 1836-7, Assist. Surgeon Moffatt; and in 1838, Captain South for the third time. In 1837 it returned to England, and as evidence of the success which had attended the Lodge during the interval between its embarkation for St. Helena and its return, we append the following account of the members, who, to the number of 150, irrespective of the four who resuscitated the Lodge, became such during its Indian career:—

Members belonging to the XXth and other Regts. in H.M. Service.

1 Lieut. Colonel.  
6 Captains.  
12 Lieutenants.  
1 Surgeon.  
3 Assistant Surgeons.  
3 Sergeant Majors.  
1 Quarter Master Sergeant.  
68 Sergeants.  
1 Private.

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Members in the Honourable E.I.C. Service.

1 Judge.  
2 Military Chaplains.  
9 Lieutenants.  
2 Assistant Surgeons.  
1 Ensign.  
15 Sergeants.  
12 Conductors.  
12 Gentlemen of the Civil Department of the Service.

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During the time the regiment was stationed in England the Lodge only met twice, owing to a combination of difficulties. The year 1838, however, was marked by two events of interest, the presentation of a Gold Past Master's Jewel to Asst. Surgeon Moffatt on his retirement from the regiment, and the issue of a separate warrant for granting the R.A. degree, which had hitherto been conferred under the old warrant. The following are the names of the Companions to whom it was granted, namely, Lieut.-Col. C. C. Taylor; Captains C. South and W. H. Campbell; Lieutenants P. Hennessy, T. Burke, T. M. Creagh, and H. Hollinsworth; Asst. Sur. J. W. Moffatt, and Q.M. Serg. John Dorrington.

In 1840 the regiment arrived in Ireland. In 1841 it arrived in Bermuda. Then from 1839 till the latter end of 1844 no meetings were held. It then reassembled under its Master Captain South, who filled the chair in 1845-6, was succeeded in 1847-8 by Bandmaster F. Oliver, who was re-elected in 1849. In 1845 orders were given for the purchase of a Masonic Library for the use of the Lodge. In October of the same year it held its meeting at Hamilton, Bermuda, and was on terms of the most fraternal intercourse with Atlantic Phoenix Lodge, then No. 271, now No. 224, on the English roll. In the month following a splendid "Keystone" for the Mark degree was presented to the Lodge by the brethren of the Royal Sappers and Miners, Bro. Ross being the artist. On St. John the Evangelist's day, 27th December, there was a grand meeting, in which the Atlantic Phoenix and the Sussex Lodges joined the Minden. The brethren marched to church to hear Divine Service, and there was a grand banquet held afterwards, at which Bro. Captain South W.M. presided, and everything passed off most successfully. In 1846 Bro. Captain South was presented in open Lodge with a magnificent P.M.'s jewel, surmounted by a R.A. jewel in miniature. In 1847, the Regiment sailed for Halifax, where it remained only a short time, being removed to Kingston, Canada West. At the meeting on the 28th July 1848, it was resolved to have a medal struck, for the purpose of commemorating the centenary of the Warrant, and the old Warrant itself was to be suitably framed. On the 27th December of the same year, after having met in the afternoon for the purpose of installing Bro. Captain South as W.M., the Lodge re-assembled for the purpose of celebrating the centenary of the Warrant, the Minden brethren being joined by members of the St. John's, No. 491 (Eng-

lish), and No. 283 (Irish), there being present altogether 150. Service was held in St. George's Church, and then came the banquet, at which about ninety sat down, under the presidency of Captain South. This completes the account published by Bro. Clarke. What has been the fate of the Lodge since will be doubtless described by some equally competent historian.

## "TOLERANCE" AND THE FRENCH QUESTION ONCE MORE.

By Bro. JACOB NORTON.

I THANK "Tolerance" for his fraternal expressions in his letter of 9th March. But his arguments may be briefly summed up thus: "They are my opinions, and I am supported by Aristotle, Cicero, the Masonic Ritual, and the Bible." The last named authority seems to him unanswerable. "I proclaim, in fact," says he, "that God himself is a liar when by the mouth of His own inspired servant He declared, the fool has said in his heart there is no God."

If every Mason believed in the inspiration of the Bible, his argument would have been cogent and proper. But some Masons may doubt the inspiration of King David. David himself never claimed inspiration, either for the Psalms, or for any other sacred book of the Hebrews. There is no word in the Hebrew language to correspond with the word *inspire* or *inspiration*, and even in the English version of the Old Testament, the word *inspiration* cannot be found. If the Jews had believed in the dogma of Bible inspiration, they would at least have had a word to express it. The truth is, the word *inspiration*, like some other theological phrases, is undefined, and of doubtful meaning.\* Keep, therefore, these biblical assumptions out of Masonic discussions. The pious zealot can prove from the Bible the sinfulness for a Christian to associate with Jews, Deists, &c., just as clearly as "Tolerance" proves about atheists; and last, and not least, it will only tend to involve us in an endless theological discussion, which we as Masons should try to avoid.

The questions to be decided are simply these:—1st. Are atheists necessarily stupid and immoral? and if not, is it not the duty of Grand Lodges to expunge that phrase from Masonic Constitutions? And 2nd. As moral and honest men can be found among atheists, what harm can it do to Masonry to admit them, and to alter the formula in accordance with the further extension of Masonic universality? or, in other words, eliminate all theology from the Masonic ritual.

"I can see," says "Tolerance," "there is a serious difference between Bro. Norton and myself as to the sense in which we severally use the word 'morality.' He, it is evident, uses it in the ordinary and accepted meaning. His notion of a moral man is the ordinary one, namely, one that is honest. . . . Who will not appropriate to his own uses another person's goods, who will pay every debt he may contract. . . . Who does not hanker after his neighbour's wife or daughter; who will not assault his neighbour, who will not conceal his enmity under a mask of friendship; who, in short, will not do any of those things which are commonly accounted of men as in the narrowest meaning of the word, immoral."

To this he might have added, the man who lives up to the golden rule, is in Bro. Norton's opinion sufficiently moral for Masonry.

These evidences of morality are with "Tolerance," the *ordinary* and *narrowest meaning* of the word *morality*, it is not enough for his standard. "I take it," says he, "to include the whole duty of man, in the sense in which such duty is described at length by Aristotle in his *Ethics*, and by Cicero in his treatise *De Officiis*;" or, in other words, the whole duty of man includes belief in a Deity.

I am not acquainted with the works of either Aristotle or Cicero. They certainly were not inspired writers; their opinions may therefore have been fallacious. One thing I venture to assert, viz., if belief, even in a Deity, was regarded by them as a duty, they must have been ignorant of the fact that *belief is entirely independent of a man's will*. But with this fact before us, I think that when man is good and true, and has done his best to investigate the various theological theories or beliefs, he has performed his duty, and when his opinion is settled he ought to refrain from promulgating it in private circles where it might offend some one present; but he has a perfect right to publish his opinions, whether they may agree or disagree with the prevailing religious belief.

"The atheist," says "Tolerance," "rejects all the ordinary forms of obligation by which men bind themselves to speak the truth. Therefore it would be an act of gross injustice to condemn or acquit a prisoner on the testimony of such a person."

The same arguments were formerly used to exclude the testimony of Jews, Universalists, and Unitarians. Thus, between 1823 and 1843 the Grand Lodge of Tennessee required candidates to avow a belief in future reward and punishment, which excluded Universalists (who disbelieve in devil, hell, &c.) from Masonry in Tennessee; and I am informed that, about sixty years ago, the testimony of Universalists was rejected in Massachusetts courts of law. But it has since then been discovered that disbelief in future punishment will not necessarily induce a man to swear falsely, and hence Tennessee admits Universalists into Masonry, and the law courts in Massachusetts receive their testimony, and, strange to say, Canon Farrar of England, and Mr. Beecher and other evangelical divines in America, are now defending the doctrines of the Universalists' Church.

"And other creeds will rise with other years."

\* See Article "Inspiration" in Chambers's Encyclopædia, for the various notions of theologians concerning its meaning.

Mr. Lecky, in his most recent work, viz., "History of England in the Eighteenth Century," after narrating the persecuting laws enacted against Dissenters, goes on to say,—

"The other class excluded from the benefits of the Toleration Act, and existing only in violation of the law, consisted of all those who impugned either the orthodox doctrine of the Trinity, or the supernatural character of Christianity, or the divine authority of the scriptures. All such persons, by a law of William III., were disabled, upon the first conviction, from holding any ecclesiastical, civil, or military office, and were deprived upon a second conviction of the power of suing or prosecuting in any law court, of being guardians or executors, and of receiving any legacy or deed of gift; they were also made liable to imprisonment for three years." (Vol. I. p. 337.)

These laws were in full force in 1717, 1723 and 1738; but yet the exclusion of Unitarians, &c. evidence in courts of law did not prevent the founders of modern Masonry from voting for Unitarians into the Masonic brotherhood. The fact is, in 1717 the founders of Masonry took up an advanced position of the age, as well as of the laws and law makers; they knew the laws against Dissenters, &c., were unjust, and they therefore formed the Masonic fraternity with the design of breaking up religious prejudices and religious persecutions. Against atheists, however, the founders of the Grand Lodge shared the common prejudices of the vulgar; hence they excluded atheists from Masonry. But we have now a class of Masons who cannot see that the world has moved, and that Masonry must move with it. These brethren are horrified at the idea of any one making an effort to advance liberal opinions, and to leave the world a little wiser than he found it; their highest philosophy is, "as we received it so we must impart it." If these declaimers against the French Grand Orient had lived in 1717, they would as bitterly have opposed the admission of Jews, Unitarians, Deists, &c., as they now oppose atheists; and the arguments they use are of the same stripe as those used both in Church and State, by Tories and Conservatives, against all kind of reform.

The French Masons of the last century have been guilty of saddling the Craft with the *tomfoolery* of Masonic Knighthood, and other high degrees, and, I am sorry to say, they are still silly enough to cling to them. But, nevertheless, to their credit be it said, that, in this century, the Grand Orient of France has taken the lead of the Grand Lodge of England in endeavouring to extend Masonic universality. It protested, before the Grand Lodge of England did, against the anti-Masonic conduct of the Berlin Grand Lodges. It acknowledged the coloured Masons in America; and its last action is simply another right step in another direction; it will banish sectarian jealousy and strife from Masonic Lodges.

The thief, says "Tolerance" "only sins against man, but the atheist sins against God; the former is preferable as a candidate for Masonry to the latter."

Now, how does "Tolerance" know which is the greater sin? And as to his preference for the company of an orthodox thief to that of an honest atheist, I think very few will share in his opinion.

"Hitherto we have been in a position to refute the oft-repeated statement, that there is no antagonism (he meant that *there is an antagonism*), between religion and Masonry."

Now, with due respect to "Tolerance," I maintain that these oft-repeated charges of *antagonism* have never been refuted. When he talks about *religion*, he ought to define the religion, because there are so many religions. Thus, in the fifteenth century, Lodge prayers were addressed to the Virgin, the Trinity and the Four Holy Martyrs; in the seventeenth century the Trinity was retained, but the Virgin and Holy Saints Martyrs were discarded. The Roman Catholic, therefore, charges Masonry with antagonism to religion, because, in his opinion, there can be no true religion where the Virgin and Saints are ignored. After 1717, the Trinity was also expunged from the Lodge prayers, hence, the Trinitarian charges Masonry with antagonism to religion. The symbolising of the Bible in the Lodge, conflicts with the Deist's religion, and the mongrel American Masonry is antagonistic to the Jew's religion. In short, as soon as religion was introduced into the Lodge work, that *religion* must necessarily have been offensive to those who believed a little more, as well as to those who believed a little less than the Lodge regulations prescribed. The measure voted out in the Lodge, satisfied but one class of religionists, and was more or less offensive to all the other classes of religionists. While on the other hand, if theology as well as anti-theology were excluded from the Lodge; if no one's religious prejudices, or *preferences* if you please, were either flattered or offended in a Masonic Lodge, the hue and cry about antagonism between religion and Masonry (except among *ultramontanes* and extreme bigots) would necessarily cease.

I shall conclude in nearly the same words as my opponent. I have now touched on most, if not all, of the points in Bro. "Tolerance's" replies to my communications, and having done this, I fraternally salute him, and all others who have taken part in the discussion whether *pro* or *con*. I thank the Editor for his liberality in allowing free discussion on matters antagonistic to his own expressed opinion, and it is certainly a source of gratification that questions of this nature can be discussed among Masons with perfect freedom, and without fear of provoking either anger or ill feeling among the combatants or spectators.

BOSTON, UNITED STATES, 29th March 1878.

On Tuesday evening next, at the Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, No. 65, at the Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall Street, a ballot will take place for two or three Life Subscriberships for the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. The amount so realised will be placed on the list of Bro. Charles Daniel P.M., who acts as Steward for the Mother Lodge at the Festival on the 10th proximo.

## CONSECRATION OF A NEW MASONIC LODGE AT HALIFAX.

ON Thursday, 18th April, a new Masonic Lodge was consecrated by W. Bro. T. W. Tew J.P. P.M. 910 P.P.G.W. and Deputy Prov. G. Master for the Province of West Yorkshire, in place of the R.W. Prov. G.M. Sir Henry Edwards, Bart. This is the fourth Lodge now in existence in Halifax, and its rooms are the St. John's Rooms, King Cross-street, where the ceremony took place. There was an influential assembly of brethren, including Bros. Henry Smith P.G. Sec., Isaac Booth P.S.G.W., Austin Roberts P.M. 307, acting as P.G. Reg., C. T. Rhodes P.M. 418, acting as P.G.S.D., the Rev. I. Parkinson, acting as P.G.C., H. C. Scratcherd as P.G.J.D., F. Whitaker P.P.G.J.D., W. Schofield P.G.P., E. Walshaw P.G.S.B., John Simpson P.G.S.W., Thomas Ruddock P.G.S., and Joshua Lee P.G.T.; also Bros. W. Gaukroger W.M. 61, H. R. Waghorn S.W. 61, G. Scarborough J.W. 61, Thos. Whitaker W.M. 418, Charles E. Walshaw P.M. 418, Richard Jessop P.M. 448, J. Leed P.M. 1302, H. S. Roberts W.M. 408, C. W. Eastwood Sec. 1231, and others.

A Provincial Grand Lodge having been opened, the elaborate and imposing ceremony of consecration was gone through by the Deputy P.G.M. and his Officers, Bro. Tew duly dedicating and constituting the Lodge as "St. John's Lodge, 1736." After closing as a Provincial Grand Lodge, it was re-opened as a Craft Lodge, for the purpose of installing the W.M. and investing the other Officers. Bro. Isaac Booth performed this portion of the ceremony, and installed Bro. W. Beanland Spencer P.M. 408 and 418 as W.M. of St. John's, 1736, after which the following Officers were invested with their collars of office:—Bros. Edward Taylor P.M. 408 as S.W., H. S. Holdsworth J.W., Ely Dyson Treasurer, E. Taylor Secretary, John Green S.D., Alfred Gomersall J.D., W. Nicholl I.G., John Naylor Steward, C. E. Law M.C., and R. Riley I.P.M. After the transaction of ordinary business, the Lodge closed with prayer.

The brethren afterwards assembled at the White Swan Hotel, where a splendid banquet was served by Bro. Crocker. Bro. Tew presided, and was supported by Bro. W. B. Spencer W.M., and other officers already enumerated. Before the toast list was proceeded with, Bro. Tew, having to leave early, addressed a few remarks to those present. He should be glad to drink the health of the W.M. and Officers of the new Lodge, whom he warmly thanked for the kind reception accorded to himself and the Provincial Grand Officers that day. It had given them great pleasure to come to Halifax to consecrate the St. John's Lodge, which he believed was the 64th on the list in the Province of West Yorkshire. (Applause). He believed it was the fifth he had had the honour of consecrating since Sir Hy. Edwards was placed at the head of the craft four years ago, and that was a fact which he could not help thinking testified to the great popularity of the Provincial Grand Master. (Loud applause). Bro. Tew, concluding, called the attention of the brethren to matters which would come before the next meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge at Leeds, on Wednesday, especially referring to the proposal to be submitted in respect of the Benevolent Fund.

Bro. W. B. Spencer, in taking the chair vacated by the Dep. Prov. G.M., gave the usual loyal and patriotic toasts, which were cordially honoured.

The next toast was the M.W.G.M. of England, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales; M.W. Pro Grand Master the Right Hon. Earl of Carnarvon; the R.W. Dep. G.M. Lord Skelmersdale, and the rest of the Grand Officers Past and Present, which was also proposed in appropriate terms by Bro. Spencer, and heartily drunk with honours.

"The R.W. Prov. G.M. Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Henry Edwards, Bart., and the rest of the Prov. Officers, past and present," was proposed from the chair, and after being enthusiastically honoured, Bro. E. Walshaw responded, expressing his pride at being numbered among the Prov. Grand Officers on that occasion. Bro. F. Whitaker also replied, after which Bro. W. Gaukroger gave the toast of the evening, "The St. John's Lodge, No. 1736," and in doing so expressed a hope that the Lodge consecrated that day would prosper, and that the W.M. and Officers might have reason to look back with pride to the occasion when the fourth Halifax Lodge was founded. "Prosper the Art" was then sung, after which Bro. Spencer responded. He remarked that at the foundation of all institutions of that kind some one must take the helm, and although he did not seek the office of being the first W.M., yet he felt the honour conferred upon him was very great, and one which he should always remember with pleasure. It was a gratifying thing that the W.M.'s and Officers of all the other Lodges in the town were amongst them that day, for it was an evidence of that perfect harmony which it was his desire should, and it would be his endeavour to make it—continue.

Other toasts followed, and the final one, to all poor and distressed Masons, concluded a very successful gathering, rendered more enjoyable by the vocal selections of the quartette party, composed of Bros. F. C. Atkinson W.M. 1648, W. Turner W.M. 1515, Thornton Wood I.G. 302, and Chas. Blagborough 439, whose names are a sufficient guarantee of the excellency of their services.

## PROVINCIAL GRAND R.A. CHAPTER OF NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter took place on the 15th instant at the Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne, under the banner of the St. Peter's Chapter. M.E. Companion L. M. Cockerott, Prov. Grand Superintendent, opened Grand Chapter, supported by the following Officers:—Comps. John Hopper H., B. J. Tompson J., G. Thompson Treasurer, J. H. Bentham as E., R. Smail as N., Wraith P.S., J. Ridsdale A.S., Curry Janitor. The minutes of the last Grand Chapter were read and confirmed; the Treasurer's

report was also adopted, and the usual business was satisfactorily gone through. The Prov. Grand Superintendent then appointed the following Companions as Prov. Grand Officers for the ensuing year:—M. Twizell H., Challoner J., J. H. Bentham E., Adderson Potter N., J. Ridsdale P.S., J. Cook 1st Asst. Soj., T. Blenkinsop 2nd Asst. Soj., G. Thompson Treasurer, Holmes Registrar, P. O. Smith Sw. B., Allen St. B., E. D. Davis P.G.H. D.C., S. Wilson Organist, G. I. Dean and Mustart P.G. Stewards, Curry Janitor. The P.G. Chapter was then closed in ample form, and the Companions adjourned to the Queen's Head Hotel, and sat down to a capital banquet. The Loyal and R.A. toasts were duly proposed and responded to, and a very enjoyable evening was spent. Amongst those present we noticed:—Comps. S. Wilson P.Z. 431, J. Harkup J. 431, W. Word 1431, B. Smail P.Z. 24, J. Cook P.Z. 24, G. A. Allen Z. 991, M. Guthrie J. 991, A. Pother H. 991, T. Blenkinsop H. 24, J. Wood E. 424, G. I. Dean P.S. 24, J. H. Bentham H. 481, Holmes Z. 481, &c, &c.

## COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL

THE General Committee of the Masonic Institution for Girls met on Thursday, at Freemasons' Hall, Lieut.-Colonel Creaton in the chair. The other brethren who attended were—Bros. H. A. Dubois, B. Head, F. G. Baker, H. G. Warron, W. F. C. Montrie, Thos. Massa, J. Nunn, E. Letchworth, C. F. Matier, C. Chard, J. M. Vaughan, J. Wordsworth, E. Spooner, R. B. Webster, G. Brown, A. H. Tattershall, H. Massey, W. Paas, James Peters, John A. Rucker, J. Terry, S. Rosenthal, Griffiths Smith, Peter De L. Long, John Boyd, W. Roebuck, S. Rawson, William Stephens, Thos. W. White, Charles F. Hogard, Henry Venn, W. H. Farnfield, John Dennis, Henry J. Lewis, Robert E. Stevenson, Herbert Dicketts, T. R. Eames, Geo. Phythian, Thomas Kingston, F. R. W. Hedges. Bros. Boyd, Dubois, Head, Nunn, Long, Peters, Rucker, Griffiths Smith, White, Diaper, Farnfield, Mason, Wordsworth, Mather, Letchworth, Vaughan, and Rawson were nominated for election on the House Committee. Bros. Chancellor, Dicketts, Kingston, Levander, Nunn, Paas, Roebuck, Webster, Bailey, Jardine, H. M. Levy, and Marsh were nominated for the Audit Committee. Two notices of motion were given, and when the matter of the vacant Secretaryship was brought forward, Bro. H. A. Dubois informed the Committee that the statement which had found its way into the press that he was a candidate was entirely incorrect, as he had not, and never had, any intention of offering himself. A sub-committee, comprised of Bros. Head, Rucker, Long, Nunn, Farnfield, Griffiths Smith, and Lt.-Col. Creaton, was then appointed to consider and report upon the duties and emoluments of the office of Secretary and the proceedings were brought to a close in the usual manner.

## MEETING OF STEWARDS FOR THE GIRLS' SCHOOL FESTIVAL.

A MEETING of the Stewards for the Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls on the 10th May, was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall, for the purpose of electing an Honorary Secretary to supply the place of the late Bro. R. W. Little. The chair was occupied by Bro. Aeneas J. McIntyre, Q.C., Grand Registrar. Bros. G. Ward Verry, Griffiths Smith, R. E. Gladwell, F. A. White, C. Daniel, Alfred Layton, Thomas Massa, G. Bolton, H. Bartlett, E. Letchworth, J. Wordsworth, Dr. Brette, and E. Kidman were also present. Bro. Hedges attended in place of the late Secretary, Bro. Little. After a few observations from the Chairman, Bro. F. R. W. Hedges was unanimously elected Honorary Secretary of the Board. A letter of condolence was ordered to be sent to Bro. Little's widow, and the Chairman then informed the brethren that in consequence of the outbreak of whooping cough in the School, the customary visit of the Stewards before the Festival would have to be postponed *sine die*. Information as to when it would be safe to pay such visit would be given in due time.

## A MASONIC WEDDING.

SOMETHING rare, if not altogether new, in connubial alliances has taken place in Fort Chalmers, New Zealand. The *Otago Daily Times* describes it as a "very interesting marriage." It took place at Holy Trinity Church, in the presence of a very large number of spectators, when Bro. Henry F. Dench J.W. of the Port Chalmers Marine Lodge, No. 946 E.C., was united to Miss Gibson, a daughter of a well-known member of the Lodge. A dispensation from the R.W.D.G.M., permitting the brethren to appear in Masonic clothing, had been obtained, and the W.M., with the officers and brethren of the Lodge, were present. On the arrival of the bridal party, a wedding march was played by Bro. Bott, Organist of the Church, and the bride, attended by ten bridesmaids (daughters of the W.M. and several P.M.'s of the Lodge), including three of the bridegroom's sisters, moved up the aisle to the front of the altar, where the ceremony was very impressively performed by the Rev. Lorenzo Moore, Incumbent of the Church. After the marriage, the W.M., Bro. C. de L. Graham, presented the bride, in the name of the Lodge, with a very eloquent bouquet of white and blue flowers, the centre forming a square and compass, together with a silver holder appropriately engraved.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Good Spirits.—Every one has frequently experienced sudden personal changes from gaiety to gloom. The wind and weather oftentimes receive the blame when a faulty digestion is alone the cause of the depression. Holloway's Pills can be honestly recommended for regulating a disordered stomach and improving digestion. They entirely remove the sense of fullness and oppression after eating. They clear the furred tongue, and act as a whole-ome stimulant to the liver, and as a gentle aperient to the bowels. They healthfully rouse both body and mind. Holloway's Pills are the best known antidotes for want of appetite, nausea, flatulency, heartburn, languor, depression, and that apathy so characteristic of chronic derangement of the digestion.

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## THE SECRETARYSHIP OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I consider Bro. Constable's proposition, that at the election of a new Secretary to the Girls' School, proxy voting should be substituted for personal voting, not only reasonable but just. The latter system places the election virtually in the hands of the metropolitan voters and of the voters in the circumjacent Provinces. This, to use a familiar phrase, is very hard lines on the brethren in the remoter Provinces, who if the personal system is retained have the choice between sacrificing their votes or incurring a heavy amount of trouble and expense in order to record them. Where is the equality in the case of a London voter whose place of business is in the City, and whom a shilling cabfare will suffice to convey to Freemasons' Hall, there to support his favourite candidate, and the voter (say) in Newcastle-on-Tyne, who must travel to and fro some six hundred miles, at a cost of some pounds? Or take our Cornish and Devon voters, those in North and South Wales, those in Lancashire, Cumberland and Westmoreland, and the Yorkshire Provinces. In short, if we except parts of Middlesex, Herts, Surrey, and one or two other Provinces, all who wish to vote must do so under unequal conditions as compared with London brethren. I, therefore, urge upon you, Sir, to advocate, the plan proposed by Bro. Constable, so that all those entitled to vote may stand on the same footing. It will be said, perhaps that the expense of voting papers will fall on the School. This objection may easily be met. Let the candidates deposit each £5, or such sum as may be necessary towards defraying the cost of the voting papers, and the difficulty is overcome. No doubt the candidates will readily do this, as the number of Provincial voters is very considerable, and all will reap the benefit of the proxy system. At all events all will have the chance of doing so.

I remain, Dear Sir and Brother,

Fraternally yours,

FAIR PEAY.

## A CORRECTION.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In your obituary of our dear departed brother R. W. Little, you state that "he enjoyed what may certainly be described as the unique honour of having consecrated all the Lodges in the Province of Middlesex," of course this refers to those consecrated after his initiation; but even in this you are mistaken, as there are the following Lodges which, so far as my knowledge serves me, were consecrated by those yet in our midst whom we still hold dear:—Enfield, Acacia, Villiers, Strawberry Hill, and Crescent Lodges.

My only apology for this correction must be "Honour to whom honour is due."

I am, Dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

SPES BONA.

22nd April 1878.

## PERIODICAL LITERATURE.

*Cassell's Family Magazine* displays the same features which invariably characterise its contents; that is, they are fairly apportioned between what is interesting and what is instructive. In neither of the serial stories, "Time shall Try," or "Suspense," does the interest flag for a single moment. Indeed, in the former we are favoured with a vast amount of information as to Edward Hallam's antecedents which enhances greatly the merit of the tale. In addition to these are two short stories, entitled "The Sphinx; a Mystery," in the one case, and "The Silver Lock" in the other. There are several poetical contributions, one of which, by J. F. Innes Pocock, called "Tears," is set to music by Dr. J. F. Bridge. Nor must the pretty effusion, "In a Meadow," by Guy Roslyn, be omitted in noting this portion of the contents. If we now turn to the useful we shall find, among other papers, one on "April Showers," by Mr. R. A. Proctor, a Family Doctor's "Plain Advice to the Neuralgic," a domestic article on the interesting subject of "High Tea," and what to provide for it, an answer by Lieut. F. I. Palmer R.N. to the question propounded by himself as to "What is a Torpedo?" and a second of the series of "Popular Papers on English Law," the County Court and the mode of procedure which any one who cannot obtain money due to him should adopt in order to recover the amount of the debt in question. There is also a short account of "The Cape and the Caffres," which comes appropriately enough just now, when another of England's "little wars" is raging in this colony. "Try Buirglen; the Home of the William Tell Legend," is also readable; the writer is the Rev. J. B. Head. If we add that the "Gatherer's" Notes are highly instructive, we shall have pretty well completed our survey of the number, and accordingly we leave it to our readers, in the belief they will be well pleased with it.

Part 20 of the *Countries of the World* serves to complete the second volume of this admirable work. Thus far we have got only as far as Mexico and the West Indies, but considering the immensity of the subject, we consider very good progress has been made. Moreover, as what has been done in these two volumes is so meritorious, we prefer it should be extended rather than curtailed, so that Dr. Robert Brown may have greater opportunity for describing, as he knows so well how to do, the wonders and resources of different lands. The principal illustrations in this part are "Negro Huts, Jamaica;" "A Cypress Grove of Chapultepec, near the City of Mexico;" "A Rural Kitchen in the Tierras Calientes (making Frijoles, or Maize Cakes);" "View of Newcastle, in the Blue Mountains, Jamaica;" and "View of the City of San Domingo, Hayti (from the Harbour)."

There appears to be no limit to the serial publications of an essentially useful character which Messrs. Cassell and Co. bring out for the instruction of the British. We have been favoured with a copy of No. 1. of "Great Industries of Great Britain," and to judge from the excellence of the illustrations with which it abounds, as well as from the valuable information which is contained in the accompanying letterpress, we anticipate the work will be as popular as it deserves to be. A special feature in connection with this number is the Presentation Plate, which is, so far as we know, an admirable portrait taken from a photograph of one "Titus Salt," whose name is a household word in one of our great centres of industry. The contents include a series of papers on various branches of British Industries; such, for instance, as "Iron and steel—I.," by W. D. Scott Moncrieff C.E.; "Eminent Manufacturers—I. Sir Thomas Bazley, M.P.," by Robert Smiles; "Cotton—I. The Raw Material: Early History of the Manufacture;" "Industrial Legislation—I.;" "Ship Building—I.;" "Health and Disease in Industrial Occupations—I.;" "Hemp, Flax, and Jute—I." This will serve to show how the work is treated, and will be conducted.

## Obituary.

It is our duty this week to record the death of an old but much respected inhabitant of Cowes,—Bro. John Luter,—who was for many years in trade in that town, but through losses and declining life he was compelled to give up business. He was the oldest Mason on the roll of Medina Lodge, having been initiated as far back as 23rd January 1834, and passed several degrees in Masonry. Of late years he was the Tyler of the Lodge, where he was universally respected by all the brethren. His circumstances latterly required assistance, and the brethren appealed to the Benevolent Fund and obtained a grant of £40 per annum for him. Latterly he often expressed, if it was not for his health, the present time was the happiest he had enjoyed for many years. He was of an amiable disposition, and made, we believe, not a single enemy. Only on Good Friday he was on his accustomed lounge, the promenade of the pontoon, and on leaving, we saw him, when he appeared in his usual health, going towards his home, which he reached, and almost instantly expired. An inquest was held on the body on Saturday evening, when a verdict of death from natural causes was returned.

The *Advocate* of New York contains a short account of the regular meeting of Holland Lodge, No. 8 on the 12th ult., on which occasion Bro. Joseph N. Balestier, a P.M. of the Lodge and P.D.D. Grand Master of the State, gave a very interesting historical lecture on the progress of the Lodge, and its vicissitudes of fortune during the last sixteen years. Bro. Balestier had at previous meetings, sketched the history of this Lodge, which is one of the oldest and most influential in the jurisdiction. He noted those prominent members who had been removed by death, and bestowed great praise not only on their services, but likewise on those rendered by other brethren. From the concluding remarks of the lecturer we gather, that the Lodge numbers 220 members, the majority of whom are life members, and he expressed a hope that all would become such, as in his opinion it was the safest and best plan both for the Lodge and the brethren. He also referred to the Grand Lodge debt of 800,000 dollars, and said he thought the only way to reduce it was to stop all mileage and per diem allowance to representatives to the Grand Lodge. A vote of thanks was tendered to the lecturer, with a request that he would furnish a copy for publication with his former lecture.

West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1612.—The Annual Dinner of the members took place on Thursday, at the Feathers Hotel, Ealing. The chair was taken by Bro. A. Beasley, W.M. of the parent Lodge, who was supported by Bros. H. Kasner and A. J. Burr, who filled the chairs of S.W. and J.W. respectively. There were present between forty and fifty guests, members of the Lodge of Instruction and the following Visitors:—Bros. Botley 780, Butlin 73, Hopgood 916, and Morgan 211. The dinner was served in capital style by host Bro. Stephens, and the efforts of the Stewards to make all comfortable were thoroughly appreciated. After grace, Bro. Beasley introduced a most comprehensive toast list; he advocated, and practised brevity in his remarks, and in this he was followed by the several speakers. The evening passed off most agreeably, and the efforts of several of the brethren to entertain, by songs and recitations, received full recognition. Bro. Delevané, as accompanist, was as genial and sparkling as ever.

## UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND.

THE Installation Meeting of Grand Lodge was held on Wednesday last, at Freemasons' Hall, W.C. For the first time since his installation at the Albert Hall, the Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales occupied the chair, and was supported by Lord Carnarvon Pro Grand Master, Lord Skelmersdale Deputy Grand Master. Their Royal Highnesses the Grand Wardens not being present, their positions were filled by Bro. Captain Platt, who acted as S.G.W., and Bro. Rev. Dr. J. E. Cox as J.G.W. Grand Lodge being formally opened, the Most Worshipful the Grand Master rose and informed the brethren that he had the pleasure of announcing that H.R.H. the Crown Prince of Denmark, Grand Master of that country, was in attendance as a visitor. He therefore called upon the Grand Director of Ceremonies to see that he was received in regular form. A deputation was immediately formed, and shortly returned, introducing His Royal Highness, who was most warmly received by the brethren assembled. After formally saluting the Grand Master of England, the Crown Prince of Denmark took the seat at the left of the throne, which Lord Carnarvon vacated for the purpose. The Grand Master now rose and said: We are assembled in Grand Lodge this evening, Brethren, for the purpose of investing the Grand Officers of the year with the insignia of their positions. But, besides the performance of that duty, we are here assembled to give welcome to the distinguished guest who has to-night honoured us with his presence—my near relative, his Royal Highness the Crown Prince of Denmark, who is the Grand Master of the Danish Freemasons. I feel sure that you will give his Royal Highness the most hearty welcome. For my own part, I can assure you that it gives me the greatest satisfaction to see you on this occasion. The Brethren present having saluted their visitor in due form, he replied as follows:—Brethren, receive my warmest thanks for the kind manner in which you have received me as a visitor to your famous Grand Lodge of England. I feel indeed proud of being received so well and welcomed so warmly by my brother Freemasons of England. I trust that the bonds of friendship and brotherhood between England and Denmark, bonds which have been for generations of the strongest and kindest, will draw closer and closer, and that our friendship will increase more and more. I wish you collectively and individually health, happiness, and prosperity. On the proposition of the Pro G.M. the minutes of last Grand Lodge were put for, and unanimously received confirmation. His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales having been proclaimed by the Grand Director of Ceremonies as Grand Master for the ensuing year, received the regular salute of the brethren, and then said:—Brethren, I am glad to have this opportunity of expressing to you, however inadequately, the great gratification I feel at your having again elected me as your Grand Master. I can assure you that it has been a source of the deepest regret to me that I have been unable to attend in Grand Lodge at your gatherings for some years. That this long time has elapsed since I last had the pleasure of being in Grand Lodge is owing to circumstances over which I had no control, and I sincerely trust that so long a time will not elapse before I again occupy this throne. Let me assure you, however, that though I have not had the opportunity of being with you for so long a time, though I have not had the time to work so actively in it as I should have wished, yet you may be assured I have done my best to uphold your interests, which are near to my heart. I thank you again, Brethren, for your kind and cordial reception to-day, and for my re-election as your Grand Master. The Earl of Carnarvon and Lord Skelmersdale having been re-invested as Pro G.M. and Deputy G.M. respectively, the Grand Master proceeded to nominate the following as Grand Officers for the year:—

Lord Henniker	...	...	Senior Grand Warden.
Sir Harcourt Johnstone, M.P.	...	...	Junior Grand Warden.
The Rev. H. A. Picard	...	...	Grand Chaplains.
The Rev. W. A. Hill	...	...	
Aeneas J. McIntyre, Q.C.	...	...	Grand Registrar.
John Hervey	...	...	Grand Secretary.
E. E. Wendt	...	...	Grand Secretary for German Correspondence.
Erasmus Wilson	...	...	
Col. Shadwell H. Clerke	...	...	Senior Grand Deacons.
J. M. P. Montagu	...	...	Junior Grand Deacons.
Raphael Costa	...	...	
F. P. Cockerell	...	...	Grand Superintendent of Works.
Sir A. W. Woods, Garter	...	...	Grand Director of Ceremonies.
James Lewis Thomas	...	...	Assistant Grand D. of C.
W. H. Lucia	...	...	Grand Sword Bearer.
C. E. Willing	...	...	Grand Organist.
H. G. Buss	...	...	Assistant Grand Secretary.
W. T. Howe	...	...	Grand Pursuivant.
W. Wilson	...	...	Assistant do.
C. B. Payne	...	...	Grand Tyler.

Bros. E. Fenner 1, T. Grectham 2, H. R. Macintosh 4, F. Newton 5, W. T. Marriott, Q.C., 6, J. T. C. Winkfield 8, C. H. Turner 14, J. K. Stead 21, R. Douglas 23, W. Fickus 26, S. J. Herapath 29, J. H. Vaughan 46, C. T. Kingsford 58, T. Stoward 60, T. R. Marshall 91, E. Caffin 99, G. Findlay 197, J. Aird 259, Grand Stewards. Bro. S. G. Foxall received authority to assume the rank of Past Grand Pursuivant, and Grand Lodge was then closed.

The usual banquet followed in the large hall of Freemasons' Tavern; at its conclusion the Grand Master, who occupied the chair, proposed the health of the Queen. It required but few words of his to introduce the toast, as he knew it was always received with enthusiasm by every Englishman, and by none more enthusiastically than Freemasons. The toast was followed by the National Anthem. The Grand Master next proposed the Crown Prince of Denmark and the Foreign Grand Lodges in the following words,—The toast

which it is now my pleasure to give you is one which is not usually given at our annual festivals, but it is one which I feel convinced will always be received by the English members of the Craft with the utmost honour—it is that of the Foreign Grand Lodges. That the greatest good feeling exists between the Foreign Grand Lodges and our own is well known, and I think it is most desirable that that good feeling should continue and be cemented in every way. The interchange of goodwill and courtesies between ourselves and foreign countries should, I think, be encouraged, and it affords me the deepest gratification to-night to be enabled to couple this toast with the name of my esteemed relative, His Royal Highness the Grand Master of Denmark. Besides the pleasure which this gives me, I know that it gives you, Brethren, pleasure to welcome the Grand Master of Denmark, for you know that it must be peculiarly agreeable to me to propose his health and to receive him at our gatherings. It was under the auspices of his father-in-law, the late King of Sweden, that I was initiated into the Craft, and it is now about ten years ago that I was received by the Grand Lodge of Denmark. My illustrious relative was not then a Freemason, and I told him then that I hoped the day would not be long before he became one, and would preside over the destinies of the Craft in his country. He has fulfilled my then hopes, and thus we are able to greet him here to-night as the Grand Master of our Danish brethren. There is much I should like to say of him, but in his presence I must refrain from the full expression of my sentiments; but I am sure, from the cordial manner in which you have greeted him in Grand Lodge, and here—with outbursts of the greatest good feeling—he will feel welcomed to the Craft in this country, and I can assure him that this reception of him would be followed by all the other Masonic Lodges of England. H.R.H. the Crown Prince of Denmark replied as follows:—Most W. Grand Master and Brethren,—I have to thank you for the kind way in which this toast has been proposed and received. I have been very much touched indeed by the way in which you have received the mention of my beloved and lamented father-in-law, whose pleasure it was to initiate the Grand Master of England, who, on his part, as my beloved brother has said, expressed the hope that I should enter the Craft. I acted upon his example, and I have had many reasons to be glad that I did so. I have always been happy among my brother Freemasons, and I feel especially proud to-day at being associated with the English Grand Lodge, and with the brothers holding allegiance to the Grand Lodge of England. You will, I know, brethren, excuse me if, as a foreigner speaking a tongue now which is not my mother tongue, I am unable to express all I feel in my heart; but I assure you that the remembrance of to-day—the ceremonies of your Grand Lodge, and your reception of me—will never be forgotten by me. I cannot sit down without expressing an earnest wish that the relations between our Danish and English Freemasons will always be as cordial and as hearty as are the relations between my brother-in-law and myself. Brethren, permit me to propose the toast of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales and the Princess of Wales. The toast having been heartily responded to, the Most Wor. Grand Master, said,—I thank my illustrious relative most sincerely for the excessively kind manner in which he has been good enough to propose my health, and you, Brethren, for thus receiving it. This is not the first by many times that I have had the pleasure of meeting my Brethren in the Craft, and it is an additional pleasure to meet them in the company of my brother, as I do on this occasion. I have had frequent opportunities of expressing the great interest I take in everything connected with the Craft, and I have now only to reiterate those expressions. I have said before—speaking in Grand Lodge—that I have not been able to be among you so frequently as I could wish; but my interest in the work of Grand Lodge is never lacking. I have now the pleasure to propose the toast of the Grand Officers Past and Present. The Pro Grand Master and the Deputy Grand Master I have especially to thank for the manner in which they have discharged my duties in my enforced absence, and I could not leave those duties in better hands. The Earl of Carnarvon, in acknowledging the toast, said: Looking around at the blaze of purple and the multitude of insignia which distinguished those for whom he had to respond, he could not but think that they spoke for themselves the work they had done for the Craft. They represent two classes at least. First, with those who had that day been appointed to office, he was sure that the positions would be the more highly valued from the fact that His Royal Highness the Grand Master had himself conferred the dignities. Second, the Past Grand Officers, and to them Grand Lodge was often deeply indebted for their experience, knowledge, and judgment brought to bear upon any occasion of difficulty. His lordship took occasion to say that all the brethren felt highly honoured by the presence that day of their illustrious Grand Master, and of the guest whom it had been their privilege to welcome. His Royal Highness the Grand Master of Denmark had known full well how to take advantage of the opportunity he had had of addressing the assemblage, and just as his ancestors, centuries and centuries ago conquered England by force of arms, he now, by his graces of address, charms of manner, and mastery of our own language, had conquered and stolen away the affections of his English brother Freemasons. Lord Henniker S.G.W. proposed the Provincial Grand Masters. He wished the duty had fallen to some brother better known than himself. It was a toast that was always well received, both in Grand Lodge and at Provincial gatherings. Although the Grand Master was really the ruler of the Craft, and this the Provincial Masons were pleased to acknowledge, and ready to obey the dictates of Grand Lodge, they would not place themselves second in enthusiasm for the benefit of Masonry to those who rule the Craft in honour. His life as a Mason had been that of a Provincial one, and he returned his hearty thanks to the Grand Master for placing him in the position he now occupied. He considered it a great compliment, and it would be his aim to show that he fully appreciated it. He was gratified to know that another member of his Province (Bro. Lucia) had been selected by His Royal Highness for Grand Office, and he felt sure

that the Masons of the Province would fully appreciate the favour thus shown them by Grand Lodge. General Brownrigg, Prov. G.M. Surrey, acknowledged the toast. He considered it a very high privilege to respond for so distinguished a body. The Grand Master was best able to judge of the way in which the office of Provincial Grand Master was filled. It was extremely gratifying to see the way in which the health of the Provincial Grand Officers was always received at Masonic meetings, it is a greater incentive than anything else for Provincial Grand Masters to do their work fearlessly and conscientiously. Lord Skelmersdale next gave the health of the Stewards of the day. Without them we should not have had much of a Festival. He had never seen a *fete* or Festival better carried out than it had been that day. It was not till a late hour that the Stewards received intimation that it was likely the Grand Master would be present; it, therefore, reflected the greater credit on them for the excellent way in which the arrangements had been carried out. Bro. Gooding, President of the Board, responded, after which, this part of the proceedings being ended, the brethren adjourned to the Grand Lodge Hall, where a concert was given, under the direction of Bros. C. E. Willing Grand Organist, assisted by Bro. W. Kuhe P.G.O. The artistes engaged were Miss José Sherrington, Madame Osborne Williams, Madame Patey, Mr. Edward Lloyd, Mr. J. L. Hodges, and Mr. Wadmore, Herr Schuberth (solo violoncello), and Bro. Howard Reynolds (solo cornet-a-piston). The arrangements throughout were most admirably conducted, and we think the Board of Stewards were fortunate in possessing among their number such brethren as Bros. Dr. R. Gooding, B.A., the President of the Board, Charles Martin the Treasurer, and Thomas Adair Masey Hon. Sec.

We have great pleasure in giving the following description of the invitation card for the Grand Festival this year. We understand it was designed by the Honorary Secretary of the Board of Stewards, Bro. Thomas Adair Masey P.M. 21. The invitation card is an admirable example of mediæval architecture and mystic Masonic emblems, and carries the mind back to the period when the Guild of Masons was not speculative but operative, and when every Master Mason affixed his Masonic mark to his work—good and true. Foremost in the centre is the Book of Books, from whence is derived truth and light; above it is represented the all-seeing eye of the Great Architect of the Universe in the centre of a blazing star. The initiated will also recognise three other symbols of the Deity. This is somewhat significant at this moment when the Grand Orient of France has, by a late decree, expunged all reference to the Great and Supreme Architect of Heaven and Earth from its system of Masonry. On the left hand are the traditional pillars at the porch of King Solomon's Temple, and the winding stairs which led to that Inner Chamber, known to the initiated, surmounted by the arms of Grand Lodge. On the right hand are the arms and monogram of H.R.H. the Most Worshipful Grand Master, with a list of the Stewards of the year, and the badge of their office, overlaid with cornucopia, emblematical of the good things which they provided at the banquet. At the bottom, as the base of Masonry, in five scrolls, are the words Charity, Prudence, Fortitude, Temperance, Justice.

We beg to draw the attention of our readers to an announcement in our advertisement columns to the effect that on Wednesday next, the 1st May, a Grand Concert will be given in the Royal Albert Hall, in aid of the orphan children of our late respected Bro. Superintendent Mott of the Metropolitan Police. The Council of the Hall have kindly granted the use of the building for the occasion free of all charge, and the proprietors of the *Whitehall Review* have generously presented to the Fund 6,000 crayon portraits of the deceased brother, which may be purchased wherever tickets are on sale, as well as at the Hall itself on the night of the Concert, at the price of 1s each. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales has graciously consented to patronise the Concert, and the following artistes have volunteered their services, namely, Madame Lemmens Sherrington, Madame Antoinette Sterling, Miss Anna Williams, Miss Julia Elton, Mr. Sims Reeves, Mr. Edward Lloyd, Mr. Walter Clifford, Signor Foli, and the London Vocal Union under the direction of Mr. F. Walker. Four military bands, by the kind permission of the several commanding officers, will lend their aid in furtherance of the good cause, namely, those of the Second Life Guards, and the Grenadier, Coldstream, and Scots Guards, under the direction respectively of Messrs. R. Winterbottom, D. Godfrey, C. Godfrey, and J. P. Clarke. The conductors will be Messrs. F. H. Cowen and Sidney Naylor and Herr Ganz. Mrs. Stirling will likewise recite "The Whaler Fleet." For the prices of the different seats, we refer our readers to the advertisement itself, and it only remains for us to say that we trust an amply sufficient fund for the maintenance of these orphans may be obtained. Bro. Mott's services in the Police Force extended over many years, were of a very arduous nature, and were performed thoroughly and most conscientiously. He died prematurely, after a very brief illness, and had had little chance, therefore, of making a suitable provision for those most dear to him. He was, moreover, a most worthy brother, full of kindly feeling towards his fellows, and ready at all times to extend towards them a helping

hand in case of need. We trust, under these circumstances, that the hope to which we have given expression will be realised, and that the Concert will prove a grand success.

We have been favoured with an indignant and somewhat contradictory letter, from our worthy Bro. H. A. Dubois. The offence we have been unwittingly guilty of towards him is, that we announced last week that he, among others, was a candidate for the vacant Secretaryship. Of course we retract the statement without a moment's hesitation. We have Bro. Dubois' authority for announcing most emphatically that he is NOT a candidate for the post. We do more than this! We humbly apologise to him for the error into which we have been betrayed. We must at the same time state, in justice to ourselves, that his name was not "unwarrantably introduced," into the objectionable paragraph. On the contrary, the name with the others was given us, on what we had a right to consider as very sufficient authority, though, as it appears, the information turns out to be erroneous. However, we do not regard the error as one of sufficient gravity to have evoked so indignant a remonstrance from Bro. Dubois. He candidly confesses he is not the man to follow in the footsteps of the late Bro. Little. We are of a different opinion, but at the same time we defer to his superior judgment, and state that not only is Bro. Dubois not a candidate for the vacant Secretaryship, but, in his opinion, he (Bro. Dubois) is not the man to succeed Bro. Little. Moreover, Bro. Dubois has, we are given to understand, successfully followed his profession of an accountant for nineteen years, and, as a matter of common sense, he would not be justified in throwing that up for a post "which, though of great importance, does not favourably recommend itself" to him. Thus it happens that Bro. Dubois is not suited for the post, and the post is not suited for Bro. Dubois. Can we say more than that we apologise for having over-estimated Bro. Dubois' qualifications and the value of the vacant office?

#### DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, NO. 1524. HAVELOCK TAVERN, ALBION ROAD, DALSTON.

THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS will be worked in this Lodge of Instruction on Wednesday, the 15th May, by Bro. Fieldwick Preceptor. Members of the Craft are invited to attend. The Lodge will be opened at seven o'clock.

#### THE THEATRES, &c.

**ROYAL ITALIAN OPERA, COVENT GARDEN.**—This evening, LA SONNAMBULA. On Monday, GUGLIELMO TELL. On Tuesday, LUCIA DI LAMMERMOOR. On Thursday, FAUST E MARGHERITA. At 8.30 each evening.

**HER MAJESTY'S.**—This evening, LA TRAVIATA. On Monday, DINORAH. On Tuesday, IL BARBIERE DI SIVIGLIA. At 8.30 each evening.

**HAYMARKET.**—MEASURE FOR MEASURE, &c.

**PRINCESS'S.**—At 7.0, OUT TO NURSE. At 8.0, JANE SHORE.

**STRAND.**—At 7. THE TELEPHONE. At 7.30, FAMILY TIES. At 9.30, DORA AND DIPLUNACY.

**GAIETY.**—At 7.30, BIBB AND TUCKER. At 9.15, IL SONNAMBULO AND LIVELY LITTLE ALESSIO.

**GLOBE.**—At 7.0, MY WIFE'S OUT. At 7.30, A FOOL AND HIS MONEY. At 9.30, MIND THE SHOP.

**VAUDEVILLE.**—At 7.30, A WHIRLIGIG. At 8.0, OUR BOYS, and A FEARFUL FOG.

**PRINCE OF WALES'S.**—At 8.0, DIPLOMACY.

**ADELPHI.**—At 7.0, STAGE STRUCK. At 8.0, PROOF.

**LYCEUM.**—At 7.30, TURNING THE TABLES. At 8, LOUIS XI.

**OLYMPIC.**—At 7.30, THE LITTLE VIXENS. At 8.15, JEALOUSY.

**QUEENS.**—At 7.30, ORSON. At 8.15, MADELAINE MOREL.

**COURT.**—At 8.0, OLIVIA.

**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, SUCH IS THE LAW.

**DUKE'S.**—At 7.45, EAST LYNNE. At 9.15, CRAMOND BRIG.

**FOLLY.**—At 7.30, CRAZED. At 8.15, LES CLOCHES DE CORNEVILLE.

**ROYALTY.**—At 7.30, CHERRY BOUNCE. At 8.15, LA MARJOLAINE. (Last night.)

**ALHAMBRA.**—At 7.30, FARCE, and THE GRAND DUCHESS.

**CRYSTAL PALACE.**—This day, CONCERT. Open daily, Aquarium, &c.

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**ROYAL POLYTECHNIC.**—PROFESSOR PEPPER on the CHEMISTRY OF THE SUN. THE CLAY AND THE POTTER. THE TELEPHONE. TORPEDO WARFARE and the OXY-HYDROGEN MICROSCOPE. BULGARIA AND THE BULGARIANS. CLEOPATRA'S NEEDLE. HAYLING ISLAND, and A DAY IN LONDON. BUNYAN'S PILGRIM'S PROGRESS. Admission to the whole, 1s; Reserved Stalls, including admission, 2s 6d. Open at 12 and 7, Carriages at 5 and 10.

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On **WEDNESDAY**, 1st of **MAY**, at 7.30.**MOTT ORPHAN FUND.****A GRAND CONCERT**, in aid of this **FUND**, will be given at the **ROYAL ALBERT HALL**, on **WEDNESDAY**, 1st **MAY**, at 7.30, when the following artistes, who have kindly volunteered their services, will assist:—M<sup>rs</sup>. Lemmens Sherrington  
M<sup>rs</sup>. Antoinette Sterling  
Miss Anna Williams  
Miss Julia EltonMr. Sims Reeves  
Mr. Edward Lloyd  
Mr. Walter Clifford  
Signor Poli**THE LONDON VOCAL UNION** (under the direction of Mr. F. Walker).M<sup>rs</sup>. STIRLING will recite "THE WHALER FLEET."Four Military Bands—2nd **LIFE GUARDS**, **GRENADIER GUARDS**, **COLDSTREAM GUARDS**, and **SCOTS GUARDS**,

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Under the direction of Mr. W. Winterbottom, Mr. D. Godfrey, Mr. F. Godfrey, and Mr. J. P. Clarke.

Conductors—Mr. F. H. Cowen, Mr. Sidney Naylor, and Herr Ganz.

The Proprietors of the "Whitchall Review" have presented to the Fund 6,000 Crayon Portraits of the late Brother Mott. These may be purchased wherever tickets are on sale, and also at the Royal Albert Hall on the night of the Concert. Price 1s each.

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IN accordance with an intimation given in the last number of this Paper, the Allotment of Life-Governorships and Life-Subscriberships to the above Institution, will take place at the Freemasons' Tavern, on Monday, 5th May, at 7 p.m.

ARTHUR E. GLADWELL, Steward.

**Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.  
ELECTION OF SECRETARY.****BRETHREN** desirous of securing the Election of Bro. CHARLES FITZGERALD MATIER, are respectfully requested to forward their names to—BRO. STEPHEN BARTON WILSON,  
27 Walbrook, London E.C.

Hon. Secretary.

**To the Patron, Vice-Patrons, Vice-Presidents and Life  
Governors of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.**

YOUR ROYAL HIGHNESSES, MY LORDS AND GENTLEMEN,

In consequence of the lamented decease of the late Bro. R. Wentworth Little, a vacancy has occurred in the Secretaryship of this Institution, and I beg most respectfully to state that it is my intention to offer myself as a Candidate for the Office.

The experience I have gained during my five years connexion in the office as Clerk, will, I trust, be of service to me should I be successful in obtaining the appointment.

I may mention that during Bro. Little's illness nearly the whole of the Secretarial duties have devolved upon me, and I venture to hope, from the manner in which they have been discharged, it will induce you to honor me with your support should the Committee think fit to accept me as a Candidate.

I have the honour to be,

Your Royal Highnesses, my Lords and Gentlemen,

Your obedient humble servant,

24th April 1878.

5 Freemasons' Hall,  
Great Queen Street, London, W.C.

F. R. W. HEDGES.

**Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.**

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL COMMITTEE.

**BRETHREN**,—The Secretaryship of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls having become vacant by the lamented death of Bro. R. W. Little, I aspire to become his successor.

It would be presumptuous in me to suppose that I possess the many qualifications which distinguished the late Secretary, qualifications so eminent as to have raised the Institution to a position higher than even the expectations of its most sanguine supporters could have anticipated; I nevertheless possess two qualifications which justify me in offering my services—viz., primeness of manhood and energetic willingness.

My Masonic career has been comparatively short, but I have seen and done some service in the Craft. I was initiated in the Canonbury Lodge, 657, in 1867, and became its W.M. in 1871. I attended for some time the sittings of the Board of Benevolence as one of the elected Members, and have served Stewardships to the Royal Benevolent Institution and the Boys' School. I am likewise Secretary to the Sunbury Lodge, No. 1733, holding its meetings at Sunbury, Middlesex.

I was born in 1841, of English parents residing in Paris, and was educated at the then Lycée Bonaparte. I distinguished myself as a prizeman at my Lycée, which I on several occasions represented with honour at the competitions of the Sorbonne. Before leaving the University I graduated Bachelor of Sciences.

Meanwhile, and for some time after, I assisted my father in the preparation of a French and English Dictionary, and in revising for the press several class books and translations of English and French works. In the year 1864 I came to England, and have since that time been engaged in the business of a law stationer. My scholastic attainments are a thorough knowledge of French, English, Latin, and Mathematics.

I have an intimate acquaintance with the Institution. Having been privileged on many occasions to visit the School, I have made the acquaintance of the educational executive, and highly appreciate the system adopted, and the anxious endeavours of the House Committee to render the establishment a success.

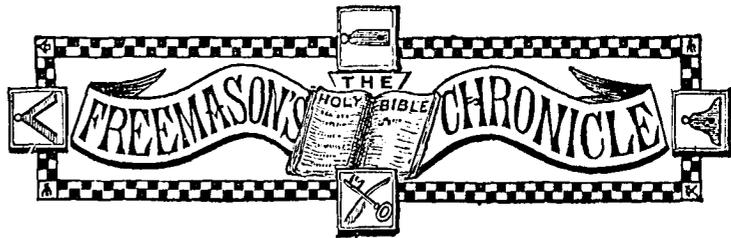
Should I obtain the position I seek, my best exertions shall be devoted to promoting the prosperity of the Institution, and my whole time given to increase, and render permanent, the advantages now offered to the pupils.

I have the honour to be, Brethren,

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

WILLIAM CLIFTON CRICK.

102 Chancery Lane, April, 1878.



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**OUR WEEKLY BUDGET.****THE** Queen and the Princess Beatrice, who have been staying for some few weeks at Osborne, returned to Windsor Castle on Thursday afternoon. The Prince and Princess of Wales with their children and their guests the Crown Prince and Princess of Denmark and the Duke of Cambridge have been spending the Easter holidays at Sandringham, but they returned to town on Wednesday afternoon. In the evening the Prince of Wales and the Crown Prince honoured Grand Lodge with their presence, the latter being received by direction of his Royal brother-in-law with the usual ceremonial, and meeting with a hearty welcome from his English brethren. After this pleasing episode, the Prince of Wales was re-installed as Grand Master, and then appointed his Officers for the year. The customary banquet followed, at which the Prince, the Crown Prince, the Earl of Carnarvon, Lord

Skelmersdale, and about 250 brethren sat down; for the account of the gathering we refer our readers to another portion of our columns. On Thursday evening His Royal Highness left London for Paris, where he will prolong his stay into the second week in May. As our readers are aware, the Prince is President of the Royal British Commission for the Paris Exhibition, which will be opened on Wednesday, the 1st prox., and his Royal Highness has taken a deep and active interest in the duties of his position.

Parliament is enjoying a well-earned respite from its onerous duties, and even ministers have been enabled to seek refuge in the country from the weariness of their official labours. The Foreign Secretary and the Marchioness of Salisbury have been staying at Hatfield, and the Prime Minister has been on a visit there. But the political situation is such as to engross by far the largest share of public attention, and any bye-elections, of which there have been several lately, are watched with interest. It does not often happen, especially in a large county constituency like that of South Northumberland, that the election results in a double return, but such was the case last week, when Messrs. Ridley (Conservative) and Grey (Liberal) both polled 2912 votes. The first time of counting them the former had 2914, but two of them were invalid by reason of the name of Grey being written on them, and Mr. Ridley generously refused to be returned by the casting vote of the High Sheriff who it was known would, as a Conservative, have given it in his favour. So the question which of the two gentlemen shall sit as representative for the Constituency must be settled by the House of Commons. At the election for the vacant seat at Tamworth Mr. Hamar Bass (Liberal) was on Wednesday returned by 1186 votes over Colonel Bridgman who polled 667. There is also a vacancy for the Denbigh Boroughs caused by the resignation of Mr. W. Williams, who differed from his constituents on some essential points.

The strike in the cotton trade in Lancashire is a matter for deep regret. These occurrences always cause a serious amount of harm to the trade of the whole country, besides inflicting the most terrible losses on the working classes, but especially on their wives and children. It is well known that in this branch of our industries there has been for some time past great stagnation. Over-production, the greater cost of production, and other causes have combined together and exercised a most depressing effect on cotton manufacture, and it is believed that, as regards the masters, a struggle of this character could not have come at a better time, and that the goods on hand will suffice to meet all demands while the men are on strike, and spending their hard-earned savings. In Blackburn alone over 22,000 are on strike, and this is not the only district to which it is confined. Endeavours are being made to effect a compromise between masters and men, while at Preston many of the men have acceded to the masters' terms, and have resumed work. Let us hope the attempt at reconciliation will be successful.

On Saturday last, Mr. Bandmann was committed for trial by Mr. Flowers, on a charge of having assaulted Mrs. Rousby, the evidence being deemed sufficient to warrant such a step. Mr. Bandmann, who it should be added, indignantly denied the charge, gave bail, himself in £100, and Mr. Chatterton in £100, to appear for trial. The same evening both appellant and plaintiff appeared, the former at the Queen's, in a new piece entitled *Madeline Morel*, adapted from the German by the latter, and Mr. Bandmann at the Adelphi, in an adaptation from *Une Cause Célèbre*, recently produced at the Ambigu Theatre in Paris. The title of the English version is *Proof*, and the adapter is Mr. Burnand.

The holiday folk were unexpectedly favoured with nice genial weather, the forenoon of Saturday being the only portion of the Easter holidays in which pleasure was impossible. Good Friday was a pleasant day, and the number of visitors to the parks, Hampstead Heath, &c., &c., was quite equal to that of former years. On Saturday evening most of the theatres were crowded, and in addition to the two we have named must be mentioned the Haymarket, where Miss Neilson charmed a numerous and appreciative audience by her able impersonation of Juliet, in Shakespeare's well known play of *Romeo and Juliet*. On Easter Monday, all the holiday resorts were thronged with people. The Alexandra Palace, where a special programme was prepared, was visited by, at the very lowest estimate, some 50,000. The Crystal Palace, whereto the Grecian Panto-

mime of *Roley Poley* was transferred, was equally fortunate. Over 30,000 people visited the Zoological Gardens. The British Museum had its complement of visitors, and South Kensington, the Aquarium, Westminster, and our other resorts, were all crowded by people who had come for the purpose and with the resolution of being amused. All the lines of railway took out of town their hordes of excursionists to Brighton, Margate, Hastings, and other prominent watering places, and the Volunteers, though they failed in having a field day on a large scale, had a number of small meetings at Wimbledon, Southgate, Harrow, Staines, and elsewhere. Indeed, it is many years since the public has been as fortunate in respect of the weather and the entertainments provided, but then Easter is rather later than usual.

On Monday the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs went in state to Christ Church, Newgate-street, for the purpose of hearing the Spital Sermon, which was preached this year by Dr. Atlay, Bishop of Hereford. In the evening his lordship entertained a numerous body of guests at a banquet in the Egyptian Hall of the Mansion House. On Tuesday, the pupils of Christ's Hospital visited the Lord Mayor at the Mansion House, when his lordship, according to annual custom, presented the boys with money—the Grecians with a guinea, the probationers with half-a-guinea, the monitors with half-a-crown, and the lower boys with a shilling. The Blues, before leaving, were regaled with buns and a glass of wine each.

A most mysterious robbery at the bank of Mona, Douglas, Isle of Man, has recently occurred, by which no less a sum than £8,873 in gold was carried off. Three persons are in custody on the charge—a Mr. Gray, one of the bank officials, Thomas Roberts, and Adam Nix. The inquiry is still proceeding, and is exciting the greatest interest. A reward of £500 for the discovery of the robbers has been offered by the bank.

For some days past an inquiry into the circumstances attending the death of Charles A. Cooper, an apprentice on board the *Maggie Dixon*, of Shields, has been conducted at the Police Court, Falmouth, the master, the mate, and the boatswain being implicated. After a protracted hearing, the prisoners were committed for trial, and so strong was the feeling of the people against the accused, that the police had great difficulty in conveying them to the police station.

A very important step taken by our Government last week in ordering a portion of our Indian troops to Malta has caused great excitement in the different Presidencies, and the greatest enthusiasm prevails among the natives, there being not the slightest difficulty in getting up the regiments chosen for service to their full war strength. This ought to have some influence on the Russian Ministers, who are urging the Czar to engage in war with this country. Such an element in our military strength has been overlooked, and when it is remembered that the small force about to be sent to Malta can be increased, if necessary, to almost any extent, and that among them is some of the most magnificent fighting material in the world, let us hope the Russians may pull up in time, and that we may be spared the horrors of a dreadful war.

In Paris, though the political situation is watched with great anxiety, the public attention is directed chiefly to the approaching opening of the International Exhibition, when a series of Fêtes will take place, the Marshal-President being the central figure in a peaceful picture, and circled around him will be our Prince of Wales, the Crown Prince of Austria, and other distinguished personages from abroad. Let us hope the Exhibition will have the effect of strengthening the bonds of friendship already existing between France and the other Powers. There is something infinitely more Christianising in these shows than in the process adopted by Russia.

As regards the crisis, there is a feeling everywhere that the situation is as gloomy as it can be, short of the actual outbreak of war. Prince Bismarck has been trying his hand at mediating, but he does not seem to have succeeded. His idea was to induce Russia and England to agree to a simultaneous withdrawal of their forces from the neighbourhood of Constantinople. Both Powers have agreed to it in principle, but the difficulties in carrying it out, and in assuring a return to the same positions if further negotiations should fail, are considered unsatisfactory. Russia declines to submit the treaty to a Congress, and England will have nothing to do with a Congress if Russia insists.

So the deadlock remains. Elsewhere the news is the reverse of encouraging. Russia, it is believed, has sent an ultimatum to Roumania, demanding an offensive and defensive alliance, or threatening to occupy the country and disarm her troops. There is a Mussulman outbreak in Roumania, and 20,000 Russians have been despatched to the scene of the outbreak. The Turkish irregulars at Batoum refuse to lay down their arms, and the Sultan's government delays the surrender of Shumla and Varna, though pressed to do so by the Grand Duke Nicholas. There is, too, a new Turkish Ministry, with Sadyk Pasha as President, and it is believed, in the event of war breaking out between Russia and England, that Turkey will try to remain neutral. At the same time, Mr. Layard is daily receiving offers from Turks to enter the English Service should war come.

We have great pleasure in announcing that the *City Press*, which for years past has been a recognised organ of the City proper, and which during the whole of its career has been admirably conducted, so that now it enjoys a reputation second to no other journal of a like character, will after the 1st of May be issued twice instead of once a week. This speaks well for the enterprise of the proprietors, Messrs. W. H. and L. Collingridge, and we trust the venture will meet with the success it deserves so richly.

We have received a communication from Bro. William Worrell P.M. and Sec. No. 766, P.Z. and S.E. Chapter No. 766, and P.M. and Sec. of the Macdonald Mark Lodge No. 104, and P.G. Organist (Mark), in which he announces his intention of becoming a candidate for the post of Secretary to the Girls' School, rendered vacant by the death of Bro. Little.

We regret to state that in our account last week of the West Middlesex Lodge, No. 1612, we inadvertently omitted to mention that Bro. G. Coop was raised to the sublime degree of M.M. We cannot account for the omission, and we take this early opportunity of repairing it.

**Duko of Connaught Lodge of Instruction, No. 1524.**  
—At the Havelock Tavern, Albion-road, Dalston, on Wednesday evening, 24th inst. Present—Bros. McMillan W.M., Slatier S.W., Dignam J.W., H. Meyer S.D., Maples J.D., R. Olley I.G., G. Ferrar Treas., E. Dietrich Sec., W. Fieldwick Preceptor, and Bros. Shackleton, Poole, Wallington P.M. 860, J. Lorkin, C. Lorkin, C. Olley. After the usual preliminaries had been observed, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Shackleton being candidate. Bro. Wallington worked the first, second, and third sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. A most cordial vote of thanks was unanimously voted to Bro. Wallington for his kindness in working the sections. Bro. Slatier was appointed W.M. for the next meeting. The Fifteen Sections will be worked in this Lodge on Wednesday, 15th May.

## Old Warrants.

### No. 120.

No. 7, "Ancients;" No. 13, at the "Union;" } United A.D. 1826,  
No. 230, do. No. 288, do. } and No. 13 to present  
No. 328, do. No. 418, do. } time.

[G.L. SEAL.]

AUGUSTUS FREDK. G.M.

TO ALL AND EVERY OUR RIGHT WORSHIPFUL, WORSHIPFUL AND LOVING BRETHREN,

WE, PRINCE AUGUSTUS FREDERICK OF BRUNSWICK LUNENBURGH, DUKE OF SUSSEX, EARL OF INVERNESS, BARON OF ARKLOW, KNIGHT OF THE MOST NOBLE ORDER OF THE GARTER, &c., &c., &c.

GRAND MASTER

OF THE MOST ANCIENT FRATERNITY OF FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF ENGLAND,

SEND GREETING.

WHEREAS, Warrants of Constitution under the hands of the Grand Masters for the time being and the Seal of Masonry bearing date respectively the 25th day of June 1785, the 4th day of June 1788 and the 13th day of July 1802 have been granted authorizing and empowering certain Brethren therein named and their Successors to form and hold Lodges of Free and Accepted Masons and which Warrants are respectively registered and numbered in the books of our Grand Lodge Nos. 13, 288 and 418, and whereas the brethren composing the said several Lodges have agreed and resolved to unite and henceforth to form one Lodge only, and for that purpose have applied to us for our sanction and authority so to do. Now, know ye, that we having taken the subject into consideration, and being willing to accede to the wishes of the brethren upon their petition, and in consideration of

the surrender of the said recited Warrants to be cancelled, do hereby grant this our WARRANT OF CONFIRMATION AND CONSOLIDATION unto our right Trusty and Well-beloved Brethren John Bell, J. M. Fuller, George Johnson, Edmund Hill, John Howgill, Hall Ker, John Webber, William Webb, Robert Corrier, and others, the members of the said three Lodges, authorizing them and their Successors to assemble and hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons at the Barrack Tavern, in the town of Woolwich, in the County of Kent, on the \_\_\_\_\_ in every month and at such other times as to the brethren thereof may appear necessary and proper, in conformity with the laws of the Craft, and then and there when duly congregated to make, pass and raise Freemasons, according to Ancient Custom in all ages and nations throughout the whole world, and the said united Lodge is to be registered in the books of our Grand Lodge, and in the list of Lodges No. 13, and further, at the Petition of the said brethren, we do appoint the said John Bell to be Master, the said J. M. Fuller to be Senior Warden, and the said George Johnson to be Junior Warden, for holding the said Lodge, and until such time as another \_\_\_\_\_ No. 13 Master shall be regularly elected and installed, strictly charging that every Master who shall be elected to preside over the said Lodge shall be installed in Ancient form, and according to the laws of our Grand Lodge, that he may thereby be fully invested with the dignities and powers of his office. And we do require you the said John Bell and your Successors to take special care that all and every the said brethren are or have been regularly made Masons, and that you and they and all other the members of the said Lodge do observe, perform and keep the said laws, rules, and orders contained in the Book of Constitution, and all others which may from time to time be made by our Grand Lodge, or transmitted by us or our Successors Grand Masters or by our Deputy Grand Master for the time being. And we do enjoin you to make such By-Laws for the government of your Lodge as shall to the majority of the Members appear proper and necessary, the same not being contrary to or inconsistent with the General Laws and Regulations of the Craft, and a copy whereof you are to transmit to us. And we do require you to cause all such By-Laws and Regulations, and also an account of the proceedings in your Lodge, to be entered in books to be kept for that purpose. And you are in nowise to omit to send to us or our Successors Grand Masters, or the Right Honourable Lawrence Lord Dundas, our Deputy Grand Master, or to the Deputy Grand Master for the time being, at least once in every year, a list of the Members of your Lodge, and the name and designation of all Masons initiated therein, and Brothers who shall have joined the same, together with the fees and monies payable thereon. It being our will and intention that this our Warrant of Constitution shall be in force so long only as you shall conform to the laws and regulations of our said Grand Lodge. And you the said John Bell are further required as soon as conveniently may be to send us an account in writing of what may be done by virtue of these presents.

Given under our Hand and the Seal of the Grand Lodge this 1st day of December A.L. 5826 A.D. 1826.

By command of the M.W. Grand Master,

DUNDAS, D.G.M.

WILLIAM H. WHITE, } G. S.  
EDW. HARPER, }

The present title, Number, &c. are, the "Union Waterloo" Lodge, No. 13, Woolwich.

### No. 121.

No. 63, "Ancients;" No. 86 (at the Union), of 1813; No. 76 A.D. 1832, and No. 63 from A.D. 1863.

BLESINGTON, G.D. MASTER.

WM. HOLFORD D.G.M.

JAS. NISBET S.G.W.

JOHN ABERCROMBY J.G.W.

To all whom it may concern.

No. LXIII.

WE, the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons in Ample form assembled, Do hereby authorise and Impower our Trusty and Well-beloved Brethren, *Henry Frye* Master, *James Welsh* Sen<sup>r</sup> Warden, and *William Hanaway* Jun<sup>r</sup> Warden (with their lawful assistants), To form and hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons at the Sign of the White Hart, in the Town of Bow and County of Essex (or elsewhere), and in such Lodge Admit, Enter and Make Masons according to the Ancient and Honourable Custom of the Royal Craft in all Ages and Nations throughout the known world. And we do hereby farther Impower our said Trusty and Well-beloved Brethren, *Henry Frye*, *James Welsh*, and *William Hanaway*, with their lawful Assistants, To nominate, chuse, and install their Successors, whom they are to invest with their power and Dignity and such Successors shall in like manner Nominate, Chuse, and install their Successors, &c., &c., &c. Such Installations to be on every St. JOHN'S DAY, during the continuance of this Lodge for ever. *Providing that the above-named Brethren and 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 Seal of the Grand Lodge, London, this fourteenth day of April Anno Dom. 1757, Anno Lap. 5757.

LAC. DERMOTT,

G. Secretary.

The present title, No., &c. are the St. Mary's Lodge, No. 63, Freemasons' Hall, London.

## 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, 27th APRIL.

- 198—Perey, 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, W., at 8.  
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
1293—Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court.  
1161—Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe.

## MONDAY, 29th APRIL.

- 45—Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, 12 Old-st., near Goswell-rd., at 8.0. (In.)  
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)  
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)  
186—Industry, Bell Tavern, Carter-lane, Doctor's-commons, at 6. (Instruction.)  
518—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction.)  
704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8. (Instruction.)  
1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8. (Instruction.)  
1125—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8. (Instruction.)  
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amlhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30. (In.)  
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8. (Inst.)  
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)  
London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-st., E.C., at 6, on 2nd and 4th Mondays in each month.  
1177—Tenby, Royal Assembly Rooms, Tenby, Pembroke.  
1419—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8 p.m. (Instruction.)

## TUESDAY, 30th APRIL.

- 65—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7. (Inst.)  
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Londonhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)  
141—Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.  
177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
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.)  
1416—Mount Edgcombe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)  
1471—Islington, Three Bucks, Gresham-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)  
1472—Honley, Railway Tavern, Stratford New Town, at 8. (Instruction.)  
1507—Metropolitan, 269 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)  
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-street-rd. at 8. (In.)  
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 7.0.  
310—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle.  
357—Apollo University, Masonic Hall, Oxford.  
573—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen.  
1358—Torbay, Town Hall, Paignton.  
R. A. 452—Frederick of Unity, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon.

## WEDNESDAY, 1st MAY.

- Grand Chapter, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.  
193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7. (Instruction.)  
201—Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)  
538—La Tolerance, Horro and Groom, Winsley-street, W., at 7.15. (Inst.)  
791—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8. (Instruction.)  
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7. (Instruction.)  
1196—Urban, The Three Bucks, Gresham-street, at 6.30. (Instruction.)  
1278—Burdett Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8.30. (Inst.)  
1288—Finsbury Park, Finsbury Pk. Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd., at 8.0. (Instruction.)  
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)  
1707—Eleanor, Angel Hotel, Edmonton.  
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.)  
81—Doric, Private Room, Woodbridge, Suffolk.  
293—Harmony, Masonic Room, Ann-street, Rochdale.  
326—Moira, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol.  
327—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton.  
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne.  
417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester.  
471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Mon.  
645—Humphrey Chetham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.  
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction.)  
1010—Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship-street, Hull.  
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby.  
1091—Ernie, Ernie House, Ivy Bridge, Devon.  
1107—Cornwallis, Masonic Hall, Erith.  
1141—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne.  
1167—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Alnwick.  
1274—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Chester-le-Street.  
1323—Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea.  
1351—Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh, Lancashire.  
1363—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester.  
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, at 7.0. (Instruction.)

## THURSDAY, 2nd MAY.

- 3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 7. (Instruction.)  
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8. (Instruction.)  
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)  
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.  
1349—Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)  
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, E.C., at 6.30. (Instruction.)  
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 9. (In.)  
R. A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)  
M. M.—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-road, Dalston, at 8.30. (Inst.)  
K. T.—Bard of Avon, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square.  
24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle.  
31—United Industrials, Guildhall, Canterbury.  
38—Union, Council Chamber, Chichester.  
41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath.  
50—Knights of Malta, George Hotel, Huddersfield.  
123—Leunox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire.  
249—Mariners, Masonic Temple, 22 Hope-street, Liverpool.  
294—Constitutional, Assembly Rooms, Beverley, Yorks.  
295—Combermere Union, Macclesfield Arms, Macclesfield.  
309—Minerva, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton-under-Lyne.  
369—Harmony, Red Lion, Farnham.  
317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.  
360—Pomfret, Masonic Building, Abingdon-street, Northampton.  
412—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Boroughbury, Peterborough.  
446—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire.  
569—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.  
650—Star in the East, Pier Hotel, Harwich. (Instruction.)  
792—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bullring-lane, Grimsby.  
913—Pattison, Lord Raglan Tavern, Plumstead,

- 1012—Prince of Wales, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire.  
1074—Underly, Masonic Room, Market-place, Kirkby Lonsdale.  
1282—Ancholme, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire.  
1284—Brent, Globe Hotel, Topsham, Devonshire.  
1304—Olive Union, Masonic Hall, Horncastle, Lincolnshire.  
1369—Royal Arthur, Village Club Lecture Hall, Wimbledon.  
1473—Bootle, Molyneux's Assembly Rooms, Bootle, Lancashire.  
1500—Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich.  
1523—St. Mary Magdalen, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.  
1591—Cedewain, Public Rooms, Newtown, Montgomery.  
1639—Watling-street, Cock Hotel, Stoney Stratford, Bucks.

## FRIDAY, 3rd MAY.

- Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.  
25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)  
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
766—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. (Inst.)  
834—Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-road. (Instruction.)  
902—Burgoyne, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales-road, Kentish Town. (Inst.)  
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction.)  
1036—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, Cannonbury, at 8. (In.)  
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
1612—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 7.30. (Inst.)  
R. A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8. (Inst.)  
127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate.  
539—St. Matthew, Dragon Hotel, Walsall.  
571—Loyal Berkshire of Hope, White Hart Hotel, Newbury.  
709—Invicta, Corn Exchange, Queen-street, Ashford.  
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kow Bridge, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
839—Royal Gloucestershire, Bell Hotel, Gloucester.  
1096—Lord Warden, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal.  
1333—Aethelstan, Town Hall, Atherstone, Warwick.  
1387—Chorlton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton Cum Hardy.  
1528—Fors, Red Lion Hotel, Newquay, Cornwall.  
1557—Albert Edward, Bush Hotel, Hoxham, Northumberland.  
1561—Morecambe, Masonic Hall, Edward-street, Morecambe, Lancashire.  
1725—Douglas, College Gateway, Maidstone.

## SATURDAY, 4th MAY.

- General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.  
142—St. Thomas, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C.  
198—Perey, 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, W. at 8.  
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
1293—Amherst, Kings Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent.  
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester.

## WEST YORKSHIRE.

## SATURDAY.

- 1462—Wharnciffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone.

## MONDAY.

- K. T. 29—Faith, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford.

## WEDNESDAY.

- R. A. 258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike.  
R. A. 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds.

## THURSDAY.

- 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds.  
674—Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford.  
1231—Savile, Royal Hotel, Eiland.  
1513—Friendly, King's Head Hotel, Barnsley.  
M.M. 53—Britannia, Freemason's Hall, Sheffield.

## FRIDAY.

- 242—St. George, Guildhall, Doncaster.  
306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds.  
521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.  
837—De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon.  
1618—Prince of Wales, 69 Little Horton-lane, Bradford.  
R. A. 61—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax.

## SATURDAY.

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

## EDINBURGH DISTRICT.

- THURSDAY—97—St. James, St. James' Hall, Writer's-court.

- FRIDAY—291—Celtic of Edinburgh and Leith, Ship, E. Register-street.

## NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Macdonald Lodge of Mark Masters, No. 104.—This Lodge met at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C., on Wednesday the 17th inst. The regular meeting falling on Good Friday necessitated this alteration of date, and consequently the meeting, though well attended, was not so full a one as usual. In the absence of the W.M., Bro. Alfred Williams P.G.S., and at his request, the chair of A. was occupied by the V.W. Bro. James Stevens P.G.J.O. P.M., who was supported by Bros. North Ritherdon S.W., Edward Moody J.W., and other Officers and Past Masters, amongst whom were the V.W. Bro. Thomas Meggy P.G.S.O. P.M. and Treasurer, the W. Bro. William Worrell P.G. Org. P.M. and Sec., the W. Bro. A. Berridge G.D.C. P.P.J.W. P.M., the W. Bro. Arthur Walton P.P.M.O. P.M., Bro. W. C. Hale D.C., N. Basnett R.M., W. Johnston, Theodore Distin, Theodore De Leliva, Louis Hirsch, T. Wild, W. Grant, &c., &c. Visitors—W. Bro. J. Tomlinson No. 181 G.S. P.G.M.O., and Bro. Henry Venn, Old Kent Lodge M.M.M. The Lodge having been opened and minutes read, Bro. R. P. Spice, of the Keystone Mark Lodge, was unanimously elected a joining member. Several candidates for advancement were approved of, and Bro. T. S. Wild, of the Anchor Lodge, No. 1704, being in attendance was introduced, and advanced to the honourable degree with full ceremony. Bro. North Ritherdon was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. T. Meggy was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. W. Grant Tyler, Bros. Distin and De Leliva were appointed to the audit committee, the whole of the members of which were then invited by Bro. Walton P.M. to meet for audit at his private residence prior to next meeting of the Lodge. A P.M.'s jewel was

voted to the retiring W.M. Bro. Williams, and there being no further business the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to dinner. Subsequently the customary toasts were proposed by the acting W.M. Bro. Stevens, and were ably responded to by the brethren selected for that purpose, and, after a pleasant hour or two, enlivened by the vocal and recitative efforts of Bros. Distin, Moody, and others, the brethren separated.

**St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction.**—The Fifteen Sections were worked at the White Hart Tavern, King's-road, Chelsea, on Good Friday evening, the 19th instant. Business commenced at 6.30 p.m., agreeably to summons. Bro. Ardin P.M. Zetland 511 occupied the chair, and was ably supported as follows:—Bros. Blay P.M. S.W., Sedgwick P.M. J.W., Markland S.D., Williams J.D., and Pollard I.G. The Lodge was opened, when the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The working of the Sections then commenced, and the seven of the first lecture were got through at about 7.45 p.m., when the brethren were called from labour to refreshment. After an interval of ten minutes, work was again resumed. Those who had the pleasure of knowing Bro. Ardin, whether as a Mason or in his public capacity, felt assured that under his able Preceptorship the working would be as near perfection as possible, nor were they disappointed, for everything progressed from beginning to end without a single hitch. The workers also deserve the greatest credit for the manner which they got through their several sections. Where all did so well, it would be invidious to particularise. The gathering was extremely satisfactory, there being a good many visitors, four of whom were proposed and elected members, and who expressed, in returning thanks, their warm appreciation of the very creditable way in which the work had been performed; in fact, that they had never had the pleasure of hearing it done better. A vote of thanks was proposed, and carried unanimously, to be recorded on the minutes; Bro. P.M. Pulsford followed this proposition by well-merited eulogiums on the very able and efficient manner in which Bro. P.M. Ardin had discharged the duties of the chair. The W.M., in replying, made a very happy speech. This brought the proceedings to a close, the universal dicta being that it had been a most enjoyable evening. There being no further business, the Lodge was closed in perfect harmony at ten p.m. The following is the list of the brethren, and the Sections they worked:—First lecture: 1st, Bros. Greig 1694; 2nd, Docker 1687; 3rd, Markland 144; 4th, Pulsford P.M. 1158; 5th, Cameron P.M. 180; 6th, Blay P.M. 144; 7th, Woods 145. Second lecture: 1st, Bros. Hill 858; 2nd, Hancock 511; 3rd, Cater P.M. 9; 4th, Coulton P.M. 382; 5th, Sedgwick P.M. 180. Third lecture: 1st, Bros. Egan P.M. 858; 2nd, Pollard 858; 3rd, Carlstrom 733.

**Tranquillity Lodge, No. 185.**—The last meeting of the session was held on Monday, the 15th inst., at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C. Bros. David Posener W.M. in the chair; there were also present Bro. G. S. Pare S.W., W. D. Bayley J.W., John Peartree I.P.M. and Treas., Phil Levy Sec., F. Croaker J.D., T. W. C. Bush I.G., Potter Tyler. Past Masters J. Constable, J. H. Ross, N. Moss, J. D. Barnett, N. Gluckstein, E. Gottheil; and some sixty members and visitors. After preliminaries, Mr. B. S. Woolf, of Cheapside, who had been regularly proposed and favourably balloted for, presented himself according to ancient form, and received the initiatory lessons of the noble Craft, the ceremony being most impressively performed by the W.M. Two stranger brethren applied for temporary assistance, and were immediately relieved with the sum of £3 3s each. A supper, which greatly partook of the nature of a banquet, was served under the superintendence of Bro. Silver, assisted by the managers of the Hotel. The enjoyments of the table being over, the W.M. rose and proposed the Loyal and Masonic toasts combined in one, namely "Loyalty to the Throne, and devotion to the best interests of the Order," which was heartily responded to. Bro. John Peartree I.P.M. next proposed the health of the W.M. He was at a loss to convey the pleasure it gave him to propose this toast, or to enumerate the good qualities of the brother now at the head of the Lodge. They all knew him as an able Mason and excellent worker, but in the present session but little opportunity had been afforded for the display of his abilities. He trusted to meet him in health and prosperity at the coming session. Bro. Posener expressed his hearty thanks for the kind way in which the toast was proposed and received. It was always his study to try his utmost in order to give satisfaction. He had lately been suffering from ill-health, but trusted, when restored to his normal condition, to give every attention conducive to the interests of the Lodge. He would now bid them all farewell, and hoped that during the recess, and in their summer outings, they would thoroughly enjoy themselves, and return with renewed health and vigour to their Lodge duties in the autumn. He would next propose the toast of the evening, namely—that of the Initiate. He was sure that from the attention he had paid, and the intelligence with which he followed the ritual, Bro. Woolf would become an honour to the Craft, of which he had that evening been enrolled a member. (Cheers.) Bro. Woolf replying said, it was quite an unexpected pleasure to have the honour to sit at the right of the Worshipful Master. An honour not likely to occur again for many years. He was, however, fully determined to work his way up, until he succeeded in reaching the high position now so worthily occupied by Bro. Posener. (Applause.) In proposing a welcome to the visitors, the W.M. declared that the Tranquillity Lodge was always delighted to see a great number of visitors among them, and tried to entertain them to the best of their power. On the present occasion they had Bros. A. W. Masters of No. 18 Lodge of St. John, New Brunswick, J. Roxworthy 1728, J. K. Pitt 463, J. Mellhouse 72, Kennett Harris J.D. 1728, John Muddison 177, Lionel Cohen 25, F. Plummer 177, F. Rothchild J.W. 1288, Geo. Mickley P.M. 419, E. W. Silk 1524, Geo. P. Hawkes 101, Alf. Hubbard 813, and L. London of the Robert Burns. Each of the names

were received with Masonic cheers. Bro. A. W. Masters, responding on behalf of the visitors, expressed the pleasure he felt in having been permitted, by the kindness of Bro. Constable, to visit the Lodge, as it enabled him to compare the working of an English Lodge with those of the other side of the Atlantic. His brother was at the present time W.M. of a Lodge, and when he heard of the kind welcome and hearty reception the brethren had accorded him, he was sure were all present to visit New Brunswick, which unfortunately was not at all likely, they would receive as cordial and fraternal a welcome at his hands. He was only a seafaring man, and quite unaccustomed to address a numerous gathering, but would assure them that the pleasure of that meeting would constitute one of his happiest memories, and the delightful evening spent at the Guildhall Tavern would never be effaced from his recollection. The W.M. then proposed the Past Masters; there was not the usual number here, but those who were present were the cream,—men who are ever ready to support the Master in his duties. Bro. Constable thanked the W.M. on behalf of the P.M.'s, who, he said, heartily appreciated the kindness with which that toast was invariably received, and which had been exemplified on the present occasion. Their good will was particularly gratifying to him personally at this juncture, as in about ten days he was leaving these shores for the Cape, from whence he would not return for some months; but wherever he might travel, and in whatever country he might be, their kindness could never be effaced from his memory. From his very entrance into the Lodge he had been fortunate enough to make a large number of really true friends, for whose generous goodness and the unvarying kindness exhibited towards him he could never become ungrateful. The Worshipful Master then proposed Prosperity to the Benevolent Fund, and coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Peartree, the Treasurer, who said the W.M. had mentioned the utility of the Fund, and the substantial help arising therefrom; it had more than once assisted a sinking brother, and placed him upon his legs again. This Fund was established some twenty-eight years ago, and during that period had effected a vast amount of good. At the commencement every member contributed according to his means, and especially on installation nights strong appeals used to be made, which were always most generously responded to. The Fund consisted now of £700 invested in Indian Stock, besides a balance in hand in case of immediate and sudden necessity. No such appeals were therefore now necessary, the only exception being that newly initiated brethren generally contributed. Our new brother this evening gives a donation of £1 1s, and he trusted that he, as well as all present, might always be in a condition to give and never be in a position to require to receive. This being the last meeting of the session, he would pray that all may meet again in health and in vigour. He would conclude with wishing Bro. Constable a prosperous voyage, and may he, in health and happiness, return to his family and to them all. (Loud Cheers.) For the Treasurer and Secretary, Bro. Phil Levy responded, he would prefer, that that particular toast might be honoured more in the breach than the observance. He could only reiterate what he had often said before, that the thanks of the brethren was ample reward for any duties the Treasurer and himself might be called upon to perform. In proposing the health of the Officers, the W.M. remarked that no general could well direct an army without the aid of able Officers. In like manner a Master would be lost without the assistance of efficient Officers. He considered himself most fortunate in having the aid of a staff who, one and all, were well up in their respective duties. It was the first time in his experience that an I.G. was singled out for special praise; such, however, was the case on the present occasion; one of the visitors had observed that that Officer did the work exceedingly well; he could only say, that when they came to hold the highest office they might be blessed with an equally efficient staff of Officers. Bro. Pare S.W. responding, thanked the W.M. for the high praise he was good enough to bestow upon the Officers for their humble efforts; he had no doubt that they would continue to emulate the good example set them by the W.M. Bro. Bayley J.W. said he responded with a great amount of diffidence, but promised that his conduct in the future would, if not surpass, at all events be equal to that of the past. The Tyler's toast ended the proceedings. Some truly excellent singing, by Bros. Bayley, Constable, Hubbard, Roxworthy and Child, gave pleasing variety to the entertainment.

**Union Lodge, No. 414, Reading.**—On Tuesday, the 16th inst. Bros. E. Baker W.M., C. Oades S.W., S. Bradley J.W., J. Leaver Secretary, C. Stephens S.D., S. Wheeler D.C., Ferguson acting as I.G., Sprent Steward; P.M.'s Bros. S. A. Pocock I.P.M., J. Long 663, J. Morris, R. Bradley, Weightman, J. A. Strachan, A. M. Yett, S. S. Stallwood 558; Bros. G. W. Webb, D. H. Witherington, C. G. Butler, W. C. Mollatt, H. Higgs, F. Blackwell, J. W. Martin, H. Ayres, J. E. Sydenham, C. G. Hawkes, W. Donaldson, F. W. Albury, M. J. Withers, A. W. Perry. Visitor—Bro. J. Fairclough, member of 832, P.M. 542. The Lodge was opened and the minutes of last regular meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Mr. William Hart, who was elected and initiated. The W.M. announced that the Committees of the two Reading Lodges had met to discuss the terms upon which the tenancy of the Grey Friars Lodge was to be continued. Bro. R. Bradley P.M. moved "that a notice to quit be served on the W.M. of 1101, according to the original agreement." This was seconded by Bro. J. Morris P.M., and after a long discussion was declared to be carried. A circular from Grand Lodge was read, announcing the resolution taken on the matter of the Grand Orient of France, and the same was ordered to be entered on the minutes. A letter from a brother, resigning membership, was also read. All business being ended, the Lodge was closed.

**Cestrian Lodge, No. 425.**—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Tuesday, the 18th inst., at the Grosvenor

Hotel, Chester. Present—Bros. F. A. Dickson W.M., John McHattie P.M. as S.W., James Knox J.W., W. C. Hunt P.M. Sec., E. Minshell Treas., E. Cuzner P.M. Organist, A. Smith S.D., J. Pye J.D., Samuel Spencer I.G., David Baynes Tyler. P.M.'s Bros. J. Taylor, J. Salmon, L. Gilbert, J. C. Robinson, T. M. Wilcock, R. Banks, Wm. Masters; also Bros. Stanhope Bull, John Mills, Jas. I. Stevenson, S. W. Ramsden, W. M. Lightfoot, G. W. Marple. Visitors—J. W. Arrowsmith 321, H. J. Lloyd 721, S. M. Davies, FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE. The usual routine business having been disposed of, the Lodge was advanced to the third degree. Bro. Jas. I. Stevenson having answered the preliminary questions properly, was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason. Although W. Bro. Dickson has all the talent and feeling requisite to make a competent and successful Master of a Lodge, it was a very painful ordeal to witness the strain put upon his nervous system on this occasion. Considering that Bro. Dickson had been confined to his room for more than a week, through severe indisposition, and taking into account the difficult ritual he had to perform, in a cramped and badly ventilated room, which from its proximity to the street reverberated the rattle of passing vehicles, the clatter of horses' hoofs, and the din and tramp of pedestrians, it is strange that he undertook, and astonishing that he succeeded in discharging his duties so well. To any brother accustomed to visit many Lodges in various Provinces, it would appear inexplicable that the brethren of No. 425 should, under any circumstances, allow the Lodge to be held where exist so many disadvantages, especially in a city where there is, no doubt, far better accommodation, and if not, should be provided by the brethren of Chester unitedly, as they muster two Blue Lodges, two Chapters, one Mark Lodge, and a Preceptory. It is to be hoped that a move will be made in the right direction, as it is evident to all intelligent Masons that anything which has a tendency to mar the harmony of a Lodge, or interfere with the proper working of our sublime ritual, does discredit to our glorious Order. Doubtless we shall see erected in Chester a Masonic Hall worthy of our beloved Craft, and in keeping with a Cathedral city, particularly as Bro. Gilbert advocates (if the policy be not too narrow-minded) the principle of "Provincialising and Localising" Freemasonry. It is sincerely and fraternally suggested to Bro. Gilbert to consider deeply whether it is advisable or consistent to advocate building a Chinese Wall round the province of Cheshire. The following notices were brought before the Lodge:—By Bro. Taylor I.P.M., that at the next Lodge meeting he should propose, as the W.M. and Bro. Salmon P.M. and P.P.S.G.D. had undertaken to represent the Lodge as Stewards at the next Anniversary of the R.M.I. for Boys, the sum of ten guineas each be presented by them, in the name and from the funds of the Lodge. By Bro. Salmon P.M., that he should at the next Lodge meeting propose, as Bro. Taylor I.P.M. had undertaken to represent the Lodge as Steward at the next Anniversary of the R.M.I. for Girls, the sum of ten guineas be presented by him, in the name and from the funds of the Lodge. These notices provoked a rather lengthy discussion, which detained the brethren, the Lodge not being closed till 7.30, after which the members adjourned to refreshment.

**La Tolerance Lodge of Instruction, No. 538.**—Nearly forty members of this Lodge attended on Wednesday evening to hear the Fifteen Sections worked under the able presidency of the veteran Bro. T. A. Adams P.G.P. Bros. F. G. Baker S.W., W. J. Ferguson J.W., Pratt S.D., T. James J.D., E. Child I.G., Smallpeice P.M., C. Davis Treas., J. Hurdell Sec. The sections were worked as follows:—FIRST LECTURE.—1st, S. A. Cooper D.C. 382; 2nd, E. Child S.D. 538; 3rd, S. A. Cooper D.C. 382; 4th, J. Hurdell D.C. 1348; 5th, Docker S.D. 1687; 6th, E. Farwig S.W. 180; 7th, F. G. Baker P.M. 753. SECOND LECTURE.—1st, A. Ginger J.W. 901; 2nd, W. J. Ferguson P.M. 177; 3rd, J. Hurdell D.C. 1348; 4th, J. L. Coulton P.M. 382; J. Long P.M. 733. THIRD LECTURE.—1st, C. J. W. Davis P.M. 382; 2nd, D. M. Belfrage S.W. 179; 3rd, Koester P.M. 435. The sections were all well worked, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Adams.

**United Lodge, No. 697.**—The annual installation meeting of this Lodge was held at the Town Hall, Colchester, on Wednesday afternoon, when there was a large attendance of members of the Lodge and visitors. The ceremony of installing the W.M. elect—Bro. George Harvey—was impressively performed by the V.W. Bro. Fred. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Recorder of Colchester, Past Grand Deacon, and at its close the new W.M. appointed and invested his Officers as follow:—W. Bros. the Rev. Eastace H. Crate P.M. I.P.M., the Rev. T. C. Brettingham Chaplain, the Rev. J. P. Britton S.W., Henry J. Everitt J.W., Thomas Eustace P.M. Treasurer, Thomas Rix P.M. Secretary, F. Evelyn Morris S.D., John W. Smith J.D., William Harlow D.C., George Guiver Organist, W. Chapman I.G., S. Munson Tyler, G. Eustace and W. Jelley Stewards. At the close of the Lodge business a cordial vote of thanks was passed to V.W. Bro. F. A. Philbrick for his kind attendance, at some personal inconvenience. A banquet took place at the George Hotel in the evening, served in sumptuous style by Bro. Guiver. The W.M. presided, and was supported, amongst others, by V.W. Bro. F. A. Philbrick, the Mayor of Colchester (Bro. Thos. Moy), W. Bros. Joseph Burton P.G. Treas., Thos. J. Ralling P.G. Sec., S. Chaplin P.M. 51 P.P.S.G.W., Fred. A. Cole P.M. 51 P.P.G.R., Chas. Cobb P.M. 51 P.P.S.G.D., Alfred Welch P.M. 51 P.P.G.J.D., &c.

**Panmure Lodge, No. 720.**—A regular meeting of this Lodge was held at the Balham Hotel, Balham, S.W., on Monday, the 15th inst., when were present, Bros. D. Trusler W.M., C. P. McKay S.W., W. Sheadd J.W., W. Smith S.D., E. Mitchell I.G., M. Spiegel D.C., Lambert Steward, James Stevens P.M., Thomas Poore P.M. and Sec., W. Payne P.M., C. Palmer P.M., W. Steedman Tyler, and Bros. G. Talley, Brenner, Ash, Gunner, Pascal, Mulley,

Syer, Trèves, Huntley, Glenister, Sanders, Lavers, and others. Apologies from several P.M.'s and members were read. Lodge was opened in the three degrees and worked down. Bro. Lavers was passed to the degree of F.C. Candidates for initiation not being present the ballot for approval was deferred. The election of W.M. for the ensuing year resulted in an unanimous vote in favour of the S.W. Bro. McKay. Bro. Thomas Poore Past Master was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. W. Steedman Tyler. It was resolved that to mark the appreciation of the Lodge for a second year's service as W.M. by Bro. Trusler, the P.M. jewel voted to him at the expiration of his first year of office should be provided with a suitable bar and inscription, and that a further recognition should be made by the presentation of an article of value to be selected by himself. Bros. Gunner and Syer were elected on the audit committee. The Lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to refreshment, and spent the remainder of a very agreeable evening in harmonious intercourse.

**William Preston Lodge of Instruction, No. 766.**—This Lodge held its usual meeting on Friday, the 19th of April, at the Feathers Tavern, Upper George-street, Edgware-road. Present—Bros. S. Godden W.M., Tribbel S.W., Hill J.W., Braun Secretary, Rudderforth Preceptor, Hayes S.D., Cleghorn J.D., Evans Tyler; and Bros. Kinnard, Murch, Webster, Wallis, Harris, West, Reid, Moore, &c. Lodge was opened in due form and the minutes were read and confirmed. Bro. Cleghorn answered the questions, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. The same candidate then answered the questions for raising, and that ceremony was likewise rehearsed by the W.M. Bro. Godden. After the working of several sections the Lodge was closed down. Bro. Rudderforth was elected W.M. for the ensuing Friday, on which occasion fifteen brethren of the Doric Lodge of Instruction have kindly consented to work the sections in this Lodge. The Secretary also announced to the brethren that an invitation had been received for brethren of the William Preston Lodge to work the Fifteen Sections at the Upper Norwood Lodge of Instruction, on Monday, the 6th of May next, Bro. H. E. Frances to preside. This invitation was unanimously accepted.

**Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.**—Held its weekly meeting on Tuesday last, at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston. Bros. M. Christian W.M., J. Lorkin S.W., Wardell J.W., Slatier S.D., Carr J.D., Brown I.G., Wallington P.M. Preceptor, Dallas Sec., Smyth Treas.; and Bros. Polak, Smith, Wyman, &c. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Weige candidate. Lodge was called off, and on resuming opened in the second and third degrees, and regularly closed down to the first. Bro. Dallas worked the first, and Bro. Smith the second sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. J. Lorkin was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

**Wandsworth Lodge, No. 1044.**—On Wednesday evening, 17th inst., the last meeting for the session was held at the Spread Eagle Hotel, Wandsworth. Bro. H. R. Jones W.M. presided. There were also present the following Officers and members:—Bros. W. A. Morgan S.W., A. N. Newens J.W., H. Wilson Treasurer, J. Frost Secretary, A. B. Walker S.D., W. J. Huntley J.D., J. J. Holland I.G., J. Wardroper Steward, S. Steed Tyler; P.M.'s E. H. Boddy, P. Cooke, F. H. Newens, J. G. Carter; F. Reed, J. Stirk, R. Walker, H. J. Newens, G. W. Smith, G. Fortescue, W. Springott, Percy Denham, and A. A. Denham. The following visitors honoured the Lodge with their presence:—Bros. Wildey Wright (the well-known barrister), R. H. Smith, A. B. Morgan, M. Halford, and E. Carter. A good feature in Freemasonry—as showing its liberty and universality—was the presence of Bro. Halford (a coloured brother from a New York Lodge), who is now studying in England for one of the learned professions. The chief business of the evening was to initiate Mr. T. J. Tucker, pass Bro. Percy Denham, and raise Bro. J. Newens, which was faultlessly done by the W.M. Bro. H. R. Jones, assisted by his Officers. The Treasurer and Tyler were re-elected, and Bro. W. A. Morgan was chosen as W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. Jones, the retiring W.M., was unanimously voted a jewel for the ability he had shown as president of the Lodge. A banquet followed, which was served in the best style by Bro. Dougherty. The customary toasts were given, together with those of the W.M. Elect and the Retiring W.M., both of which were enthusiastically drunk and replied to. The Visitors was eloquently replied to by Bros. Wildey Wright, Halford and others. The proceedings soon after terminated.

**Grey Friars Lodge, No. 1101, Reading.**—On Wednesday, 10th April. Present—Bros. A. Welch W.M., J. E. Danks J.W., Honey Chaplain, Stransom Treas., Ferguson S.D., Blackwell J.D., Newman D.C. acting Sec., R. Dowsett I.G.; P.M.'s Bros. Hurley, Margrett, Brown acting S.W.; Bros. Bailey, Pulley, Creed, Hunt, Herbert, Hickie, &c. The Lodge was opened, and all preliminaries being duly observed, the candidate for the second degree answered the usual questions and was passed. The W.M. read the communication from the Grand Secretary containing the resolutions of Grand Lodge, with regard to the action of the Grand Orient of France in ignoring the name of T.G.A.O.T.U. in their ceremonies. The W.M. announced that the Committees of the two Reading Lodges had met to consider the subject of rental to be paid for the use of the Hall; that of 414 suggested an increase. A discussion ensued, in which Bros. Bailey, Brown, Danks, Hurley, Honey and the W.M. took part. Bro. Margrett P.M. moved, "That this Lodge having taken into consideration the question of an increased rent of the Lodge room, &c., is of opinion that the sum now paid is an adequate rent." Bro. Bailey seconded the motion. Bro. Brown P.M. moved

and Bro. Hinley seconded "that the increased rent be paid," as an amendment this was put to the Lodge, and declared to be lost. The original motion was now put, and declared to be carried. A letter from the Prov. G. Sec. was read, enquiring as to which of the Masonic Charities the vote of Prov. G. Lodge from the sum of ten guineas should be applied. It was resolved that the R.M.I.C. be selected. A letter of resignation of membership was read, and this ended the business.

**St. Marylebone Lodge, No. 1305.**—This Lodge held its installation meeting on Wednesday, the 10th of April, at the Eyre Arms, St. John's Wood. Present—Bros. J. L. Baker W.M., George Fowler S.W., W. W. Tyler J.W., E. White Sec., W. Botting Treas., C. A. Smith S.D., E. Timewell J.D., Daly Tyler. Past Masters Bros. Draper and T. Smith. Visitors—Bros. John Marson P.P.G.S.W. Norths and Hunts, Long P.M. 73, Twemlow 818, Thurdell 1348, Benet P.M. 179, Ansten P.M. 753, Briggs and Hutchinson 25, Belgrave 443, Compton P.P.G. Asst. D.C. Kent, Stovens P.M. 9, Buscall W.M. 177, Sams and Pringle 45, Clark 788. Lodge opened at 3.30, Bros. Durrant, Smith, and Twemlow of 818 were raised, and Bro. McMillan was passed. The W.M. then announced that he had much pleasure in calling upon Bro. White, their esteemed Secretary, to take the chair and perform the ceremony of installation. Bro. White, who is the W.M. of the City of Westminster 1563, then installed Bro. G. Fowler, in a manner that reflected credit on himself and gave great satisfaction to those who had the pleasure of hearing him. The W.M. appointed his Officers as follow:—Tyler S.W., C. A. Smith J.W., Timewell S.D., Phillips J.D., Marfit I.G., Young D.C., White Sec. A ballot was taken for Messrs. Ford and Harvey, and being unanimous, those gentlemen were initiated by the W.M., who must be complimented on his working the first time of his being in the chair. It was resolved that the Lodge hold a Summer Festival, in place of the usual June banquet, and that ladies be invited. The auditors' report was then presented; it disclosed a highly satisfactory state of affairs; the Lodge has £250 invested in Consols to the credit of its Benevolent Fund, besides a balance of £57 in the hands of the Treasurer. At the close of the business, which had been admirably conducted throughout, the brethren adjourned to the assembly room, where a magnificent banquet was served by Bro. Marfit. The cloth cleared, the Worshipful Master gave the usual loyal toasts, with a few appropriate remarks to each. Bro. Barker I.P.M. proposed the health of the W.M.; he was very pleased to see Bro. Fowler in his exalted position. There had been a very wholesome rule observed in their Lodge from the commencement, that when a brother had served the various offices in rotation he should be elected to the chair. He wished Bro. Fowler every prosperity during his year of office. The toast was drunk with much heartiness. The W.M. in reply said, Brethren, if I make but few remarks while thanking you on this occasion, I am sure you will give me credit for being none the less grateful for the honour you have just done me. If I was to speak for an hour I should fail to express all I feel on being installed into the chair, the very topmost pinnacle of a Mason's ambition, as well as the highest honour the Lodge can bestow on any of its members. I assure you, brethren, my anxiety for the welfare of the Marylebone Lodge is second to none, and I shall spare no effort to promote its best interests during my year of office. I trust that neither its reputation nor usefulness will suffer while under my care; and, brethren, I hope we shall all unite in the Grand Masonic design of being happy and communicating happiness. The W.M. then proposed the health of the initiates, which was replied to. Both expressed the pleasure and satisfaction they felt at being admitted members of the Order. The toast of the Visitors came next. The W.M. felt great pleasure at seeing so many present, the St. Marylebone Lodge was always pleased to welcome visitors. Bro. Buscall W.M. 177 thanked the W.M. and brethren for the hospitality and cordial welcome he had received; it afforded him much pleasure to be present, and especially to see the installation done in such an admirable manner by Bro. White. The Lodge was exceedingly fortunate in possessing such an accomplished member, who was able to do anything that might be required in Masonry; he (Bro. Buscall) felt very proud to have Bro. White for his S.W. in the Domestic Lodge. It was his first visit to the St. Marylebone, and he had enjoyed himself very much, both in Lodge and at the banquet. Bro. Austen and several other visitors also responded. The W.M. then proposed the health of the Installing Master; the ceremony of Installation had been worked in a manner that was simply perfection; he was sure the Lodge was deeply indebted to Bro. White, who was ever ready to do anything in his power to serve the Lodge; he had never heard the imposing ceremony of intallation performed in a more able manner, and he asked the brethren to drink the toast with the utmost cordiality. This was done, and Bro. White responded; he felt very pleased to be of service to the Lodge; he felt it a great honour to be the Secretary of the Lodge; also S.W. of a Lodge; and likewise W.M., all of which capacities he filled at the present time; but the greatest pleasure of all was having had the honour to instal the W.M. of the St. Marylebone Lodge. When he undertook this duty he was sensible of the great responsibility of the task, but he now felt that he had given the brethren satisfaction, and he was amply repaid. The P.M.'s was next given, and the toast was responded to by Bros. Baker, Draper, and J. Smith. Bro. Baker thanked the Lodge for the very handsome jewel that had been presented him, and again expressed the great pleasure he had felt throughout his year of office. He sincerely thanked the brethren for the kindness and support he had received.

The health of the Treasurer and Secretary was next offered, and Bro. Botting replied. In proposing the Lodge Officers, the W.M. was confident the Officers appointed that night had the interest of the Lodge at heart, and that the year thus happily inaugurated would be continued satisfactorily, and that the Lodge would go on and prosper in the future as it had in the past. The several Officers replied in brief but suitable terms, and the Tyler's toast brought a very pleasant evening to a close.

**Langton Lodge, No. 1673.**—The installation meeting of this young and prosperous Lodge, to which we had only time and space to refer last week, was held on the 17th instant, at the Masonic Club, Queen Victoria-street. Indeed, there is an intimate association between the Langton and the Club, and we may be pardoned if we defer our account of the meeting for a few moments while we note some of the points connected with this association. Our readers are aware that the Masonic Club was opened by Lord Skelmersdale in July 1876. It had long been felt, by many, that such an Institution was most desirable, and, indeed, there was a very strong feeling of surprise expressed in most quarters that so "clubbable" a body of men as the Freemasons should be almost the only society of any moment which could not boast its club. The idea of establishing one was received with great favour. A site was found, a suitable building erected, and, in due course, opened for the accommodation of members, of whom by the day on which Lord Skelmersdale presided at the inaugural banquet there were already several hundreds. Among the arrangements of this Club, which have given most satisfaction, was one for holding Lodges, and in this important particular the Club is most favourably circumstanced. Moreover, there is an admirable *cuisine*, ruled by a skilful *chef*, so that when the Masonic labours of the day are ended it is possible to enjoy a good dinner. All this has been achieved by a company, and to its directors must be ascribed the honours of having succeeded so well. But it is to Bro. Joseph Langton, the managing director,—we may almost say the genius of the directorate,—that the thanks of the Masonic community are due in an especial manner for having a Club so well conducted and so admirably appointed, and, therefore, when it was proposed in the course of last year to establish a new Lodge at the club quarters, we are not surprised that it should have been named after him. We do not as a rule admire the custom of naming Lodges after individual Masons, unless they are very exalted in station, or very distinguished by their ability; but in this instance, in the case of a Lodge established for the convenience of the members of the club, it was in harmony with all the circumstances that it should be named after the managing director, whose endeavours in the interests of the Fraternity had been so assiduous, and we rejoice to add, successful. With the expression of a hope that these labours may long continue, that they may be as successful henceforward as heretofore, and that our worthy brother may reap the reward of successful labour, and long enjoy the respect and esteem of all his brethren, we pass on to record the events of his installation. The Lodge met, as we have said, on the 17th instant. The chair was occupied by Bro. H. D. Stead W.M., who was supported by Bro. Joseph Langton S.W. and W.M. elect., Bro. F. Dobbing J.W., and Bros. J. A. Reid S.D., A. Rosenthal J.D., W. L. Rosenthal Chap., J. K. Stead P.M. Treas., and R. E. Barnes Tyler, together with a strong muster of members and visitors. The minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed, Bro. John Morrell P.M. No. 111, and Joseph Morrell P.M. No. 111, were both balloted for as joining members and elected. The Rev. W. Barnard Banyard and H. Hill Banyard were balloted for, and the ballot being clear, Bro. Stead initiated them, in a very impressive manner, into the mysteries of the first degree. Bros. Faber and Hackworth having been found worthy, were then passed. After the election of Bro. R. E. Barnes as Tyler, the ceremony of installing Bro. Langton as W.M. was proceeded with, there being a numerous board of installed Masters present to witness it. After having received the salutations and congratulations of his brethren, Bro. Langton proceeded to appoint and invest as his officers for the ensuing year the following brethren, namely, Bros. F. Dobbing S.W., J. A. Reid J.W., A. Rosenthal S.D., J. D. Langton J.D., A. C. Barnett I.G., W. F. Taunton Sec., Rev. W. Rosenthal Chaplain, J. K. Stead P.M. Treas., T. A. Rumpff and J. B. Crossley Stewards, and J. Morrell D.C., with R. E. Barnes as Tyler. A motion for increasing the initiation fee from ten to twenty-five guineas, and the joining fee from five to twenty guineas was then discussed at some length, and in the end a compromise was effected, the former being increased to fifteen guineas, and the latter to ten guineas. After having voted ten guineas for the purchase of a Past Master's jewel to be presented to the retiring Master, Bro. H. D. Stead, and a further sum of ten guineas to be placed on Bro. Dobbing's list as Steward at the approaching Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, the brethren adjourned to banquet, and on the removal of the cloth, the customary round of toasts was proposed and duly honoured. In proposing that of the Pro Grand Master, Bro. Langton referred to the circular which had been read in Lodge that day as evidence of the deep interest his lordship took in Freemasonry. In connection with the toast of Lord Skelmersdale, and the other Grand Officers Present and Past, the Master mentioned incidentally that Lord Skelmersdale had been present at their Lodge, and had expressed his satisfaction with the manner in which the work was done. Bro. Stead, I.P.M., proposed the health of Bro. Langton, and congratulated the Lodge on having in him so excellent a Master, and one who would exert himself to do his duty to promote the success of the Lodge. Bro. Langton, in reply, expressed a hope that he might be able to fulfil the expectations raised by his predecessor's remarks, and declared that at all events he should endeavour to do so. He concluded by proposing the health of the I.P.M., which was duly acknowledged. The health of the Initiates was responded to by each in turn, and each promised to do his best to make himself a worthy Mason. Bro. the Rev. P. M. Holden replied to the toast of the Visitors, and Bro. F. Dobbing S.W. for that of the Officers. The musical arrangements were far above the average, and gave the greatest satisfaction, the artists including Miss Mary Davies and Messrs. E. Collins, Sidney Tower, Forington, and James Matthews; among the songs they gave were "The Anchor's Weighed," by Mr. Tower; "When the Heart is Young," Miss Mary Davies; "Nancy Lee," Mr. Forington; and "Good Night, Dear Love," Bro. Edward Collins. The Visitors included Bros. the Rev. P. M. Holden, Thomas Grecner 111, Walter Beard 101, H. Massey 619, W. W. Morgan 211, John G. Horsey 186, Fountain Meen 1185, W. Pawley, W. W. Cooke P.M., A. E. Stead 1622, and T. F. Smith 1, &c.

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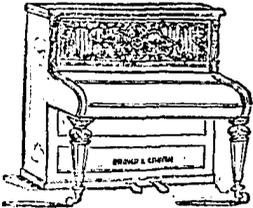
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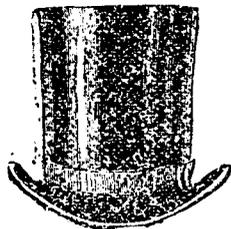
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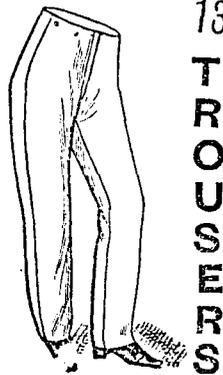
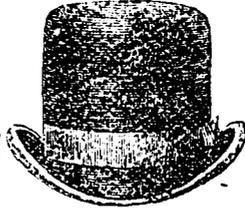
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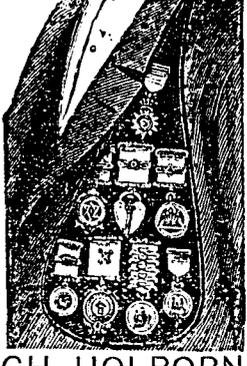
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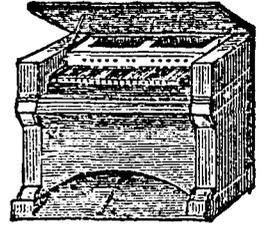
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