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THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR A SECRETARY.

AS the time is approaching when the election of a successor to the late Bro. Little will take place, it is desirable that we should have a look round, with a view to appreciating the better the importance of this necessarily unusual event. Of course, in the remarks we are about to offer, we shall avoid all reference to the merits of the different candidates. In the first place, they are sufficiently before our readers, who can judge for themselves as well as we can. In the next place, it would be manifestly unjust to compare their several qualifications, even if it were possible so to do. What we are concerned with, and what indeed concerns every member of the Craft is, that the best man shall win, and we are not so foolish as to undertake the responsibility of even hinting at the likelihood of one being in any way superior to another, and if so, in what particular respect that superiority is noticeable. We are thinking of the Secretaryship only, and all we are about to consider now is the character and extent of the qualifications which, in our humble judgment, a candidate should possess. These qualifications may be regarded under various heads, but we shall note only the most important.

In the first place then it is absolutely necessary that a Secretary should possess habits of business. He must be a model of punctuality, a man of method, and one in every way qualified to discharge the onerous duties of an office. A man who has no order or method in his composition will generally find the official work in a state the reverse of orderly and methodical. Each day, and it may almost be said each hour of the day, has its appointed task, and unless these are disposed of regularly, there is every chance of their being done perfunctorily and imperfectly. The performance of official duties is not difficult. They are not of an exacting character as a rule, but there should be a certain amount of routine observed without of course going to the length of that circumlocution and red-tapeism which were so sharply, and in some cases, so justly ridiculed by the late Charles Dickens. Given then this quality of method, and the new Secretary will speedily find himself at home in his duties. But method alone, valuable and indeed essential as it is, must be supplemented by sundry other qualities, which are partly personal and partly business in their character. Thus a Secretary of one of our Institutions must be blessed with an unusual share of energy. He must spare no pains to make his administration a success. He must be ready to initiate any movement he may think desirable in the interests of the School. He should be the opposite of Mr. Micawber, who was always waiting for something to turn up. There is, of course, such a thing as excess of zeal, which is trying, and often attended with disadvantages more or less serious. What we are desirous of indicating is simply that the man should have his wits well about him, and be ready at the right moment with the right suggestion, instead of waiting while others are be-thinking themselves of what is needed. But in addition to energy, he must have a rare amount of tact. In the course of his duties, he will be brought into almost daily contact with all classes and conditions of men, men of different tempers and dispositions, who will require a good deal of delicate handling, as different circumstances may arise. The *suaviter in modo* will generally be found enough for most purposes, but a Secretary's bed is by no means a bed of roses, and it may occasionally happen

that the *suaviter in modo* will happen to give place to the *fortiter in re*. Even in the management of Freemasons, genial as they mostly are, the suasive force of officialism is not always successful, and the quality of firmness will be of very considerable value. Then, as it has grown to be the custom for our Secretaries to range throughout the Metropolis and the Provinces for the purpose of making known more generally the claims of the Institutions to the support of the Craft, it will be desirable that the new Secretary should possess something of the *vis dicendi*, something in the way of eloquence, which will excite the enthusiasm of his audience and induce them, as occasion may require, to open wide their pursestrings and support liberally the cause he advocates. The late Bro. Little's health was such, for some months previous to his death, that he was unable to appeal in person to the liberality of brethren, and not the least gratifying evidence of the estimation in which the Girls' School is held will be found in the amount of money which was subscribed at the Festival last month. Many there are who think it undesirable that so much labour and responsibility should be cast on the Secretary. This is a matter of opinion, and it may or may not have weight, but the custom we have alluded to exists, and, therefore, it seems to us at the least desirable that the new Secretary should be able to take an active part in canvassing the support and assistance of Lodges and Provinces, and to do this well he should be a tolerably fluent and impressive speaker. He need not be a Demosthenes or a Cicero, a Gladstone or a Beaconsfield, but he should be capable of unfolding a plain unvarnished tale in a manner which will commend itself to his hearers. Thus far we have spoken of his business and personal qualifications, and it only remains for us to add a few words as to his Masonic qualifications. These have been fixed by the General Committee, and any one within the prescribed age who has been a Master Mason for three years is eligible. But though not the slightest objection can be raised to this proposal, seeing that it affords an opportunity for every young brother who considers he has the requisite capacity, and has been a member sufficiently long to have acquired a fair knowledge of the Craft and the working of its Institutions, to compete for the post, still there can be no doubt that, other things being equal, the candidate who has the rank and privileges of a Past Master should be preferred to one who has not—not because of his superior rank, but because of the greater influence such rank confers upon him. Indeed, a man who holds several positions of eminence in the Craft will—in the case of that perfect equality in other respects which we have assumed, will be preferable to the one who holds only the rank of a Master Mason. He comes into contact with so many more people. He has access to so many other sources where his appeals will be listened to, and be productive of good to the Institution. A glance at the list of subscriptions will show that a great deal of support is freely accorded by Arch, Mark and other Masons, and one who can canvass these as well as Craft Masons, has so many more opportunities, and consequently so many more chances of being successful in his advocacy. These then are the qualifications which we think it desirable a Secretary should possess, and as they regard the office and not those who are seeking to fill it, we cannot possibly be charged with exhibiting preference for any of the candidates. Indeed, we believe them to be one and all good men and true, and were it possible, we should like to see the

whole nine of them at the head of the poll. That, of course, is out of the question, and we shall close our remarks, by wishing success to him who, on examination of the testimonials of the different candidates shall be deemed the most worthy.

**BRO. JOHN H. YOUNGHUSBAND, P.M., P.Z.
P.P.G.J.W. WEST LANCASHIRE.**

ON Tuesday evening, the 28th ult., Bro. Younghusband delivered a lecture in the Masonic Temple, under the auspices of the Merchants' Lodge 241, on the subject of "Memory," to a large and appreciative gathering of brethren. Our esteemed Brother has recently made London his residence, and the announcement that he was about to visit Liverpool Masonically created quite a stir among the Lodges. The worthy Brother has been so intimately connected with every Masonic movement in the town that he has the honourable distinction of being called one of the Fathers of the Order. To speak here of his indefatigable zeal for the Craft in Liverpool, of his intense love for the Order, would be a pleasure which would lead us back into a volume of work extending over a period of twenty years; what good changes were effected by him, what benefits Freemasonry has derived from the excellent virtues of our esteemed Brother and his associates, Craftsmen of the present day in Liverpool have little or no idea. Indeed, Bro. Younghusband's Masonic career is full of the deepest interest, and illustrates clearly what has been enunciated through this journal so often—what good one true Mason can accomplish for the welfare of his fellow men, and the furtherance of the interests of the Craft.

As we shall some future day revert to Masonry in West Lancashire, and particularly in Liverpool, we shall then more particularly bring periods and circumstances before our readers with which the name and Masonic career of Bro. Younghusband is closely identified.

With reference to the Lecture of our worthy Brother, on the 28th ult., the peculiar method by which he asserts the memory may be made never-failing in a person of sound health is, by means of the science called Mnemonics, practically developed. In order to demonstrate the actual utility and practicability of the science a black board was brought into requisition, and by chalking out the various problems Brother Younghusband clearly illustrated the several degrees, to the astonishment of the majority and the edification of the few, in a masterly manner. It would be impossible here to enter into a full detail of Bro. Younghusband's teaching, but Mnemonics, as a practical system, by which we learn how to remember, must be invaluable to our brethren who desire an infallible rule to follow, by which they may with safety guide their distracted thoughts to the desired end through the many intricate and lofty researches of Masonic art. On the conclusion of the lecture W. Bro. Peet, in a very pleasing manner, tendered the thanks of the brethren present for the very able lecture given by Bro. Younghusband. It was proposed, seconded, and carried unanimously, that a vote of thanks be tendered the Worshipful Brother for his able lecture, the same to be entered on the minutes of the Lodge. The Lodge being closed, with solemn prayer, the brethren were invited by the Worshipful Master to adjourn for refreshment. On the removal of the cloth the W.M. gave the customary Loyal and Masonic toasts, which were received by the brethren with the utmost cordiality.

On rising to propose the toast of the evening, W. Bro. Peet said—I feel very delighted to-night in having the honour of proposing a toast which all present must anticipate, and which, I am sure, all present are eager to respond to in the heartiest manner, as a testimony of their appreciation of the esteemed and worthy Brother whose zeal for the Craft, and whose enduring talents are so constantly brought into practice. As a Brother of this Lodge he stands senior on the list of Past Masters, and as a Mason he has no superior. The high position of 241 is mainly due to the solid foundation, the strict principles, laid down and carried into effect by Bro. Younghusband and his worthy brother coadjutors, and to them belong the praise for the prosperity of the Merchants. We, as succeeding Masters of the Lodge, have had little difficulty in managing its internal affairs; it is a pleasure as well as a duty to follow as near to the letter and spirit as possible the ritual and landmarks so ably and forcibly laid down by Bro. Younghusband. To-night we have had additional proof of the talent of our Worshipful Brother, and I am pleased to see so many brethren present to testify their regard to the worthy lecturer, as well as to reap an amount of useful knowledge which all will agree is most valuable. Brethren, without detaining you with any further remarks, I give you the health of Bro. Younghusband.

The toast was drunk with the greatest enthusiasm. Bro. Hatton favoured the brethren with a song, which he rendered beautifully.

Bro. Younghusband rose, amid the applause of the brethren, and said—I have come expressly among you again to deliver the lecture you have done me the honour of listening to with such marked attention. I do not suppose that I should pass out of your remembrance while in this mortal state, but should any brother be troubled with a bad memory I have endeavoured to-night to show him a system by which I may be remembered. The very kind remarks made by the W. Master in reference to me, and the complimentary manner in which you have endorsed those remarks, touches me greatly. My past services performed for this Lodge and the Craft generally, and the ability I have for doing any future good, are amply repaid in the gratitude I find emanating from you to-night. Your reception, brethren, I highly esteem, and I assure you I shall be able to remember it without the aid of Mnemonics (cheers).

Bro. Wilson, P.M., by request of the W.M., proposed the toast of the visitors, in a very able manner, coupling with it the names of Bro. Laidlaw, and Bro. Bailey, P.G. Sword Bearer of England. Bro.

Bailey kindly responded to the call for a recitation. Bro. Bailey replied in a very happy and eloquent manner for the visitors. Bro. Bailey, with the permission of the W.M., assumed the gavel, and in a very hearty manner proposed the health of the W. Master. He trusted that No. 241 would prosper in the future, as it did at the present under the able brother who now filled the chair. W. Bro. Peet, in responding, said—He was taken by surprise in being called upon to respond to the toast so kindly proposed and cordially received by the brethren. He spoke in his usual genial manner of the pleasure it gave him in occupying the chair, of the profound and cordial feelings he should always entertain for the Lodge, and the Brotherhood. He could not sit down without speaking of the pleasure he had in the presence of Bro. Horner, P.P.G.S.W., a brother all felt delighted to welcome.

Bro. Horner said—He was taken by surprise to be called upon to reply to any toast. He expressed himself as very pleased with the cordial reception given him by the brethren of the Merchants, and regretted (as most P.G.L. officers unfortunately too frequently do now-a-days) that he had not visited their Lodge before. He paid a warm tribute to Bro. Younghusband, to whom he was greatly indebted for the true insight into Masonry, and declared his love for the Order. Brother Younghusband rose to propose the health of Bro. Broadbridge, to whose indefatigable exertions they were mainly indebted for the success of the evening. Bro. Broadbridge, P.M., &c., &c., thanked the W. Brother for the kind manner he had mentioned his name in connection with the evening's programme. He felt proud of being the means of bringing Bro. Younghusband to Liverpool upon such a pleasing and instructive mission. It afforded him great pleasure to know that the visit had been one of enjoyment and satisfaction to that worthy brother, and his lecture highly appreciated by such a crowded meeting. Bro. Broadbridge spoke of the excellent qualities of Bro. Younghusband; showed what a debt of gratitude the brethren of Liverpool, and particularly the Merchants' Lodge, owed him. He, in concluding his remarks, again thanked the brethren for the token of respect and confidence shown him. A very pleasant evening was spent, and Bro. Younghusband received an ovation of sincere regard from all the brethren,—which is his undoubted right,—and such an ovation as may truly make any brother proud of the distinguished position he holds in the Craft, and in the hearts of the brethren. Let all who read emulate him.

**COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE BENEVOLENT
INSTITUTION.**

THE Committee of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution met on Wednesday last, at the Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Colonel Creaton presided. The other brethren who attended were Bros. Jabez Hogg, John G. Stevens, J. Newton, Charles G. Hill, Jas. Willing Jan., S. Rawson, Erasmus Wilson, Geo. Bolton, Thos. Cubitt, Charles John Perceval, Charles F. Hogard, L. Stean, and James Terry. Bro. Terry read the House Committee's Report, that the Stewards of the late Festival visited the Institution on the 7th May, when they were pleased to express their high gratification with what was done for the comfort of the residents, and with the admirable order of the building and grounds. On the 31st May the House Committee visited the Institution with the Secretary, and paid the annuitants, after which they presented to Dr. Strong the testimonial voted at the last meeting of the Committee of the Institution. The report stated that the presentation was made by Col. Creaton, and that it was graciously acknowledged by Dr. Strong. The residents are all in good health, considering their advanced age. The Institution is in a thorough state of repair, and as far as can be foreseen, will not require for some time any considerable outlay to keep it so. Bros. John Hervey, Benjamin Head, John Creaton, W. Hale, and H. G. Warren were elected the Finance Committee, and Bros. Head, Creaton, Stewart, J. A. Farnfield, and C. J. Perceval the House Committee. The Committee granted to a widow half her late husband's annuity; also the use of the large Hall of the Institution for a summer entertainment to the old people. Bro. W. Stephens gave notice of motion for giving to Bro. Cutbush a Life Governorship of the Institution in acknowledgment of the large gifts of flowers and shrubs made by him for the ornamentation of the grounds at Croydon. Bro. Terry stated, in answer to Bro. Stephens, that during the last three years these gifts were of the value of £100. Bro. Erasmus Wilson suggested that the donations to the Institution should be altered from pounds to guineas, it was arranged, as he gave notice of a motion to that effect, that it should be considered at a Special Meeting to be called for that purpose.

The Consecration of the Excelesior Mark Lodge will take place at the Masonic Hall, Anglesea Hill, Plumstead, Kent, on Tuesday next. The ceremony will be performed at one o'clock precisely, by Bro. C. Fitz Gerald Matier, Past Grand Warden of England, the Officer appointed by the Grand Mark Master of England. We are informed there are forty-eight candidates for advancement. We tender our congratulations to Bro. Capt. Ritchie, the W.M. designate, on so happy an inauguration of his new Lodge.

The Installation Meeting of the Frederick Lodge of Unity, No. 452, will be held at the Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, on Tuesday next. Bro. C. E. Edmonds is the W.M. elect.

THE FOUR OLD LODGES.

BRO. R. F. GOULD.

§ 1.—It is the design of the following remarks, primarily, to elucidate the history and status of the survivors of the Four Old Lodges who, on the Festival of St. John the Baptist A.D., 1717, met and instituted the premier Grand Lodge of the World*—and, incidentally, to trace back to their earliest periods and places of assembly in the last century, various Lodges now existing, which were called into being during the half century immediately following such Masonic revival.

We all, as Masons, enter into the original inheritance of tradition, but there is no brother who has a larger share in that noble inheritance, than he who has had the good fortune to be received into the Craft, under the auspices of either of those old Lodges, whose vigorous offspring, the United Grand Lodge of England, has now attained such a meridian splendour.

An interest, however, in the Time Immemorial Lodges, is not restricted to their own members, since every brother holding under the English Constitution, is directly concerned in the history, privileges, and status, of the Masonic parents of all English Lodges now existing. But our "Old Lodges" have, in truth, been too much neglected and forgotten, to the lasting reproach of the English Craft; not so, however, under the Masonic government of a sister kingdom—the old Lodges of Scotland are encircled by a halo of prestige, enjoy an honourable precedence over all Lodges of later date, and in Bros. R. D. Lyon and Laurie† have found able chroniclers, with whom it has indeed been a labour of love, to dilate upon their unrivalled antiquity. The oldest Lodge records in the world, those of the Lodge of Edinburgh, St. Mary's Chapel, No. 1; the archives of the Grand Lodge of Scotland; the store of manuscripts preserved in Mother Kilwinning, and other pre-eighteenth century Lodges, having each in turn been laid under contribution by these indefatigable brethren.

With us, however, a history of Freemasonry and the Grand Lodge of England, remains to be written; our premier Lodges yet await an adequate and enduring memorial, of their exertions as the pioneers of Masonic progress; neither have they been compensated for this neglect of the Craft, by any especial favours from Grand Lodge, which has not judged it unreasonable that the equanimity of its "Masonic parents" should be periodically disturbed, by having passed over their heads Lodges of later date, to higher positions of rank and precedence.

The following slight sketch of the history and privileges of the Four Old Lodges, is, in the main, based on materials accessible to the entire Craft, viz., the Constitutions, published from time to time by order of Grand Lodge; the various lists of Lodges, and the "Illustrations of Masonry" (Editions 1775, 1796 and 1804) by the late W. Preston.

It is a curious coincidence, that the establishment of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, on 30th Nov. 1736, was also due to the exertions of Four Metropolitan Lodges (Edinburgh), who convened a meeting "at St. Mary's Chapel," "in order to concur in the election of a Grand Master." Thirty-three Lodges are recorded to have been represented on this occasion, and at the first Quarterly Communication, almost all the Lodges applied for new Constitutions, and by a ready and voluntary renunciation of their former rights, evinced the steadiness of their attachment to the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and their unfeigned acknowledgment of her jurisdiction and power.‡

It will be convenient to proceed, firstly, with a chronological record of the Four Old Lodges; secondly, with a consideration of the especial privileges (if any) stipulated for by, and accorded to them; and, thirdly, with some concluding observations on their status at the present day.

§ 2.—"And after the Rebellion was over, A.D. 1716,|| the few lodges at London, finding themselves neglected by Sir Christopher Wren, thought fit to cement under a Grand Master, as the Centre of Union and Harmony, viz., the Lodges that met—

1. At the Goose and Gridiron Ale-house in St. Paul's Churchyard.
2. At the Crown Ale-house in Parkers Lane near Drury Lane.

* Hughan, Masonic Memorials of the Union.

† History of the Lodge of Edinburgh, R. D. Lyon. History of Freemasonry and the Grand Lodge of Scotland, Laurie.

‡ Laurie, pp 97, 101.

|| Constitutions 1738, p 109.

3. At the Apple Tree Tavern in Charles Street, Covent Garden.

4. At the Rose and Grapes Tavern in Chancery Lane, Westminster.

"They and some old Brothers met at the said Apple Tree, and having put into the chair the oldest Master Mason (now the Master of a Lodge), they constituted a GRAND LODGE pro tempore in due form, and forthwith revived the Quarterly Communication of the Officers of Lodges (call'd the Grand Lodge), resolved to hold the annual ASSEMBLY and Feast, and then to chuse a GRAND MASTER from among themselves till they should have the Honour of a noble Brother at their Head.

Accordingly

On St. John Baptist day, in the 3rd year of King George the 1st, A.D. 1717, THE ASSEMBLY and Feast of the Free and Accepted Masons was held at the foresaid Goose and Gridiron Alehouse.

"Before Dinner, the oldest Master Mason (now the Master of a Lodge) in the chair, proposed a list of proper candidates: and the Brethren by a majority of hands elected

Mr. ANTONY SAYER Gentleman Grand Master of Masons,

who being forthwith invested with the BADGES of Office and Power by the { Capt. Joseph Elliot, } Grand
{ Mr. Jacob Lamball } Wardens
{ Carpenter }
said Oldest Master and install'd was duly congratulated by the Assembly who pay'd him the Homage."

§ 3.—LIST OF LODGES, No. 1.

The following is the first List of Lodges ever printed, and was appended to the earliest Book of Constitutions, published in 1723.

PHILIP, DUKE OF WHARTON, GRAND MASTER.

J. T. DESAGULIERS⁽¹⁾, LL.D. and F.R.S., DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

JOSHUA LIMSON } GRAND WARDENS.
WILLIAM HAWKINS }

And the Masters and Wardens of particular Lodges, viz.:—

- I.—THOMAS MORRIS SEN. Master.
John Bristow } Wardens.
Abraham Abbot }
- II.—RICHARD HALL Master.
Philip Wolverston } Wardens.
John Doyer }
- III.—JOHN TURNER Master.
Anthony Sayer⁽²⁾ } Wardens.
Edward Cale }
- IV.—MR. GEORGE PAYNE⁽³⁾ Master.
Stephen Hall, M.D. } Wardens.
Francis Sorrell, Esq. }
- V.—MR. MATH. BIRKHEAD⁽⁴⁾ Master.
Francis Bailly } Wardens.
Nicholas Abraham }
- VI.—WILLIAM READ Master.
John Glover } Wardens.
Robert Cordell }
- VII.—HENRY BRANSON Master.
Henry Lug } Wardens.
John Townshend }
- VIII.— Master.
Jonathan Sisson } Wardens.
John Shipton }
- IX.—GEORGE OWEN, M.D. Master.
Eman Bowen } Wardens.
John Heath }
- X.— Master.
John Lubton } Wardens.
Richard Smith }
- XI.—FRANCIS, EARL OF DALKEITH⁽⁵⁾ Master.
Capt. Andrew Robinson } Wardens.
Col. Thomas Inwood }
- XII.—JOHN BEAL, M.D. and F.R.S. Master.
Edward Pawlet, Esq. } Wardens.
Charles More, Esq. }
- XIII.—THOMAS MORRIS JUN. Master.
Joseph Ridler } Wardens.
John Clark }
- XIV.—THOMAS ROBBE, Esq. Master.
Thomas Grave } Wardens.
Bray Lane }
- XV.—MR. JOHN SHEPHERD Master.
John Senex } Wardens.
John Bucler }
- XVI.—JOHN GEORGES, Esq. Master.
Robert Gray, Esq. } Wardens.
Charles Grymes, Esq. }
- XVII.—JAMES ANDERSON, A.M.⁽⁶⁾ Master.
The AUTHOR of this BOOK
Gwinn Vaughan, Esq. } Wardens.
Walter Greenwood, Esq. }
- XVIII.—THOMAS HARBIN Master.
William Attley } Wardens.
John Saxon }

- XIX.—ROBERT CAPELL Master.
Isaac Mansfield } Wardens.
William Bly }
XX.—JOHN GORMAN Master.
Charles Garey } Wardens.
Edward Morphey }

- (1) Grand Master 1719.
(2) Grand Master 1717.
(3.) Grand Master 1718 and 1720.

(1st) *Semble*—the son of author of E.A. song, the words of which are bound up with this Edition of the Constitutions, headed “by the late Mr. Mat. Birkhead.”

- (5) Grand Master 1723.

(6) Author (or Editor) of the “Book of Constitutions,” published by the “Grand Lodge of England” in 1723 and 1738 respectively.

The above list comprises the *four old Lodges*, together with the sixteen *new Lodges*, constituted between 1717 and 1721. It will be seen that Bro. Anthony Sayer, the premier Grand Master of Freemasons, was a member of original No. 3, and Bro. George Payne, his successor in the Grand Mastership, a member of original No. 4. Indeed, to the close connection between Bro. Payne and this latter Lodge is entirely due its present continuance on the roll.

§ 4.—LIST No. 2.

(Extracted from Pine’s lists in Grand Secretary’s office.) *

1723	No.	Dates	1725
Goose and Gridiron	St. Paul’s Church-yard	1	No change
Queen’s Head	Knave’s Acre	2	”
Queen’s Head	Turn Stile	3	”
Moon or Black Ball (?)	Arundel-street	4	Out
Horn	Westminster	5	No change
— Head	Ivy-lane	6 17 Jan. 1720	”
Griffin	Newgate-street	7	”
Three Swans	Poultry	8 11 July 1721	Out
Three Compasses	Silver-street	9	No change
Three Fishes (?)	In the Strand	10	”

* For access to Pine’s lists, in the archives of Grand Lodge, I am indebted to the courtesy of the Grand Secretary and his obliging assistant, Bro. Buss.—R.F.G.

Crown & Cushion (?)	King-street, Westminster	11	No change
Greyhound	Fleet-street	12	”
Crown	Near Cripplegate	13	Out
Rummer	Charring Cross	14	No change
Crescent	In the Strand	15	”
St. John’s Gate	Clerkenwell	16	Out
Castle	Drury-lane	17	”
D B and Figure	Southampton-row, Covent-garden	18	No change
Castle	St. Giles	19	”
E C and Figure	Charring Cross	20	”
Swan	Fish-street-hill	21	”
Bull	Southwark	22	”
Anchor	Datchy-lane, in the Strand †	23 28 Mar 1723	”

This is the earliest of the engraved lists, and gives neither *Numbers* or *dates of Constitution*. The above numbers are, therefore, only appended for purposes of reference, or to facilitate a comparison with other lists. Dates are also added in a few instances, where identification is complete.

The list for 1725 is an exact reprint of that of 1723, as far as the above extract extends, except that Nos. 4, 8, 13, 16, and 17, have dropped out, in the interval between the two publications.

The entire absence of dates and numbers, renders these lists of little or no value at present, though they might still prove of great service, as connecting links in the chain of Masonic history, could copies of the missing lists for 1726-27-28 be recovered. In the above list, the Horn, Westminster, one of the Time Immemorial Lodges, stands fifth in order, with *four* senior Lodges preceding it, which we know could not be the case. The conclusion, therefore, is forced upon us that in these very early lists, the seniority and precedency of Lodges were very little attended to by the engraver.

† The first 23 Lodges in the 1723 list are shown in above extract, for purposes of comparison with List No. 3 (1729-30); the last Lodge in either list (No. 23 on list 2; No. 13 on list 3) being the same, viz., that meeting at the sign of the Anchor, in Datchy-lane, *now* the Lodge of Antiquity, Chatham. For full list of 1723, see List No. 6, *post*.

§ 5.—LIST No. 3.

LIST OF LODGES 1729 (PINE).

	Constituted
1 St. Paul’s Church-yard	1691
2 Furnivals Inn, near Holborn	1712
3 Westminster	
4 Ivy-lane	
5 Poultry	July 11th 1721
6 Clare-street	Jan. 19th 1722
7 Behind the Royal Exchange	Jan. 28th 1722
8 Edgworth	April 25th 1722
9 Noble-street	May 1722
10 Brewer-street	Nov. 25th 1722
11 Knave’s-acre	Feb. 27th 1722
12 Swithin’s-alley	March 27th 1723
13 Duchy-lane‡	March 28th 1723

LIST OF LODGES 1730 (PINE).

	Constituted
1 King’s Arms	In St. Paul’s Church-yard 1691
2 Rose and Baffler	Against Furnival’s Inn in Holborn 1712
3 Horn Tavern	At Westminster
4 Swan	At Hampstead Jan. 17th 1720
5 Three Swans	In the Poultry July 11th 1721
6 Tom’s Coffee House	In Clare-street, near Clare-market Jan. 19th 1721
7 Rummer	In Queen-street, Cheapside Jan. 28th 1722
8 Devil Tavern	At Temple Bar April 25th 1722
9 One Tun	In Noble-street May 1722
10 Lion and Shield	In Brewer-street Nov. 25th 1722
11 Queen’s Head	In Knave’s-acre Feb. 27th 1722.3
12 Three Tuns	In Swithin’s-alley March 27th 1723
13 Anchor‡	In Datchy-lane March 28th 1723

‡ Vide footnote to List No. 2. It is singular that whilst 10 Lodges drop out between 1723 and 1729, none lapso between 1729 and 1736.

In these lists we for the first time touch firm ground, and an examination of the numbers and dates of constitution given therein, tend to the inference that all four of the old Lodges were then in existence, this inference being strengthened and confirmed by the lists of later date, especially that appended to the Constitutions 1738 (List 4). In 1729-30 the old Lodges would seem to have been thus described, viz. :—

Original No. 1, as No. 1, King’s Arm’s, St. Paul’s Churchyard, now No. 2, Antiquity.

Original No. 2, as No. 2, Rose and Baffler, Furnival’s Inn, died out circa 1737.

Original No. 3, as No. 11, Queen’s Head, Knave’s Acre, now No. 12, Fortitude and Old Cumberland.

Original No. 4, as No. 3, Horn, Westminster, now No. 4, Royal Somerset House and Inverness.

§ 6.—LIST No. 4.

(From Anderson’s Constitutions 1738.)

A LIST OF LODGES IN AND ABOUT LONDON AND WESTMINSTER.

Many *Lodges* have by accidents broken up, or are partitioned, or else removed to new places for their conveniency, and so, if subsisting, they are called and known by those new places or their *signs*.

But the *subsisting Lodges*, whose *Officers* have attended the GRAND LODGE or *Quarterly Communication*, and brought their Benevolence to the Grand *Charity* within twelve months past, are here set down according to their Seniority of *Constitution*, as in the GRAND LODGE Books and the Engraven List.

Nos. Signs of the Houses.

- 1 KING’S ARMS TAVERN *St. Paul’s Church-yard*
This is the *Senior Lodge*, whose Constitution is immemorial.
- 2 HORN TAVERN *In New Palace-yard, Westminster*
The *Old Lodge* removed from the RUMMER and GRAPES, Channel Row, whose Constitution is also immemorial, it being one of the *Four Lodges* mentioned p 109.—(See § 2.)
- 3 SHAKESPEARE’S HEAD *Marlborough-street* 17th Jan. 1720
- 4 BELL *Nicholas-lane* 17th July 1721
- 5 BRAUND’S HEAD *New Bond-street* 19th Jan. 1721
- 6 RUMMER TAVERN *Queen’s-street, Cheapside* 28th Jan. 1721
- 7 DANIEL’S COFFEE HOUSE *Temple Bar* 25th April 1722
- 8 RED CROSS *Barbican* May 1722
- 9 KING’S ARMS TAVERN *New Bond-street* 25th Nov. 1722
- 10 QUEEN’S HEAD *Knave’s Acre* 27th Feb. 1722
- This was one of the *four Lodges* mentioned p 109, viz., the APPLE TREE Tavern, in *Charles Street, Covent Garden*, whose Constitution is immemorial. But after they removed to the QUEEN’S HEAD, upon some difference, the Members that met there came under a *New Constitution*, though they wanted it not, and it is therefore placed at this number. N.B.—The CROWN, in *Parker’s-lane*, the other of the *four* old Lodges, is now extinct.

- 11 CASTLE March 1722
- 12 BURY’S COFFEE HOUSE *Bridges Street* 28th March 1723
Where there is also a *Masters’ Lodge*.

(To be continued.)

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THE VACANT SECRETARYSHIP.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have a very great respect for Bro. Gottheil's opinion, but I am afraid the suggestion in his letter last week is not of a sufficiently practical character, and smacks rather of the idea of trotting out the candidates, as if they were so many horses at a sale, and it was desirable to see "their paces." It strikes me that on an occasion like this, the best, and indeed the only way, is to read carefully the testimonials of the different competitors. It would be an undoubted advantage if the electors could make the acquaintance of the candidates first, but where can they be interviewed, and when? and even if they are, how can any one form a just estimate of a man's qualifications merely by having five minutes speech with him. I think we must leave matters as they stand, and trust that the electors will exercise a proper judgment in the selection of the fittest candidate.

Fraternally yours,

T. P. C.

CONFLICTING ACCOUNTS ABOUT THOMAS DUNCKERLEY.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In the Cyclopædia of Freemasonry just issued, article "Dunckerley," the editor, or compiler, says:—

"It is well here to observe that all later biographers have taken their accounts from three sources—the notice in the *Freemasons' Magazine*, vol. I., 1793: the account in the *Freemasons' Quarterly Review* for 1842, page 155: and Bro. Dr. Oliver's *Revelations of a Square*. Bro. Jacob Norton tells us that there is, in the *Gentleman's Magazine* for 1795, another obituary, very much opposed to our commonly received versions of Dunckerley's life. But we see no good reason in re-opening a question difficult in itself and so long buried; and so prefer to follow our Masonic writers in this respect."

Dr. Johnson used to say: "The fact may be useless, but if it is a fact, I want to know it." I agree with Dr. Johnson's opinion, and presume that intelligent Freemasons of the present age would rather know both sides of a question than only one. Be it remembered that the first narrative, viz., of 1793, was written during the lifetime of Dunckerley, and was intended by the writer as a compliment to the said Bro. Dunckerley. The account in the *Quarterly Review* of 1842 is too far removed from the time of Dunckerley to expect from it any original information. The writer of that article merely repeated the story from the 1793 Magazine, and was equally partisan in his narrative; for instance, he says, "But were we to enumerate his [Dunckerley's] general virtues, we should extend this article to an inconvenient length." The fact is, there is very little known about Dunckerley's virtues, save and except what may be found in the said Magazine of the last century. Again, says this veracious writer: "His [Dunckerley's] chronological sketch of the Order of Knights Templar is deserving attention." The said sketch was printed in 1795, page 119, of the same Magazine, and if any one would take the trouble to read it, he would agree with me that it is the most contemptible trash he ever read; a school girl of 14 would be ashamed of such utter ignorance of history and chronology. And as to Oliver's authority, and most especially his *Revelations of a Square*, the less we rely upon it the better. I really can see no good reason for smothering information for the purpose of perpetuating a one-sided account about a man who died over eighty years ago. Under these circumstances, I propose to reproduce both accounts about Dunckerley, and though it is impossible to demonstrate which account is true, the reader will have a chance of judging for himself. Here is the first.

"In the year 1760, upon Mr. Dunckerley's return from the Siege of Quebec, an event happened which could not but fill him with astonishment, as it placed him in a new and most extraordinary point of view. A lady, receiving the sacrament on her death bed, made a declaration in all the awful solemnity of the occasion, by which it appeared that Mr. Dunckerley owed his birth to the first personage in the kingdom, and Nature was determined that it never should be questioned; for those who recollect the high personage alluded to, will require no farther proof when they see the subject of these memoirs. . . . Notwithstanding this discovery of Mr. Dunckerley's descent, he determined not to quit the service of his country until the end of the war, but unfortunately for him, in the meantime, the sudden dissolution of the great personage we have alluded to, deprived him of a friend, who died without knowing that such a person existed.

"In 1764 he applied for and obtained a superannuation, but it was not until 1767 that his case was laid before a great personage, who was graciously pleased to make a provision for him."—*Freemasons' Magazine*, 1793, page 378.

The above story indicates that Dunckerley's mother (for who else could make such a revelation?) on her death bed, in 1760, made known to her son that King George II. was his real father, and he applied in 1767 for a pension, which George III. granted to him. In fact, Dunckerley actually did receive a pension of £800 per annum, and had apartments assigned him in Hampton Court. And now for the other story.

"Mr. Dunckerley was the son of a servant maid in the family of Sir Robert Walpole at Houghton, whence his father married her, and got a place of porter at the Somerset House. His mother died when he was very young, and his grandmother took care of him till he was put apprentice to a barber. From this place he ran away, and got aboard the ship of Sir John Norris, who was then going abroad. Sir Edward Walpole, informed of this circumstance, wrote to Sir John . . . requesting that the boy might have such instruction given to him as the ship would afford. He seems to have continued in the service, as the next thing we hear of him was his being at the siege of Quebec by Wolfe, where he behaved so well as to have had a recommendation to fill some employment in the Royal Academy at Portsmouth, which he did with credit. About twenty years ago he availed himself of the remarkable likeness he bore to the Royal family to get it represented to his Majesty that the late King was in truth his father, and that he owed his existence to a visit which that King, when Prince, had paid to Houghton, and he ventured to refer to Sir Edward Walpole for his knowledge of the circumstance. His Majesty, ever attentive to charitable applications, directed inquiry to be made of Sir Edward. Mr. D. has apprised this gentleman of what he had done. Sir Edward expressed his astonishment that he should refer to him to support such a tale,—then for the first time suggested to him,—who had known him all his life, and then brought forward when his father, mother, and grandmother were all dead. Sir Edward added, that he had at all times been his friend, that he believed him meritorious in the capacity in which he had served, but he could never be made an instrument of imposing this story as true. He, however, got a pension and apartments at Hampton Court, and was afterwards entered at some Inn of Court, and was called to the Bar, but not succeeding, soon quitted the profession."—*Gentleman's Magazine*, 1765, 2nd part, page 1052.

It is said that Dunckerley published "a remarkable and able address in 1757," viz., "The Light and Truth of Masonry Explained, being the substance of a Charge delivered at Plymouth in April 1757." I have read an address by Dunckerley in Dr. Oliver's works. I could see nothing remarkable in it; the very same explanation may be heard in every English Lodge of Instruction, and I doubt very much whether Dunckerley made any address at all at Portsmouth in 1757. Be it known that, owing to his want of patronage from any one connected with Parliament (so says his biographer in 1842), Dunckerley, on board of a man-of-war, never rose higher than gunner, and he seems to have remained in that position until 1764. It seems, therefore, improbable that a mere gunner could either have spared time to acquire the ritual, or that he could have had influence and means to lecture and to print his lecture in 1757. After Dunckerley's appointment in the Royal Academy at Portsmouth in 1764, with a prospect of being acknowledged uncle to His Majesty, then, indeed, it became the easiest possible thing for Brother Dunckerley to rise in the Masonic profession, to be applauded as a great orator, profound lecturer, a man of science, and what not; and the said "remarkable address" was, therefore, probably not delivered at Portsmouth before 1767.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

JACOB NORTON.

Boston, U.S., 23rd May 1878.

UNWORTHY CONDUCT.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—It is a pleasure to read the accounts given in your interesting paper of the meetings of the various Lodges where harmony exists, and I have at times been envious of Masonic brethren in my own Province; at the same time there are Lodges even in this country that are worked on bad principles, and nothing short of vigorous measures from the "powers that be" will set many of these right.

I unfortunately belong to a Lodge (and it being my mother Lodge I hope not to be compelled to leave it) where the whole of the proceedings are conducted by two or three, or, perhaps I should speak more correctly if I stated, by one member, who has assumed a dictatorship that has driven many a good brother to speak but little and think less of Freemasonry. This Lodge possesses about a hundred subscribing members, but the amount disbursed in charity does not average £20 per annum, the funds being invested in the trading banking account of the Treasurer, and no member seems to be able to get office, or to keep it, unless he trades with that individual, whose success in life no doubt has depended in a great measure upon his connection with Masonry, and this Lodge in particular; and although he is now, or is supposed to be, in affluent circumstances, this brother has not contributed a single penny in the shape of quarterages during, I believe, the past twelve years, certainly not since my connection with the Lodge—say about five years. He has, however, attended nearly every banquet at the expense of the Lodge, and duly pays his Grand Lodge fees out of its funds. He is always talking of resigning his "duties," but this he never does, as he would have to pay over the balance in hand (over £100), and if he does not have his own way in everything, he threatens to resign the Lodge, while if he is spoken to in reference to the matter, he falls into a violent passion, and if raving does not take effect, pleads indisposition, and retires in a hysterical sort of way. It is amusing to watch his tactics at an initiation. When he announces the candidate has "paid the customary fees," he walks up the south side of the Lodge, packs up his case and departs, fearing, I suppose, some more generous brother might propose a sum of money to some indigent brother or widow. He seems to look upon all distressed Masons as tramps, and even when obliged, he doles out charity like a relieving officer. Dear brother Editor, did you ever meet such a

person? You may have done so at Grand Lodge, or at some great ceremony, for although not a subscribing member to any Craft Lodge, our friend has held office lately in Grand Lodge, and is very proud of the purple, he exhibits a bland smile for every one, and some confiding Brother will pour the Masonic oil over his character and position, and he retires to rest with an extraordinary idea of his own importance, and rises in the morning ready to take a stray order from any initiate Brother who has been carried away by his grandiloquence the previous evening, and who may have been told, as I was, that it was policy to give the W. Treasurer an order as soon as possible after joining the Lodge.

This is no fiction, but is the well-known pantomime monthly enacted at a Provincial Lodge. I trust this is an isolated case, but I am afraid it is not so; however, every true Mason should denounce such unworthy conduct, and I think Grand Lodge should recommend that all Masonic monies be paid into a separate banking account in the names of the Master and Treasurer of Lodge, and that the bank pass book should be forthcoming whenever required by the Finance Committee.

I enclose you my name, address, and Lodge, but not for present publication, as I prefer giving the Brother I have referred to a warning ere I ask his sanction to the publication of our names.

Yours fraternally,

M. F. C.

11th June 1878.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Crystal Palace Lodge, No. 742.—As briefly announced by us last week, the installation meeting was held at the Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, on Thursday, 6th June. The Lodge was opened at 3 o'clock, when the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The auditors' report was presented; it showed that the funds were in an eminently satisfactory condition, and there was a good balance in hand. The report was unanimously adopted. Bro. Hilbert, a candidate for the third degree, passed his examination, and after being regularly prepared was advanced to the sublime degree. Bro. Charles D. Hume, P.M. Etouian Lodge, No. 209, was then introduced to the outgoing Master to receive at his hands the benefit of installation. Bro. Roberts administered the customary obligation, and requested all brethren below the rank of Installed Master to retire. A Board of Installed Masters was then formally opened and the ceremony performed. On the re-admission of the brethren the salutes were given, and Bro. Hume appointed the following brethren his Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. Henry Speedy S.W., D. Radclyffe J.W., Thos. Foxall P.M. Treas., Wm. Land P.M. Sec., J. Blundell S.D., Fredk. Orme J.D., S. Eyre I.G., G. Cole D.C., Seymour Smith Org., Lassam W.S., Woodstock Tyler. The address to the Master was given by Bro. Roberts, those to the Wardens and Brethren by Bro. P.M. Foxall, and the Installing Master then resumed his seat, amid the congratulations of all present. The new Master was at once called on to exhibit his ability as a worker, as the ballot was taken for Messrs. George William Meacock, Thomas Woodward Bloor, and James Graddon. It proved successful in each case, and these three gentlemen being present, were initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry. The W.M. then rose, and with a few happy remarks, presented a Past Master's jewel to the worthy brother who had preceded him. Bro. Roberts in acknowledging the gift remarked he was greatly pleased at being the recipient of so handsome a jewel. It would ever be highly prized by him, and he trusted he might have many opportunities of wearing it in the Lodge. Several communications in reference to home matters were then read and discussed, after which Lodge was closed. The banquet was served in the New Hall, and was produced in the customary excellent style of Bro. Stanbury's establishment. The hall was handsomely decorated, with choice flowers, and several Masonic devices and emblems had been tastefully arranged about the tables. When we inform our readers that this was the artistic work of Bro. Dick Radclyffe, the well known horticultural decorator, who is the J.W. of the Lodge, they will be able to form an idea of the effect produced. On the removal of the cloth, Bro. Hume stated that he intended during his year of office to be as brief as possible in introducing the toasts. He then offered for the acceptance of the brethren the health of Her Most Gracious Majesty and Prosperity to the Craft. After the National Anthem by Bro. Seymour Smith, the W.M. rose to propose H.R.H. the M.W. the Grand Master, which received full recognition, and "God Bless the Prince of Wales" was sung. After the toast of the Pro Grand Master, the Dep. Grand Master, and Grand Officers Past and Present, the W.M. proposed the health of the Initiates. The brethren of the Crystal Palace Lodge might on this occasion congratulate themselves, inasmuch as it was, he thought, the first time in the history of the Lodge that they had had three initiates on one evening. From the way the new brethren had conducted themselves during the ceremony he believed they had the true metallurgical ring, and he trusted they would add lustre to the Lodge. The Entered Apprentice Song having been given, the initiates severally responded. Bro. Roberts I.P.M. then took the gavel, and proposed the health of the W.M. He had known Bro. Hume for some time and in him they would find they had a good representative of King Solomon. The purest precepts of Freemasonry were ever uppermost in his mind, and he would be found untiring in his endeavours to advance the welfare of the members. He called on the brethren to drink their Worshipful Master's health, and wish him a prosperous year of office. Brother Seymour Smith, by request, gave his humorous song, "Mrs. Brown's Silver Wedding," which elicited warm applause from all present. The W.M. then replied. He thanked Bro. Roberts for the many kind things he had said of

him. He assured the brethren he would do all he could to promote their comfort. He then pleasantly referred to the first impressions he had experienced on being made a Mason, and recounted how he made up his mind to attain a high position if energy and perseverance would assist him. Before resuming his seat he proposed Prosperity to the Masonic Charities, and called on Bros. Binckes and Terry to reply. Bro. Binckes had not for many years had the pleasure of visiting the Crystal Palace Lodge. The W.M. had indulged in a hope that the three initiates would eventually become good and charitable Masons; he could inform these brethren that their Lodge had never failed in its devotion to the Charities. Bro. Terry, the Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution—in spite of the unsettled state of affairs abroad, and the fearfully depressed state of trade at home—had had a very successful Festival this year. The Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls had likewise resulted satisfactorily, and under these circumstances he (the speaker) looked forward, not without great anxiety, that the endeavours of his Board of Stewards would be successful. Bro. Binckes then recounted what was being done by the Institution whose claims he advocated, and drew a comparison with what was accomplished seventeen years ago. He referred to what was urged by that section of our Brotherhood who desired that spontaneous effort should take the place of missionary enterprise. In conclusion, Bro. Binckes referred to the efforts that were being made by Bro. Land, who was Steward for the Lodge at the Festival, which will take place on the 8th July, and trusted he would receive the continued support of the members of this Lodge. Bro. Terry followed: He recognized the kindness he always received, and gratefully acknowledged the great services rendered by the Crystal Palace Lodge. He then referred to the vacant Secretaryship, and trusted that, whoever might be elected, the three Officers would be able to work amicably together, and continue the good feeling which had always hitherto existed. After a song, by Bro. Morgan, the health of the Visitors was given, and Bro. Z. D. Berry P.M. 179 responded. With the toast of the Past Masters was associated the name of Bro. Thompson, who, having acknowledged the compliment, the W.M. gave the Officers. After a song—"Wilt thou be my bride, Kathleen"—admirably sung by Bro. Hume, the Wardens acknowledged the honour conferred on them, and shortly afterwards the W.M. summoned the Tyler, who brought an interesting day's proceedings to a close. Amongst the Past Masters present were Bros. Roberts I.P.M., Watson, Cox, Elsley, Acton, Thompson, Baxter, Weekes, &c., and in addition to those we have already enumerated, there were several visitors.

Hartington Lodge of Instruction, No. 1085.—The anniversary meeting of this Lodge of Instruction was held on Wednesday, 29th ult. Bro. J. O. Manton (Secretary) as W.M. worked the ceremony of raising, Bro. E. R. Ward S.W. 253 acting as candidate. The Preceptor Bro. M. H. Bobart P.P.S.G.W. and Bro. A. G. Taylor W.M. 253 illustrated and explained many usages in Continental Lodges, and other brethren, prompted by the Preceptor, contributed to the work of the evening. Bro. Bobart was re-elected as Preceptor and Treasurer of the Lodge, and Bro. Manton as Secretary, high encomiums being passed upon their very efficient conduct in their respective positions hitherto, special reference being made to Bro. Bobart's long services. The Bye-Laws of the Lodge were read. The report of the Audit Committee on the accounts for the past twelve months were presented, and unanimously adopted. Several propositions were submitted to the brethren, after which the Lodge was adjourned until the 26th June. Business being ended, the brethren partook of a sumptuous banquet. Bro. Butterfield will act as W.M. at the next meeting.

Lord Warden Lodge, No. 1096.—This Lodge held its usual meeting on Friday, the 7th instant. Present—Bros. E. Kirby W.M., A. H. Des Barres I.P.M., J. Laggett S.W., H. R. Botting J.W., J. B. Harrison P.M. Chaplain, T. J. Usher P.M. P.P.G.R. and Secretary, J. Carpenter S.D., W. Carterfield J.D., J. Westaway Org., F. R. England as I.G.; D. Fraser, J. C. Cross, T. Spurgeon, S. Holgate Tyler. Lodge opened, and the minutes were read and confirmed. The business on the agenda paper comprised the balloting for a joining member, which was found to be unanimous in his favour. Lodge opened up, and Bro. Spurgeon being a candidate for the third degree, was examined and answered the questions satisfactorily. This brother was then raised by the W.M. in a most able and impressive way, the ancient lecture and charge being given. The whole of the Officers did their work in a creditable and painstaking manner. Lodge was closed regularly down, after which the brethren adjourned to refreshment, and spent a very pleasant and social hour together.

Neptune Lodge No. 1264.—A meeting was held at the Masonic Temple, Liverpool, on 3rd June. Present—Bros. Joseph Healing W.M., A. Cotter I.P.M., J. Korn S.W., W. C. Webb J.W., P. B. Gee P.M. Treasurer, J. H. Linaker Secretary, A. C. Wylie S.D., T. Arden J.D., C. Fothergill I.G., P. Ball Tyler. After the usual routine business was disposed of, Mr. Chas. Cavers was initiated, and the installation of W.M. and Officers for the ensuing year performed by the retiring Master, Bro. Healing. The following are the Officers for the next 12 months:—Bros. Joseph Korn W.M., Joseph Healing I.P.M., W. C. Webb S.W., A. C. Wylie J.W., J. H. Linaker Secretary, P. B. McGee P.M. Treasurer, T. H. Arden S.D., C. Fothergill J.D., A. Cotter P.M. D.C., R. Battersby, G. Crute and J. Sickle Stewards, J. S. Warden I.G., W. H. Ball Tyler. The appointment of the Officers were ratified, and the brethren adjourned to banquet. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed in an appropriate manner, and rapidly reaching the toast of the Prov. G. Officers Bro. Korn coupled therewith the name of Bro. Burgess, who, after Bro. Dealey had favoured the brethren with a song, responded in as brief

a manner as possible. The fifth toast on the list was proposed by the I.P.M., and in doing so, he expressed the pleasure he had felt that day in installing Bro. Korn as W.M. of the Neptune Lodge, and particularly so as he had the honour of initiating him. He trusted that his term of office would be prosperous and happy, and hoped that he would have the same hearty cooperation of the brethren as he had received, and the aid of the P.M.'s whose assistance had been of so much value to him. The toast was received with Masonic honours. W. Bro. Chapman responded to a unanimous call for a recitation, which was capitally rendered and highly applauded. The W.M. on rising to respond to the toast of his health, said: It is some eight years ago since I first saw light; I have held, during that time, the various offices, and have done my best to discharge their duties to the utmost of my ability. If I have satisfied you in my efforts, it is a source of satisfaction to me. In my new and exalted capacity I will endeavour to do my duty. Our Lodge is a very large one, and a very influential one, and its interests shall be carefully watched by me. We have had many good Masters in this chair, brothers who have done a deal of service for the Lodge, and if I am spared I will endeavour to emulate their good example, and during my term of office in carrying out my present intentions I have little fear of failing to give you satisfaction. The W.M. again rose, to propose the health of the I.P.M., who had so ably performed the duties of installing Master. Bro. Korn paid a very complimentary tribute to Bro. Healing, and the toast was received with musical honours. In the interval, Bro. Linaker complied with a request for a song. Bro. Healing I.P.M. returned thanks for the cordial manner in which the brethren had received the toast last given from the chair. He thanked the officers and brethren for past kindnesses, and with such hearty cooperation as he had received they could well understand how the good old ship, "The Neptune," had been laid down, was equipped, and now sailed forth in splendour and success. May all future Masters of this Lodge act as good commanders of a noble Craft, and steer it through its career of usefulness for all generations. The next toast was the Past Masters of the Neptune Lodge, which was heartily given by the W.M., and so received by the brethren. Bro. Hobart responded to the call for the next song. Bro. Gee returned thanks on behalf of the Past Masters, followed by Bros. Healing and Cotter. The health of the Visiting Brethren was very kindly proposed and cordially received, after which Bro. Niel favoured the brethren with a song. Several brethren returned thanks in response to the toast of the visitors. During the evening, the talented and genial P.G. Organist, Bro. Skeaf, delighted the brethren with his execution on the piano.

Dramatic Lodge, No. 1609.—This Lodge held its regular monthly meeting at the Masonic Temple, Hope-street, Liverpool, on Tuesday, the 28th ult. Present—Bros. W. J. Chapman W.M., J. B. Mackenzie as S.W., B. B. Marson P.M. as J.W., J. A. Ruison Secretary, A. Woolrich Treasurer, W. Sandbrook S.D., F. Wilkinson J.D., J. Capell as D.C., J. Pyer and W. Savage Stewards, W. P. Squire I.G., W. H. Ball Tyler; Past Masters Bros. Bell and Johnston. There was a strong muster of the members of the Lodge, and a few visitors. After the usual routine business had been disposed of, Mr. H. B. Conby was balloted for, accepted and initiated. The Lodge having been worked up, Bros. Sanderson, Heap, Armand, Whittle, and Owen, of this Lodge, and Bros. Jones and Brown of Emulation Lodge, No. 1505, were raised to the sublime degree of M.M. The Lodge voted two sums, one of three guineas and one of five guineas, for benevolent purposes. The Dramatic Lodge is, as a matter of course, quite a favourite in the province, and especially in Liverpool. There is great vitality amongst its members, and splendid talent for Masonic ritual. The Lodge is in its infancy, and it remains to be seen whether its prosperity in the future will be as sure as its rapid rise during the three years of its existence. The present W.M. is a Brother of power and action, yet there are others whom we have heard in our glorious ceremonies more impressive with less demonstration, more comprehensive with less effort. If ever the heart should—nay, must be—in unity with the word, it is most undoubtedly in Masonic ritual. No amount of vocal power, of energetic gesture, of rapid eloquence, can carry our solemn and beautiful teachings home to the heart of a listener, unless it proceeds from the eloquence immediately dictated by the heart of the speaker. After the termination of business the Lodge was closed in harmony, and the brethren adjourned to dinner, where a plain but substantial spread was duly appreciated. On the removal of the cloth, the W.M. gave the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts in quick succession. The object was evidently to enhance the enjoyment of the occasion as much as possible in a given time, as there were many of the professional brethren who had appointments to keep at the various theatres. In proposing the toast of the Visitors, W. Bro. Chapman accorded all a most hearty welcome, and Rev. Bro. Leslie responded. During the evening Bros. Richardson, Penney, Saunders, Cook and Haywood greatly delighted the brethren, with good subjects capitally rendered. The ever obliging and talented P.G. Organist, Bro. Skeaf, presided at the piano. After the Tyler's toast the brethren dispersed.

West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1612.—A meeting was held at the Feathers Hotel, Ealing, on Thursday, the 6th inst., at 7.30 p.m. Present—Bros. W. Seward jun. W.M., E. C. Porter S.W., A. J. Barr J.W. Sec., Cross S.D., J. R. Fernie J.D., Wills I.G., H. E. Tucker Treas. Bros. Owen, Clark, Wright, Kasner, Davies 1416, &c. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read, confirmed, and signed. Bro. Owen having volunteered as a candidate, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. This was followed by the rehearsal of the ceremony of passing, Bro. Clark being the candidate. At the request of the W.M. Bro. H. E. Tucker (Treas.), delivered the lecture on the tracing board of the degree. Lodge was opened and closed in the third, and closed to the first degree. Bro. Davies, with the assistance of the brethren,

worked the first and second sections of the lecture. On the motion of Bro. Cross, seconded by Bro. Tucker, Bro. Davies was elected a member. A vote of thanks was unanimously accorded to Bro. Davies for the instruction he had given the brethren. After this brother had acknowledged the compliment, Bro. E. C. Porter was elected W.M. for next meeting, 20th June, and the Lodge was closed.

Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday, but in consequence of the day being a general holiday, the Lodge was called off until Wednesday evening, when it was called on at 7 o'clock. Present—Bros. T. B. Whytehead W.M., T. Cooper I.P.M., J. S. Cumberland S.W., C. G. Padel J.W., A. T. B. Turner as S.D., J. T. Seller J.D., M. Millington I.G., J. Kay Secretary, J. W. Craven Organist, G. Simpson M.O., T. D. Smith Steward, P. Pearson Tyler; and Bros. Leah, Wilkinson, Jackson, Husband, &c. The business consisted of a raising and two initiations, which were worked by the W.M. The reports of the Lodge Committees were received and adopted, and Bro. G. H. Simpson, of the York Lodge, 236, was proposed as a joining member. After the close of the Lodge, the brethren met at refreshment, and were enlivened by solo and part singing by the musical members, who muster very strong under the banner of the Eboracum. The brethren of this Lodge purpose entertaining, at luncheon, a party of American Masons, who will visit York next month, deeming it a fitting opportunity of extending a fraternal welcome to their Transatlantic brethren, who are themselves world-famed for their hospitality.

The Panmure General Lodge of Instruction.—The first meeting of this new Lodge of Instruction, which has been formed for the purpose of affording instruction in the Craft, Mark, and Royal Arch degrees, by an ingenious arrangement which, whilst keeping the several ceremonies distinct, will enable brethren to associate for the general support and advancement of each other in the respective degrees, was held at the Antelope Tavern, Sun-road, Brixton, on the 6th inst. The Lodge was opened at 7.30 p.m. by Bro. James Stevens P.M. as W.M., Thomas Poore P.M. S.W., John Coe J.W., E. Francis S.D., J. Dunn J.D., C. T. Pearce I.G., T. Dickie P.G.P. acting Secretary. There were also present Bros. W. Ackland, C. P. McKay, Henry Lovegrove, E. Farwig, Joseph Croker, J. H. Wilkinson, and others. The ceremony of initiation having been rehearsed, the brethren proceeded to discuss the several propositions placed before them by Bros. Stevens and Poore, to whom had been granted the sanctions required from the Panmure Craft Lodge, the Panmure Mark Lodge, and the Panmure Royal Arch Chapter respectively. These were fully discussed, and the following resolutions were adopted, viz:—"That the Panmure General Lodge of Instruction be founded on the programme set forth in the circular convening the meeting, and that the order of working shall be:—

First Thursday in the Month	Craft Ceremony and Sections, First Degree
Second " "	Mark Ceremony and Lecture
Third " "	Craft Ceremonies and Sections, Second and Third Degrees
Fourth " "	Royal Arch Ceremony, and Sections
First fifth Thursday in the Year	Craft Installation and Annual Festival
Second " "	Mark Installation Ceremony
Third " "	Fifteen Sections (Craft)
Fourth " "	Royal Arch Installation Ceremony

The whole of the brethren present were constituted founders, and to their number will be added those who may be present at the first meetings of the Mark and Royal Arch sections of the General Lodge. Bros. James Stevens P.M. and P.Z., and Bros. Thomas Poore P.M. and J. were appointed Honorary Preceptors. Bro. Thomas Dickie, P.M. P.Z., was appointed Hon. Sec. The settlement of the By-laws was deferred until the expiration of three months, in order that the several sections might be properly represented in the General Lodge when holding its meetings in the first degree. The thanks of the meeting were voted to the respective Lodges and Chapter for the sanction accorded, and to Bros. Stevens and Poore for their services in preliminary formation of the Lodge. Bro. Coe was elected W.M. for the next Craft meeting, June 20th. Lodge was then closed, and the Craft meeting adjourned to that date. The first meeting in the Mark degree will take place on Thursday, the 13th inst., Bro. Thos. Poore W.M.

Panmure General Lodge of Instruction, Mark Masonry.—The second meeting of the above Lodge was held at the Antelope Tavern, Sun-road, Brixton, on the 13th inst. The evening being devoted to Mark instruction. The Lodge was opened by Bros. Thomas Poore P.G.I.G. as W.M., James Stevens P.G.J.O. S.W., C. P. McKay J.W., and the several offices below the chairs were efficiently occupied. The full ceremony of advancement was rehearsed, and explanations afforded by the presiding officers. A most instructive evening was the result, and a cordial vote of thanks to the Preceptors was carried with acclamation. The next meeting of the General Lodge will be devoted to the second and third degrees of Craft Masonry, and the subsequent Thursday evening to Royal Arch Ceremony and Lectures.

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ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

**To the Vice-Patrons, Vice-Presidents, Life Governors
and Members of the General Committee.**

MY LORDS, LADIES, AND BRETHREN,—

I have the honour to acknowledge most gratefully the extensive and cordial support I have received in my Candidature for the Secretaryship of your valuable Institution, and to thank those Members of the Committee who have favoured me with the promise of their vote and interest.

I beg most respectfully to solicit the assistance of those who remain unpledged, and I base my appeal on the following grounds.

In the enjoyment of perfect health, at the age of Thirty-eight, I feel myself possessed of those physical qualities requisite for the discharge of the arduous duties of the office.

I am a Life Governor of all our Institutions, and am this year acting as Steward for the Anniversary Festivals for the Eighth time.

Initiated into Freemasonry in 1863, I have been, and still am, an active member of the Order. Have passed the chairs in the Craft and Royal Arch, and held high rank in all the allied degrees and orders.

Engaged in commercial pursuits, I have for many years enjoyed exceptional opportunities of making the acquaintance of leading Brethren in the principal towns in the United Kingdom—to most of whom I am well and intimately known.

From my numerous Testimonials I have submitted several to the House Committee, which will, I trust, be regarded as exceedingly favourable, coming as they do from those who have had ample means of forming their judgment of my fitness for the position I aspire to attain.

** The Election, to be by Ballot, will take place in the Hall of Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, London, W.C., on Thursday, 11th July next, from Two to Five p.m.

Your personal attendance is absolutely essential, and I earnestly hope you will find it convenient to be present to record your vote in my favour.

I need scarcely say, if I have the honour to be elected no exertion on my part shall be spared to still further increase the usefulness and efficiency of the Institution.

I have the honour to be,

My Lords, Ladies and Brethren,

Yours obediently and fraternally,

CHARLES FITZGERALD MATIER.

14th June 1878.

The Committee for securing the Election of Bro. C. FITZGERALD MATIER have to add, in support of his Candidature, the following Testimonial, which, with many others, has been submitted to the House Committee.

STEPHEN BARTON WILSON,
 Hon. Sec.
 27 Wallbrook, E.C.

From His Grace the Rt. Hon. the EARL OF ROSSLYN,
 Late Ambassador Extraordinary to the Court of Spain, and Her Majesty's Lord High Commissioner to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland.

HOLYROOD PALACE,

3rd June 1878.

Sir,—I have great pleasure in bearing my testimony to your fitness for the post for which you are a Candidate.

As a Mason of high standing and unblemished character, I can imagine no one more calculated to give satisfaction to the authorities, in the position of Secretary to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, than yourself.

Very faithfully and fraternally yours,

ROSSLYN, P.G.M.

C. FitzGerald Matier, Esq.

**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. WESTWORTH 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 Lloyd's.

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,

P.M. and Sec. No. 766. P.M. 1339.

P.Z. and S.E. Chapter No. 766.

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 and Past Grand Organist (Mark).

67 KNOWLE ROAD, BRINTON, S.W.
 May 1878.

R. M. I. G.

ELECTION OF SECRETARY.

THE Votes and Interest of the General Committee are respectfully requested in favour of

BROTHER W. CLIFTON CRICK,

(Bachelor of Sciences Paris University), P.M. Canonbury Lodge 657, and
 Secretary, Sunbury Lodge 1733.

102 CHANCERY LANE, W.C.

Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

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

Having intimated my intention of presenting myself as a Candidate for the Secretaryship of this Institution, I now beg to thank the large number of brethren who have promised me their support, and to solicit the vote and interest of those who are still unpledged; again promising that, if elected, my whole energy and ability shall be exerted for the further extension of the benefits of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

F. A. WHITE,

P.M. 907; P.S. Chapter 907; Lodges 1137 and 1716.

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

Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

ELECTION OF SECRETARY.

BRETHREN desirous of Supporting the Candidature of Bro. Hedges are respectfully solicited to forward their names to Bro. Alfred Tisley, St. Dunstan's Vestry, Fleet-street, E.C.

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

Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

MY LORDS, LADIES AND BRETHREN,—

I desire to tender my sincere thanks to the numerous brethren who have so kindly assisted me in my canvass for the personal support that will necessarily be required at the forthcoming election of Secretary to the above Institution.

I further beg those Life Governors whose votes and interest are yet unpledged to give me their personal support at the election. Every communication to this effect will be thankfully received.

I have the honour to be,

My Lords, Ladies, and Brethren,

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

THOMAS CULL,

S.D. 1416; P.S. Chapter 1365;

Preceptor to the Royal Standard and Salisbury Lodges of Instruction;
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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 fulfil 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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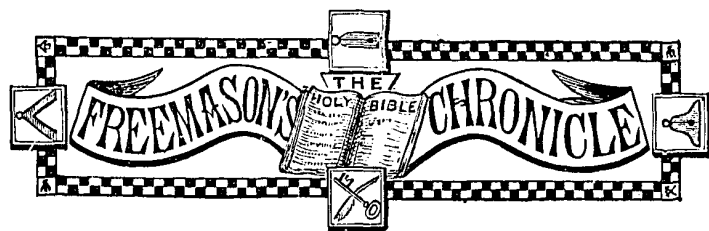
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67 BARBICAN, E.C.

OUR WEEKLY BUDGET.

PARLIAMENT has been enjoying a short respite this week from its labours, by reason of Whitsuntide, but owing to the Easter holidays having lasted longer than in ordinary years, and owing to the amount of work that remains to be got through, the rest is only a short one. The Commons has met again already, and on Monday the Peers will reassemble. Thursday last—the latter had an hour's sitting, when the Armenian Christians and the Congress were briefly referred to, while on Friday their Lordships sat for a couple of hours and a half, and the Lord Chancellor took an opportunity of proving his statement that on several occasions in the course of last century the Crown employed troops in various parts of the Empire which were not included in the Grant voted in the House of Parliament. In the House of Commons a considerable amount of progress was made with the Civil Service Estimates, and the Admiralty and War Office Retirement of Officers' Bill received a second reading, while on Friday further votes were agreed to in Committee of Supply. New writs have also been issued, in place of Mr. Russell Gurney late Member for Southampton, and Mr. Wykeham Martin late Member for Rochester.

The Queen and the Princess Beatrice are still in the Highlands, but it is expected that Her Majesty will return to the South some time next week. The Prince of Wales and the Duke of Connaught have gone to Paris, where the former is busily engaged in the performance of his duties as Chairman of the Royal Commission at the Paris International Exhibition. The Duke will go on to Berlin, and will there visit Prince Frederick Charles, to whose third daughter, as our readers will recollect, his Royal Highness was recently betrothed. On his return home he will be accompanied by his affianced bride and her father, as the

marriage will take place in this country. On Wednesday, the Princess of Wales and her three daughters paid a visit to the Horse Show at the Agricultural Hall, Lord and Lady Suffield being in attendance on her Royal Highness. The Duchess of Edinburgh is at St. Petersburg, where her mother, the Empress of Russia, lies in a precarious state of health, so much so, indeed, that her Imperial Majesty is prayed for in the churches.

The Great Horse Show which was opened in the Agricultural Hall on Saturday last is, in respect of the number and variety of the exhibits, quite up to the average, and has been inspected by a very large number of visitors, who have watched the leaping and parade of the winners with a great deal of interest. Yesterday was the last day, and though the weather has not been the most favourable, the management have every reason to be satisfied with the results. It is not perhaps so agreeable a place to visit as the Alexandra Palace grounds, but there is no doubt about the quality of the horseflesh exhibited.

We have got well into the Cricket season, as is shown by the fact that this week has witnessed one of the great annual fixtures, namely, one of the matches between North and South. Of late years, the South have generally proved victorious owing to the tremendous batting powers of such brilliant players as the Graces—W. G. and G. F.—and others; but this week the victory at Prince's rested with the North, who had three more wickets to fall when the winning hit was made. Mr. W. G. Grace scored 45 and 77 in his two innings, the other principal scorers for his side being Mr. Lucas 30 and 9, Mr. Ridley 49 and 4, and Mr. Hadow 40 and 22. Among the North Mr. Hornby 7 and 27, Lookwood 13 and 38, Mr. D. Q. Steel 26 and 35, Greenwood 36 (not out) and 18, and Pinder 18 and (not out) 21 were the most successful. The Australians are still in Yorkshire, where, on Tuesday and the following day, they played an 18 of Batley, making 170 in their first and only innings, Mr. Horan being top score with 50. The Eighteen had lost seven wickets for five runs, when the rain came down heavily and put a stop to the further progress of the match. There has also been a good deal of activity in the other branches of sport, in the yachting and athletic worlds, several important events having been held in the latter. Next week will be Ascot week, and let us hope, therefore, the weather will be a little more propitious than it has been.

The Bank holiday had little to boast of in the way of weather, but the public went out in full strength notwithstanding. The Crystal Palace and Alexandra Palace were the principal attractions, but the favourite seaside resorts were pretty well crowded with visitors, Brighton, Margate, Ramsgate, &c., being highly favoured. As regards the different lines of railway, no doubt the officials had a hard day's work, but they had their reward, of course, if trains and stations offer any criterion of the returns. As to the Great Western, we believe that in no previous year has the number of travellers by this line been so great.

How the House of Lords will look next week without the Prime Minister and his colleague at the Foreign Office may be imagined, nor is there much prospect of anything taking place in that august assembly until the return of the plenipotentiaries from the Congress at Berlin. This, of course, does not detract one iota from the political anxieties of the moment, but we must be content to remain anxiously expecting the events that may happen. It is something for the Congress to have assembled together, and the enthusiasm with which the Earl of Beaconsfield was received at Charing Cross Station and at Dover are satisfactory evidence that the country is well content to have its destinies at the Congress in the hands of the noble Earl and his colleague. There was great cheering at the station, and when his Lordship embarked for Calais the spectators gave him rounds and rounds of applause. All along the route his Lordship was received with great respect, and so was he on arriving at Berlin. His colleague started a few days later, and has also arrived. Indeed, the representatives of all the Powers are now in Berlin, and on Thursday the Congress was formally opened at what was known as the Von Radziwill palace. It is considered that a few sittings will suffice for the transaction of the necessary business.

We have hardly had time to recover from the universal sorrow for the loss of life by the sinking of the Grosser Kurfürst when the news is spread abroad of an equally terrible calamity in one of our mining districts. Since we last wrote there has been a fearful colliery explosion at

Haydock, in Lancashire, by which it is feared over 200 lives have been lost. A meeting was held in Liverpool on Wednesday, under the presidency of the Earl of Derby, and among those present were the Bishop of Manchester, the Roman Catholic Bishop of Liverpool, Dean Howson of Chester, and other persons of influence. His Lordship having dwelt on the greatness of the calamity, a series of resolutions was passed having for its object the raising of a sufficient sum of money to relieve the distress caused by the death of so many bread winners. It is years since any such terrible calamity occurred, in fact, nothing has been heard of which can compare with it since the fatal explosion at the Oaks Colliery. At present it is not known how many deaths have actually occurred, as the work of exploration proceeds but slowly, and up to Wednesday only sixty-five bodies had been recovered. The scene in the neighbourhood can better be imagined than described. We trust the subscriptions of the public will be on the most liberal scale.

The Paris International Exhibition is likely, according to the accounts we have of it, to prove a great success financially. On Monday, over 200,000 people visited it, and had there been admission by payment as well as by ticket this number would have been largely increased. There seems to be a fair amount of visitors, but the hotel keepers would have more business if their charges were less exorbitant. However, that is sure to be the complaint in every capital, when a fête of this kind is in progress.

News of the somewhat sudden death of George V., ex-King of Hanover, reached London on Wednesday, and takes us back to the days when German unity existed only in the brain of Emperor William and his ministers. The late monarch had been deposed from his throne ever since 1866, when he sided with Austria against Prussia in the Seven Weeks' War, and Hanover became an integral part of Prussia. Then was established the North German Confederation, and a few years later followed the establishment of the German Empire. George V. was son of the late King Ernest, who, till the year 1837, was known in this country as Duke of Cumberland, one of the least popular of the sons of George III. On the death of William IV., in 1837, the throne of Hanover passed, by the operation of the Salic Law, to Ernest, and, on his death, his son became King, as George V. The deceased was, therefore, first cousin to our Queen, and the Court will consequently go into mourning. He is succeeded in his English Dukedom by his only son, the Crown Prince, who is unmarried. George V. was blind, and like many other blind men was a great musician. Until his reign came to a close, he was Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Hanover, but this has now ceased to exist as a separate and independent organization.

The political world is in a state of suspense, and will remain so for some time to come, until the issue of peace or war is settled. The most disquieting news relates to Austria, who is mobilising a part of her army. But Austria has been so vacillating, that the *quidnuncs* have not yet made up their minds as to whether this is ominous of peace or war. All we can do is to trust in Providence that the peace of Europe may not be further broken.

ANECDOTES, &c. IN RELATION TO MILITARY MASONRY.

A French Merchant Captain.—In the summer of 1835, the schooner *Vigilant*, Captain Bergoun, from Dunkirk, arrived in Liverpool harbour, with loss of sails and other damage. The captain procured an agent, with whom he agreed for the necessary repairs, which were soon effected, and the vessel declared ready for sea. A misunderstanding, however, arose between the captain and the agent, on the charges incurred, which, in the sequel, proved to be excessive; the captain threatened to sail without acknowledging the account unless corrected, whereon a *meditatione fugata* warrant was procured against him. I knew him to be a man incapable of acting with dishonesty, although a little acute in the detection of certain mistakes, and was struck with astonishment at seeing him marched off to prison, and incarcerated beside a felon convicted of theft and burglary. As the captain understood the English language but very imperfectly, I proffered my services in his forlorn state. After the burst of indignation which naturally followed had subsided, he earnestly requested that a Freemason might be sent to him. I was acquainted with several gentlemen reputed to be of the Order, and to whom I made his case known. The agent who procured the warrant, the judge who signed it, and the captain who suffered by it, were all Freemasons; instant justice was rendered, and the captain immediately liberated. I was so struck with the wonderful influence of

the mystic tie over the usual tardy operation of official regulations, that I eagerly seized the opportunity to become a Freemason.—*Datus.*—*F.Q.R.*, Vol. IX., p 140.

The Surgeon and the Calcutta Masons.—The surgeon of a large trading vessel left England on a voyage that was calculated to extend over three years. The passage was not congenial to his nature, for the captain behaved to him with contempt, and he was not therefore treated as he ought to have been by others. The motive for the captain's conduct arose from the surgeon's non-compliance with certain pecuniary views which affected the interests of the owner, as well as the comforts of the ship's company, but which circumstances it would have been imprudent to have divulged, as such a course would have drawn upon him all the severity it was then in the power of a sea captain to inflict. On reaching a distant port, the surgeon left the ship, preferring to throw himself on the consideration of strangers rather than to endure a continuance of such cruel treatment, and his prospect was brightening. Several passengers, however, who were desirous of returning home, would only take berths in the ship on condition that the surgeon would resume his duties, his character being highly esteemed. On this the captain, by apologising for his past conduct, by promises of amendment in himself, and of full pay and privilege, succeeded in changing the determination of the surgeon, much to the satisfaction of the passengers. The surgeon packed up his moveables, and consigned them to a person to convey them on board. He saw his trunks secured on a sort of cart, which drove off, he himself following at a brisk walk. On the cart nearing the place where the boat was waiting, he observed the driver to use increased speed, and turn suddenly into the bush way, where in an instant he was out of sight! The blue peter was at the mast head, not a moment was to be lost, and the poor fellow boarded the ship without even a change of linen. The passengers kindly supplied him with many things, but the captain's conduct became harsher than ever; to jeers on his misfortune succeeded every species of vindictiveness in his power. His end had been answered. He had obtained passengers, with their money and stores, and he forgot all his promises to the surgeon, whom he unceremoniously dismissed on his arrival in Calcutta, and who became a wanderer and an outcast in the "City of Palaces." But the surgeon was a Mason, and in the hour of need, starving and scarcely clothed, he remembered that as he had promised to relieve others in their trouble he was probably himself entitled to ask relief. He applied to a Provincial Grand Master, who supplied his immediate wants, and shortly enabled him to make a decent appearance; soon after which he was engaged by a native gentleman in the upper provinces as secretary and medical attendant, in which capacity he still remains. Before leaving Calcutta he called on his friend the Grand Officer, and repaid the advance, with the most grateful acknowledgments for the powerful and truly Masonic kindness afforded him in the hour of affliction.—*F.Q.R.*, Vol. IX, p 403.

The Jubilee of H. Langley, Esq.

STOREKEEPER OF H.M. ORDNANCE, PORTSMOUTH.

Come, sing with me the jubilee; 'tis fifty years ago
Since first our honor'd Master sailed to meet old England's foe,
He left his happy home, in Kent, so buoyant and so free,
And cheerful went, wherever sent, to serve on land or sea.
When George the Third called England's sons, he answered to the call,
And now we sing his jubilee, in this his festive hall.

He was in that dire hurricane that swept o'er ocean's waves,
When hundreds brave, in Christian's fleet, were hurried to their graves;

The seamen strove in that dread hour against the angry deep,
But, far beyond all human power, the awful whirlwinds sweep.
To Thee, O God! their cry was raised, on Thee for mercy call,
For him Thou spared Thy name be praised, in this his festive hall.

Wild anarchy had raised her head, and terror reigned around,
And all the noblest blood of France was shed upon the ground;
Bravely against their rebel bands he fought for many a day,
And when the dreadful battle raged was foremost in the fray.
But heaven preserved him, while around so many comrades fall,
And now we sing his jubilee, in this his festive hall.

He served when dreadful pestilence was spreading far and wide,
And saw his gallant messmates sink in numbers by his side;
Heedless of almost certain death, his willing aid was near,
While many from infection's breath shrank far away with fear.
But he was spar'd, while o'er his friends was laid the funeral pall,
And now we sing his jubilee, within his festive hall.

When tyrant France imprisoned him, his spirit never pined,
But to relieve his distress'd friends was foremost in his mind;*
His freedom oft he strove to gain, and reach his native shore;
Sickness and want, with manly pride, most patiently he bore.
And days and nights at sea had passed in little skiff so small,
Where now we sing he reached at last, o'en this, his festive hall.

This is his year of jubilee; we hail the happy day;
Long may he live, and we to serve beneath his gentle sway;
May He whose mercy grants him health, largely increase his store,
Freely he shares his hard-earned wealth in comforting the poor.
That heaven's choicest blessings upon his head may fall,
So let us pray who meet this day, within his festive hall.

W. F. WOLFE.

April 1842.

* Upon Mr Langley's arrival, a prisoner, at Verdun, he found six of his fellow townsmen, prisoners, in the greatest distress, these he relieved, and continued his kindness to them and the rest of the English prisoners during their captivity.

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, 15th JUNE.

Provincial Grand Lodge, Middlesex, Greyhound Hotel, Hampton Court.
1621—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.
615—St. John and St. Paul, Pier Hotel, Erith, Kent.

MONDAY, 17th JUNE.

45—Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, 12 Old-st., near Goswell-rd., at 8.0. (In.)
171—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction.)
704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8. (Instruction.)
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8. (Instruction.)
1459—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.
London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-st., E.C., at 6, on 2nd and 4th Mondays in each month.
K. T.—Holy Sanctuary, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square.

77—Freedom, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend.
236—York, Masonic Hall, York.
331—Phoenix of Honour and Prudence, Public Rooms, Truro.
359—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton.
421—Borough, Half Moon Hotel, Gateshead.
466—Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton.
622—St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, Wimbome.
725—Stoneleigh, King's Arms Hotel, Kenilworth.
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction.)
1037—Portland, Royal Breakwater Hotel, Portland.
1141—Mid Sussex, Assembly Rooms, Horsham.
1199—Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congressbury.
1208—Corinthian, Royal Hotel, Dover.
1238—Goeh, Prince Alfred Hotel, Southall.
1419—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8 p.m. (Instruction.)
1502—Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.

TUESDAY, 18th JUNE.

Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-blvgs., Holborn, at 7. (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
141—Faith, 2 Westminster-chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney. (Instruction.)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1420—Earl Spencer, Swan Hotel, Battersea Bridge, S.W.
1446—Mount Edgecombe, 19 Jernyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1471—Islington, Three Bucks, Gresham-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1507—Metropolitan, 269 Fentonville-road. (Instruction.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-street-rd. at 8. (In.)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 7.0.
R. C.—Oxford and Cambridge, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square.
R. A. 933—Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich.
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon.
452—Frederick of Unity, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon.
510—St. Martin's, Masonic Hall, Liskeard.
667—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1006—Tregullov, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrier, Cornwall.
1276—Warren, Stanley Arms Hotel, Seacombe.
1325—Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1427—Percy, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle.
1470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable.
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle. (Instruction.)
1570—Prince Arthur, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, 19th JUNE.

Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, at 6.
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 8.0. (Instruction.)
1707—Eleanor, Angel Hotel, Edmonton, at 8. (Instruction.)
R. A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
R. A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
R. C.—Bard of Avon, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square.
20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham.
121—Mount Sinai, Public-buildings, Penzance.
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.
591—Buckingham, George Hotel, Aylesbury.
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction.)
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction.)
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
874—Holmesdale, Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells.
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction.)
969—Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Workington.
1010—Sykes, Masonic Hall, Great Driffield.
1086—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale.
1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. Germans, Cornwall.
1337—Anchor, Masonic Rooms, Durham House, Northallerton.
1353—Duke of Lancaster, Athenaeum, Lancaster.
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 14 North Hill-street, Liverpool. (Instruction.)
1413—Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon.
1501—Wycombe, Town Hall, High Wycombe.
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea.

THURSDAY, 20th JUNE.

House Committee, Girls' School, at 4.
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.)
445—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1227—Upton, Spotted Dog, Upton, E.
1449—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—Concaders, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 9. (In.)
R. A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)
M. M.—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-road, Dalston, at 8.30. (Inst.)
K. T.—Oxford and Cambridge, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square.

56—Howard, High-street, Arundel.
263—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
343—Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Starkie-street, Preston.
523—John of Gaunt, Freemasons' Hall, Halford-street, Leicester.
665—Combermere, Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe.
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction.)
1239—Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby.
1327—King Harold, Britannia Hotel, Waltham New Town.
1332—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon.
1339—Stockwell, Half Moon, Herne Hill.
1432—Fitzalan, Wynnstay Arms, Oswestry.
R. A. 1385—Gladsmuir, Red Lion Hotel, Barnet, Herts.
K. T.—William de la More, Town Hall, Bootle.

FRIDAY, 21st JUNE.

House Committee, Boys' School, at 4.
Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
766—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. (Inst.)
834—Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-road. (Instruction.)
902—Burgoyne, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
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.)
1269—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.)
1612—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd. N. Kensington, at 7.30. (Inst.)
R. A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8. (Inst.)
M. M. 104—Macdonald, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
317—Noah's Ark, Wagon and Horse 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.
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction.)
R. A. 403—Hertford, Shire Hall, Hertford.

SATURDAY, 22nd JUNE.

1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.
1464—Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe.
1331—Chislehurst, Bull's Head Hotel, Chislehurst.
1541—Alexandra Palace, Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill, N.

WEST YORKSHIRE.

SATURDAY.

149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham.

MONDAY.

302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford.
307—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge.
827—St. John's, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury.
R. A. 139—Paradise, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.

TUESDAY.

448—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax.

WEDNESDAY.

290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield.
750—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton.
1015—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.
1391—Brighouse, Masonic Room, Bradford-road, Brighouse.
R. A. 337—Moravian, Masonic Hall, Shipley.

THURSDAY.

600—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial-street, Batley.
1042—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds.
1514—Thornhill, Deara House, Lindley, Huddersfield.
R. A. 307—Good Intent, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge.
R. A. 337—Confidence, Private Rooms, Commercial Inn, Uppermill.

FRIDAY.

1102—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Eastthorpe, Mirfield.
1311—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds.
R. A. 521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Wakefield.
R. A. 837—Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon.
R. C.—White Rose of York, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.

EDINBURGH DISTRICT.

MONDAY—41—St. Luke, Freemasons' Hall.
TUESDAY—36—St. David, Ship Hotel, East Register-street.
405—Rifle, Freemasons' Hall.
WEDNESDAY—160—Roman Eagle, Iona Hotel, 82 Nicolson-street.
THURSDAY—48—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall.
R. A. 152—Perseverance, Lodge Room, 89 Constitution-street.
FRIDAY—R. A. 83—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Egyptian Lodge of Instruction, No. 27.—At the Hercules Tavern, 119 Leadenhall-street, E.C., on Thursday evening last. Bros. Campbell W.M., Da Silva S.W., Nordea J.W., Grammer S.D., Gladwell J.D., Moss I.G., Grammer Hon. Sec., Webb Preceptor, and other brethren. The ceremony of the second degree was rehearsed. Bro. Turquand acting as candidate. The first, second, third and fourth sections of the lecture were worked by Bro. Turquand, assisted by the brethren. A vote of thanks was entered on the minutes to the W.M., Bro. Campbell, this being the first time he had filled the chair in this Lodge. Bro. Da Silva was elected W.M. for next week.

Angel Lodge, No. 51.—This Lodge held its monthly meeting on Tuesday, the 11th of June, at the Lodge Room, Caps Hotel, Colchester. Present—Bros. Thos. J. Ralling W.M., E. Hennemeyer S.W., Isaac Harris J.W., John J. C. Turner Secretary, Alfred Cobb Treasurer, C. E. Denton J.D., W. P. Lewis D.C., G. Mercer I.G., P.M.'s Bros. G. Gard Pye I.P.M., A. Welch, F. A. Cole, E. Frayling,

W. Richey, &c. Visitors—Bros. W. Lindsay 593, and T. G. Mills 697. Two new members were initiated, and it was announced that the Annual Festival of St. John would be celebrated on Wednesday, 26th June. After Lodge, the brethren assembled round the festive board, and spent a most happy evening. The W.M., in responding to the toast of his health, thanked the P.M.'s and brethren generally for the manner in which they had rallied round him during his year of office, and expressed his confidence that the Lodge would prosper under the presidency of the W.M. elect, Bro. Hennemeyer.

Hermes Chapter, No. 77, Gravesend, Kent.—This Chapter met, the first time this season, on Wednesday, at the Old Falcon, when the following Comps. were present:—E. J. Scott M.E.Z., A. Cameron H., E. C. Woodward J., T. Murley S.N., Rev. J. Holden P.S., J. Hall A.S., J. Kelso P.Z., Brown Janitor, and other Comps. There being no candidates for exaltation, the Officers were installed as follow:—Comps. A. Cameron M.E.Z., E. C. Woodward H., Rev. J. Holden J., C. A. Cottebruno S.E., T. Murley S.N., J. Hall P.S., W. Forstick 1st A.S., Kelso 2nd A.S., Brown Janitor. The Chapter was then closed in duo form, when the Comps. retired to banquet, which elicited great satisfaction, and praise was given the worthy host for the way he had placed it on the table. The attendance was everything that could be desired; the wines were of excellent brands. The Comps. did not separate till the exigencies of the train service compelled them to return to town, after spending a most social and convivial evening, which will not soon be forgotten. During the evening the worthy host gave his name in for joining the Chapter at the next meeting in August.

Ancient Ebor Preceptory, No. 101, (K.T.).—The regular meeting of this Preceptory was held at York, on Tuesday. Present—The following members:—Thos. Cooper, T. B. Whytehead, T. B. Prissick, J. S. Cumberland, Geo. Simpson, G. H. Simpson, J. Ward, &c. Pursuant to notice on the summons, the Registrar, E. Sir Knight T. B. Whytehead, announced the circumstances attending the contemplated visit of a party of American Knights Templar to York, on the 25th July, and moved that a Committee be appointed to make arrangements for the entertainment of the visitors. This was carried unanimously. E. Sir Knight J. W. Woodall P.G. Constable for N. and E. Yorkshire was proposed as a joining member.

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193.—At the meeting of this Lodge on Wednesday last, held as usual at the Railway Tavern, London-street; there were present Bros. T. W. C. Bush W.M., K. Harris S.W., A. Posner J.W., Gotthell P.M., Biddle S.D., Fells J.D., Moss I.G., J. K. Pitt Sec.; Walker, Campbell, Anderson, Sayer, Claridge, Woodward, G. H. Stevens. The ceremony of the second degree was rehearsed, the Officers being well up in their duties, the W.M. giving proof of steady progress. Two of the sections were worked, in which Bro. Campbell, a young Scotch Mason, who has, during the comparatively short period of his stay in the Metropolis, striven to acquire the English mode of working, especially distinguished himself. Not only was he able to dictate the responses, but gave the illustration of the six grand periods in a manner which elicited hearty approbation. Bro. K. Harris was elected to preside on Wednesday next.

The Mariners Lodge, No. 249.—The monthly meeting of this Lodge was held at the Masonic Temple, Liverpool, on Thursday, the 6th inst. Present, Bros. J. C. Robinson W.M., F. Barnett S.W., W. P. Jennings J.W., R. Collins Sec., Wm. Corbett S.D., John Whalley J.D., H. P. Parry I.G., Leighton Org., P. Ball Tyler. Past Masters Bros. Hayes, Pearson, Smith. Mr. Fitz-Gerald and Mr. Messenger were initiated, after which the Lodge was worked up to the third degree, and Bros. F. G. Porter and R. Thompson were raised to the sublime degree of M.M. The Lodge was then lowered, and the election of Master for the coming twelvemonths was proceeded with; it resulted in the unanimous election of Bro. F. Barnett to the chair; Bro. Smith was re-elected Treasurer for the year; Bros. Cangle, Howarth and Jennings Auditors; Bros. Smith, Pearson and Rose as Lodge Trustees. Ballot was taken in favour of the Rev. Bro. Pennington being elected an Hon. Member of the Lodge. It was proposed by Bro. Hayes and seconded by Bro. Stern, that a sum of £10 be voted from the funds of the Lodge for a Past Master's jewel, — carried. The Lodge was then closed in harmony, and the brethren, by request of the W.M., adjourned to refreshment. After proposing the customary Loyal and Masonic toasts, which were heartily received, the W.M. rose to propose the health of the W.M. elect, and in doing so spoke of the great pleasure he had in giving that toast. They all knew how deserving Bro. Barnett was of the exalted post he had been so unanimously voted to that night. They knew his untiring zeal for the Craft, the constant attendance he had given to his duties, and how he had worked himself up from the post of I.G. to the proud position he had just attained. No one felt greater joy in congratulating Brother Barnett than he did that night, and he had full confidence that, prosperous as the Lodge had been under his Mastership, it would be even more so during the coming year. Every Brother felt that it was a great advantage to have a Master who possessed so many excellent qualifications for the office as Bro. Barnett exhibited; his working will prove itself of such an unexceptional character as to give the most fastidious Brother satisfaction. The toast was drunk with Masonic honours. After Bro. Grey had favoured the brethren with a song, Bro. Barnett, in a very able but unassuming manner, returned his sincere thanks for the great honour conferred on him by their unanimous vote, and trusted that he would still, by the same course of procedure as had characterised him in the past offices, merit their esteem in the future. The W.M. next gave the newly initiated brethren, and said he had the pleasure of proposing that toast at nearly every meeting in his

term of office; he felt sure the present brethren would prove themselves as valuable and honourable to the Craft as any of those he had previously had the honour of initiating. After the Entered Apprentice Song, each of the Initiates responded in a very appropriate manner. The last toast but one which it pleased the W.M. to propose was the Masonic Press; he said it was not often they had two representatives of the Masonic Press present. He spoke of the great value of Masonic journals, and the advantages which accrued to the brethren from reading them; it expanded the ideas, and instructed them with reference to leading questions in the Craft at home and abroad. In proposing the toast he would couple the names of Bros. Davies and Wood. Bro. Davies, on behalf of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, thanked the Worshipful Master for the able manner in which he had proposed the last toast; he congratulated him on possessing those appreciative sentiments which alone could prompt him to speak of Masonic literature so favourably. The fraternal greeting he had experienced that evening was a pervading characteristic of the estimable and hospitable brethren of Liverpool. His visit among them had been an uninterrupted source of satisfaction, as regards the majority of Lodges. He exhorted the brethren to read and study as much as possible, as one-half the pleasure we derive in being Masons is acquired from a knowledge of what transpires in the Craft universally. In conclusion, he paid a high tribute of praise to the healthy Masonic tone existing among the brethren generally, and the appreciative talent of those brethren he had come intimately into contact with in Liverpool. Bro. Wood sincerely thanked the brethren for drinking the toast so warmly, and the W.M. for mentioning his name. He spoke plainly, however, and rated the brethren present, and the members of the Craft in Liverpool generally, for not reading the paper he represented. He said it was disgraceful to think that the Liverpool brethren would not buy the *Freemason*,—as it was their paper. He thanked the W.M. for the opportunity of speaking to them on such an important matter, and expressed his unqualified protest against the brethren spending their money for any trivial diversion, and not thinking fit to spend a couple of pence in purchasing a copy of the *Freemason*. Bro. Wood concluded his remarks by again thanking the W.M. for coupling his name with the toast. Of course it is needless to say that Bro. Davies did not sympathise with the whole of Bro. Wood's remarks, as his experience among the brethren of Liverpool is that, Masonically, they are very intelligent, and the extensive patronage given the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE is a proof of this assertion. Bro. Wood should allow that every Brother Mason must have the right of exercising his own opinion. The W.M. next proposed the toast of the Visitors, in a very genial manner, and expressed the sentiments of the Lodge when he said they were always heartily welcome. Bro. Wright ably responded to the toast, after which the Tyler was called, and the brethren dispersed.

Lodge of Hope, No. 433.—The Annual Festival of this Lodge was celebrated at the Swan Inn, Brightlingsea, Essex, on Whit Monday, there being a very large attendance of members and visitors. The ceremony of installing Bro. W. S. Ling, the W.M. elect, was performed by the outgoing Master, Worshipful Bro. A. E. Rogers P.P.G.O., and the following were afterwards appointed and invested as Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. R. C. Athill S.W., John Dean J.W., Rev. A. Portwee Chaplain, W. Clarey P.M. Treas., J. E. Wiseman P.M. Sec., Jas. Lewis S.D., S. Lord J.D., J. Skinner I.G., T. Wilson Tyler. After the Lodge, the brethren dined together, a capital repast being provided by the hostess, Mrs. Harmer. The usual toasts followed, and a very happy social hour was passed. Among those present, either at Lodge or banquet, in addition to those already named, were the following visitors:—W. Bros. Joseph Burton Prov. G. Treas., Thos. J. Ralling W.M. 51 Prov. G. Sec., W. Bell W.M. No. 1024, Geo. Harvey W.M. 697, W. R. Crozier W.M. 370, J. Nicholls P.M. 276, the Rev. E. H. Crate, Alfred Welch P.M. 51 P.P.G.J.W., W. P. Lewis P.M. 51 P.P.G.D., Thos. Enstace P.M. 697, H. Everett, Rev. J. P. Britton, W. H. Ablitt, T. G. Mills, Jas. F. Ralling, and A. W. Ralling, Members of No. 433. Past Masters Bishop, J. Richardson, H. York, C. Blyth, W. Bragg, W. Minter, and Jas. Ames; Bros. A. A. Jeffries, Closson, W. Day, Bowdell, F. Eagle, H. Foulger, Nicholls and Wagstaff.

Fidelity Chapter, No. 477.—An emergency meeting of this Chapter was held at the Masonic Chambers, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead, on Thursday, the 30th May. Present—Comps. A. Samuel M.E.Z., R. Gracie H., J. G. Adams J., Wm. Bennett P.S., Samuel Jones P.Z. S.E., Bennett P.S., Holtaway Janitor; F. K. Stevenson P.Z. P.P.G.J. Cheshire, a good muster of Comps. of the Chapter; and Comps. S. M. Davies, No. 16, G.R.C., and M. McVerney 605. There were three candidates for exaltation, viz., Bros. Geo. Lloyd, James Marsh, and Enoch Evans. The beautiful ceremony was very ably performed by M.E.Z. Samuels. It is gratifying to state that this Chapter is now in a very flourishing state, and judging from the talent among the Companions, and the decided interest they all take in this supreme degree, No. 477 must go on prospering. When the offices of a Chapter are filled by proper and worthy Companions, it is inevitable that the same must prosper. When a Chapter declines, there is something very wrong, which should at once be looked into and immediately rectified. The Chapter being closed in duo and ancient form, the M.E.Z. invited the members to supper. After the Companions had done justice to the good things provided, they were conducted into a very comfortable apartment to spend an hour or so in social intercourse. This arrangement on the part of mine host, Comp. C. H. Berry, was greatly appreciated. The usual toasts having been duly honoured, the M.E.Z. proposed the health of the Past Principals of the Chapter, and in doing so reverted, in a very touching manner, to the loss the Chapter had sustained in the death of P.Z. Harboard. In giving the toast he had great pleasure in coupling the names of Comps. Gracie and Jones. E. Comp. Jones

returned thanks, and trusted he might be with them for many years to come. E. Comp. Gracie, in following, expressed the warm interest he took in Royal Arch Masonry, and the hearty sympathy and support he was ever willing to render to his Chapter. He was pleased to see so many Companions present—a sign which augured well for the future, and such pleasant meetings as the one they were enjoying was a source of gratification to him, and he felt it must be so to all present. Before he sat down he most cordially proposed the health of the M.E.Z. This having been honoured, Comp. Bennett kindly responded to the call for a song. M.E. Comp. Samuels, in reply to the last toast, expressed the satisfaction he felt in seeing so many Comps. attending the summons which brought them together that night; he regretted they were not brought together under such pleasing auspices more frequently. He was always pleased to fulfil the important office confided to him, and judging from the enthusiastic manner in which his health had been proposed and received, he had the satisfaction of believing he retained their esteem and confidence. He sincerely thanked the Comps. for their mark of esteem. E. Comp. Fraser proposed the health of the Officers, and in doing so spoke approvingly of their attention to duty, and their efficiency in executing the same. He coupled with the toast Comp. Bennett. E. Comp. Jones favoured the Companions with a song. Comp. Bennett, as P.S., returned thanks on behalf of the Officers; he said that he was induced to be regular in attendance and efficient in his duties as he felt that these were essentials to the welfare of the Chapter. As the E. Comp. had so kindly proposed the health of the Officers this side, he had great pleasure in proposing the toast of the second and third Principals. Comp. Russell volunteered the next song. E. Comps. H. and J. responded, and expressed hopes that the success of the Chapter might in the future be equal, if not greater, than the present. Comp. Fraser consented to give the next song. After which the toast of the newly exalted Comps. was given, and appropriately replied to by each. E. Comp. Samuels, in proposing the toast of the Visitors, did so in a very happy and cordial manner, extending a hearty welcome to those who had assisted to enhance the delights of the evening. He had great pleasure in coupling the name of Comp. Davies, who had kindly responded to his invitation to come and see their working. He trusted that he (Comp. Davies) had enjoyed himself, and that he was pleased with their work. Comp. Davies was connected with the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, and had ample opportunities of acquiring Masonic knowledge, as he had visited much, at home and abroad. He (Comp. Samuels) had received some information from Comp. Davies with reference to R.A. Masonry in America which was very interesting, and no doubt Comp. Davies would give them some further particulars, as they were always delighted to glean whatever had a tendency to their advancement from Visitors of such extended experience as their guest possessed. Comp. Davies, in response to the toast of the Visitors, touched upon many points of interest concerning the Craft universal, the mission of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE in relation to the Order, the tone for Freemasonry in its entirety which must actuate the staff of a purely representative Masonic journal, and the great delight he felt in seeing the beautiful ritual of our glorious Order properly carried out. In conclusion, he thanked the Comps. for the marked reception accorded him that evening. The M.E.Z. thoughtfully and heartily proposed the health of their host, Comp. Berry, who had so liberally and thoroughly provided for their wants, and without whose aid they would not be so well cared for. The toast was deservedly well received, and Comp. Berry returned thanks. The Janitor's toast brought the meeting to a close, and the Companions separated, every one being well satisfied.

St. John's Lodge, No. 673.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held at the Masonic Temple, Liverpool, on Tuesday, the 4th June. Present—Bros. H. Burrows W.M., T. Roberts I.P.M., D. Jackson S.W., W. Brackenbury J.W., W. T. May P.M. Sec., T. Clark P.M. Treas., L. Harman S.D., J. Seddon J.D., J. T. Callow P.M. D.C., H. Marshall Steward, T. Smith I.G., W. H. Ball Tyler. Past Masters Bros. Corless, Kyle, Hecken, and Stephenson. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and declared correct, the I.P.M. took the gavel, as Bro. Burrows, suffering from the effects of his late illness, was unable to go through the hard work which came before the Lodge that evening. Bro. Roberts initiated two candidates, and passed two to the second degree; after which the Lodge immediately proceeded to elect the W.M. and Treasurer for the ensuing year. Bro. Jackson was unanimously elected to the chair, and Bro. T. Clark re-elected Treasurer for the same term. Ten guineas was voted for relief cases, and ten guineas for a P.M.'s jewel, from the funds of the Lodge. After a protracted sitting, during which time a discussion came up as to holding the annual pic-nic, besides many other questions, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren, by command of the W.M., proceeded to supper. After the brethren had refreshed the inner man, the W.M., in consequence of the lateness of the hour, proposed in rapid succession the Loyal and Masonic toasts, which were duly honoured. The W.M., on rising to propose the toast of the W.M. elect, said, when the time came for Bro. Jackson to occupy the chair, he was sure he would do so with credit to himself and honour to the Lodge. The toast was drunk with musical honours. Bro. Jackson, in responding to the toast, thanked the brethren one and all for the unanimous mark of esteem shown him in electing him to the important post of their W.M. He trusted he should merit their continued esteem, and promised that every effort should be made on his part to give them satisfaction. Bro. May, in proposing the health of the W.M., said he, as well as all the brethren, regretted that Bro. Burrows had not enjoyed the blessing of health during his term of office. Although he could not, from his delicate state of body, undertake to go through his business to-night, yet all knew how ably he could perform his part when well. He knew all would join and drink to his better health. Bro. Marsh favoured the brethren with a song. W. Bro. Burrows,

in responding to the toast, thanked the brethren for the kindness and consideration shown him. He was glad to say, at the termination of his year, that the Lodge was very prosperous, and that in addition to providing for all necessary Charities they could afford to devote one hundred pounds to a pic-nic; he concluded by saying he wished every prosperity to the Lodge in the coming year. The next, the Past Masters' toast, was given with a few words of thanks for the assistance rendered by that body during the year, and Bros. Roberts and May responded. After Bro. Whitehead had sung a song, the W.M. gave the Officers, which toast was replied to by the Senior and Junior Wardens. During the interval Bro. Collier responded to the call for a song, and the W.M. wound up by proposing the health of the Visitors, to which Bro. Wright very tersely replied. The Senior Warden's toast brought the evening's enjoyment to a close, and the brethren retired.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—A meeting was held on Friday, the 7th inst., at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge. Bros. Gomm W.M., Acworth S.W., Goss J.W., Ganner Hon. Sec., Tucker Treas., Porter S.D., Costelow J.D., Talbot I.G., J. C. Roe P.M. Preceptor, and Bros. Blasby, Botley, Dorey, Kyezor, &c. Lodge having been opened with due observance of ancient custom, and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed, Bro. Beckett tendered himself as candidate, and the W.M. ably rehearsed the ceremony of initiation. Bro. Beckett then answered the questions and retired. Lodge was opened up to third degree, and closed down again, after which Bros. Ganner and Tucker were unanimously re-elected Hon. Sec. and Treas. respectively; and having been invested, acknowledged the high compliment paid them. Bros. Costelow, Blasby and Acworth were appointed to audit the accounts of the past year. After the W.M. for next meeting had been elected, the meeting was adjourned in due form.

Merchant Navy Lodge of Instruction, No. 781.—Held its weekly meeting on Wednesday, at the Silver Tavern, Bardett-road, Limehouse. Present—Bros. Clegg W.M., Breden S.W., Robinson J.W., Breden Sec., Ives Treas., Maxwell S.D., Westcott J.D., Warner I.G.; Tarquand P.M. Preceptor, and Hogg P.M. 1319. Lodge opened, and the minutes were read and confirmed. Bro. Maxwell acted as candidate, and the ceremony of passing was very ably worked by Bro. Clegg. Some of the sections of the lecture were worked by the W.M., assisted by the brethren. A short lecture on the early history of Freemasonry in England was submitted to the brethren by the Preceptor. Bro. Breden will preside next Wednesday.

Eden Valley Lodge, No. 812, Appleby.—The annual meeting of this flourishing Lodge was held at the King's Arms Hotel, on Thursday, 6th June, at four o'clock in the afternoon. The W.M. Bro. R. Warton was supported by Bros. Cockfield S.W., W.M. elect, Whitehead P.M., &c., Fulton P.M., Rev. R. J. Simpson P.M. Past Grand Chaplain of England, Dr. Sayer, Arnison P.M. (Penrith), W. Kirkbride P.M., &c., Cussins W.M. Penrith Lodge, McKay W.M. 129, John Bowes P.M., &c., Robinson (York), Bentley, Ridge, and others. The Lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. The Lodge was then opened in the second degree, when Bros. Bentley and Ridge claimed preferment, and having sustained their claim, were entrusted. The chair was now assumed by Bro. John Bowes, and the candidates were separately admitted and raised under the able deaconate of Bro. Warton. Resuming labour in the second degree, Bro. W. Kirkbride took the chair, and with the assistance of Bro. Bowes installed Bro. Cockfield as W.M. for the ensuing year. The Lodge being closed, the brethren adjourned to the banquetting room, where an excellent dinner was tastefully served. The cloth being withdrawn, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. Bro. Rev. R. J. Simpson, in proposing the toast of the Installing Masters, paid a high compliment to the choice and master spirits who had kindly visited them, and performed the ceremonies in such a correct and impressive manner. Bro. Robinson, of York, in responding for the Visitors, begged to add his hearty concurrence with the complimentary remarks of his friend and brother, Canon Simpson. The meeting had been an exceedingly profitable one, and he congratulated the W.M. and members of the Eden Valley Lodge that they were able to command the services of brethren so competent to interpret their beautiful ceremonies. The Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close at ten o'clock.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—At the weekly meeting on Tuesday evening, at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston. Bros. Carr W.M., Wardell S.W., Slater J.W., Polak S.D., Christian J.D., Forss I.G., Dallas Sec., Smyth Treas., P.M. Wallington Preceptor. Lodge was opened and the minutes were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Holsworth candidate. Bro. Gilham answered the questions, the Lodge was opened in the second, and the Preceptor assumed the chair and passed Bro. Gilham. The W.M. then resumed the chair, and the Lodge was opened up and regularly closed down; the Preceptor then worked the fourth section of the First Lecture, assisted by Bro. Allen. A vote of thanks was passed to the W.M. for his able working in the chair for the first time. Bro. Wardell will preside at the next meeting.

Doric Lodge of Instruction, No. 933.—Held its weekly meeting on Friday, 7th instant, at Bro. Clayton's, the Duke's Head, Whitechapel-road. Bros. Francis W.M., Ellis S.W., McDonald J.W., Wolley S.D., Job J.D., West I.G. A number of other brethren were also present. The Lodge was opened in due form with prayer, and the minutes were read and confirmed. The W.M. worked the cere-

mony of initiation, Bro. Norden candidate. Bro. Webb worked the first, second, third, fourth and fifth sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Norden 205 was elected a member. Bro. Ellis was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week. It was proposed by Bro. Curdick, and seconded by Bro. Stephens, that Bro. Butler, W.M. of the Patterson Lodge, be invited to work the ceremony of installation at the next meeting. This was carried unanimously. A vote of thanks was ordered to be recorded on the minutes to the W.M., for the excellent manner in which he had worked the ceremony. The Lodge was then closed in due form and adjourned until Friday, the 14th inst.

Royal Victoria Lodge, No. 1013.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held at the Masonic Temple, Hope-street, Liverpool, on Wednesday, the 5th inst. Present—Bros. T. K. Hughes P.M. as W.M., J. Thompson S.W., J. R. Rowan J.W., J. Stoddart Sec., E. Rogers P.M. Treas., C. Vick S.D., H. Glover J.D., H. Shewell I.G., P. Ball Tyler. Past Masters Bros. Lowe, Kenyon, Younghusband and Baker. Visitors—Bros. Wright, Davies, Broughton 493, New York. There were very few members. The business was the election of W.M. for the ensuing year; also Treasurer for the same term. Bro. J. Thompson was elected to the former post, and Bro. E. Rogers re-elected to the latter. It is a matter of deep regret that this once compact, well attended, and well worked Lodge, bears such evident signs of having fallen into the sear and yellow leaf. It is useless trying to conceal the fact that there must be a reason for this falling off. The cause should be immediately looked into, and without loss of time removed. It could not have been pleasant for the founder, the first Master, the consecrator, yea, the Grandfather of the Royal Victoria Lodge, to be present and see the offspring of the noble and prosperous Merchants' Lodge, of which he is the Father so to say, languish and droop from sheer inanition. Let us hope that the presence of the illustrious brother, who recalled to mind the proud position No. 1013 held among the sister Lodges years ago, may infuse new zeal, new Masonic fire among the dead embers, and that this Lodge will again have good officers, energetic members, and a career of uninterrupted prosperity. The business of the evening was followed by the W.M. *pro tem* inviting the brethren to refreshment. After the removal of the cloth, the W.M. proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts, and immediately proceeded to give what he considered a special toast; in doing so he expressed the great pleasure he felt in having the presence of Bro. Younghusband that evening. He, as the oldest P.M. and principal founder of the Lodge, had kindly, on his visit to Liverpool, come amongst them, and his presence recalled many recollections of the past; of the early history of the Lodge; we may safely say he was the Father of the Lodge, for without him in all probability No. 1013 would not have been founded, and without his invaluable aid its existence to the present time might have been a matter of doubt. Words fail to convey the feelings of the W. Brother in expressing the debt of gratitude the brethren of the Lodge, many of whom had never seen Bro. Younghusband before to-night, although all had heard him so frequently and respectfully spoken of during his absence from Liverpool; he therefore called upon the brethren to drink the health of their esteemed Brother in the hearty manner his name deserved. The toast was drunk with Masonic honours. Bro. Younghusband said he had great pleasure in being with them that night. No one knew better than he the early history of their Lodge. He was its first Master; he consecrated the Lodge, he watched over its infancy, and with all his zeal and love for the Craft presided over its chequered progress for four years. He never left his post vacant until the Lodge was strong and able to start on that course of progress and prosperity which distinguished its career, and placed it in the honourable position it occupied among its sister Lodges. He hoped that the future would prove as brilliant to the Lodge as the past, and most heartily thanked the brethren for their cordial greeting. In proposing the toast of the Visitors, the W.M. expressed the pleasure he felt in having the company of brethren from far and near at their Lodge that night. It was always pleasant to entertain visiting brethren, and the toast—cordially received at all times—would be drunk with more than usual warmth from the fact that a distinguished brother from New York honoured them with his presence. As this brother was about to start on his return voyage the next day, to the far West, he hoped he would carry with him some pleasing recollections of having visited the Royal Victoria Lodge. Bro. Broughton (New York) responded on behalf of the visitors; he said that the fraternal welcome given him that evening would make an indelible impression on his mind. He appreciated the genial manner in which the brethren gathered round the festive board, the hospitable nature of which he was so kindly invited to partake of, and which he almost regretted to say was not a custom in American Lodges; he doubted, however, if any Masons in the world gave a more hearty welcome to their brethren than was accorded, according to the custom there, than in the United States. He expressed the great pleasure he derived from being among them, and with many thanks concluded, offering a sincere wish for their prosperity and happiness. A few more toasts were

proposed, duly received, and responded to, and after spending a couple of hours, during which time several of the musical brethren gratified all with some good glees, quartetts, and songs, the brethren dispersed.

Hartington Lodge, No. 1085.—Held at the Masonic Hall, Derby, on Wednesday, 5th June. Present—Bros. G. Pipes W.M., W. Heathcote P.G.D.C. I.P.M., M. H. Robert P.P.S.G.W. as S.W., W. B. Hextall J.W., J. O. Manton Sec., H. Biggs W.M. 802 as S.D., P. Wallis as J.D., W. Butterfield I.G.; Past Masters Bros. F. Hiffe P.P.J.G.W. and J. Worsnol P.P.G.P., and a large number of other brethren. The Lodge was opened at 7.40 p.m. Bros. Hefford, Baxter and Arnold were passed to the second degree by the W.M. A Quarterly Communication from Grand Lodge was presented, and other business connected with the working of the Lodge was transacted. The case of a distressed brother, suffering from illness, received the favourable consideration of the Lodge. After the usual formalities, the Lodge was adjourned until the first Wednesday in July.

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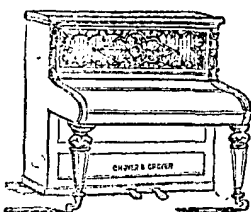
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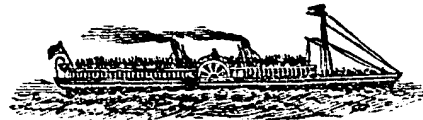
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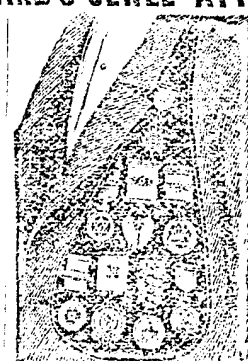
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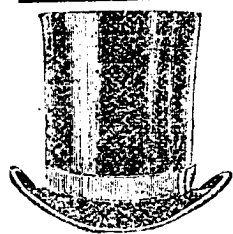
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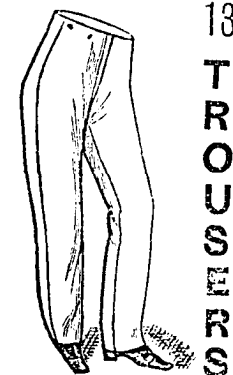
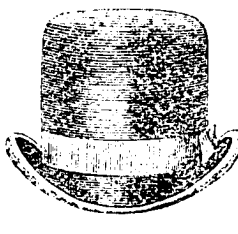
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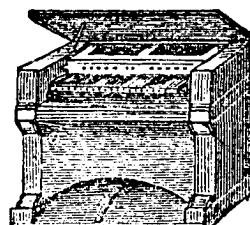
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