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PROXY *v.* PERSONAL VOTING.

**D**URING the past three weeks a number of letters have appeared in these columns, the writers of which unanimously agree it is desirable—and, indeed, not only desirable, but a simple act of justice—that the voting at the election of a successor to the late Bro. Little should be conducted much in the same manner as the half-yearly elections of candidates for admission into our Schools. In other words, they propose that voting papers should be issued to all entitled to vote. These papers would contain the names of the several candidates for the post, and instructions would be inserted for the purpose of enabling the voter to indicate the particular candidate he was desirous of recording his vote for. The reason set forth by Bro. Constable, who first drew attention to the matter, is that, as the law now stands, those of our provincial brethren who now enjoy the privilege of voting, will find themselves at a very serious disadvantage as compared with those London brethren who enjoy the same privilege. In the case of the latter, the exercise of this privilege is accompanied by little or no trouble or expense, while the former have, in many instances, the choice between sacrificing their votes or incurring the outlay of several pounds, and undergoing the fatigues of a journey of several hundreds of miles in order to record their votes. As one of our correspondents has pointed out, this kind of arrangement virtually places the election in the hands of the Metropolitan voters; and that it should ever have been incorporated in the rules of the Institution will surprise most people who are in the habit of exercising anything which can in any way approximate to common sense. Why should not the voter, resident at Berwick-on-Tweed, at Penzance, or in North or South Wales, who has a right to claim the exercise of an undoubted privilege, and he who lives within a stone's-throw of Freemasons' Hall, be in every respect on a footing of equality? What more has the latter done for the Institution that he should enjoy such great privileges, while his unfortunate colleague must either lose his vote or his money? What, indeed, becomes of that sacred equality we Masons profess to one another, when the London brother expends an inappreciable sum in shoe-leather, or in omnibus or cab fare, in order to record his vote, while the Provincial has, it may be, but little change out of a five-pound note, and has to endure, into the bargain, the fatigue of several hours' travelling? Surely there must be something wrong when such a state of things is even dreamt of; and if so, how utterly wrong must it be when we find that this monstrously unequal arrangement is deliberately permitted. How long do our readers suppose a law would be permitted to remain on our Statute Book, which required that the voters at a Parliamentary election in a county should all be required to record their votes at one and the same polling-place? Our House of Commons is not remarkable for wisdom in its statutory enactments; at all events, there is the old saying, to the effect that a coach and four may be driven through any Act of Parliament; but unwise as it occasionally may be, we do not think it would be guilty of the folly of granting the same rights and privileges to certain classes of the community on such manifestly unjust terms, as that one person, in order to record his vote, should have only a few yards to go, while another must travel many miles; and if so grievous an error were committed, no long time would elapse ere it was remedied. Well, in the case of our Schools this kind of mistake has

been made, and if the Governors will bestir themselves, there is ample time to rectify it. Less than five minutes will suffice for preparing the necessary resolution to substitute proxy for personal voting. As it is impossible to advance anything approaching to an argument against the propriety of such a resolution, its adoption will be a merely formal matter, and if the regularly appointed meetings of the governing body or bodies are found to be insufficient for the passing of such resolution, then the law which permits a special meeting to be called may be put in operation. Thus the present exigency may be met forthwith, and in such case the successor of the late Bro. Little, whoever he may be, will have the satisfaction of knowing, and there is no doubt it will be a source of satisfaction for him to know, that he has been elected by a majority of the whole constituency, instead of by a majority of the Metropolitan voters, supplemented by a few stray Provincials. As for the manner in which the proxy system may be carried out, the simplest plan would be for voters to send their voting papers, duly filled up and signed, to the Chairman of the governing body which conducts the election, but there is another plan, which was proposed last week by "A Chairman of a Provincial Charity Committee," by which the Provincial Grand Secretaries of each Province should be empowered to act as Deputy Chairmen, receive the balloting papers, and transmitting them, under seal, to the Chairman in London. The scrutineers would then examine the papers and report the result. The voting would take place simultaneously throughout the country, and in twenty-four, or forty-eight, hours after the close of the poll the result might be known everywhere. If there is an objection to the former of these two plans, on the ground of its extreme simplicity, the latter will commend itself to those who prefer a little complexity in the arrangements. Either plan, however, will suffice to this extent, that it will place all who are entitled to vote on the same footing. Surely there is something of value in the very pertinent question submitted by "A Chairman of a Provincial Charity Committee"—namely, "Who is to be the next Secretary?" and we entirely and most cordially agree with him in the expression of a hope that "every brother, Metropolitan and Provincial, will look carefully into a matter which may for many years to come affect the best interests of the Girls' School." This, after all, is the matter which claims our first consideration, that out of the candidates who present themselves, one shall be chosen to fill the office to whom the general voice of the electors shall point as being the most eligible, and this is the end we have in view in offering these few remarks.

The Consecration of the Royal Savoy Lodge, No. 1774, will take place at Ashley's Hotel, Henrietta Street, Covent Garden, on Tuesday next. Bro. James Willing jun. is the W.M., J. Douglas the S. Warden, and J. H. Clemow the J. Warden designate. Bro. James Terry, Provincial G. D. of C. Herts, is the officer appointed to perform the ceremony of Consecration, and he will be assisted on this occasion by Bro. H. G. Buss, Assist G. Secretary, and Bro. Clarke Provincial G. D. of Ceremonies, Suffolk.

Bro. Alfred Durrant, P.M. 1185, and M.E.Z. elect Lewis Chapter, has been nominated to fill one of the vacancies on the House Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

## MASONIC PORTRAITS. (No. 56.)

## HIPPOCRATES.

"A head, where wisdom mysteries did frame;  
Whose hammers beat still in that lively brain,  
As on a stithe, where that some work of fame  
Was daily wrought, to turn to Britain's gain.  
A visage, stern and mild; where both did grow  
Vice to contemn, in virtue to rejoice:

A tongue, . . . . .  
Whose courteous talk to virtue did inflame  
Each noble heart; a worthy guide to bring  
Our English youth, by travail, unto fame.  
An eye, whose judgment none affect could blind,  
Friends to allure, and foes to reconcile;  
Whose piercing look did represent a mind  
With virtue fraught, reposed, void of guile.  
A heart, where dread was never so imprest  
To hide the thought that might the truth advance;  
In neither fortune loft, nor yet repress,  
To swell in wealth, or yield unto mischance.

**T**HERE is no section of the community which is capable of effecting, and which does indeed effect, so much good, as that which devotes its whole time, energy, and ability to the study and practice of the healing art. A medical man, be he surgeon or physician, who is thoroughly versed in his art, and whose opportunities for exercising it are many and ample, can never rest, even momentarily, from his labours, but he must be sensible that his skill and knowledge have been employed in the honourable endeavour to alleviate pain, to counteract the insidious workings of fell disease, or to repair those injuries more or less severe or terrible, which men, in their everyday pursuits, are liable to sustain. There are few who see so much of the pain and anguish of this world, and to the infinite credit of the profession be it added, there are few who exhibit more abundantly that grandest of all the virtues, the virtue of Charity. Much has been said about the emoluments they receive, and the rapidity with which some among them amass very considerable fortunes, but small account is taken of the constant wear and tear of energy, both of mind and body, to which they are subjected, of the anxieties by which, in the conscientious fulfilment of their duties, it is inevitable they must be surrounded, or even of the innumerable petty cares which await them in their daily course. The non-professional reader will have some difficulty in realising the sense of pain which a physician must feel in visiting the bedside of some fever-stricken patient who he knows is, humanly speaking, beyond all hope of recovery. It is not merely the picture of a fellow-creature in the very crisis of his malady which he has to confront; there is also the anguish of the sick one's family, with their mute appeals for even the faintest glimmering of a hope which he feels it would be unwarrantable to offer; or it may be he knows the death of his patient means the entire break up and dispersion of a home, or that a numerous and tender family will be left motherless. These and similar scenes come within his daily experience, yet he must witness them unmoved, and go his wonted rounds as though there were no such things in this world as suffering and grief. In times of danger, as when the cholera, or an epidemic of typhoid or small-pox, attacks the people, our principal reliance is in the zeal and ability of the profession, nor has this sense of reliance ever been disappointed. Wherever the peril of contagion or infection has been greatest, thither have they always hastened with alacrity, in order to cope, as far as possible, with the ravages of disease. In short, there are none who do their duty more readily or with greater ability, and but very few who experience so much pain and worry in the discharge of such duty.

The subject of our present notice is a member of that honourable calling whose virtues we have faintly endeavoured to enumerate in the foregoing remarks, and taking a local sketch of his career as the basis of our statement, we venture to say, without fear of contradiction, that few medical men have laboured more diligently and more successfully, and, consequently, that few enjoy a wider range of professional experience than our worthy and highly respected brother. Even in early youth he was intended for the profession he adorns, to which several of his ancestors had belonged, and in which they had achieved distinction; and having received the usual scholastic training in his native Hull, under the auspices of a master of considerable reputation at the time, he was,

in accordance with the then conditions prescribed by Apothecaries' Hall, apprenticed for five years to a qualified surgeon. At the end of that period he matriculated at the University of Glasgow, and had the opportunity of attending its famous anatomical and surgical classes. Here for three years he pursued his course assiduously, and then removed to London, where for two years he attended the Medical School and practice at St. Thomas's Hospital. In 1832 he obtained the diplomas necessary to enable him to practise his profession, and from the first he showed the stuff that was in him. In that year Asiatic cholera first visited Hull, and one of the earliest cases occurred among our brother's patients. He at once placed himself in communication with the local authorities with a view to urging upon them the necessity for improved sanitary arrangements. But local authorities are moved but slowly, and it was not till fifteen years later, when another attack of the same scourge was impending, that the work of improvement was taken seriously in hand. The Medical Society of Hull set bravely to work. They mapped out the town into districts, appointed a Sanitary Committee, and assigned a district to each member of the Committee for him to report upon and offer recommendations. According to all accounts, our brother's report was a most elaborate one, and though others may have worked with the same energy, and though it were unjust to withhold a measure of praise from the authorities for the hearty goodwill with which they co-operated with the Sanitary Committee, still it appears that his earnest representations had a most salutary effect, and that the sanitary improvements which have been since introduced, owe their origin to his efforts and those of his coadjutors. He is also a Trustee and Deputy Chairman of the Directors of the Hull General Cemetery Company, which owes its establishment to his earnest advocacy, supported as it was by the present Town Clerk and other of his friends. In the many educational and charitable organisations which are certain to be promoted in so thriving and populous a seaport as Hull, our brother has played a most active part, the praise due for the success of such organisations being, in some cases, principally accorded to him, while in other cases he has shared it with other of his fellow-townsmen. In the year 1875 he was appointed a magistrate for the borough, and he is one of the visiting justices of the Hull Borough Prison and Hull Borough Asylum. He is Senior Honorary Surgeon to the Hull Lying-in Hospital and the Hull and East Yorkshire Penitentiary, one of the Managers of the Hull Model Dwellings, a member of the Council of the Hull Literary and Philosophical Society, the local Honorary Secretary of the Palestine Exploration Fund, and a member of other local bodies. His name, indeed, is a tower of strength to every institution with which he is connected, and it is needless to say that in the course of the five or six and forty years he has been labouring so earnestly and so assiduously, he has earned for himself the enduring respect of his fellow-townsmen. That in private life he should be loved as well as respected is a matter of course. Men who do so much for the common weal are not in the habit of overlooking the claims of those who are nearest and dearest to them. As a proof of the intense earnestness by which he has through life been actuated, and the determined love he has had for sheer hard work, it should be mentioned that when he had been in practice only some three years, it was in his power to have succeeded a relative in a well established and lucrative country practice. However, he declined the offer, and in preference remained where the duties were far more onerous and exacting. Such, in outline, is the professional career of our able and distinguished brother,—a career to which he and his may point with every feeling of pride.

His career as a Mason is only a few years shorter, and is certainly not less distinguished. It is well nigh forty years since he was initiated into Freemasonry in the Humber Lodge, No. 57, then No. 65. This happened on the 16th October 1838, in the days when H.R.H. the Duke of Sussex was Grand Master. In those days there were but few members of the Society in Hull, which then had two, while now it can boast of four Lodges. Indeed, in the whole Province there were but seven Lodges and six Chapters as against the twenty-five Lodges and thirteen Chapters which it now comprises. In June 1840 he was appointed the Junior Warden of his Lodge, and in 1841, at the meeting, at which was present His Royal Highness the Grand Master, of the Provincial Grand Lodge, the minor office of

Provincial Grand Steward was conferred upon him. In June 1842, or within four years of his initiation, he was elected to fill the chair of his Lodge; and this being the highest honour which his brethren could confer upon him, it must be evident he had displayed far above the ordinary zeal and capacity for Masonic study. In 1843 he was appointed Provincial G. Sword Bearer. In 1849, when the Provincial Grand Lodge was held at Richmond, under the presidency of the late Earl of Zetland, who was Grand Master of the Province as well as Grand Master of England, he was the guest of his lordship at Aske, and was appointed Provincial Grand Junior Warden; and such were his undoubted abilities, that he was reappointed the year following. In 1858 he took a leading part in the reconstitution of the Minerva Lodge, No. 250, then No. 311, and so highly did the members appreciate his services that they unanimously elected him an honorary member. On the death, in 1860, of the late Bro. Jer. Stark, who had filled the office of Prov. Grand Secretary for thirteen years, he was specially invited by his lordship the Grand Master of the Province to undertake the duties. He did so, and continued to occupy the post for some time, though at a considerable sacrifice of time and labour. In 1866, Bro. George Marwood, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, retired from the Province, and our able brother was appointed to the post, the duties of which he discharged with signal ability and success till 1873, when the late Earl of Zetland died. On the reconstitution, the year following, of the Provincial Grand Lodge, with the late Earl's nephew, the present Earl of Zetland, as Prov. Grand Master, he was reinstated in his office as Deputy, and that office he still continues to hold. This rank he has now held for close on twelve years, while his earliest Provincial laurels were gained some thirty-seven years ago. So worthy a career as this would almost of necessity receive some higher recognition still; and therefore it is with pleasure, but with no feeling of surprise, that we record his appointment to be Grand Senior Deacon of England in 1872 by the then Grand Master, the Marquis of Ripon.

In R.A. Masonry he has been as successful as in Craft. In 1851, and again the year following, he filled the First Principal's chair in the Humber Chapter. He was solicited in 1858 to accept, and he accepted, the same office in the Minerva Chapter, and was, as in the former case, re-elected the year ensuing. Indeed his lectures and addresses on Royal Arch Masonry have been generally appreciated, and especially as they evinced so much learning and archaeological research. In 1859 he was appointed Third Principal in the Provincial Grand Royal Arch Chapter, and in 1866 he attained the highest Provincial honours in the Arch, being in that year appointed to the post of Provincial Grand Superintendent. He retains this position still, and under his auspices Arch Masonry has flourished abundantly. This, in all essential particulars, completes the list of his official achievements, for Hippocrates, like his late distinguished chief, and unlike many other foremost Craftsmen, has confined himself entirely to constitutional Masonry. Thus his name is missing from the roll of worthies in Mark, Templar, and High Grade Masonry respectively, though had he chosen, and had he found the time, to interest himself in their mysteries, there is little doubt he would have carved out for himself as great a reputation as he has done in the legitimate branches of the Craft.

We have said that, in 1860, he was appointed Provincial Grand Secretary, and during his tenure of that important office he compiled a Code of Bye-Laws, which after having been submitted to a Sub-Committee of Prov. G. Officers was approved by Prov. G. Lodge, which accorded him a special vote of thanks for his valuable services. There is one other work, likewise, with which his name will always be associated, and that is the establishment of a Provincial Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund. He had long felt there was a need for the erection of such a fund, from which grants might be made to deserving cases of distress in the Province, independent of those made from the Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund. Some of the Lodges, he found, had funds of their own, while others were not in a position to relieve adequately any cases that might be brought under their notice. Accordingly, he set himself to the task, and so favourably did the Prov. G. Lodge regard his proposal, and so vigorously and successfully did he labour, that in two years the Fund was established and in working order, with a code of Bye-Laws which he himself had compiled. A handsome sum is now invested, and not only has the Fund enjoyed the satisfaction of relieving many

deserving cases, but it has also voted sums of money to our Central Charities. Being thus wrapt up in the success of his own Provincial scheme, it would be too much to expect he should have been in a position to devote much attention to the principal Masonic Charities, but we must not omit to mention that he is a subscriber to all three of them, and we believe he has on the carpet a scheme for contributing annually to their funds without pressing too severely on the members in the Province. That all these services should have passed without substantial recognition from his brethren is not to be expected, and on the occasion of his appointment to the Grand Junior Deaconship the opportunity was taken of presenting to him a silver epergne and salver worth 250 guineas, together with a handsomely bound volume containing an address and a list of the subscribers. The presentation was made at the Masonic Hall in Hull, and was followed by a banquet, at which a large and distinguished company were present. He has moreover taken part Masonically in laying the foundation-stone of sundry buildings, and on two occasions, when he laid the stone of the Falcon Lodge, Thirsk, in 1873, and in 1875, when he performed a similar office for the Londesborough Lodge, Bridlington Quay, the handsome trowels, each bearing a suitable inscription, were presented to him.

We have now but one other aspect in which to regard him. We have noted him in his professional career; we have followed him as a Mason in his Lodge, as a ruler in his Province, as the recipient of Grand Lodge honours most worthily bestowed, and as one who in all his different capacities has exerted himself as well to uphold the best and truest interests, as to advance one of the chief purposes, of the Craft. As the promoter of Lodges and Chapters, he has done much to extend its influence in the Province; as the promoter of its Provincial Benevolent Fund, he has been equally fortunate in confirming that influence, and in strengthening the bonds of good fellowship, which it is so desirable should unite all members of the Fraternity. There is one other claim he has upon our respect, and that is, as a Fellow of the Masonic Authors Society. We have incidentally alluded to his lectures and addresses on Royal Arch Masonry as having drawn forth high eulogiums from those who heard them. But when he compiled a code of bye-laws for his Province, he also compiled and appended thereto a history of Freemasonry in that portion of the county which was comprised within its limits, and this history contained much interesting and valuable information never before made public. In 1866, or a few years later, he published his Masonic Chart, devised in the form of a stream, and entitled "The Stream of English Freemasonry," in which were shown at one glance the rise and progress of the Craft in England, including the origin of the Royal Arch. Simple as such a publication may seem to the average Mason, there is no question it must have involved a vast amount of patient research. The author, at all events, had the satisfaction of receiving many and just encomiums from his brethren, not only from those in his own province, but likewise throughout the whole of England, and a reprint of the Chart would seem to be very desirable, now that greater interest is being taken in the history of the Society.

Our task is now ended. We have traced the career of an eminent Mason, without exaggeration or detraction. We have felt that such a one will be judged best if he is presented to our readers in his proper character. He needs no additional lustre in the shape of flowery language or high colouring. Men of inferior culture and less intellectual capacity stand in need of these adjuncts, but not he whose virtues are all his own, and who has achieved his high position by the exercise of those virtues. We trust he may live yet many years—an ornament alike of the profession he has followed so successfully, and of the Society he has served so loyally and with such fervour.

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The committee for securing the election of Bro. F. R. W. Hedges, as Secretary to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, held its preliminary meeting on Monday afternoon, at Freemasons' Tavern. Bro. Rev. Dr. Brette occupied the chair, and among those present were Bros. Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, Tisley, Rev. P. M. Holden, Farrington, Murkis, Penn, Southwood, Atkins, Thomas Holland, Gladwell, Woodward, Baldwin, Falkner, W. Wellsman, &c. &c., &c. Arrangements were made for effectually supporting the candidature of Bro. Hedges.

## INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &amp;c.

**Lodge of Harmony, No. 133, Faversham.**—On Monday last the annual meeting for the installation of Worshipful Master and appointment of Officers was held at the Volunteer Drill Hall, Faversham, and the Lodge must be congratulated on the great success of the meeting. A large muster of influential brethren were present to do honour to the occasion, and the ceremony of installation was worked by the retiring P.M., Bro. Penton. At the conclusion of the ceremony Bro. Newsom, as a Mason of forty years standing, said he could not allow the present opportunity to pass without congratulating the Lodge in general, and I.P.M. Bro. Penton in particular, on the admirable way in which he had conducted the proceedings. He, Bro. Newsom, had installed as many as ten Masters, and he had never heard the ceremony more ably performed than he had that day. Bro. Spears, of Sheerness, also spoke in complimentary terms, and Bro. Binckes said he had been an installing Master many years, and during that time he had never heard the ceremony more ably performed. As this was Bro. Penton's first attempt, it reflected most highly to his credit. Afterwards a vote of thanks was proposed by Bro. Giraud, and seconded by Bro. Griggs, and carried unanimously. Bro. Penton, in reply, said he had always endeavoured to do all in his power for the Masonic cause, and thanked the brethren sincerely for the vote of thanks accorded him, and the visiting brethren for their generous remarks. The W.M. then appointed his Officers for the present year, as follow:—Bros. W. A. Hill G.C. P.G.C. Chaplain, F. Whiting S.W., W. H. Drake J.W., F. W. Underdown S.D., S. Payne J.D., E. K. Mitting I.G., J. G. Cook Tyler. Lodge was then closed in the usual manner. Amongst the brethren present were the following:—Bros. Rev. W. A. Hill G. Chaplain P.G.C., F. Binckes Grand Steward, P.M., Secretary of the Royal Masonic Boys' School. Brethren from Lodge 1273, Sittingbourne—F. F. Seale W.M., H. Taff S.W., H. G. Sutton J.W., T. Newman Sec., G. Payne P.M., B. Taylor P.M.; Bros. H. Black, A. Tucker, P. G. Kennett, J. Owens P.M., W. Wood P.M. Brethren from Sheerness, Lodges 158 and 1089—E. T. Penny W.M., J. Hancock P.M., A. Spears P.M., J. Watts W.M., E. Studeling; Joseph Harnden W.M. 184, J. K. Hale P.M. 31, H. J. Naylor W.M. 1419, E. Terry W.M. 1206, H. Mirkin S.D. 1449, G. Broach 184, E. J. Acworth 1612, R. B. Newsome W.M. 1692 P.P.G.S.B. Kent, J. Overy Eve W.M. 1209, Geo. Page P.P.G.J.D. P.M. 1209, J. Keef W.M. 186, Alfred Aubrey 124. Bros. Benton, Longhurst, F. A. Whiting, W. H. Drake, F. Jackson, R. Griggs, C. A. Fawn, F. F. Giraud P.M. P.P.G.J.D., E. K. Mitting, E. Hogben, S. Payne, F. W. Underdown, G. Trench and T. E. Cooke represented the entertainers, Lodge of Harmony 133. The brethren then adjourned to the Ship Hotel, where a capital banquet had been prepared. The Chaplain having said grace, the W.M. remarked that before he commenced the toast list it would be necessary to state that as several of the visiting brethren would, from railway necessity, be compelled to leave at an early hour, and as the toast list was a very long one, and as he was anxious to reach the Visitors' toast before their leaving, some of the speeches would, of necessity, have to be short; he proposed that his own speeches should be terse so far as it was possible, an arrangement that would suit him admirably. He then proceeded to give the Queen and the Craft, saying that of all the loyal subjects whom Her Majesty possessed none were more loyal than Freemasons. He spoke of her not only as a great queen, whom we ought to honour, but as a good woman, whom we ought to respect. He reminded the brethren that allegiance to their queen was one of their first duties, and after a few allusions to the past and present of the Craft, concluded by saying that he believed a great and glorious future was in store for it; it could not be otherwise if Masons were true to its principles—principles which could not fail to win their way in the world. After the National Anthem had been sung, the W.M. proceeded to give the M.W. Grand Master of England. He said it was a toast he was sure would be responded to with enthusiasm. We owed more than our allegiance to our Grand Master, we owed him our gratitude for having, by his name, his position, and his influence, raised us high in the estimation of the world. He (the W.M.) regretted that he was not present at the re-installation at Grand Lodge, but, like many others, had he known that the Prince and his illustrious guest were to have been there he certainly should have attended. He was about to follow a precedent that was set on that occasion, and to add to the toast the name of the Princess. He paid the Princess many graceful compliments, and remarked that he supposed never before in the annals of history had a foreign princess so quickly and so thoroughly gained the hearts of a nation. Englishmen were noted for their strong insular prejudices, but these had all melted like ice before the sun in the genial presence of this amiable lady. He then made an allusion to an article which appeared in the *Times* with reference to the late installation, quoting what the writer had said with respect to the ladies. Reverting to our Royal Master, the speaker said that such patronage raised our Grand Lodge to the first rank among the Grand Lodges of the world. He would also presume to say that among the many titles of distinction held by His Royal Highness, that of Grand Master of the Freemasons of England was not the least honourable, although every one must acknowledge that the Prince reflected equal lustre on the Craft. Although the brethren were unable to reflect so much honour on the Craft by their position in life, yet each could do so in a degree by strict integrity and uprightness of life, and by not giving any occasion to its enemies to scoff. The toast was most enthusiastically received, with musical honours. The W.M. then gave the R.W. Pro. Grand Master the Earl of Carnarvon, and in doing so said he was not proposing the health of a Minister or an ex-Minister, but that of the Pro Grand Master of England, and as such he would call upon the brethren present to respond heartily to it. The next toast was that of the R.W. Deputy Grand Master Lord Skelmersdale and the rest of the Grand Officers Past and Present. In proposing this toast the W.M. said it was one which on that occasion had an especial interest,

since there was present around that festive board a member and an officer of the Lodge who was one of the Grand Officers. He congratulated Bro. Hill on the distinction conferred on him, and said it was the opinion of all the brethren that he richly deserved the honour of being Chaplain to Grand Lodge. He assured Bro. Hill that he had gained the respect and affection of every member of the Lodge by his kind geniality and heartiness of manner. Alluding to the other Grand Officers, the W.M. congratulated the Craft upon its affairs being in such good hands, remarking that although he did not know the other Grand Officers personally, yet he was sure if Bro. Hill was a fair sample of them they must indeed be a good set of men. Bro. Hill, in responding, said he had been a Mason for upwards of thirty years, during which time he had gone through the various departments connected with the Craft, but never, until the present year, had he been called upon to accept office at Grand Lodge, and even when he first heard that he was about to be appointed to office, it came upon him so suddenly that he considered it to be a joke. However, he felt he had had conferred upon him a very great honour, and one he thoroughly appreciated. From what he saw at Grand Lodge he could but be impressed with one idea, and that was, he considered everything was done there to make the brethren as happy and comfortable as possible. Bro. Spears then proposed the R.W. Pro. Grand Master of Kent, Viscount Holmesdale, and in doing so alluded to that distinguished brother in a most flattering manner. He said he had been for a number of years the Provincial Grand Master for Kent, and it must be apparent to every Mason how well the Order had progressed in that county since he had held the office. Bro. Spears felt sure that all he could say in praise of the Pro. Grand Master of Kent would fall short of his due, he being ready at all times to further the progress of Masonry. It only remained for him to state, as a Past Provincial Grand Officer, the pleasure it gave him in proposing the toast, which it is needless to say was very heartily received. Bro. Penton then proposed the Very Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master (Bro. Eastes) and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers Past and Present. After alluding in eulogistic terms to the merits of Bro. Eastes, he said this toast deserved special distinction from the fact of their having amongst them an old and distinguished friend and brother—Bro. Payne of Sittingbourne—who had recently been appointed one of the Stewards of the Province, a reward he richly deserved; and he begged to couple this name with the toast. Bro. Payne, in acknowledging the kindness of Bro. Penton's remarks, said he had no idea he should have been selected to respond to such a toast. All he could say had already been said by many brethren that evening; it was in the province of all to rise and receive the same amount of privilege as he had, and he regretted extremely he was not so perfect as he ought to be in his duties. He then briefly exhorted all young Masons to cultivate a love for the Craft. Bro. Hill then proposed the health of the W.M. After making some passing allusions to the good old Lodge of Harmony, he said that the time had again arrived when the members had chosen another Master to preside over them for a year; and in doing so they had selected a brother, who was sitting before them in early blown beauty; and when he considered who that brother was, he could come to but one opinion respecting him, and that was, he had proved himself singularly worthy of the honour the Lodge had conferred upon him. The talents he had displayed that evening fully convinced the brethren that, besides being able to speak, he possessed other great qualifications necessary in a Master of a Lodge. Bro. Hill concluded his very suitable and impressive remarks by asking the brethren present to respond heartily to the toast. This having been done, the W.M. said he had to thank the brethren for the unanimous vote which had placed him in his present position. He could not be otherwise than proud and gratified when he glanced at their centenary jewel, and found himself Master of such an ancient Lodge; nor when he glanced around him, and saw so many distinguished brethren assembled to do him honour. After a short retrospect of the pleasant time he had spent since he was first initiated in that Lodge, Bro. Longhurst remarked he felt sure the Lodge would be true to its old traditions, that the brethren would rally round and support him, and thus add a happier year to its Masonic experiences. He was afraid he had not deserved all that had been said about him by Bro. Hill, but it should be his watchword to earn and deserve such a high opinion. The Masonic Charities was then proposed by Bro. Giraud, in a very suitable manner, and Bro. Binckes in responding said he did not want to lose a moment in expressing his thanks for the honour the Lodge had done him in inviting him there; he was delighted to think he was able to attend and renew his visit to them. In this province, during the past twenty years, he had found a large number of friends, but nowhere more than in the Lodge he was visiting that day. He passed a well deserved compliment upon the last W.M., and in doing so said how delighted he was to see the ceremony of installation so admirably worked as it had been that day. Afterwards he made an earnest appeal for those with whom his duties associated him, viz., the poor and distressed sons of Masons, remarking that it was a duty which, if he might associate a phrase, was done "behind the curtain;" nevertheless, it was desirable that those who could lend a helping hand towards their poorer brethren should feel it incumbent upon them to do so. The Visitors was then proposed by Bro. Penton, who alluded to the fact that as so many of the brethren would be compelled to leave early, in consequence of the train, the toast he was about to propose was a little out of its order. He felt it a great honour to have this important toast placed in his hands. During his year of office he had greatly availed himself of the hospitality of the Lodges in the Province, and he should ever remember with joy the many friends he had made, and the pleasant evenings passed. The brother he had intended to call on to respond had been obliged to leave; in his absence he would couple with the toast the name of a young and indefatigable Mason, one of whom they had heard much; Bro. Sutton. The W.M. then gave the Past Masters. He made allusion to Past Masters being the bulwarks and props of a Lodge, and congratulated the brethren upon possessing such able men as Bros.

Griggs, Giraud and the Secretary, Bro. Jackson. He complimented and thanked them all for their services, and coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Bathurst the Father of the Lodge; each of these brethren responded in a suitable manner; Bro. Giraud making some eulogistic remarks on the successful efforts made by Bro. Bathurst to resuscitate the Lodge some years back. Bro. Griggs then proposed the Installing Master, remarking what a pleasure it was for every one that day to see their late master go through the installation ceremony so perfectly. Bro. Penton in response said, he had laboured hard to do what he had done, and it was pleasing for him to hear that his efforts had been so successful. In proposing the Wardens, the W.M. made especial mention of the working of Bro. Whiting, who always entered upon his duties with a true Masonic spirit, and he was proud of having such a Senior Warden. Bros. Whiting and Drake suitably responded. The Junior Officers, was the next toast, and Bro. Penton called upon Bro. Dean to acknowledge the same. Bro. Acworth said he had the pleasure of proposing a toast, which he felt sure would be heartily received by the brethren, inasmuch as it was one that alluded to their worthy host, Bro. Hogben. He had catered for them in such a manner as to leave hardly any room for improvement; and he (Bro. Acworth) was sure the brethren would be glad of the opportunity of showing their appreciation of Bro. Hogben's efforts. This brother then responded in felicitous terms, remarking what a pleasure it always was for him to do anything to make the brethren happy and comfortable. The Tyler's toast was then given, and this closed the toast list. During the evening Bro. A. Aubrey presided in a very excellent manner at the pianoforte, he also introduced a Mr. Hunter, who sang some capital songs, which it is needless to say added greatly to the enjoyment of the guests.

**Samson Lodge, No. 1668.**—Twelve months ago this Lodge was ushered into existence, with no wonderful amount of *éclat*, but with unostentatious quietness. The great ones of the Order had no share in the advent, and there was but the slightest sprinkling of purple, crimson, and elegant decorations which are usually a conspicuous feature upon similar occasions. But the men who had taken upon themselves the responsibility of Founders, needed no adventitious aid to promote the determination to rear the bantling, and the first anniversary, which occurred on Tuesday, the 7th inst., proved the care with which the process has been conducted. The youngling manifests undoubted vitality and vigour, and there were indications of future health and robust constitution. At the appointed hour the brethren assembled at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, and Bro. M. D. Loewenstark, the originator of the Lodge and its first W.M., ascended the chair. There were a number of items on the agenda, but the following only received attention:—Bro. G. J. Wainwright, of the Perfect Ashlar, No. 1178, received the degree of a Master Master; Bro. Lark was passed to the second degree; Mr. Alfred Edward Parker was initiated. Bro. J. D. Barnett S.W. and P.M. of 185 having been duly elected W.M. at the previous meeting, was then presented and inducted by Bro. Loewenstark in a manner which, to judge by the applause at the end of the addresses, must have given entire satisfaction. Bro. Barnett, with brief but appropriate words, next invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. W. H. G. Rudderforth S.W., Barron Barnett J.W. and Sec., A. D. Loewenstark P.M. Treas., W. T. Lover P.M. S.D., Wasserberg J.D., Aarons I.G., G. Bilby P.M. Org., Quincey W.S., Elkan D.C., Rogers Tyler. A Life Governorship Association has already been established in connection with this Lodge. Two ballots were taken, the successful drawers being Bro. Aarons and his wife, who each possess a share. The W.M. then rose and said: A most pleasant duty devolved upon him, and that was to place upon the breast of the retiring W.M. and founder of the Lodge a handsome gold P.M.'s jewel, unanimously voted in recognition of his important services, and that duty was made doubly pleasant by the fact of Bro. Loewenstark being so fully entitled to the esteem of every one of the brethren, who thereby wish to convey their feelings of appreciation of his uniform kindness and courtesy, and all the qualities calculated to make a Master popular in his Lodge. Bro. Loewenstark expressed his sincere thanks, and briefly referred to his work in the formation of the Lodge, which, he having fully made up his mind to start, never rested from until success was attained. The Lodge having been closed, the brethren proceeded to the Holborn Restaurant to partake of a banquet, provided under the kind and courteous superintendence of Bro. Hamp, and the guardianship of a member of the ancient race, whose duty consisted in seeing that the viands were prepared in conformity with the principles and usages deemed essential among the votaries of the Mosaic faith. Grace having been said, the toasts were proceeded with. The name of Her Majesty was received with customary loyal enthusiasm, Bro. Brighten singing the National Anthem. Every face brightened, and every heart joined in the wish for the health of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M. The Pro G.M. Lord Carnarvon, the Deputy Lord Skelmersdale, came in for their share of expressions of good will, and the rest of the Grand Officers Past and Present were not forgotten. In proposing the health of the Initiate, the W.M. observed that it was desirable to add strength to the Samson Lodge, by increasing the number of members, but care must be taken whom they admitted. Personally he knew nothing of Bro. Parker, but he had been recommended by Bro. Quincey, and from what he had observed of his conduct during his initiation, there was no doubt their brother would be all that could be desired in a useful member of the Craft. The Initiate briefly thanked the brethren for permitting him to become one of their number. The I.P.M. submitted the name of the W.M. He was sure the prestige of the Lodge would be vastly increased by having such a Master to guide its affairs, and that the brethren would never regret having elected him to the position. He would ask all to be upstanding, and drink the health of the W.M., and salute him heartily, with vigorous Masonic fire. The W.M., in response, said the toast had been given in such flattering terms, and received with so much heartiness, that he could find no words that would sufficiently express his feelings of gratitude. They might be sure of his exertions for the benefit of the

Samson Lodge. But a W.M. can do but comparatively little without the assistance of the brethren, and as far as work is concerned without the assistance of his officers. He trusted that at the end of his year of office he might still be worthy of the same amount of good feeling which was now exhibited towards him, and he would do all in his power to deserve it. He would now propose the health of the Visitors. The Samson was as yet only a small Lodge, but he was sure that not in the largest and most influential Lodge could they be more heartily and sincerely welcomed. Bro. Gulliford, W.M. Montefiore, who was called upon to respond, expressed thanks on behalf of the Visitors. Twelve months ago, at the consecration of the Lodge, when he was permitted to be present, he expressed a wish, which the balance-sheet of to-night showed they had followed, namely, that the Samson might not be ensnared by the blandishments of Delilah, and enter upon a course of lavish expenditure. He was about engaging in the formation of a new Lodge, and meant to act upon similar principles of economy. After some general remarks, Bro. Gulliford concluded by saying he would be wanting in his duties were he to fail to express most hearty and sincere thanks for the manner in which the names of the visitors were proposed and received. Bro. David Posener P.M., and W.M. of the Tranquillity Lodge No. 185, who was loudly called for, observed that in the Samson Lodge his feelings were not those of a visitor. Being surrounded by so many personal friends, he felt as one who had a right to be among them. He had followed the W.M. in the various offices in Tranquillity Lodge, and the same was the case between them in the Royal Arch. Having been present at the consecration, he was pleased at the progress the Lodge had made. He would beg to be allowed heartily and sincerely to thank them for their courtesy and hospitality. The W.M. then gave the toast of the P.M.'s. At present there were but two, the one honorary, occupying the post of Treasurer, and the other the first of the Lodge, who has shown himself in such bright colours during his year of office, and who has just reason to be proud of his position; for whoever may occupy the Master's chair, Bro. Loewenstark was now, and must henceforward, be regarded as the head of the Lodge. The I.P.M., replying, said it was exceedingly gratifying to him to be the first Past Master, and though a young man, to be called the Father of the Lodge. He would never have been able to carry out his duties with anything like satisfaction were it not for the efficient support of the officers. He thought the Lodge had been able to give a tolerably good account of itself at the end of its first year of existence. They had, among other things, established a Benevolent Fund, towards which a small subscription is demanded from the members, so that should any crushing misfortune arrive assistance might be extended to them, not as a matter of humiliation and charity, but as a matter of right, and so that the outside world need know nothing about a recipient's poverty and distress. In proposing the health of the Officers, the W.M. took occasion to point out the distinguished Masonic attainments of Bro. Rudderforth, the newly appointed S.W., whom he designated an ornament of the Craft, and as one who not only was an excellent worker himself, but possessed the capability to impart instruction to others. As regards Bro. B. D. Barnett, the J.W., who performed at the same time the duties of Secretary, they were well aware of his sterling qualities, and the satisfactory way in which everything he undertook was done. The minor offices were occupied by young brethren, and Bro. Aarons I.G., though not twelve months a Mason, was able to perform not only the duties of his office, but those of a higher position, were it necessary to call upon him for such a purpose. Bro. Rudderforth briefly replied on behalf of the Officers; he was sure every one of them was desirous to follow in the footsteps of his predecessor. The Tyler's toast next followed. During the business of the Lodge, Bro. Geo. Bilby P.M. presided at the harmonium, and in the banquet room Bro. J. D. Barnett W.M. accompanied upon the piano. The brethren, who distinguished themselves by their vocal powers were Brighten, Rosenstein, Cohen, Elkan, Rudderforth, Magee, &c. The Visitors were Bros. C. Willard 1319, G. J. Wainwright 1178, J. J. Bell S.D. 1178, J. Stock J.W. 1178, J. Gamack W.M. 1178, John Miller W.M. 188, P. Magee S.W. 548, S. Botibol 188, W. H. Gulliford W.M. 1017, David Posener W.M. 185, Rev. Victor Rosenstein, Memphis 17, E. Gottheil P.M. 185, &c.

**Grosvenor Chapter, No. 721.**—A meeting was held on Tuesday, 30th April, at the Masonic Rooms, Eastgate-row, N. Chester. Present—Comps. James Salmon P.G.J. M.E.Z., W. Johnson H., John Dennis J., T. E. Nabb S.E., Thomas Coxhead S.N., W. Hughes P.S., John Humphreys Org., David Baynes Janitor. Past M.E.Z.'s and Comps. John McEvoy P.Z., David Thomas P.Z., J. C. Robinson P.Z. 425, J. J. Cunnah, Algernon Potts, R. C. Edwards, G. T. Holland, W. Matthews P.G.A.D.C., C. K. Benson, David Williams, &c. Visitors—Comps. Charles Dutton P.P.G.H., J. P. Platt P.P.G.J., P.Z. 537, W. Fair P.Z. 341, Donald Fraser Z. 605, J. E. Williams H. 425, John McHattie J. 425, T. M. Lockwood S.E. 425, and W. Oldrieve. The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, and the annual statement of accounts (which showed the Chapter to be in a very good financial position) having been approved and passed, the M.E.Z. conferred the benefit of exaltation upon Bro. Francis Robbins 721, and invested him as a Comp. of the Order. Then followed the installation of the Principals, and investiture of the Officers for the ensuing year, viz.:—W. Johnson M.E.Z., John Dennis H., J. J. Cunnah J., T. E. Nabb S.E., Algernon Potts S.N., R. C. Edwards P.S. (his assistants being Comps. Benson and Robbins), John Dennis Treas., John Humphreys Org., and David Baynes Janitor. The ceremony was performed by E. Comp. David Thomas P.Z., who could not help expressing the satisfaction it afforded him of installing as the three Principals of the Chapter three Companions who, when he occupied the chair of 721, were then the two Wardens and the Senior Deacon of the Lodge under his rule. The business of the evening being over, the Chapter was closed in ancient form and adjourned, and the Companions proceeded to refreshment. Afterwards the usual Loyal and Royal Arch toasts were given, and most heartily responded to.

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## MORE ATTEMPTED DISFRANCHISEMENT.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The last Committee Meeting of the Boys' School affords another instance of the centralising policy now in vogue in certain quarters.

Upon the question of nominating a House Committee for the next twelve months, one Brother (only too evidently with the sanction of those who should have known better) handed in a list of the full number of twelve candidates as his individual proposal, and so attempted to exclude any other candidate from the chance of election.

Under these circumstances it will not be thought unreasonable that some of the well-wishers of the School should have resolved to oppose such an attempt to monopolise the privileges of the Subscribers, and have determined to assert the rights of the General Committee to elect their own House Committee. With this view Bro. A. Durrant P.M. No. 1185 has been nominated to be balloted for on the 1st June, when the Subscribers will have an opportunity of deciding for themselves whether a policy which has been already repudiated by Grand Lodge, is to be tolerated in the management of our Charities.

Yours fraternally,

H. T. THOMPSON,

Lower Clapton, 8th May 1878.

P.M., Life Gov.

## THE VACANT SECRETARYSHIP.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Will you allow me, through your columns, to suggest to the Committee of the Girls' School that the approaching election of Secretary should be decided by show of hands, continued until one of the candidates have a majority of those present; otherwise the successful candidate might be elected by a very small proportion of the Committee.

Yours fraternally

ONE OF THE CANDIDATES.

## PROXY VOTING.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I cannot say that I see the force of Bro. Gould's argument, that if it is just and expedient for the system of proxy voting to be adopted at the election of Secretary to one of our Institutions, it is desirable, for the sake of consistency, that it should be adopted in the case of members of the Lodge of Benevolence. The election of a Secretary happens, to use a familiar expression, but "once in a blue moon;" the Lodge of Benevolence meets once a month. The election of a Secretary is conducted publicly. The names of the candidates are openly announced, and no one interested in the election could by any possibility experience the slightest difficulty in ascertaining the various qualifications, if any, which the rival candidates possess. The applications which are made to the Lodge of Benevolence are necessarily private. It would be intolerable that the merits and grounds of the various applications should be set forth in black and white, and circulated among the Masters of our Lodges. Yet some such course must perforce be adopted in order that the Country Masters may know what are the nature and deserts of the cases they are about to support or oppose by their votes. Cases which come before the Lodge of Benevolence are carefully sifted, so that no Mason unworthy of assistance may be relieved. But in order that the Country Members may be guided to vote aright, the result of such preliminary inquiries would have to be circulated, and what is essentially private as well as essentially painful and personal would thus be made public to the whole Masonic world. Moreover, the recommendations of the Lodge of Benevolence in all cases of £50 and upwards are not final, but are made subject to the confirmation of Grand Lodge, and I think we may safely rely on the discretion of those members of the Lodge who habitually or occasionally attend, not to abuse the trust confided to them. If relief were administered too lavishly or on unworthy brethren, it would not be very long before such abuse was brought under the cognizance of Grand Lodge, and a remedy would speedily be applied; but the general feeling is that the Fund of Benevolence is, under existing arrangements, both wisely and discreetly administered. Such at least is the inference I feel justified in deducing from the late discussion in Grand Lodge on a motion for the reconstruction of the Lodge of Benevolence. Grand Lodge then virtually decided to "let well alone," being quite satisfied the Lodge of Benevolence conducted its affairs "well," not "ill." Again, everybody who is entitled to vote at the election of a Secretary to one of our Institutions, is deeply interested in the result, because it will affect the well-being of the Institution, beneficially or otherwise, for years and years to come. But it will require a very long stretch of the imagination to establish any connection between the relief of Bro. A, B, or C, and the welfare of Freemasonry during the next ten, twenty, or thirty years, even if it could be shown that in relieving him the Lodge had acted unwisely or extravagantly.

But to carry Bro. Gould's argument to its logical conclusion, he must go still further. If the proxy system is good for the election of Secretaries as well as candidates to our Institutions, and if it is good in order that the Country members of the Lodge of Benevolence may exercise their rights in administering relief to indigent brethren, as well as for the election of Secretaries, then, I say, it will be quite as desirable in the case of Country Members of Grand Lodge. Then will follow, of course, the adoption of that most absurd of all practices, namely, of a brother declaring his vote for or against a question, even before the merits of such question have been discussed. I need hardly point out to Bro. Gould that it is impossible in all cases to formulate a just opinion as to the merits of a question, after having merely read the sentence or sentences in which it is couched. However, I do not think it will be well to carry the argument further. I have every confidence that when Bro. Gould comes to examine more closely into the question he has raised, he will, with his usual perspicacity, discover that the analogy he has sought to establish between the two cases of the election of a Secretary, and the exercise of its functions by the Lodge of Benevolence, is more apparent than real.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Fraternally yours,

FAIR PLAY.

## COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

THE monthly meeting of the General Committee was held on Saturday last, at Freemasons' Hall. The brethren who attended were Bros. Raynham W. Stewart (in the chair), Rawson, Snow, Turner, Rosenthal, Ruff, R. B. Webster, H. T. Thompson, Pullen, Massey, Murray, Dewar, Perryman, Hunt, Tyrrell, and Binckes. After the confirmation of minutes, two outfits were granted to late pupils of the School, and the following brethren were nominated for the House and Audit Committee:—House: Bros. J. G. Chancellor, Benjamin Head, H. W. Hunt, W. F. C. Moutrie, Joyce Murray, W. Paas, Hyde Pullen, W. Roebuck, C. J. Roe, S. Rosenthal, R. W. Stewart, S. Wood, and Alfred Durrant. Audit: Bros. John Boyd, J. W. Dosell, E. B. Grabham, Benjamin Head, W. Mann, D. W. Pearse, Jesse Turner, Alex. Wallace, R. B. Webster, and Hyde Pullen.

## COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

THE May meeting of the Committee of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was held on Wednesday afternoon, at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Colonel Creaton presided. The other brethren of the Committee who attended were Bros. S. Rawson, L. Stean, Griffiths Smith, Raynham W. Stewart, Thomas Cabitt, C. A. Cottebrune, A. H. Tattershall, J. A. Farnfield, John G. Stevens, James Brett, Edward Cox, Charles John Perceval, George Bolton, and Bro. James Terry Secretary. Bro. Terry read to the Committee the report to be presented to the annual meeting, to be held on the 17th instant, and after the nomination of the Committee to be elected, Bro. Raynham Stewart drew the attention of the brethren to the great services rendered gratuitously by Dr. Stroug to the Institution for the last seventeen years, and concluded by moving that a testimonial of the value of one hundred guineas be presented to Dr. Stroug in recognition and appreciation of his services. The motion was carried unanimously, after having been seconded by Bro. Griffiths Smith. Bros. Col. Creaton, Rawson, Head, Stewart, Farnfield, and Terry were appointed as a Committee to decide upon the testimonial and its presentation. A gardener, who had been recommended by Bro. Cutbush, was appointed to fill the vacancy therein for the office of gardener at the Institution, and after a slight discussion, as to providing a residence for this officer, Colonel Creaton and Bro. Terry were authorised to inquire into the subject, and the brethren then separated.

We beg to acknowledge, with fraternal thanks, the receipt of copy of the "Official Directory for the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cornwall," originated and edited by Bro. W. J. Hughan, P.G.S. Deacon England, &c., &c., &c. This is the eighth year of the publication of this valuable and interesting Guide to Cornish Freemasonry. We have noticed previous editions, and fully described the nature of their contents. Let it suffice, if we say in this case, that the Directory for 1878 is as carefully compiled and well arranged as, and will be found to be, if possible, even more complete than, its predecessors. We have, however, thought it well to extract the following particulars, which show the strength of Craft and Arch Masonry in the Province. There were, at the close of the year 1877, twenty-seven Lodges, with a total membership of 1,567 brethren. This gives an average of 58 members per Lodge. There were, at the same date, 277 Past Masters among them, giving an average of 10 P.M.'s per Lodge. The number of initiates during the year was 148, or less by seven than in 1876, but the number of subscribing members had increased by exactly 100, from 1,467 to 1,567. Since 1873, the increase has been about thirty-three per cent., or to give the precise figures, from 1141 to 1567. In Royal Arch Masonry, there are twelve Chapters, with an aggregate membership of 238 Companions, or as nearly as possible 20 members per Chapter. In other words, there is one Royal Arch Mason out of every 6.5 Craft Masons.

## FESTIVAL OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

The Ninetieth Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was held yesterday evening at Freemasons' Tavern. The Right Honourable the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro. Grand Master and Prov. G.M. Somersetshire, had kindly undertaken the duties of chairman, a position for which, even if we could not call to mind our experience of 1875 when he presided at the Boy's School Festival, we know his Lordship is eminently well fitted. There was, as usual, a numerous Board of Stewards, all of whom had evidently exerted themselves to the best of their ability and most successfully. In Bro. McIntyre, Grand Registrar, this Board had a most excellent President, in Bro. John Boyd a most worthy Treasurer, and in Bro. Hedges a very indefatigable Hon. Secretary. We must necessarily reserve our account of the gathering till next week.

The ballot for allotting a Life Governorship and ten Life Subscriberships of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, consequent on the sale of tickets by Bro. A. E. Gladwell, No. 172, on the plan inaugurated by Bro. John Constable, took place at Freemasons' Tavern, on Monday last. Amongst the brethren present were Bros. Dottridge W.M. 172, Ray 1624, J. Blyth 813, G. H. Hunter 1298, C. J. Armstrong 857, W. H. Barber 65, W. W. Morgan 211, A. E. Gladwell 172, Thomas Milbourn 1196, &c. Bro. A. Dottridge was voted to the chair, and the ballot was proceeded with. The list of successful numbers will be found in another column. The arrangements seemed to give every satisfaction, and votes of thanks were passed to those brethren who had conducted the proceedings.

We beg to announce, as a reference to our advertisement columns will show, that the name of Bro. Thomas Cull has been added to the list of candidates for the vacant Secretaryship of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. Bro. Cull is Preceptor to the Royal Standard and Salisbury Lodges of Instruction. Thus the candidates, so far as we can speak with certainty, are now as follows:—Bros. F. R. W. Hedges, C. Fitz Gerald Matier, W. Smallpeice, Wm. Worrell, F. A. White, W. Clifton Crick, Paul Storr, and Thomas Cull. We are aware that some other brethren have declared their intention of contesting the vacancy, but we prefer mentioning only the names which have been officially communicated to us.

*Le Monde Maçonique* contains some very interesting accounts of Festivals held by different Lodges, among them being that of Lodge *Les Admirateurs de l'Univers*, which took place on the 16th March, under the presidency of its Venerable (W.M.) Bro. Dr. Barré, who delivered a most eloquent address on the beauties of Freemasonry. This "fête d'hiver" included a banquet *en famille*, a Concert, and a Ball. The Concert, which was arranged by Bro. Landowski and the eminent violinist Bro. Vieuxtemps, was most brilliant.

We gather from the same journal that Wednesday, the 8th inst., was the day fixed for a convention of all the Coloured Grand Lodges of the United States, the place of meeting being Wilmington, State of Delaware.

The *Freemasons' Repository* announces the death, at Syracuse, N.Y., on the 21st March, of Bro. Orrin Welch, who had held the offices of County Treasurer and Alderman, and, at the time of his death, was Police Commissioner. Among the high Masonic positions he held were those of G. Commander of K.T., and Ill. Deputy of the Supreme Grand Council, 33°, Northern Jurisdiction, for New York; he was also S.G.C. of Syracuse Consistory.

## RED CROSS OF CONSTANTINE.

The Imperial Grand Council of Illinois have appointed Bro. Charles Fitz Gerald Matier as their Grand Representative at the Imperial Grand Council of England.

**HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.**—Multitudes suffering under a complication of disorders might obtain relief through these healing and purifying remedies, which should be employed without a day's delay. When the weather is variable, and colds and influenza are prevalent, this Ointment, well rubbed upon the throat and chest, gives the greatest ease, and checks all tendency to inflammation in the lungs and other organs. The Pills assist the curative action of the Ointment, inasmuch as they purify the blood, and so quicken its circulation that congestion is rendered almost impossible. Holloway's treatment deals most successfully, too, with that very troublesome and often tedious ailment, indigestion, which is the bane of thousands, from overwork and fast living, in the present day.

## ANECDOTES IN RELATION TO MILITARY MASONRY.

**Battle of Lutzen.**—A Scotch gentleman in the Prussian service was taken prisoner at the Battle of Lutzen, and with 400 of his companion-in-arms was conveyed to Prague. As soon as it was known that he was a Mason, he was released from confinement, invited to the tables of the most distinguished citizens, and requested to consider himself more in the character of a brother than as a prisoner of war. About three months after the engagement, an exchange of prisoners took place, and the Scotch officer was presented by the Fraternity with a purse of sixty ducats to defray the expenses of his journey.—*Laurie*, p. 67.

**Lodge of Social and Military Virtues, No. 227, late in the 46th Regiment.**—An anecdote in reference to this Lodge, appears in a former number (p. 220), but having recently met with a copy of its bye-laws (1816), the prefatory address is now given. "The antiquity of our Charter renders it Masonically dear to each true brother. Among many incidents of her various history as handed down from olden record, we have always recognised with feelings of pride the honourable distinction and Masonic mark conferred by that eminent soldier and virtuous brother, the late General George Washington, who, with a sentiment worthy of so great a man, in a style of compliment flattering to the brethren of that day, restored the property (and especially the *Sacred Volume*, which we even now possess) with a peculiar Masonic greeting to their Masonic proprietors, it having previously, by the chance of warfare, fallen into the possession of his army." Let this record be transmitted to our successors.—*By-Laws of Lodge of Social and Military Virtues, numbered 227 on the Registry of Ireland, held in the 46th Regiment of Foot. Sydney, 1816.*

**Masonic Naval and Military Commanders.**—The M.W. Grand Master Master Mason of Scotland, (1842,) Lord Frederick Fitz-Clarence, has been appointed Commander of the Forces in North Britain *vice* Lord Greenock, also a Freemason. What would the recent military authorities in Ireland have said to behold the Head of the Staff in Scotland, also acting as the Head of the Craft, personally presiding over its Lodges and anxious to promote its prosperity? Among the distinguished military men who are members of the Masonic Fraternity is Sir Thomas Graham, Lord Lynedoch, the hero of many a hard fought fight. This gallant veteran, now in his ninety-fourth year, if we mistake not, was initiated when a young man in the Cannongate Kilwinning Lodge of Edinburgh. He is probably the oldest member living. The present Admiral Ommaney was likewise initiated in the same Lodge; as was also Sir D. L. Gilmour K.C.B., an officer who distinguished himself in the Spanish campaign. In truth, most of the chief commanders who served under the illustrious Brother the Duke of Wellington were comrades of the Craft; *vide* *le*, the late General the Earl Dalhousie, the present Marquis of Tweedale, Lord Combermere, Lord Lynedoch, &c. Sir John Moore was also a Scottish Mason. The immortal Nelson was a member of the English Craft.—*F.Q.R.*, Vol. IX. p. 41.

**St. Andrew's Royal Arch Lodge in the Scots Greys.**—William Lord Napier, initiated December 1769, while the Hon. Col. Napier, soon afterwards, himself and several other officers of his regiment, the Scots Greys, presented a petition to Grand Lodge for a charter of erection of a Military Lodge, and which was granted accordingly. On the 12th March 1770 the formal constitution of the Lodge took place in the Hall of St. John's Chapel, at which ceremony his excellency General Adolphus Oughton presided, in his capacity of Grand Master of Scotland. After a suitable address from that Military and Masonic chief, the charter was delivered into the hands of Colonel Napier as Worshipful Master thereof, Captain Basil Heron being installed Depute Master, Sir John Nesbit of Dean as Senior Warden, John Nesbit, Esq., as Junior Warden, John Christie, Esq., as Treasurer, and Captain James Colquhoun as Secretary of the new Lodge, which was duly formed and consecrated under the name and title of "the St. Andrew Royal Arch Lodge in the Scots Greys or Royal North British Dragoons." Bro. Napier succeeded his father as Baron Napier in 1773, but died about two years after, leaving his title to his eldest son Francis, who became a Mason in the Cannongate Kilwinning Lodge, and was afterwards Grand Master of Scotland.—*F.Q.R.*, Vol. IX. p. 35.

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THE Ballot for Life Governorships and Life Subscriberships of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, consequent on the sale of Tickets by Bro. A. E. Gladwell, took place on Monday, the 6th instant, at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street. There were One Life Governorship and Ten Life Subscriberships thus disposed of, and the following is the list of winners:—

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11	1975	5 5 0	POLLARD ...	The Brewery, Park Street, S.E.

Tickets, Nos. 97, 343, 346, 328, 519, 563, 1214, 1443, 1602, 1613, 1630, and 1920 were also drawn out of the Ballot Box, but not having been sold, were not entitled to prizes.

To the Vice - Patrons, Vice - Presidents, and Life Governors of the

## Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

MY LORDS, LADIES, AND BRETHREN,—

I beg most respectfully to offer myself as a candidate for the post of Secretary to your valuable Institution, rendered vacant by the lamented death of our esteemed Brother R. WENTWORTH LITTLE.

I have been a Freemason upwards of Nine years, during which time I have taken a very active interest in the Order. I am a P.M., and have been for some time past, Secretary of my Lodge, and Scribe E. of my Chapter.

I am now the Secretary of an Orphan Asylum, a position which I have held nearly four years, and am therefore thoroughly acquainted with the practical working of a Public Institution.

I am thirty-three years of age, and in good health, and previous to receiving my present appointment, I was engaged in business with a Marine Insurance Broker at Lloyds.

Soliciting the favour of your kind interest and support,

I have the honour to be,

My Lords, Ladies and Brethren,

Yours obediently and fraternally,

WILLIAM WORRELL,

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To the Vice - Patrons, Vice - Presidents, and Life Governors.

MY LORDS, LADIES, AND BRETHREN,—

In pursuance of my intimation a week since, of my intention to present myself as a candidate for the Secretaryship of this Institution, rendered vacant by the lamented death of Bro. LITTLE, I now beg to state my qualifications for that office.

I am 33 years of age and for 14 years had the entire official management of a large manufacturing business, the annual return of which exceeded £100,000, and for the past two years I have been in business as an Accountant and Auditor.

The Testimonials I possess are such that I am hopeful of obtaining your unqualified support.

Since my entry into the Craft I have been an Annual Subscriber to the three Masonic Charities; have served a Stewardship to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, of which I am a Life Governor; and am at the present time a Steward at the approaching Festival of this Institution, and qualifying myself as a Life Governor.

Should you do me the favour of electing me to the Secretaryship of the Institution, you may rely upon my exerting my whole energy and ability for the continued prosperity, and the further extension of the benefits of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

I have the honour to be,

My Lords, Ladies and Brethren,

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

F. A. WHITE,

P.M. 907; P.S. Chapter 907; Lodges 1437 and 1716.

1 KING'S ARMS YARD,  
COLEMAN STREET, CITY, E.C.  
1st May 1878.

To the Life Governors of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

BRETHREN,—I beg to offer myself as a Candidate for the office of Secretary, rendered vacant by the death of Bro. Little. Should you do me the honour to elect me, I can only say that I will endeavour to fill the office efficiently, and I hope that the manner in which I have discharged my various duties in Masonry will be considered a sufficient qualification.

W. SMALLPEICE, Assoc. Inst. C.E.

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To the Vice - Patrons, Vice - Presidents, and Life Governors of the

## Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

MY LORDS, LADIES AND BRETHREN,—

At the suggestion of many Life Governors who have promised me their support, I beg to state it is my intention to offer myself as a candidate for the position of Secretary to the above Institution, vacant through the lamented decease of Bro. R. W. LITTLE.

I shall shortly be able to forward a circular, containing a list of my supporters, together with the qualifications I possess for the appointment.

In the meantime, therefore, I trust the large number of Brethren to whom I am personally known will reserve their pledges.

I have the honour to be,

My Lords, Ladies, and Brethren,

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

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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,  
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## Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

TO THE GENERAL COMMITTEE.

BRETHREN,—When I announced my determination of becoming a Candidate for the Secretaryship of this Institution, it was my intention to wait upon the Electors whose addresses were sufficiently contiguous to my own residence, for the purpose of personally requesting their Votes and Interest.

Daily endeavours have been used by me to put my desire into execution, but the task is of such magnitude that I find myself compelled to solicit by letter, advertisement, or the influence of personal friends the support on the day of election of such as I may not be able to interview, earnestly entreating them to accept my apology for the seeming inattention.

It is with pleasure I continue to receive assurances of support from many influential subscribers, and hope to prove, at the election, that in coming forward as a Candidate I have not been guilty of presumption.

WILLIAM CLIFTON CRICK,

Bachelor of Sciences, Paris University,  
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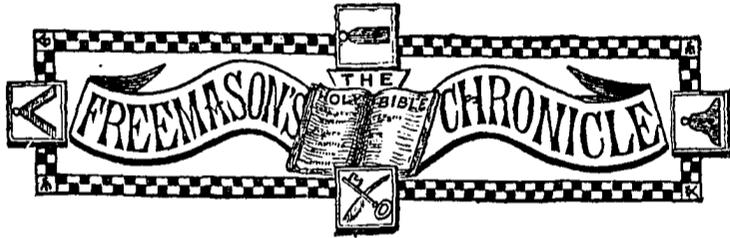
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## OUR WEEKLY BUDGET.

ON Tuesday, the Queen, with the Crown Princess of Germany (Princess Royal), Princess Beatrice, with the ladies and gentlemen of the Court, reached Buckingham Palace at noon from Windsor Castle. In the afternoon Her Majesty held a court which was numerously attended by the Diplomatic and General Circles, and at which were present very many ladies whose names had been previously left at the Lord Chamberlain's office, and submitted for the Queen's approval. There were also present Her Imperial Highness the Crown Princess of Germany, the Princess Beatrice, the Duke of Cambridge, Prince Christian of Schleswig-Holstein, and Her Royal Highness the Duchess and the Duke of Teck. The Royal Body Guard of the Hon. Corps of the Gentlemen-at-Arms were on duty in the state apartments under the command of their Captain, the Earl of Coventry, and the Royal Body Guard of the Yeomen of the Guard in the Palace, under their Captain, Lord Skelmersdale. A second Drawing-room was held on Thursday. A State Ball will be held at Buckingham Palace on Wednesday, the 22nd instant, and the first state concert of the season on Wednesday, the 29th instant. It has also been announced that the Queen will visit Aldershot on Monday for the purpose of reviewing the troops quartered there. Under the circumstances greater interest than usual will attach to the visit, as no inconsiderable portion of the troops is composed of the Army and Militia Reserves, who have only joined the colours during the past three weeks. As they are all seasoned soldiers, however, they will have had time to renew their acquaintance with the exigencies of military duty.

The Prince of Wales with the Princess and the Crown Prince and Princess of Denmark are still in Paris, making the most of their necessarily brief visit, and seeing as much

as possible of the Exhibition, which as day after day passes is gradually assuming a grander as well as a more business-like appearance. Among other distinguished visitors to the French capital must be mentioned Her Royal Highness the Princess Louise, Marchioness of Lorne, and the Marquis of Lorne. By the way, the banquet given by the Royal Commission in honour of its indefatigable President was a conspicuous success, but what has rendered the occasion more noticeable than it would have been under ordinary circumstances was the exceedingly friendly terms in which His Royal Highness, in proposing the toast of Prosperity to France and its Exhibition, spoke of the country. He said he trusted that the two nations might be drawn together more closely than ever, and that the prosperity of France might go on more prosperously than heretofore. The speech has attracted general notice on the part of the French newspapers, and with one or two exceptions they have all spoken in the warmest terms of the Prince's kindness of manner. Next week we shall see His Royal Highness back again in London, as on Friday, the 17th instant, he will, by command of the Queen, hold a Levée at St. James's Palace, when presentations to the Prince will, by the express desire of Her Majesty, be deemed equivalent to presentations to the Sovereign.

One of the two Houses of Parliament, to wit, the House of Commons, has resumed its meetings after the Easter holidays. The Speaker once again presided as usual at four o'clock on Monday, and after the regular formal business had been disposed of, the Marquis of Hartington, as leader of the Opposition rose, and asked the Chancellor of the Exchequer for any information he might be in a position to furnish on the subject of the Eastern Imbroglia. The Chancellor's reply did not contain much that was new—that, of course, was out of the question, seeing that the negotiations are still in progress—but the little that he did say was of a very hopeful character; more hopeful, indeed, than the short statement he made at the last sitting before Easter. This, however, did not content the extreme Radical section of the House, and Mr. Fawcett rose at once for the purpose of challenging the conduct of the Government in connection with the despatch of Indian troops to Malta. Sir G. Campbell and Sir W. Harcourt also offered some remarks on the same subject, after which the Chancellor of the Exchequer rose and defended the conduct of the Government. The discussion, however, was continued, among the other speakers being Mr. E. Jenkins and Mr. Rylands, who both condemned the step, and Sir Robert Peel, who upheld it. The House then went into Committee of Supply. On Tuesday, Mr. Chamberlain gave notice of his intention to move a resolution condemnatory of the Government, and said that on Thursday he should ask Sir Stafford Northcote to arrange for some day to be set apart for the discussion of his resolution. The other business calls for no particular comment. The afternoon sitting of Wednesday was occupied in discussing the question whether the County Courts Bill should be read or not a second time. A motion to that effect was made by Mr. Cowen, but it was opposed by Mr. O. Morgan, who proposed that it be read a second time that day six months. In the end the motion and amendment were withdrawn. A new writ for Oxford University, owing to the elevation to the peerage of Mr. Gathorne Hardy, by the title of Viscount Cranbrook, has been issued, and the nomination is fixed for Monday. The polling will last five days.

It is to be hoped that the fatal accident which recently occurred to Sir F. Goldsmid, M.P. for Reading, will induce railway directors to have continuous platforms for their carriages, and so constructed that they will run as nearly level and as close as possible to the station platforms, so that the chance of any person falling between the two, as did poor Sir F. Goldsmid may be reduced to a minimum. The sad event happened last week. Sir Francis was coming into town as usual, and the train had entered Waterloo Station, when, according to one version, one of the porters opened the carriage door, and Sir Francis at once left the carriage, but, in stepping out, he fell, and was drawn between the carriage and the platform, and received such terrible injuries that only forty minutes after he had been taken to St. Thomas's Hospital the poor gentleman expired. The usual inquest was held, and the jury returned a verdict of accidental death. The funeral took place on Wednesday, in the cemetery of the West London Synagogue, Ball's Pond. About forty mourning coaches followed the remains, and there were also many private carriages sent by

the deceased's private friends. The Rev. Prof. Marks officiated, and among the principal mourners were Sir Julian Goldsmid M.P., who has succeeded to his uncle's title, Messrs. A. and G. Goldsmid, Baron de Stern, Viscount Sidney de Stern, Mr. E. Mocatta, Mr. N. Montefiore, Mr. Serjeant Simon, M.P., &c., &c. The late baronet was greatly loved and respected for his many virtues, and, not least, for his great munificence. He was the first member of the Jewish faith who was admitted to the Bar, and received the rank of a Q.C. in 1858. The mournful day was observed with every mark of respect in Reading, and a vote of condolence to his widow, Lady Goldsmid, was voted by the Mayor and Corporation of the town.

On Wednesday Sir Stafford Northcote paid a hurried visit to Oxford, for the purpose of laying the foundation stone of a new debating hall in connection with the Oxford Union Society. Though there was no political character attached to the ceremony, opportunity was taken by the Working Men's Association to present an address to the Right Honourable Baronet, and on the arrival of the train, Mr. Hall, the Conservative Member for the city, introduced the deputation, and a convenient position having been found, the address was presented and acknowledged in a suitable speech. Having then been conducted from the station to the site of the new building, the stone was declared by Sir Stafford to have been well and truly laid, and the Right Hon. Baronet delivered a lengthy and pertinent speech on the value of the building about to be erected, and the purposes to which it would be devoted. Lunch followed in the Corn Exchange, the principal toast, that of "the Union," being given by Sir Stafford Northcote.

Our warlike preparations are still continued with the same vigour as ever. The troops are being rapidly drilled, and officers at Aldershot have received orders to consider themselves as under orders for foreign service, so that leave cannot be had. Twelve thousand Martini-Henry Rifles have been ordered to be taken from the stores, it is believed, for despatch to the Indian force now on its way to Malta. Telegrams have been received from Aden to the effect that some of the vessels conveying the expeditionary force from Bombay have already passed Aden. The iron-clad Defence has arrived at Port Said.

The annual dinner of the Royal Literary Fund was held at Willis's Rooms, St. James's, on Wednesday evening, under the presidency of the Dean of Westminster. Among the guests and well-wishers of the Fund were the Bishop of Bath and Wells, Lord O'Hagan, Mr. Justice Fry, the Dean of Lichfield, General Sir W. Codrington, the Rev. Canon Farrar, Mr. E. Dickey, Mr. Henry M. Stanley, &c., &c. In proposing the toast of the evening, "Prosperity to the Royal Literary Fund," the Chairman spoke very eloquently on the beneficent influence of literature, and the advantage of having such a society to support literary men who had fallen into difficulties. The evening passed off most admirably.

The political news is a little less gloomy than it was last week. Count Schouvaloff the Russian Ambassador here has left London for St. Petersburg, and previous to his departure, His Excellency had an interview with the Prime Minister, so that he might be thoroughly well informed as to the views of Her Majesty's Government. The Count is expected to arrive in St. Petersburg to-morrow (Sunday), so that we shall not have long to wait ere we get something more definite in the way of news. Meanwhile, the Turks are drilling their armies, and becoming stronger and stronger every day. An urgent demand has been made by the Russians for the surrender of Varna, Schumla, and Batoum, but the Porte hesitates, and the reason it gives it will be difficult for the Russians to controvert. The Mussulman insurrection still goes on, and is extending over a still wider area. The Roumanian difficulty is still as prominent as ever, but hopes are entertained that the troubles in Thessaly may be brought to a speedy, and perhaps a satisfactory conclusion. Prince Labanoff, who has already occupied the post before, is the new Russian Ambassador at Constantinople, and Chakir Pasha will go to St. Petersburg in the same capacity for Turkey. In fine, matters look decidedly more hopeful.

A report of the installation meeting of the Northern Counties Lodge, No. 406, reaches us as we are going to press. It shall appear next week.

## 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, 11th MAY.

- 193—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
- 1824—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.)
- 869—Gresham, Cheshunt Great House, Cheshunt Park.
- 1391—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester.
- 1556—Addiscombe, Surrey Club, West Croydon.

### MONDAY, 13th MAY.

- 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.)
- 548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction.)
- 704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
- 957—Leigh, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8. (Instruction.)
- 1366—Highgate, Gate House Hotel, Highgate.
- 1125—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8. (Instruction.)
- 1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-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.
- R. C.—Holy Sanctuary, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square.
- 75—Love and Honour, Royal Hotel, Falmouth.
- 104—St. John, Ashton House, Greek-street, Stockport.
- 151—Albany, Masonic Hall, Newport, I.W.
- 240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields.
- 262—Salopian, Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury.
- 292—Sincerity, Masonic Temple, 22 Hope-street, Liverpool.
- 297—Witham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln.
- 481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne.
- 502—Rectitude, Town Hall, Reading.
- 587—Howe, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
- 689—Druid's Love and Liberality, Masonic Hall, Redruth.
- 665—Montague, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis.
- 797—Hanley, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth.
- 893—Meridian, National School Room, Millbrook, Cornwall.
- 1021—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Custom House Buildings, Hindport-road, Barrow-in-Furness.
- 1069—United Brothers, Castle Hotel, Southsea.
- 1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham.
- 1253—Travellers, Queen's Hotel, Manchester.
- 1436—Sandgate, Masonic Hall, Sandgate.
- 1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury.
- 1592—Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds.
- 1611—Eboracum, Queen's Hotel, Micklegate, York.
- 1618—Handyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea.

### TUESDAY, 14th MAY.

- 46—Old Union, Westminster Palace Hotel, Westminster.
- 55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7. (Inst.)
- 65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
- 141—Faith, 2 Westminster-chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
- 167—St. John, Holly Bush Tavern, Hampstead.
- 177—Domatic, 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—Dulhouseie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)
- 1446—Mount Edgumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
- 1471—Islington, Three Bucks, Gresham-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
- 1472—Henley, Railway Tavern, Stratford New Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
- 1507—Metropolitan, 269 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)
- 1692—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-street-rd. at 8. (In.)
- 1694—Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 1744—Royal Savoy, Ashley's Hotel, Henrietta-st., Covent Garden. (Cons. at 4.)
- Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 7.0.
- 51—Angel, Three Cups Hotel, Colchester.
- 93—Social, Freemasons' Hall, Norwich.
- 131—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro.
- 184—United Chatham of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Kent.
- 272—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston.
- 284—Shakespeare, Masonic Room, High-street, Warwick.
- 403—Hertford, Town Hall, Hertford.
- 406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-st., Newc.-on-Tyne. (Instr.)
- 503—Belvidere, Star Hotel, Maidstone.
- 626—Lansdowne of Unity, Town Hall, Chippenham.
- 650—Star in the East, Pier Hotel, Harwich.
- 829—Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup.
- 892—Royal Edward, Royal Oak, Leominster.
- 903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport.
- 1250—Gilbert Greenhall, Masonic Rooms, Sankoy-street, Warrington.
- 1314—Bromley, Bell Hotel, Bromley.
- 1414—Knole, Masonic Hall, Sevenoaks.
- 1465—Ockendon, Talbot Hotel, Cuckfield, Sussex.
- 1599—Madoc, Queen's Hotel, Portmadoc.
- 1593—Royal Naval College, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.
- 1678—Tonbridge, New Masonic Hall, Tonbridge.

### WEDNESDAY, 15th MAY.

- 174—Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
- 190—Oak, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7. (Instruction.)
- 201—Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
- 538—La Tolerance, Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, W., at 7.15. (Inst.)
- 781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, 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. (Instruction.)
- 1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell.
- 1707—Eleanor, Angel Hotel, Edmonton, at 8. (Instruction.)
- R. A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
- G. A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
- 20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham.
- 121—Mount Sinai, Public-buildings, Penzance.
- 125—Prince Edwin, White Hart, Hythe, Kent.
- 175—East Medina, Masonic Hall, John-street, Ryde, I.W.

199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover. (Instruction.)  
 200—Old Globe, Private Rooms, Globe-street, Scarborough.  
 221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton.  
 409—Stortford, Chequer's Inn, Bishop's Stortford.  
 591—Buckingham, George Hotel, Aylesbury.  
 592—Cotteswold, King's Head Hotel, Cirencester.  
 633—Isca, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire.  
 871—Holmersdale, Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells.  
 889—Dobie, Griffin Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames.  
 969—Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Workington.  
 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction.)  
 1040—Sykes, Masonic Hall, Great Driffield.  
 1086—Walton, St. Lawrence Boys' School, Kirkdale.  
 1129—St. Chad's, Roebuck Hotel, Rochdale.  
 1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. Germain's, Cornwall.  
 1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich.  
 1337—Anchor, Masonic Rooms, Durham House, Northallerton.  
 1353—Duke of Lancaster, Athenaeum, Lancaster.  
 1443—Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon.  
 1479—Halsey, Town Hall, St. Albans.  
 1501—Wycombe, Town Hall, High Wycombe.  
 1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea.  
 1602—Hervey, George Hotel, Hayes.

#### THURSDAY, 16th 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.)  
 813—New Concord, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton.  
 1227—Upton, Spotted Dog, Upton, E.  
 1278—Burdett Courts, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park.  
 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.)  
 1612—West Middlesex, Feathers Hotel, Faling, at 7.30. (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.)  
 56—Howard, High-street, Arncliffe.  
 131—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro. (Instruction.)  
 343—Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Starke-street, Preston.  
 449—Cecil, Sun Hotel, Hitchin.  
 523—John of Gaunt, Freemasons' Hall, Halford-street, Leicester.  
 1125—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Tiverton, Devon.  
 1327—King Harold, Britannia Hotel, Waltham New Town.  
 1332—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon.  
 1343—St. John, King's Arms Hotel, Grays, Essex.  
 1432—Fitzalan, Wynnstay Arms, Oswestry.

#### FRIDAY, 17th MAY.

Annual General Meeting R.M. Benevolent Institution, Freemasons' Hall, at 12.  
 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, Camborwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
 766—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. (Inst.)  
 834—Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-road. (Instruction.)  
 902—Burgoyne, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales-road, Kentish Town. (Inst.)  
 933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction.)  
 1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction.)  
 1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)  
 1260—Hervey, Punch's Tavern, 99 Fleet-street, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)  
 1288—Finsbury Park Master Masons' Lodge of Inst. Finsbury Park Tavern, at 8.  
 1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)  
 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
 1642—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 7.30. (Inst.)  
 R. A. 79—Pythagoreum, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8. (Inst.)  
 K.T.—Komeys Tynte, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square.  
 127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate.  
 347—Noah's Ark, Wagon and Horses Hotel, Tipton.  
 516—Phoenix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket.  
 541—De Lorraine, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street-west, Newcastle-on-Tyne.  
 780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
 1096—Lord Warden, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal.

#### SATURDAY, 18th MAY.

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

#### WEST YORKSHIRE.

##### SATURDAY.

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

##### MONDAY.

61—Probity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax.  
 206—Royal Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.  
 302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford.  
 307—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge.  
 403—Three Graces, Private Room, Ilkworth.  
 1221—Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds.  
 1542—Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford.  
 R. A. 306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds.  
 R. A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury.

##### TUESDAY.

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

##### WEDNESDAY.

253—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike.  
 330—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial street, Morley.  
 357—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley.  
 910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract.  
 1019—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.  
 1341—Brighouse, Masonic Room, Bradford-road, Brighouse.  
 1645—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slaithwaite.

##### THURSDAY.

275—Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley.  
 337—Candour, Private Rooms, Commercial Inn, Uppermill.  
 208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury.  
 600—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.  
 1042—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds.

##### FRIDAY.

401—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Slaidburn.  
 652—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth.  
 1034—Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill.  
 1102—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Easthorpe, Mirfield.  
 1311—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds.

R. A. 521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.  
 R. A. 837—Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon.  
 K. T.—De Furnival, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.

##### SATURDAY.

149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham.

#### EDINBURGH DISTRICT.

MONDAY—145—St. Stephen, St. James's Hall, Writer's-court.

TUESDAY—1—Mary's Chapel, Waterloo Hotel, Waterloo-place.

WEDNESDAY—160—Roman Eagle, Tona Hotel, 82 Nicolson-street.

THURSDAY—18—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall.

FRIDAY—R. A. 152—Perseverance, Lodge Room, 86 Constitution-street.

FRIDAY—R. A. 83—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall.

#### NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

**Lily Lodge of Richmond, No. 820.**—The installation meeting was held on Wednesday last, at the Greyhound Hotel, Richmond. In the absence of the W.M. Brother Thomas Weaver, the Lodge was opened by Bro. W. H. Myers P.M., who called on Bro. Wm. Foster Reynolds, the Secretary, to read the minutes of last meeting, which duly received confirmation. The Audit Committee's Report was then submitted, and a very long discussion ensued; it was thought advisable that certain matters therein referred to should be still further considered, and to effect this a committee was appointed, and requested to further report at the next meeting of the Lodge. Bro. T. Weaver having now arrived, the chair was vacated in his favour by Bro. Myers, and Bro. Wright, a candidate for the second degree, was examined. He showed that his knowledge of the first degree warranted the step he now took in asking for advancement, and Bro. Weaver passed him to the degree of Fellow Craft. Bro. Chesswas was then raised to the sublime degree by Bro. P.M. Myers, who gave a careful and impressive rendering of the ceremony, the solemnity of which was greatly enhanced by the musical accompaniment of Bro. Young, who acted as Organist. Bro. Charles Hubbard, the W.M. elect, was then presented to Bro. Myers, to receive at his hands the benefit of installation, and the obligation was formally taken. The brethren not entitled to remain in Lodge were then requested to retire, a Board of Installed Masters was opened, and Bro. Hubbard regularly placed in the chair of King Solomon. The brethren were then re-admitted, the customary salutations were given, and the appointment of officers made, as follows:—Bros. Wells S.W., Lamb J.W., Giles P.M. Treas., Reynolds Sec., Kyezor S.D., Young J.D., Phillips I.G., Cook S. Steward, Page Deane J. Steward, Myers P.M. D.C., Gilbert Tyler. Bro. Myers then delivered the addresses, and completed his labours, amidst the applause of all present. A motion by Bro. Koch P.M. to the effect that the visiting fee at ordinary meetings be raised from 10s 6d to 12s 6d, and at installation meetings from 15s to 21s, after some discussion was withdrawn. A P.M.'s jewel was then presented to the retiring W. Master, Bro. Weaver, and having been gracefully acknowledged by that worthy Brother, the Lodge was shortly afterwards closed, and the brethren sat down to an excellent and well-served banquet. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts having been duly honoured,—Bro. Joshua Nunn, P.G.S.B., replying for that of "The Deputy Grand Master, Lord Skelmersdale, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Past and Present"—the W.M., in proposing that of the Masonic Institutions, referred to the enormous benefits they conferred, and concluded a neat and effective speech by associating with the toast the name of Bro. Charles Lacey. Bro. Lacey, in reply, fully confirmed the W. Master's statement, and pointed out that there were, in the three together, not very far short of 700 persons who were either educated and maintained for a term of years, in order that they might be fitted for the battle of life, or, having fallen into a state of penury, received substantial assistance in their declining years. He spoke also with pride of the large amount—about £10,000—which was now annually subscribed towards their support. Our worthy brother concluded as follows:—

"Let it not be said when we are gone,  
 We lived but for ourselves alone;  
 But let our wives and children find  
 Some blessings we have left behind."

The toast of the Visitors was acknowledged by Bros. Phillips, Lacey, Lay, and Walters. The health of the W.M. was proposed by the I.P.M., and the former, in acknowledging the compliment, took the opportunity of passing a well merited eulogy on Bro. Myers P.M., to whom he said he was indebted for the knowledge he had acquired of the Royal Art. Bro. Myers was always ready to impart the knowledge he possessed, and was as well known for his courtesy as for his ability as a Mason. In his further remarks the W.M. said he should rely with confidence on his Officers to assist him in the fulfilment of his duties, and he trusted his year of office would furnish evidence that in electing him to fill it, the brethren had not misplaced their confidence. With the toast of the Past Masters was associated the name of Bro. Weaver I.P.M., who accordingly acknowledged it in a suitable manner, and the list of toasts was closed by that of the Tyler. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. J. Stedman, and gave unqualified satisfaction; but we deprecate the system, which we have noticed is adopted by other Lodges also, of including among the artists gentlemen who are not Masons. There is always the risk that the old alarm, "It rains!" may have to be sounded. We wish, also, we could say that the "Lily of Richmond," which we sincerely trust may have a long and prosperous career before it, is at the present moment in as flourishing a condition, financially, as its many friends could desire. However, by the exercise of a little economy, by courageously lopping off all expenditure which is not absolutely necessary, there is no doubt whatever that the balance between the receipts and disbursements may be redressed, and that where there is now a deficiency, there will very shortly be an excess. We have gone slightly out of the beaten track in making these remarks, because we take the liberty of placing ourselves in the category of the Lily's sincere friends and well wishers.

**Kent Lodge, No. 15.**—A regular meeting of this ancient, and of late years very prosperous Lodge, was held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on Wednesday, the 8th inst. Bro. J. H. Cambridge W.M. was in the chair, C. Ginman S.W., C. E. Ball J.W., W. P. Dukes P.M. Hon. Sec., E. P. Barlow P.M. Steward, W. Levy S.D., S. B. Lipscombe J.D., E. A. Wells I.G., A. Posener D.C., Beckett P.M. Tyler. There were also present Past Masters S. Wharman, Jas. Pinder, Sennett, a number of brethren, and the following visitors:—W. T. Christian W.M. 1662, H. L. Goodall P.M. 784, W. T. Howe P.M. G.P., W. W. Phillips 471, E. Cocks 1339, C. Coleman 186, and E. Gottheil P.M. 185. The work, which consisted in raising Bro. Hurst and initiating Mr. Henry Andrews Elms, was conducted with remarkable efficiency. The W.M. has evidently been under the tuition of those who strive to free the ritual from its incongruities. The minor Officers, although some not so well up as could be desired, on the whole performed their duties creditably, but special mention should justly be made of Bro. A. Posener, the D.C., who acted as Deacon with masterly proficiency, eliciting universal approbation. Banquet was served at the "Holborn," where the indefatigable Bro. Hamp, the popular manager, exerted himself to the utmost in securing comfort and enjoyment. We must not forget Bro. Barlow, the Steward, who took good care, not only that everybody should be well, but plentifully served. After banquet grace was said, and the W.M. at once proceeded with the toasts; he observed that, as the hour was late, he would combine the Loyal and Masonic toasts into one, by giving them "Loyalty to the Throne and Devotion to the Best Interests of the Craft," coupling therewith the name of Bro. Howe, Grand Pursuivant, who, in his response, said his name was so frequently coupled with this toast that he wished he could respond to it more ably. He had the honour on this occasion of representing the Grand Officers, and to respond on behalf of highly distinguished brethren who had the welfare of the Craft at heart. Even H.R.H. the Grand Master, when presiding at the last Grand Lodge, as he had no doubt all had heard or read, expressed his regret that other duties prevented him from attending Grand Lodge as frequently as he could desire, but hoped in future to be able to be present at lesser intervals. The Pro Grand Master Lord Carnarvon, and the D.G.M. Lord Skelmersdale, are at the head of affairs, than whom more worthy brethren it would be impossible to find. As to the rest of the Grand Officers, their value was well appreciated throughout the Craft. He was unable to be present on the last occasion, when his old friend Bro. Cambridge was installed, but was proud and delighted to see him in his high position, and, moreover, with the excellent manner in which he performed his duties. He could not refrain from giving due meed of praise to the Officers, and especially to the brother who acted as Deacon, in a manner that could not possibly be excelled. He would conclude by thanking the W.M. for his kindness, and the Lodge for its generous hospitality. To the toast of the Initiate Bro. Elms replied, and expressed a hope that, having been permitted to become one among them, he might prove worthy of their esteem. He appreciated the objects of the Institution, and although in a general way it was a sound principle that "Charity begins at home," still at times that should not be taken in too literal a sense. He would be very happy at once to subscribe the sum of £10 10s in order to become a Life Governor of one of the Institutions. (Applause). Bro. Wharman I.P.M. then proposed the health of the W.M., whom he thought the brethren would never regret having placed in the chair, not only because of his general worth, but because his work was satisfactory in every sense of the word. Bro. Cambridge expressing his thanks said, It was just six years ago when, on the night of his initiation, he stood there at the right of the then W.M.; he then resolved he would make it his aim to reach the position of Master. He had succeeded, and was proud of the position, and considered his efforts amply repaid. Besides his ambition, he had not forgotten other duties. He was already Life Governor of two of the Institutions, and ready to serve Steward for the third, and represent the Kent Lodge. Before concluding, he would thank Bro. Howe for his kind words, and would just mention that their acquaintance dated from the time of his entering the first Lodge of Instruction he ever visited. He would now propose the health of the Visitors; unfortunately they had only seven this time, on the last occasion there were nineteen. Kent Lodge was always very pleased to receive visitors; the more the better. Bro. Christian on behalf of the visitors expressed hearty thanks, and Bros. Cocks, Phillips, and Gottheil followed suit. Bro. Sennett responded for the Past Masters. Prosperity to the Charities was the next toast, for which Bro. Howe responded, and in the course of his remarks feelingly referred to the late loss the Girls' Institution had sustained by the death of Bro. Little. The W.M. again referred to his intention of representing Kent Lodge. The following brethren announced a wish to subscribe £1 1s each upon his list, namely—C. A. Sennett, B. Goldberg, Dr. Dukes, Joseph Bonn, Barlow, Wharman, Stinsson, C. A. Ball, John Ball, W. Levy. To the toast of the Officers each severally replied. After the Tyler's toast the brethren separated. The evening's proceedings were enlivened by the vocal efforts of Bros. Wells, Godfrey, Green, Pinder, Elms, &c.

**Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.**—Held its meeting on Monday, the 6th inst., at the Old Rodney's Head, No. 12 Old-street, Goswell-road. Present—Bros. R. Pearey W.M., J. Stock S.W., W. Cook J.W., Tolmie Preceptor, Fenner Secretary, Sillis S.D., W. Rowley J.D., Cuthbert I.G., Christopher Tyler; also Bros. Kidder, Crawley, J. Millington, H. R. Hallam sen., A. Rowley, Simmonds, Wilding, Killick. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed by the W.M. in his usual masterly style, Bro. J. Millington acting as candidate. The W.M. worked the first and second sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was advanced, and Bro. Simmonds gave proof of his proficiency. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed in a very impressive manner. The W.M. gave

the traditional history. Bro. Stock was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Lodge was then closed.

**Prosperity Lodge of Instruction.**—At Bro. Maidwell's, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, on May 7th. Present—Bros. Brown W.M., Sayer S.W., Maidwell J.W., Forrest S.D., Harvey I.G., Hollands Secretary. Visitors—Daniel, Gernet, &c. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Daniel candidate. Bro. Daniel answered the questions leading to the second degree, and was entrusted. The Lodge was advanced, and Bro. Daniel was duly passed to the degree of a Fellow Craft. The Lodge was opened in the third degree, and closed down. Bro. Maidwell rehearsed the charges in the installation ceremony in a very creditable manner. Bro. Sayer was elected W.M. for the ensuing Tuesday.

**Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193.**—This Lodge held its weekly meeting on Wednesday, the 8th May, at the Railway Tavern, Railway-place, Fenchurch-street. Present—Bros. G. Kennett Harris W.M., G. L. Walker S.W., T. W. C. Bush J.W., J. K. Pitt Sec., A. W. Smith S.D., Pitt J.D., J. E. Fells I.G.; P.M.'s Bros. Burgess, Moss, Andrews, G. Harris. Business—Bro. D. Moss was passed, and the first section of the lecture was worked. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Harris candidate. A vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. G. K. Harris for his able conduct in the chair, and Bro. Walker was appointed W.M. for the next meeting.

**Pomfret Lodge, No. 360, Northampton.**—The brethren of this Lodge had a very successful meeting on Thursday last. There was a good attendance, and the working of the Lodge was excellent. Bro. Butler Wilkins D.P.G.M. Norths and Hunts, in the absence of the W.M., raised Bros. E. Haynes and Sadler to the sublime degree; and Bro. J. T. Green P.M. passed Bro. T. Chapman. Bros. Wilkins and Green, F. Gadsby S.W., H. W. Parker J.W., T. R. Wood Deacon, performed their various duties in a manner that gained the commendation of the brethren present. Amongst the Visitors were Bros. Wykes W.M. of the John O'Gaunt Lodge, Johnson, Morris, &c.

**Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.**—A meeting was held on Friday, 26th April, at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew-bridge, at 7.30 p.m. Present—Bros. Gomm W.M., Blasby S.W., Acworth J.W., Gunner Hon. Sec., Tucker (Treas.) I.G., Goss (W.M. 780) S.D., Gunner J.D., J. C. Roe P.M. Preceptor, and Bros. Savage, Kyezor, &c. Lodge having been opened in due form, the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed, and Bro. Tucker having offered himself as candidate for Masonic light, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed in a very able and telling manner by the W.M. Lodge was called to refreshment. Upon the resumption of labour Lodge was duly opened up to the third, and having been duly closed down, Bro. Blasby was elected W.M. for the ensuing Friday evening meeting. He thanked the W.M. and brethren, and appointed his Officers in rotation, and Lodge was then closed with solemn prayer in brotherly love, and adjourned.

On Friday, 3rd May. Bros. Blasby W.M., Acworth S.W., Goss J.W., Gunner (Hon. Sec.) S.D., Costelow J.D., Gomm I.G.; Past Master J. C. Roe P.M. Preceptor, and Bros. Beckett, Talbot, May, Kyezor, &c. All formalities were complied with, and the W.M. opened up his Lodge, and rehearsed the ceremony of passing, Bro. Talbot as candidate. Lodge having been closed down, the initiation ceremony was rehearsed, with Bro. Beckett as candidate; the brethren congratulated the W.M. upon his style of working. The Secretary reported that he had not had so many replies as he anticipated to the circular sent to the brethren concerning the picture ballot (which is fixed for 17th May) and trusted that those who had not responded would do so without delay, to enable the preparation of the necessary lists, &c. The W.M. for the 10th instant was elected; and the Lodge was duly closed, and adjourned.

**Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.**—On Tuesday evening last, at Bro. Smyth's, Sister's Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston. Bros. Wardell W.M., Bonner S.W., C. Lorkin J.W., Forss S.D., Carr J.D., J. Lorkin I.G., Dallas Sec., Smyth Treas.; P.M. Wallington Preceptor; Bros. Brasted, Christian, Finch, Polak, Holsworth, and others. The Lodge was opened and the minutes read. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Allen candidate. Bro. Fieldwick worked the first and second, and Bro. Turquand the third and fourth sections of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. A vote of thanks was recorded to the W.M. for his able working in the chair. Bro. Bonner was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The Fifteen Sections will be worked in this Lodge on Tuesday evening, 28th May, by Bro. Turquand. The Lodge will be opened at seven o'clock.

**Whittington Lodge of Instruction, No. 862.**—The weekly meeting was held on Wednesday, the 8th May, at Bro. Hyde's, the Red Lion, Poppin-court, Fleet-street. Bros. Hallam W.M., Abell S.W., Marston J.W., Tate S.D., Pate J.D., Brown I.G., Past Master Bro. Long Preceptor, and a large number of brethren. After the confirmation of the minutes, the first two sections of the first lecture were worked. Bro. Vizzard was then interrogated as to his proficiency, and the Lodge was opened up, and he was passed to the second degree. Some sections of the lecture were worked, and the Lodge resumed. Bro. Abell S.W. was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. On the proposition of Bro. Marston, seconded by Bro. Abell, it was unanimously resolved to invite the co-operation of the Constitutional Lodge of Instruction in working the Fifteen

Sections in this Lodge on the first Wednesday in June, under the presidency of Bro. Tate. The Lodge was then closed.

**St. Augustine Lodge of Instruction, No. 972, Canterbury.**—The whole of the Fifteen Sections have been worked by the brethren belonging to this Lodge, in regular order, commencing on the 27th March, and were completed on 1st May. The principal working was ably carried out by Bro. P.M. Welsh, Bro. Rossiter, and Bro. Pringuer, and was listened to and taken part in with great interest by the brethren, who attended in goodly numbers on each occasion.

**Hartington Lodge, No. 1085.**—A meeting of this Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Derby, on Wednesday, 1st May. Present—Bros. George Pipes W.M., Wm. Heathcote P.G.D. of C. and I.P.M., Jos. Heathcote S.W., W. B. Hextall J.W., M. H. Bobart P.P.S.G.W. Treas., J. O. Manton Sec., P. Wallis as S.D., J. E. Russell J.D., G. F. Edwards P.G.O. Org., W. Butterfield I.G. P.M.'s W. Naylor P.G. Sec., and S. Pipes P.P.S.G.D., Bros. Eaton, Popplewell, Atherstone, G. Hill, Stokes, Hefford, Baxter. Visitors—Bros. G. T. Wright P.P.J.G.W., and T. Merry W.M. 731. The circular convening the Lodge was read at 7.30 p.m. The minutes of the last meeting were confirmed. Mr. George Arnold was admitted to the first degree of Freemasonry by the W.M. The charge relating to the initiation ceremony was delivered by the J.W. to Bros. Hefford, Baxter, and Arnold. Voting papers of the Institution for Aged Freemasons and for Widows of Freemasons were received and signed by the W.M. Notices relating to the meeting of the Derbyshire Prov. Grand Lodge at Wirksworth Town Hall, on the 9th May, at mid-day, and other local matters, were read. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banqueting Hall.

**Lord Warden Lodge, No. 1096.**—This Lodge held its usual fortnightly meeting on Friday, the 3rd inst. Present—Bros. E. Kirby W.M., A. H. Des Barres I.P.M., J. Laggett S.W., H. R. Botting J.W., S. Hinds Treasurer, T. J. Usher P.M. P.P.G.R. and Secretary, Rev. J. B. Harrison P.M. Chaplain, J. Carpenter S.D., W. Carterfield J.D., J. Westaway Organist, S. Willey I.G., J. C. Cross, H. McDermott, H. E. Webb, W. Dunn, F. Haslip, T. Spurgeon, and S. Holgate Tyler. Lodge opened, and the minutes were read and confirmed. Business on the agenda paper was to ballot for a joining Bro., which was unanimous in his favour; to pass Bro. Spurgeon. The ceremony was rendered by the W.M., and Bro. the J.W. gave the charge, and the S.W. the lecture. The work, being the first after the installation, was done in a most able and impressive manner, and a word of praise is due to the Officers for the trouble they have taken to perfect themselves in their various duties. A brother was proposed as a joining member. Lodge closed according to ancient form, and the brethren spent a pleasant and social hour together.

**Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227.**—At Bros. Bolton and Lane's, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, on Friday, the 3rd instant. Present—Bros. Hine W.M., Simmonds S.W., Smith J.W., Crouch Acting Preceptor, Townsend Secretary, Bolton S.D., Moss J.D., Lane I.G., Stroud, &c. Lodge being opened, the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Townsend candidate. Bro. Crouch worked the first section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Moss answered the questions of the second degree, and was entrusted. Lodge was advanced to the second degree, and the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of passing in a very able manner, Bro. Moss candidate. Lodge resumed to the first degree, and Bro. Simmonds was elected to fill the chair at the next meeting. A vote of thanks was awarded to Bro. Crouch for his services as acting Preceptor, after which Lodge was closed and adjourned.

**Square and Compass Lodge, No. 1336.**—This Lodge held its regular meeting at the Freemasons' Hall, Wrexham, on Tuesday, the 7th inst. As this was the last assembly until September, there was a larger attendance than usual. Bros. Edward Smith W.M., J. Oswald Bury I.P.M., J. Eytton Jones S.W., J. C. Owen J.W., John Williams Sec., J. F. Edisbury Treas., Howell Davies S.D., J. W. M. Smith J.D., R. J. Williams, W. Garrett Jones Stewards, C. K. Benson I.G., Thos. Lee Tyler; Past Masters Bros. J. Oswald Bury, Wm. Low; and Bros. Wm. Sherratt, J. W. A. Cooper, E. T. Fitch, Thos. Heywood, J. B. Shirley, T. Jackson, Geo. Manly, R. M. V. Low, Geo. Bradley, Jno. Abbott Harris, Edward Lovatt, Owen Price, Evan Morris, J. Edgar. Visitors—Bros. Jas. Salmon P.M. 425, E. Bremner Smith P.M. 1432, Chas. Condlin 1477, S. Davies (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE). The usual routine business having been disposed of, the ballot was taken for Messrs. R. W. Evans and G. E. Woodford, and their election being unanimous, both were initiated into the mysteries of our ancient and honourable Order. The Lodge was then advanced for the purpose of raising Bro. Manly to the sublime degree. The ritual was performed throughout by the Worshipful Master, who acquitted himself admirably, considering that he has been in the chair only two months. There is an earnestness of purpose and desire to succeed on the part of W. Bro. Smith, which we, unfortunately, too seldom see displayed by those who aspire to the exalted position he occupies. Such excellent traits as he possesses must ensure satisfaction to himself and the Lodge over which he presides, as well as enhance the welfare of the Craft. We could not do better than refer Lodges, especially those in this Province, to the zeal shown by the Officers of the Square and Compass in all branches of the Craft. The lethargy visible at too many Lodges in this district is a disgrace to our noble Order, and has a tendency to make Freemasonry nothing more than a meaningless word. The

evils from which the Province suffers may arise from the indifference or incompetency of some of the Provincial G. Officers whose duty it should be to look after the wellbeing of the Craft in their jurisdiction. We have yet to learn that the Deputy Prov. Grand Master of this Province has visited the Lodges under his care and guidance once since his appointment to office. How can we expect regularity of procedure, uniformity of ritual, or harmonious working under indifference or incompetency in Prov. Grand Lodge? Those who do know their duty in their Lodges, and Prov. Grand Lodge, are the very life and soul of the Craft in Shropshire and North Wales, and without such good Masons our glorious Order would suffer to the core. The existing state of things requires the brethren to deal promptly with, and is a subject for the serious consideration of the authorities in Grand Lodge. The W.M. having worked the Lodge down, ordered the same to be closed until September. The brethren were invited to refreshment, and adjourned accordingly to the Wynnstay Arms Hotel, where a plain but substantial spread was prepared by Bro. Murless. On the removal of the cloth, the W.M. proposed the Queen and the Craft, which was drunk with great warmth. The brethren singing the National Anthem. The toast following was the M.W. the G. Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. Brother Smith in a very appropriate manner referred to the deep interest our Grand Master took in the Craft, as evinced by his recent speech on being re-installed as Grand Master. The toast was enthusiastically received by the brethren, and drunk with musical and Masonic honours. The next toast Bro. Smith had to propose would, he was sure, be heartily received, as the Craft was so much indebted for the very able manner in whom the Grand Lodge Officers carried on the affairs of the Order, therefore he devoted the next toast to the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Lodge Officers Past and Present. This the brethren responded to most heartily, with musical honours. The Worshipful Master, on rising for the fourth time, said: The toast I have now the honour of proposing brings us nearer home; it is that of Sir W. W. Wynn, our highly esteemed Prov. Grand Master. He is so well known that it requires nothing to exalt him higher in our esteem. In the conduct of the affairs of this Province, the able Officers who surround him are of great value to him, and with this toast he coupled the names of Bros. Bury and Salmon. The toast was drunk with enthusiasm. Bro. Bury returned thanks on behalf of Prov. Grand Lodge, and expressed his conviction that the name of Sir Watkin W. Wynn could not be too highly spoken of. Bro. Salmon, who is one of the most highly esteemed and popular Officers in his Province, thanked the brethren of the Square and Compass for the kind manner in which his name had been associated with the toast, and for the very cordial reception he at all times received. He expressed great pleasure in visiting the brethren of this Lodge. He trusted, through their further generous example, the fund they were so anxious to realize to do honour to the name of one they so highly regarded, who had been of such inestimable value to this Lodge and Province, would speedily become an accomplished fact. Bro. Bury explained with regard to this fund that the Square and Compass had done so much that he felt other Lodges ought to do something before their Lodge did more. Bro. Owen expressed a desire for some sort of report, showing what each Lodge had done. Bro. Smith announced that the Annual Provincial Picnic would be held, by the kind permission of their Prov. Grand Master, at Nant-y-bellan, Wynnstay Park, under the management of the members of the Square and Compass. The brethren would be pleased to hear that the fair sex, and any of their friends, would be heartily welcome to join. Bro. Bury, on taking the gavel said: He had permission of the W. Master to propose the next toast. It was a very pleasing duty which devolved on him to propose the health of the W. Master. Bro. Smith had so favourably progressed in the Craft as to occupy the high position he does amongst us. During his short term he had initiated three candidates, and we have this evening seen him confer the third degree in a manner which sufficiently indicates his ability; his many good qualities as a Brother ensure his being an excellent Master. This must have been a very pleasing night for our Worshipful Master;—the absence of every indication of discord. There was plenty of work to be done, and he was sure Bro. Smith would be equal to all occasions. He hoped after his year of office expired, that he would stand by them and render to the Lodge that assistance which, from his talent and goodness, would be of great value and be highly appreciated. He now gave the health of the Worshipful Master. The toast was most heartily received, with musical honours. The Worshipful Master in responding said: As a Mason he had always conscientiously endeavoured to do his duty, and the knowledge of the important office he filled would be an additional incentive to him to do so to the end. He hoped when his term of office expired, he should be proved worthy of the post and the confidence of the brethren. The hard work he had gone through was amply compensated for by the approval and indulgence of the Lodge; it was his earnest wish that all difficulties and unpleasantness should pass away. He trusted his efforts for the promotion of the good of the Lodge, and the welfare of the Order, would have the support and co-operation of the Lodge unitedly. He was greatly obliged to the I.P.M. for proposing, and to the brethren for receiving so cordially, the toast just given. The Worshipful Master rose to propose the next toast; he said: We now come to a toast which he was sure would receive a warm response. A good Past Master is a pillar of strength to us; his services are invaluable to the Master, and of great value to the Lodge. Our Immediate Past Master has been and is a great working power among us, and through his exertions in promoting the interests of the Craft and our Charities, and from his other good traits, he has endeared himself to us. This toast was also drunk with enthusiasm. Bro. Bury, in responding said: Although he was a double Past Master of theirs, he could never feel that he had done too much for the Craft, or become too tired to render all the assistance in his power for the welfare of Freemasonry. In the execution of his duties as a Mason, he felt, as every one should feel who loved the Order; he recognised the necessity of

having everything done properly and regularly. It is needless to add that Bro. Bury's remarks were listened to with great attention; he has the correct Masonic idea and tone in everything he does. Bro. Bury, in proposing the health of the newly Initiated Bros., and our newly raised Brother, expressed the pleasure he had experienced in making their acquaintance outside the Craft, and the great pleasure he had in greeting them Masonically. The toast was appropriately replied to by Bros. Manly, Evans, and Woodford. The Worshipful Master, said he came now to the last toast, but although the last on the list it was not by any means the least honoured by the brethren of the Square and Compass. It was a matter of regret that so many visiting brethren had to leave at an early hour, but time and trains wait for no man. They were always glad to see visiting brethren among them; to-night we are pleased to see Bro. Davies, from London, who had come to visit us as the representative of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, a journal devoted to Masonic literature and events. With the toast of our visiting brethren, he would couple the name of Bro. Davies. The toast was enthusiastically drunk, and Bro. Davies returned thanks. The Tyler then brought the proceedings to a close, and the brethren dispersed.

#### Duke of Connaught Lodge of Instruction, No. 1586.

—At the Havelock Hotel, Dalston. Bros. Maples W.M., J. Lorkin S.W., McMillan J.W., Dignam S.D., H. Meyer J.D., Martin I.G., Fieldwick Preceptor, G. Ferrar Treasurer, E. Dietrich Secretary, and Bros. R. Olley, Truman (184), C. Lorkin, O. Dietrich, Crane (975), &c. The Lodge was opened in ancient form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Olley was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. Bro. Fieldwick, assisted by Bro. J. Lorkin, worked the first section of the lecture. The Lodge was re-summed, and the first and second sections of the first lecture were worked by Bro. Meyer, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Meyer assisted Bro. Fieldwick to work the third section of the lecture. Bro. J. Lorkin was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week. Bros. Truman (184) and Crane (975) were elected members. The Fifteen Sections will be worked on the 29th, instead of the 15th inst.

#### Lodge of Joppa, No. 188.—

The usual meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday, the 6th inst., at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street. Bros. H. Miller W.M., M. Spiegel S.W., H. Hyams J.W., L. Auerhaan Treas., E. P. Albert P.G.P. Sec., Blanks as S.D., J. Wynman J.D., Baker I.G.; P.M.'s L. Lazarus, A. G. Dodson, S. Hickman, H. M. Levy, L. Alexander; Bros. Benjamin, Bean, Langley, Martin, Benjamin, Verden, Dowsnap, &c. Visitors—Bros. Littell P.M. 860, H. Reed P.M. 193, 1287, Capt. Perrott 319. The Lodge was opened and the minutes were confirmed. Names of candidates were on the agenda paper, but the gentlemen were not present. The 1st and 2nd sections of the first lecture were worked by Bro. M. Spiegel S.W., assisted by the members. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren partook of slight refreshment. The W.M. proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. Bro. E. P. Albert P.G.P. responded for the Grand Officers. Bro. L. Alexander P.M. V.P. responded to the toast of the Benevolent Fund, and informed the brethren that it had now reached £1400; he was pleased to say that for eighteen months no application had been made; and hoped it would be long before any application should be received. Bro. A. G. Dodson P.M. proposed the toast of the W.M.; he was the right man in the right place, and he hoped they would, before he left the chair, see his capability for working. The W.M. thanked Bro. Dodson for his kind expressions; he hoped on future occasions the candidates might be present. The W.M. in proposing the toast of the Visitors, said they were honoured by the presence of Bros. H. Reed P.M. 193 and 1287, J. Littell P.M. 860, and Capt. Perrott 319; they were pleased to see these brethren. After replies from each of the Visitors, Bro. E. P. Albert, in returning thanks for the health of the Treasurer and Secretary, regretted the former brother had been obliged to leave, but he assured the members that their Treasurer's heart and soul was with them. The W.M., in proposing the Warden's, said the working of Bro. Spiegel was well known in Lodges of Instruction, and he was sure he would in due course occupy the chair. The same remarks might with equal justice be made of the J.W., who was equally capable. Bros. Spiegel and H. Hyams severally responded, Bros. Benjamin and Blanks returned thanks for the Junior Officers. The Tyler's toast was then given. Some excellent harmony emanated from Bros. Martin, Littell, Dodson, L. Alexander, Benjamin, Blanks, and Captain Perrott. The brethren separated early.

### THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS

Will be worked as under :

On Monday, 20th May 1878, at the Sincerity Lodge of Instruction, No. 174, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street, at 7 o'clock precisely. Bros. C. H. Webb W.M., T. J. Barnes S.W., F. Brown J.W., Cundick I.P.M. FIRST LECTURE—Bros. Jones, Rawley, Job, Norden, Hewlett, Berry, and Musto; SECOND LECTURE—Bros. Ellis, Campbell, Stephens, Barnes, and Tarquand; THIRD LECTURE—Bros. I. P. Cohen, Maidwell, and Taylor.

At the Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860, Sisters' Tavern, Dalston, on 28th May.

At the Duke of Connaught Lodge of Instruction, Havelock Tavern, Dalston, on the 29th May.

At the Whittington Lodge of Instruction, on the first Wednesday in June.

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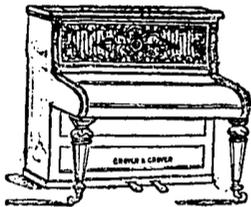
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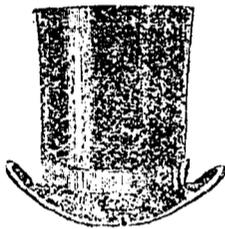
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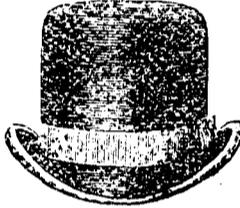
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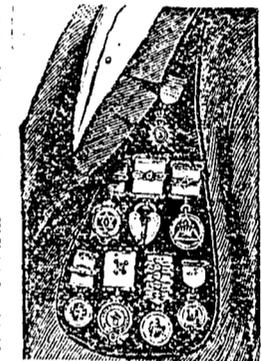


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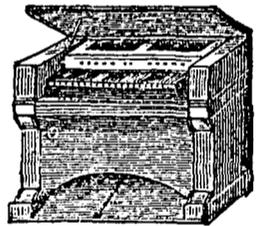
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