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FREEMASONRY IN PENNSYLVANIA

WE acknowledge with fraternal thanks the receipt of copy of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania during the year 1877. On the whole they may be described as presenting a healthy organisation in the highest degree creditable to the Grand Master and the other leading spirits of this ancient Masonic body. Extracts are furnished from the minutes of Proceedings of the Quarterly Communications held on the 6th June, 5th September, and 5th December respectively, as well as of the Annual Grand Communication on the 27th December. At the first Quarterly Communication referred to, a portrait of the late Bro. John Chambers, D.D., who at the time of his death was the Senior Grand Chaplain of Grand Lodge, an office he had filled for close on a quarter of a century, was presented by his executor, at the express desire of the Rev. Brother's widow, and its receipt most warmly acknowledged by the Grand Master. At the same gathering a series of resolutions condoling with the Grand Lodge of Missouri on the death of Bro. Frank Gourley was passed and ordered to be presented to that body, as well as to the relatives of the deceased brother. At the September Communication, the Grand Secretary's annual report was presented and showed the number of Lodges on the roll on the 27th December of the previous year to have been 375, six having been constituted in 1876. The number of members in the jurisdiction was 37,811, the number of admissions initiations, &c., &c., in the course of the year having been 1,788, the number of resignations, suspensions or expulsions and deaths being 2,213. At this Communication it was resolved to open Masonic intercourse with the Grand Lodge of Scotland. At the December meeting the election of officers took place, when Bro. J. Madison Porter was elected Grand Master, Bro. Robert Clark declining to be re-elected, Bro. Michael Nisbet being the Deputy Grand Master. Bros. S. B. Dick and Conrad B. Day, Grand Senior and Grand Junior Wardens respectively, and Bros. Thos. R. Patton and John Thomson, Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary. The Committee on Finance presented their report for the year ended 15th November, showing that the Receipts, including Balance brought forward, amounted to 141,859 dollars 65 cents, and the Expenses to 137,977 dollars 42 cents, leaving a balance in hand amounting to 3,882 dollars 23 cents. The estimated revenue and expenditure for 1878 are set down as 147,995 dollars 63 cents, and 147,259 dollars respectively, leaving a small balance in hand of over 736 dollars. The Balance Sheet of Grand Lodge for the past year shows a total for both sides of the account of over 2,211,449 dollars, the principal items on the Dr. side being—Sinking Fund—over 24,068 dollars; Stephen Girard Charity Fund, over 51,012 dollars; G. Lodge Charity Fund, over 68,226 dollars, and Real Estate close on 1,919,127 dollars. On the Creditor side the chief items are Grand Lodge of Penna. over 762,450 dollars, and the Masonic Temple Redemption Loan 1,320,500 dollars. Other Reports of a like character were also presented. At the Annual Communication on the 27th December, the Report of the Board of Almoners showed that 234 applicants, of whom 197 hailed from Pennsylvania, had been relieved to the extent of 2720½ dollars, while the Stewards of the Stephen Girard Charity Fund had relieved 245 brethren, of whom 212 hailed from Pennsylvania itself. The portrait of the late Bro. S. H. Perkins, a Past Grand Master, was presented by Mr. E. D. Marchant, the artist who painted it, and accepted, a resolution of thanks for the gift

being unanimously passed by Grand Lodge. Grand Master Clark then delivered his valedictory address, in which he reviewed the events of the year, noting in particular the visitations he had made, the Lodges which he had constituted during his administration—these were ten in number—and whatever else of interest had taken place—such as the appointment of Bro. Aurelio Almeida as representative at the Grand Lodge of Cuba, Bro. W. Officer as representative at the Grand Lodge of Scotland, Bro. Cadwalader Evans as that at the Grand Lodge of New York. The new Grand Master, J. Madison Porter, and his principal Officers having been duly installed, the former delivered an address, at the close of which he mentioned that the late Past Master Stephen Taylor, then but recently deceased, had presented a sum of 10,000 dollars to Grand Lodge on certain conditions, and when those had been fulfilled, the income arising therefrom would be at once available for charitable purposes. The appointment of the other Officers was then proceeded with, and a resolution of thanks to the retiring Grand Master having been unanimously agreed to, Grand Lodge was closed. The rest of the proceedings include the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Two matters we have reserved till the last, as it appears to us that they deserve more than passing comment. In the Report presented by the Committee on Appeals at the December Quarterly Communication will be found a resolution to the effect that the W. Master of one of the Lodges, and the Lodge in question had erred in taking a ballot for an applicant for initiation or membership before the written favourable report of the Committee of Inquiry had been actually presented by the Lodge. This bears on the question of that caution in the admission of candidates, to which we have so frequently made reference, and on which so many of our most distinguished members have of late laid so much stress. It proves that in the Masonic jurisdiction of Pennsylvania, the preliminary inquiries which are, or should be made, in the case of all applicants for initiation or membership, are something more than a mere farce or formality, which may or may not be observed, just as it suits a Lodge, and we commend it to the notice of any of our readers who may incline to laxity in respect of this pre-requisite condition on behalf of candidates. Let them bear in mind what has been said again and again, that a Lodge cannot be too particular whom it receives into its fold. One indifferent member may destroy its harmony, and even imperil the fortune of the lodge itself. The other matter is not one on which we feel we can justly offer our Pennsylvanian brethren any degree or kind of congratulation. It will be found in the report by the library committee, and refers to the reception accorded by the Lodges and members of the jurisdiction to the first part of the original minutes of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, on which we commented some time since. We cannot, however, do better than quote the very words of the Report itself, which are as follow:—"We regret to say that in publishing this first part, we too hopefully relied on being sustained by the membership of this Grand Lodge. Out of nearly 4,460 members of the Grand Lodge, only 122 were subscribers. With nearly 40,000 Masons in Pennsylvania, we have only 85 who have responded. Of over 375 Lodges, only 18 have given us their support. It is disheartening to your Committee to do this labour without the least show of encouragement from those who should be interested in the early history of Masonry in this jurisdiction. The Committee have endeavoured in every way to make the Library of the Grand Lodge self-supporting,

but have failed to do so up to this time, on account of the failure of the Craft to support their work." There is more to the same effect, but we have quoted enough to show how indifferently the Freemasons of Pennsylvania view the efforts of their Grand Lodge to spread abroad amongst them an authentic knowledge of the history of the Craft. Just fancy—122 out of 4,460 Grand Officers, 85 out of nearly 40,000 brethren, and 18 out of over 375 Lodges are all who have thought sufficiently well of Masonic literature to spend a dollar, or about four shillings of our money, in the purchase of Part I. of the official history of their own jurisdiction. Yet we hear not a little of the Grand doings of the Craft in these parts, of its Grand Temples, Grand Processions, Grand Festivities, &c. &c. There is never much difficulty in finding ample funds for a Grand "Feed" or a Grand Pilgrimage, but it is otherwise when a Grand History is offered for sale. Then out of over 375 Lodges and nearly 40,000 Masons, the munificent sum of 225 dollars is contributed towards the cost—or in other words less than two-thirds of the sum charged to a single Knight Templar Pilgrim for his trip to the United Kingdom and Paris. The Library are right in having so conspicuously drawn attention to this matter. The next thing it should do must be to immortalise the 225 Lodges and brethren who have contributed by appending a list of their names and numbers whenever Part II. is ready to make its appearance, if indeed, it ever is so fortunate as to be ready.

VISIT TO CONGLETON OF LORD DE TABLEY, PROV. GRAND MASTER CHESHIRE.

THE regular meeting of Eaton Lodge, No. 533, on Wednesday, the 9th inst., was an unusually brilliant event. The brethren of this Lodge have recently acquired, by purchase, a very spacious building in the town, which was formerly the property of the Calvinistic body, and comprises a chapel, and school-room, with offices attached. Under the good management of a few of the brethren, many alterations and embellishments have been accomplished, and the handsome and complete furniture belonging to the Lodge become the Temple admirably. We cannot but congratulate the brethren of No. 533 on acquiring such valuable, commodious, and spacious buildings, and trust Eaton Lodge may increase, in number, in peace, and prosperity. This being the meeting for the installation of the W.M. Elect, the brethren were punctual in attendance, and the Lodge was opened at 2 p.m. in due and ancient form, with solemn prayer, by the following Officers:—Bros. G. S. Furnivall W.M., Astley Terry P.P.G.S.B. I.P.M., John Brown S.W., Jas. E. Reade J.W., Dr. Beales P.M. P.P.J.W. Treas., W. Blackshaw P.M. P.P.S. of Works Sec., F. A. Daniel S.D., S. Cotterill J.D., S. Blackshaw P.M. D.C., G. Barlow P.M. P.P.G.O. Org., J. E. Garside I.G., S. Latham Tyler. There was a strong muster of the members of the Lodge, among whom were S. F. Gosling P.M. P.P.G.S.B., J. Wilson P.M., G. Barlow P.M., &c., &c., and Bros. Sheldon, Kirk, Holland, Wallworth, Bond, Beckett, Broadhurst, Barlow, Bradbury, Brown, Orrey, Chaddock, Wingate, Franceys, &c., &c., and as Visitors Bro. J. Baker P.M. 966 P.P.J.G.D., S. Bennion P.M. 293, F. S. Wright P.M. 546 P.P.J.G.D., G. F. Smith Secretary 163, Bros. Paterson P.M. 546, J. Salmon P.M. 425 P.P.S.G.D., Piercey P.M. 418 P.P.S. of West Staffordshire, Ingamells P.M. 460 P.P.J.G.D. Staffordshire, Chalmers W.M. 726, Marwood P.M. 537 P.P.J.G.W., Wood W.M. 267, Phorbaun W.M. 98, Hilditch 98, Rowley 98, Garland P.M. 533 P.P.G.C., Maydew P.M. 295, Warren-de-Tabley P.G. Master, F. Jackson P.G. Treas., S. M. Davies FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, &c. The preliminary business having been disposed of, the Lodge was worked up to the third, when it was announced that the R. W. Prov. G. Master, Lord De Tabley, desired to be admitted. The W.M. commanded a deputation to wait upon the R. W. brother, and conduct him into the body of the Lodge, in accordance with the privilege due to his exalted position. This duty was performed, and, preceded by Bro. Terry P.P.G.S.B., and attended by the P.G. Officers past and present, his lordship entered the Lodge, where he was received with the customary honours. The W.M. then signified his readiness to proceed with the important event of the day, whereupon the W.M. elect, Bro. J. E. Reade, was introduced for installation. Bro. Furnivall gave the usual impressive charge, and the Secretary was instructed to put the customary questions, which were answered satisfactorily, after which Bro. Reade was duly obligated, installed, and proclaimed the Worshipful Master of No. 533 for the ensuing year, and received the salutations of the brethren. The installation ceremony was ably performed by Bro. Terry. The W.M. proceeded to invest his officers, and with the assistance of Bros. Cokayne and Beales, soon accomplished this duty. Bros. G. S. Furnivall I.P.M., J. Whitehurst P.M. S.W., T. A. Daniel J.W., Dr. Beales P.M. P.P.J.G.W. reappointed Treas., W. Blackshaw P.M. P.P.G.S. of W. Sec., S. Cotterill S.D., J. T. Garside J.D., S. Blackshaw P.M. D.C., Lornox, B. A., P.P.G.C. Chap., G. Barlow P.M. P.P.G.O. Organist, Wingate I.G., S. Latham Tyler. The R. W. Provincial Grand Master rose to address the Lodge. He expressed the great pleasure he felt in being present. He could not allow the Lodge to be closed without congratulating the brethren on the successful issue of their labours in purchasing and furnishing this

fine Temple. He held an opinion, drawn from a knowledge of what outsiders thought of the Craft, that the sooner the Lodges were withdrawn from tavern influences the better, and he hailed the opening of this beautiful Temple, in which he understood the Eaton Lodge had that day assembled for the first time, as a good omen of what Masonry in general would do throughout the Province. He highly commended the example which the brethren of No. 533 had thus set to other Lodges in Cheshire. He was pleased with the handsome manner in which the Lodge was furnished, and expressed great satisfaction with the working of the Lodge, and the evidence of the care taken by each Officer to acquire a complete knowledge of his duty. In conclusion, he expressed every wish for their happiness and prosperity, and thanked them for the cordial manner which always characterised his reception in Eaton Lodge. (Applause.) Bro. Cokayne announced that the Charity Box contained four guineas. Bro. Beales proposed, and the I.P.M. seconded a motion, that a sum of ten guineas be voted from the funds of the Lodge to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys,—carried. The W.M. said it gave him great pleasure, entering on his duties as Master of the Lodge, to devote ten guineas to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, for the benefit of the Lodge. It was proposed by Bro. Wilson, and seconded by Bro. Gosling, that a vote of condolence be sent from the Lodge to Bro. G. W. Hall, on the death of his eldest son,—carried unanimously. The W.M. proposed a vote of thanks to the R.W. Prov. G. Master for the honour of his presence that day. It was seconded by the I.P.M. and carried *nem con*; the same to be entered on the minutes. It was proposed by Bro. Gosling and seconded by Bro. Wilson, that a vote of thanks be tendered the W.M. for his generous presentation to the Girls' School. This also to be entered on the minutes,—carried. These expressions of appreciation were duly and suitably acknowledged by the R.W. Brother and the W.M., after which the Lodge was closed with solemn prayer at 4.30 p.m. The W.M. invited the guests to banquet. The spacious and well-ventilated room was amply filled with brethren from distant parts of Cheshire and the adjoining Provinces. The chair was taken by Bro. Reade, who was supported on the right by Lord de Tabley. The catering was attended to by Mr. M. Harper, of the Swan Hotel, Congleton, and the menu was of the most *recherché* character. The repast was capitally put on the table, indeed, too much praise cannot be given for the general attention each and all received. During dinner some good selections of music were played by a string band engaged for the occasion. On the removal of the cloth, and grace said, the W.M. rose to propose, in a few well chosen words, the first toast, "The Queen and the Craft," which was duly honoured, the brethren singing the National Anthem. On rising to propose the second toast, the W.M. said he desired to lose no time, as there were a number of brethren who had long distances to go to reach their homes. He would, therefore, in giving this toast, which every English Freemason honoured, merely say that the G.M. had shown himself a true Mason. He was pleased to learn that he was about to receive additional honours, shown him by the Paris brethren. One and all, as true Masons and Englishmen, let us drink to "The health of the Most Worshipful the G.M. of England." The toast was received with great heartiness, the brethren singing "God Bless the Prince of Wales." The Worshipful Brother, in proposing toast No. 3 on the list, said, all know how thoroughly and efficiently our Pro Grand Master does his duty; in the Deputy G. Master we have the Mason, the man, and the brother. In order to curtail time I will with this toast unite the 4th on the list, which I need not tell you, is that of the R.W. the Prov. G. Master of Cheshire. With reference to our Prov. G. Master, Lord De Tabley, he has shown his Province, and the Craft, what a deep interest he takes in everything that tends to the advancement of Freemasonry generally. This Lodge in particular is greatly indebted to his Lordship. It is needless for me to extol the many excellent virtues of our Prov. G. Master in his presence, as you are all thoroughly acquainted with those good and virtuous traits which have endeared his Lordship so indissolubly to every Mason in this Province. I could not do better than direct the attention of the brethren here tonight, especially the younger members in the Craft, to the untiring zeal which our Prov. G. Master takes in our Order; it is a sufficient incentive to every backward brother to feel that there must be a great amount of good in Freemasonry when we have such good and noble brethren in our Order. I now ask you to drink this toast most cordially. We need scarcely add it was received with the greatest enthusiasm, and grand honours. His Lordship, in response, said: The kindness of my reception whenever I come among the brethren of Eaton Lodge is so great that I cannot express to you how deeply touched I am by such marks of esteem. As I told you in the Lodge-room, I am very pleased to be with you to-day, under such favourable auspices. It has become incumbent on me to answer to the toast of G.L. Officers; I do so with pleasure, as I have received great favours from the Officers of the Grand Lodge. I never appreciated an honour more than I did the act of that excellent Grand Master the Earl of Zetland, when he appointed me Prov. G. Master of this Province. On my early appointment to this important position, I visited the Eaton Lodge, we then had a happy day. We are now celebrating a most auspicious event; an event which will redound to your welfare and credit, as you have dedicated to yourselves a local habitation and a name. I hope you will ever prosper, and I hope the example shown by you will be followed by other Lodges in my Province. After alluding to the excellent working of the Officers in the installation ceremony, his Lordship continued his remarks by saying:—Let us, brethren, look with earnestness to the duty before us, sink all differences, that harmony may prevail. Let peace and love reign among us, and bear goodwill and love towards all men. I am entrusted with the gavel for a moment, and you anticipate the toast I am about to propose, it is the health of the W. Master. He has a name well known and appreciated in this town, and under his benign rule your Lodge will prosper. I am sure you will have a happy year. The R.W. Brother then led the brethren to the toast with Masonic honours. The W.M. rose to respond: R.W. Sir and Brethren, I thank you most heartily for the

kind manner my health has been proposed, and the brethren for the cordial way in which they have received it. I feel deeply grateful, my Lord, for the kindness you have shown me and this Lodge. It shall be my endeavour to maintain the integrity of the Lodge intact, and to promote peace and harmony in all our working. Nothing will give me greater pleasure than to promote the happiness of the members, and I will do all in my power for their welfare. By request of the W.M., Bro. Wilson proposed the health of the Deputy Prov. G.M. of Cheshire, and the Officers of Prov. Grand Lodge Past and Present. He would be as brief as possible, consistent with the importance of the toast. He had great pleasure, as an old Mason, to bear testimony that the Hon. Deputy Grand Master was a worthy and trusty Mason; a brother whom they all greatly esteemed; he did his duty thoroughly. He had great pleasure in proposing the toast with every cordiality. The toast was most heartily received, and replied to by Bro. Terry and others, who gave assurance that the Prov. Grand Officers would do their duty, and endeavour to follow the example of their noble leader. Bro. Beales proposed the health of the Visitors; he regretted he could not really term the many visiting brethren here to-day their guests, as, for the first time in his memory, each had to pay for his ticket. The reason, however, was obvious. This worthy brother expressed his pleasure at seeing so many visitors, without whom their Lodge would be weak in appearance that day, and he united with the toast the name of Bro. Spencer. Any other brethren who would favour them with a few remarks they would be pleased to hear. Bro. Spencer thanked the proposer of the toast, and the brethren, on behalf of the visitors, and extended a kind invitation to any present to visit his Lodge; he knew he could ensure them a hearty reception. Bro. Salmon congratulated the brethren on the success of the day; he hoped Chester would soon have a Lodge room fit to receive the distinguished brethren of Prov. G.L., and in keeping with the City and Province of Cheshire. Bro. Jackson offered a few words, and was followed by others, all tending to express the same purport. Bro. Terry proposed the Masonic Charities; they were the perfection of our Order. They flourish as they never did before; he hoped they would flourish still more; they conferred an immense amount of good. He coupled with the toast the name of the Prov. G. Treasurer, Bro. Jackson, who said he had been greatly pleased with the donations made that day to the Girls' and Boys' Schools, and hoped the Province would reward those brethren who worked for the Charities. The W.M. here announced that their Prov. Grand Master was about to retire, but before doing so his Lordship again expressed his great pleasure in being present, and thanked the brethren for their fraternal greeting. When His Lordship left, the brethren gave him three hearty cheers. Probably no P.G.M. is more beloved, truly and deservedly so, than Lord De Tabley. He is an example to Prov. Grand Masters generally; he has the reward of being loved sincerely by every brother Mason in Cheshire. Bro. Daniel proposed the health of the I.P.M. and P.M.'s, which was duly acknowledged by Bro. Farnivall. The W.M. called on Bro. Cokayne to propose the Wardens and Officers of the Lodge, which was suitably acknowledged. The health of the Treasurer, next proposed, was received, and warmly responded to, and then the Tyler's toast brought the evening to a close. The pleasure of the evening was greatly enhanced by some good songs from Bros. Blackshaw, Brown, Maydew, and Wilson. We are indebted to the kindness of Bro. Secretary for his courtesy. Bro. Sheldon also deserves our thanks.

INAUGURATION OF THE INDEPENDENT LODGE, No. 236, G.L. IRELAND.

(FROM THE "SENTINEL OF MAURITIUS.")

ON Friday, the 30th August, took place, at the local de la "Loge la Paix," the inauguration of this new Lodge, established under the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Ireland. At 7.30 o'clock p.m. the Lodge was opened in form by W. Bro. George Lewison P.M., and one of the founders of the British Lodge No. 736, and P.M. and one of the founders of the Lodge Friendship, and Installing Master on this occasion. The visitors were then introduced, amongst whom we remarked W. Bro. J. Emie Darty 33°, and P.M. of the Lodge l'Amitié No. 215, and also Representative of the Supreme Council of France; W. Bro. J. Rouhière 30°, and Vénérable de la Loge l'Amitié No. 245, accompanied by Bros. Graves, Panniset and Bonis of the same Lodge. W. Bro. T. H. Thompson P.M. of the Saint Louis Lodge of Mark Master Masons; and Bros. Capt. J. T. Russell, R.N., Captains Crocker and Krokstedt, ships Canada and Glenroy, Dr. Gandberg, W. C. Argent, J. Cornell, C. Lawrence, H. R. Bell, S. M. George, J. T. Barnes, and several others, whose names escape our memory.

The Acting Secretary, Bro. G. J. May, having read the warrant of the new Lodge, the ceremony of Dedication then began.

W. Bros. Darty and Rouhière then introduced Bro. A. G. Rickwood W.M. Elect, to the Installing Master, who carried out the ceremony of Installation in accordance with the laws of the Irish constitution.

W. Bro. A. G. Rickwood, having been placed in the chair, then installed the officers of the Independent Lodge, in their several capacities.

W. Bro. Rickwood next read the circular received from the G.L. of Ireland in reference to the Grand Orient of France having altered the first article of its constitution, on which he made the following observations. The circular I have just read explains, I hope, fully why you do not see here this evening the brethren of our Sister Lodges of the Island, although there are Lodges constituted under G.L. of England and Scotland, yet most of the members of these are affiliated to the Triple Esperance and La Paix Lodges who are constituted under the G.O. of France. We all know very well that Masons are brethren by a double tie, among us no invidious distinction exists; merit is always respected, and honour rendered to whom

honour is due; nevertheless, the course is laid down for us, and we must observe it.

W. Bro. Rickwood then read the following address, viz.:—Brethren, there has been from time immemorial a laudable and useful custom among Masons to deliver on special occasions, addresses, orations as they are called, on some pressing subject of Masonic interest, or some prevailing truth of Masonic teaching. It is then with great pleasure that I shall venture to express something more than a hope that the Lodge now to be numbered among those of this Island will not occupy the least honourable place on the Masonic roll of the Grand Lodge of Ireland. To this end it is necessary that three things above all should be kept in view; first, the convenience, comeliness, and decency of our place of meeting; secondly, the maintenance of a truly regular and Masonic equality in all our proceedings while assembled in Lodge; and above all, the perfect interpretation of our lives and conversation with the true principles of Masonry, so as to produce not only a speculative and barren admiration of virtue, but likewise an active practical illustration of the beneficial effects of that noble and exalted system of morality of which we are the representatives. Our place of meeting, brethren, should be carefully and diligently selected, replete with those conveniences which our ancient ritual requires for its due and impressive performance. The three great lights should be the charter of our dependence on the aid of the G.A.O.T.U., the three lesser lights should embody the principle of our self-government. Let us then, brethren, by a discreet, honourable and virtuous career, study to evince our attachment to the landmarks of the Order, and thereby command the confidence of the world in their beneficial tendency and effect. Let us cultivate the social virtues, zealously regard the qualities of prudence, temperance and charity; in a word, let us show to the world that, though not exempt from human frailty, in becoming Masons we become better men. Thus, brethren, by faith in God, hope in immortality, and charity to all mankind, may we ascend by the ladder of honourable exertion to that Lodge which is the residence of the spirits of just men made perfect, and governed by the Grand Master of the Universe, whose Tyler is death, and whose portal the grave. He then addressed W. Bro. Darty 33°, in the following terms, viz.: I am proud of the honour you and the brethren of your Lodge (constituted as you are under the Supreme Grand Council of France) have evinced towards us this evening; we have not only to thank you for your attendance and offices, but for the kind and brotherly recommendation attached by you to our application to obtain the warrant by which we are empowered to hold our meeting this evening; the interest you have taken in, and the admiration you have shown towards the prosperity of our Lodge, prompts me to ask the unanimous and cordial vote of thanks of the brethren on your behalf, and we trust we shall on many occasions have the pleasure of cultivating social virtues for our benefit.

W. Bro. Darty answered in most flattering terms, and assured the brethren of the Independent Lodge that their brethren of the Lodge l'Amitié were unanimous in wishing prosperity to the Independent Lodge.

W. Bro. Rickwood, addressing the visitors, said: Brother Visitors, I find here, among you, many distinguished Masons, I am sure you will excuse me if I cannot individually speak of you. I shall satisfy myself by saying, so far as my experience extends, the greatest of all brotherhoods is that of Freemasonry, and that quality I recognize by your presence here this evening. The members of the Independent Lodge will long remember the honour you have done them by your attendance, and they trust, by being enabled steadily to persevere in the course laid down for them, we shall, on many occasions, have the pleasure of seeing you again. And now, my brethren, I thank you on my own part as well as that of the members for your kind attention. After a reply from Wor. Bro. T. H. Thompson P.M. Wor. Brother Rickwood moved the following resolution relative to W. Bro. E. P. Albert, Past Grand Pursuivant of the G.L. of England:—With a view of conveying to our Worshipful Brother E. P. Albert, Past Grand Pursuivant of the G.L. of England, a permanent record of the estimation in which he is held by the members of this Lodge, for the valuable and laudable services rendered by him, I propose we unanimously vote our cordial thanks for the same, and further, that he be pleased to accept the honorary membership of the Lodge, and be its representative in all Masonic matters which may have to be submitted to Grand Lodge. I regret to find that our Bro. P.M. de Lissa has not been able to attend our meeting. I desire to express my sincere and grateful thanks to him for having, on many occasions, assisted me by his advice, and for his good feeling towards the success of our Lodge. And also to Bro. May, our Secretary.

W. Bro. Rickwood then addressed W. Bro. George Lewison P.M., as follows: It is with much pleasure I take the present opportunity of thanking you for your kind offices this evening, and indeed for the interest you have taken in helping the formation of this new Lodge; it is to our worthy brother's having the interest of the Craft at heart that we have met here this evening, where, it is to be hoped, we shall on many more successive occasions again meet, and derive from him the pleasure of his experience, being, as he is, one of the oldest and most respectable Freemasons in this island. I therefore trust, my brethren, you will agree with me in allowing to be recorded on the Minutes of this Lodge our unanimous and cordial vote of thanks to our Bro. P.M. Lewison. The pedestal presented by him, and which now stands in the centre of this Lodge, is an everlasting testimony of our worthy brother, which not only evinces his attachment to the Order, but to the brethren of this Lodge in particular.

W. Bro. Lewison P.M. replied, thanking the W.M. for the very kind eulogium he had passed upon him.

The W.M. then terminated his address by complimenting Bro. G. J. May, Secretary, to whom he said, I must indeed take this opportunity of stating that you have most actively assisted me in carrying out the operations and directions issued to you, and for which I desire to record my best thanks.

CORRESPONDENCE.

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We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of our Correspondents.

We cannot undertake to return rejected communications.

All Letters must bear the name and address of the Writer, not necessarily for publication, but as a guarantee of good faith.

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CHARITY STEWARDS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—A somewhat unexpectedly protracted holiday having come to an end, on my return to duty I at once proceed to the consideration of the third section of the above subject, viz. :

c. "The inadequate return for such expenditure."

Here again I take my text from the letter of "A STEWARD WHO HAS SERVED ONCE," in your issue of 24th August. The writer states, "I simply do not think I ought again to incur so much expense in doing so little good," which, plainly interpreted, means, "I grudge neither the time nor the money I have expended, but I do lament over the insufficient results." Very creditable to the heart, but scarcely so to the head. In no pursuit in life can any one guarantee that success shall always reward labour. That the incentive to labour is success, no one will question; equally certainly it may be stated that no one will maintain that the want of success attending a given effort shall be held as a justification for ceasing from further effort. What we find in our heart as our duty to do, let us do, discharging such duty to the best of our ability, in the earnest hope that its "fulfilment may procure all the satisfaction we desire." Disappointment, however, should not be the parent of discouragement, but should rather stimulate to renewed exertion. "Paul may plant, Apollos may water," but it remains with higher influences to "give the increase."

A zealous, conscientious member of a Lodge, recognising the multitudinous claims on the resources of the Masonic Institutions, and impressed with a deep feeling of regret at the neglect and apathy evinced by the majority of his brethren, determines to do all that in him lies to give life to the dry bones with which his Lodge is strewed, and to rouse the animated frames to vigorous effort. He offers his services as Steward, is accepted, and proceeds forthwith in his self-allotted task. He "receives from the office of the Institution a package of circulars—posts them to the members of the Lodge—gets no replies—has special circulars printed"—and though possessing a constituency of 83 persons, two only manifest their sympathy and appreciation, by donations of 5 guineas each—a few others contribute 5 guineas amongst them—which, with 5 guineas from the Lodge funds, and his own donation of 10 guineas, constitute a total of 30 guineas as the outcome of lengthened and anxious work.

This, given in his own words by "A STEWARD WHO HAS SERVED ONCE," is, I regret to say, the experience of numberless Stewards. But do not let them on this account "throw up the sponge," and retire from the arena as defeated in the struggle. Rather let them derive consolation from the fact that the united results of 50 such "disappointments" mean 1500 guineas! No blame attaches to them, but a sense of shame ought to hang heavily on that large majority who, seeing in their path an object worthy of their aid, close their eyes wilfully, or, like the Levite in the parable, "pass by on the other side."

This it is that renders *absolutely necessary*, what I am free to admit is in itself undesirable, the constant, unintermittent, urgent appeals, addressed to the careless and the indifferent, by the official representatives of our Institutions, and by other good fellow-workers who have their interest at heart. "The dripping of water wears away a stone," and it is only by the persistent "dripping" to which some object, that impression can be made on the stony and the cold.

Do not let any Steward imagine for a moment that his services are appreciated on a proportion to the result attending them. To "A STEWARD WHO HAS SERVED ONCE," I would say, do not be disheartened; try again—remember that everything must have a beginning. Soil that has been neglected and allowed to remain fallow for years cannot be expected to produce a remunerative crop on the first attempt at culture, but with continued attention and treatment it will be found to amply repay the pain and labour bestowed upon it. Seventeen years ago the vineyard in which for that period it has been my lot to toil was in an exceedingly unpromising condition. I, and I hope I may say others, are perfectly satisfied with it now. I have no wish to indulge in egotism, but I feel that I may state that earnestness and perseverance not only subdued difficulties, but begat sympathy which speedily developed into practical support.

More need hardly be added, I trust, to encourage the weak-hearted, or to influence the waverers; still less to induce those who have once placed their hands on the plough *not* to turn back. There is enormous work yet to be done, and I have every hope that *doers* will be found who, through good report and ill report, will trustfully and hopefully tread the path of duty, undeterred by coldness, ridicule or neglect, even though their reward assume no higher proportions than the gratifying testimony of their own consciences.

I cannot omit a few words in reference to the letters of your correspondents "ALPHA" and "P. T." I am considerably pleased by the perusal of any communications on the very important subject on which we are expressing our views and opinions, but I wish to avoid controversy. Where so many are interested and concerned it is more than idle to look for unanimity. My object has been, and is, to treat the questions connected with "Charity Stewards" in a fairly exhaustive manner, from *my point of view*, which regards the present system as the best, as one productive of the greatest benefit to our Institutions, and which, while profiting by the arduous services of Stewards, secures to those brethren privileges and distinctions. These may, or may not, be prudently extended, and details may possibly be

capable of improvement. My observations are here, of course, limited in this application to the "Anniversary Festivals," and in no way have a bearing on any scheme for a further and fuller support of our Institutions, on which I may trouble you hereafter.

"ALPHA" charges me with being sharp on your correspondent "A STEWARD WHO HAS SERVED ONCE." To any such intention I utterly demur; and in this particular, and in others, "ALPHA" appears to me to justify the description of "hypercriticism" attached to his letter by "P. T.," whose tone is, in my humble judgment, preferable to that of "ALPHA." I do not say this because "P. T." writes somewhat approvingly of my poor efforts, and I may be but a poor judge in my own case, as is the wont of most men.

Your number of 31st ult. I regret to say I have not by me at this present writing, and therefore am unable to refer to the letter of "INVICTA," which, however, shall have from me the attention it doubtless deserves.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

FREDERICK BINCKES.

London, 7th October 1878.

DISPOSAL OF LODGE FUNDS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In the third balance sheet I have the pleasure of forwarding you there is one matter I should like to direct attention to. The first item of expenditure I summarise as "Refreshment and Rent." The latter of these items represents £24 3s of the whole, and therefore leaves £227 4s 7d as the actual amount spent on refreshment. Now, in my opinion, these two items should be reckoned together in order to put this balance sheet on a similar footing to those already published, for it is very certain that in both those cases payment had to be made for accommodation, although it may not appear as a special item in the balance sheet; it can hardly be expected that the various hotels, at which the bulk of the Lodges meet, provide rooms for the gatherings without charge; but it is evident they must so regulate their prices for wines, suppers, &c., as to leave a margin sufficient to cover rent, gas, &c. In the case of this Lodge, the meetings of which are held at one of the Masonic Halls, where the members have a wine cellar of their own, it may be assumed that the amount thus saved is considered an equivalent for the charge for use of apartments. For this reason I think I am justified in combining the two amounts.

No. 3.

BALANCE SHEET OF LODGE ———. ONE YEAR—1877-8:—

| RECEIPTS. | | |
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| Balance forward | £85 | 6 6 |
| Receipts for the year:— | | |
| Subscriptions and Visitors | 194 | 10 6 |
| Initiation Fees | 99 | 15 0 |
| | 294 | 5 6 |
| | £379 | 12 0 |
| EXPENDITURE. | | |
| Refreshment and Rent | £251 | 7 7 |
| Grand Lodge certificates and dues | 62 | 11 6 |
| P.M.'s jewel | 10 | 10 0 |
| Tyler | 4 | 0 0 |
| Printing, postages, &c. | 15 | 8 3 |
| Balance in hand | 35 | 14 8 |
| | £379 | 12 0 |

To the above balance sheet is added a report by the auditors, who therein direct attention to the omission of any grant to the Masonic Charities appearing in the accounts, and they state that a sum had been voted by the Lodge, but the minute referring thereto not having been confirmed, it was considered undesirable it should appear in the balance sheet. I think it would be rather difficult to find the "balance" if anything like a fair sum in proportion to the receipts had been voted, but I suppose the members considered they did their duty by giving about ten guineas. Even if they only gave that amount, the result of the year's work shows very badly. For a Lodge to start with a balance of £85 and leave off with £25 is, in my opinion, simply disgraceful, unless some calamity can be adduced as the cause; but in this case the fault is nothing more nor less than wasteful extravagance. The members spent £250, that is, £50 above their surplus receipts, on refreshment, and yet they hope to rank as a *Masonic* Lodge. This statement certainly does not do much to remove the charge made by Bro. Dick Radclyffe against our Lodges, and the further I look into the matter, the more I am convinced that his remarks were far too mild. The facts, as far as I have gone, lead me to believe that Freemasonry in many cases means but extravagant expenditure of money on eating and drinking. All I can hope is, that some brother will come forward and put a different complexion on this subject, as I really dread to think what the total spent by English Lodges on refreshment will come to, if instances cannot be found directly opposite to those I have particulars of, as regards the proportion of refreshment expenses.

Yours fraternally,

UNION JACK.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—"UNION JACK'S" last statement of account is a decided improvement on the previous one, but there is a wide

disproportion, nevertheless—so, at least, it appears to me—between the sum devoted to Tavern Bills, &c., and that voted to Masonic Charity. I imagine I am tolerably safe in assuming that the "Other Receipts"—£259 11s—consist of little else than subscriptions and initiation and joining fees—or, in other words, that they compose the bulk of the regular income of the Lodge. Close on £240 of this is spent in dinners, &c., and other £25 and upwards are required for Grand Lodge certificates and dues, these two items thus exceeding the regular income of the Lodge. I am not anxious there should be no more cakes and ale, and I willingly acknowledge that this Lodge has acted prudently. It has £300, of which the greater part is invested, to the good, yet its Charity Grant stands to its Tavern Expenditure in the proportion of, in round figures, about 8 to 92. Again, it is very honourable in a Lodge to recognize the services of its Master, but seven guineas is a fairly long price to pay for a jewel when only £20 is voted to a Charity, the two sums being as nearly as possible in a ratio of three to eight. However, it is easier to play the part of critic than to exhibit oneself as a model of discretion, so I will wind up by pointing out that if all our Lodges—excluding those abroad—only did what the one cited by "UNION JACK" last week has done in the year mentioned, their contributions to Masonic Charity would represent a round sum of £25,000. As much more in the shape of personal contributions from brethren would place our three Institutions on a substantial footing, and enable them to better meet the claims on their resources.

Fraternally yours,

OLD FILE.

CUSTODY OF LODGE FUNDS.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Bro. Barnes alludes to me, as the Treasurer of the Yarborough Lodge, No. 554, in his letter to you of the 26th ult. on the above subject. I beg to say that in January 1868 (the year of my Mastership) a sum of £50, balance of Lodge funds for the year 1867, was invested, and that since January 1874 (the time I was appointed Treasurer of the Lodge) a sum of £163 10s has been paid to the three Masonic Institutions, and to needy brethren and widows of deceased brethren £131 1s, or a total from the Lodge funds of £294 11s in less than five years.

According to Bro. Barnes's statement the Doric has paid since October 1872 :—

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| To the Institutions | £101 10 0 |
| To Brethren and widows of deceased brethren | 105 12 0 |
| Total | 207 2 0 |

So that the payments from the funds of these two Lodges during the last six years have been as follows :—

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| To Institutions :— | |
| Yarborough Lodge | £163 10 0 |
| Doric | 101 10 0 |
| | £265 0 0 |
| To needy brethren, &c. :— | |
| Yarborough Lodge | £131 1 0 |
| Doric | 105 12 0 |
| | £236 13 0 |
| | £501 13 0 |

I am, Dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

JOHN G. STEVENS,

P.M. and Treasurer 554.

LODGE FUNDS AND THE GREAT CITY LODGE.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The subject of Lodge Funds and their appropriation having received a good deal of attention in the columns of your estimable journal, allow me to remind your readers that to-day will be held the Installation Meeting of one of our Metropolitan Lodges which, though quite a youthful daughter of our Grand Lodge, has yet made itself conspicuous in the English Craft. The number of its members is considerable, it has persevered in its labours till now there are few Lodges where it will be found the work is better done, and, above all things, it has given the light of its countenance to the frequent exercise of that virtue on which Masons pride themselves with so much or so little reason according to the circumstances and conduct of individuals and Lodges. The Lodge I refer to is The Great City Lodge, and this meeting being the great one of the year, I do not see what greater *éclat* can be given to the occasion than for the Lodge to vote a liberal portion of its surplus funds to one of our Charitable Institutions. I am assuming the Lodge has a surplus of receipts over expenditure, which, perhaps, I ought not to have done; but somehow it has struck me that it could not possibly be otherwise, and that there must be sufficient to enable the Lodge to repeat at this meeting one of the many doughty deeds of charity by which its past brief career has been distinguished. But there is also a further reason for this suggestion of mine, which does not appear on the surface. I have said The Great City Lodge has already achieved a fame beyond its years, and the influence its example must exercise on other Lodges is commensurate. By signalling its installation in the manner I have printed out it will afford the best possible proof which a Lodge can give that its heart is deeply set on the promotion and support of our Charitable Institutions, and that in the midst of feasting and plenty it still has an eye and an ear for those to whom the bounty of Providence has

been less abundantly dispensed. The champagne, and the hock, and the sherry will sparkle the more brightly when the way to enjoy it has been paved with a Vice-Presidency to one of our Institutions. It will also teach those Lodges which do not include a grant for Charity among the items of their expenditure—the tavern bills absorbing all their assets—that these Masons have some other end in view than to gorge six or seven times in the year.

Trusting the brethren of the Great City Lodge will take my hint or suggestion in good part, I subscribe myself,

Most faithfully and fraternally yours,

PETER.

OLD LODGES.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The following extract from my Notes on the Old Lodges, now respectively Nos. 45 (Strong Man) and 35 (Medina), may possibly interest your able reviewer.

Description :—Cole's Lists 1752-53-54 and 55.

No. 98. Samson and Lion, East Smithfield. Feb. 2, 1734.
Late ye Ship at ye Hermitage.

No. 99. City of Norwich, Winford St. Feb. 17, 1732.
Near Brick Lane, Spittlefields.

Description :—Cole's Lists 1756-57 and 58.

No. 57. City of Norwich, Winford St. Feb. 17, 1732.
Near Brick Lane, Spittlefields.

No. 68. Sampson and Lion, East Smithfield. Feb. 17, 1734.
Late ye Ship at ye Hermitage.

Yours fraternally,

R. F. GOULD.

THE "FOUR OLD LODGES."

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—We had intended keeping the few words of ours as to Bro. Gould's "Four Old Lodges" until the series was complete, but in response to his fraternal queries and friendly notice of our previous articles on the subject, and also of our correspondence with him, we have decided to at once state, as briefly as possible, a few thoughts on this important subject. First of all let us say, that until recently but little has been known as to the old Lodges, and that little—unless in a few most honourable instances, we have had to acquire and discover after patient toil, for years. Now, however, we have access to several engraved Lists of Lodges from 1723, in and out, to 1778, and Bro. Albert Pike, of U.S.A., has issued a reproduction of Pine's List of 1725, the writer having followed, in the *Freemason*, with one of 1729, and in the *Masonic Magazine* of others bearing the years 1733 (Rawlinson), 1734 (Pine's), 1763 (Cole's), &c., &c. We did the best with the material formerly at our disposal, but had we left our analyses until now, it is likely we should have been preserved from several errors, through the mistakes and erroneous statements of our first authorities. However, we have been always ready to admit that the best we could do was much of a tentative character, and mainly as the herald of better and more correct data on which to found positive conclusions. We trust we have not dogmatized, and have always been ready to welcome earnest students as accessions to the small band of zealous labourers in Masonic Archaeology. Not one anywhere has done equal to Bro. Gould in the department he has so completely made his own, and in which he has so effectually cleared up doubtful points from an examination and reproduction of the several valuable Lists to which he has had access in the Grand Secretary's Office, &c. We are in hopes that the series of interesting articles when complete, will be printed in a book form, so that they may attain the full publicity and consideration they so amply deserve. Few seem to care to criticize them, and few indeed can thoroughly do so for several reasons; first, because they are well nigh perfect, and next because those who have the materials and knowledge at hand to do so, see so few blemishes that it would be a pity to touch any portion which is merely stated as a matter of opinion; the collected facts, reproductions of Lists, and the easy, happy arrangement of the whole, being so thoroughly useful and satisfactory. Not having any side to keep up, and being anxious only for the truth, we are quite content to have any of our old statements set aside that have been proved of late to be erroneous. We have been accumulating a quantity of facts as to these old Lodges, and not having the time to arrange them for the Press, we have been pleased to aid our Brother Gould, by any information at our command, whenever possible, for he has deserved no less from us, and more we could not do, and certainly we are now relieved from the duty of attending to this special subject through his able articles.

The able reviewer of our reprint of "Pine's List, 1731," may rest assured that the changes of dates, years, &c., will go far to explain many peculiarities as to certain old Lodges, and that if we could only have been sure that 1734 was the wrong year for the constitution of the "Strong Man" Lodge,* there would have been no difficulty in connecting it with an old Lodge of 1732-3. The worst is, that frequently in these Lists the days, months, and years do not agree with those on the original warrants. We think it well nigh certain that the surmise of the "Reviewer" has turned out to be exact as to fact with respect to the "Strong Man" Lodge, and we much wonder—with him—that so few Lodges do ought to elucidate their own histories,

* Calendar of Grand Lodge has 1734.

or care for that of others. We have already expressed our approval of your Reviewer's intelligent criticism.

We have carefully considered Bro. Gould's views as to the original No. 3, and its continuance through its acceptance of a "New Constitution," being in fact the present "*Forti ude and Old Cumberland*," No. 12. Of course all we can both say resolves itself into a matter of opinion, ours being, that by the acceptance of a "New Constitution" they lost their previous position and privileges, in opposition to Bro. Gould's belief, and as a matter of fact we know the members have never since regained them, nor apparently wished so to do for many years past! The privileges the old No. 3 had were simply to meet without a warrant, to be one of the four original Lodges preceding all others, and such like. By accepting a warrant they forfeited the one, and by being placed as No. 10, as in Constitutions of 1738, they lost the other, and so the Lodge has continued until now. We are quite ready to admit that Bro. Gould has identified No. 12 as the lineal descendant of original No. 3, so that, under another name, the members of to-day may fairly claim that their predecessors took part in the formation of the Premier Grand Lodge of the World, and the credit of this discovery is entirely due to our Brother Gould, to whom also we beg to express our appreciation of the handsome manner in which he has always credited to "Caesar the things which are Caesars," so unlike many writers, who take all from others and keep the credit to themselves.

Fraternally yours,

WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN.

We have been asked to say a few words in behalf of the boy Richard Howell Nicholls, aged nine years, who is a candidate for the second time for admission into the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. Our duty on these occasions is to maintain the strictest neutrality, but this does not prevent us from saying that it is a most deserving, as it undoubtedly is a most distressing case, as will be gathered from the statement hereinafter quoted from the circular letter issued with a view to secure, if possible, his election. Those brethren, therefore, whose votes are not already promised, will be doing the boy and his widowed mother a substantial service by supporting his candidature. The following are the circumstances as described in the circular referred to:—

Richard Howell Nicholls, aged nine years, whose father was a hay and straw merchant, at Grays, Essex, and died on the 25th May 1877, after a few days' illness of inflammation of the lungs, leaving a widow and six children under ten years of age totally unprovided for. He was initiated in 1866, in the Vitruvian Lodge, No. 87; was one of the founders of St. John's Lodge, Grays, No. 1313, in the year 1870; was W.M. of the same Lodge in 1874, and by his uniform courtesy and kindness endeared himself to all the brethren.

Obituary

BRO. E. G. HOLBROOK.

We deeply regret to have to announce the death, at the early age of 34, of Bro. Edward George Holbrook, one of the proprietors of the *Portsmouth Times*. The deceased gentleman, who resided at Regent Lodge, North End, was a short time since seized with an attack of typhoid fever. He was attended by Dr. Knott, and until Saturday last progressed favourably towards recovery; but on that day a relapse occurred, from which he never recovered, but gradually sank and expired at half-past five on Tuesday evening. For some considerable period Bro. Holbrook had taken an active part in public life, having represented the Ward of St. John in the Town Council for nearly five years. He was also a member of the Watch Committee. His attendance at the meetings of the Council was very regular, and, although his voice was but very seldom heard, when he did speak he was generally listened to with respectful attention. The deceased was for several years a member of the Masonic body, and was systematically most active in promoting the interests of Masonic Charities. He was a Past Master of the "Lodge of Harmony," Fareham, and had held the position of Grand Registrar of the Province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. In private life his genial qualities obtained for him a very wide circle of friends, who now deeply deplore his premature death. He has left a widow and three children.—*Portsmouth Evening News*.

FUNERAL OF THE LATE BRO. SHEPPARD, P.M. 27.

We regret to have to record that Brother Sheppard succumbed to the serious injuries received in a recent accident, the particulars of which most of our readers are acquainted with. He was buried on Monday last, at Abney Park Cemetery. The funeral cortege was met at the gates of the Cemetery by several Freemasons, as well as by numerous officials of the New River Company; Bro. Sheppard had been the City Inspector. Amongst those present were Bros. T. J. Maidwell the W.M., H. G. Buss A.G.S. the Treas., the Secretary, and several Past Masters of the Egyptian Lodge; the W.M., S.W., and several members of the New Concord Lodge.

LODGE OF THE FOUR CARDINAL VIRTUES, No. 979.

THE regular monthly meeting of this Lodge was held on Tuesday, the 8th inst., at the Royal Hotel, Crewe. Present—Bros. E. H. Girdlestone W.M., H. Douglas S.W., George Young J.W., John Badger Treas., Thos. Bolshaw Sec., W. Pointon S.D., W. Wood J.D., Edward Herd Organist, A. McCrindle I.G., F. G. Warburton Steward, Thos. Miller Tyler; Past Masters J. Samuel, T. E. Gibson, George Watson, Wm. Wright, J. Blackhurst, Wm. Eardly; and Bros. C. Daggett, T. Howell, Wm. Dunn, C. Welch, D. Sutcliffe, J. G. Cowen, R. Whittle, G. Thomson, T. J. Thompson, John Knott, J. Holt, J. A. Atkinson, T. Leech, J. F. Fear, W. Thomas, A. H. Hawthorn, J. Davies, T. H. Tedley, Geo. Bottomley, R. Newton, W. Webber, W. Lumb, H. Platt, &c., &c.; among the visitors we had the pleasure of recognising James Salmon, W.M. 1674, P.M. 425, &c., &c., P.P.S.G.D., Wm. J. Pearson P.M. 451, P.P.S.G.D., J. W. Thomas P.M. 637, &c., &c., P.P.G.S.B. Staffordshire, W. C. Lisle P.M. 293, P.G.S.D., W. Sandford, C. A. Cordingley 293, S. M. Davies, FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, &c., &c. The Lodge was opened promptly at 3 p.m., and the usual routine business having been disposed of, was advanced to the second, and afterwards to the third degree, for the purpose of raising a member. The W.M. Elect, Bro. Douglas S.W., was then introduced to the Installing Master, Bro. Samuel, by Bro. Watson P.M., and in due course installed in the chair of the Lodge in a manner which reflected credit on Bro. Samuel. Bro. Douglas next invested the following brethren as Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. E. H. Girdlestone I.P.M., George Young S.W., T. Bolshaw J.W., J. Badger (re-appointed) Treasurer, J. Samuel P.M. Sec., W. Pointon S.D., W. Wood J.D., E. Herd Organist, Rev. Bro. Pepper Chaplain, A. McCrindle I.G., T. Miller Tyler. The labours of the evening being ended, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet, where an excellent menu was provided, the caterer being our worthy brother the host of the Royal Zotel. On the removal of the cloth, the W.M., after very neat preface, gave the several Loyal and Masonic toasts, which were most heartily responded to. The W.M., on rising to propose the health of R.W. Prov. G. Master Lord De Tabley, and the P.G. Officers past and present said they all knew how well their worthy Prov. G. Master administered the affairs of the Province, and any remarks from him on the subject would be superfluous. He contented himself therefore with coupling the name of Bro. Lisle with the toast, and asked all present to honour it appropriately. This having been done, Bro. Lisle rose and returned thanks, remarking they were well aware how his Lordship's heart was in the Order, and had his smile for every brother. With him at its head the Craft had greatly increased in this Province. He believed very few would have done so much as he had done, and he trusted that in years to come good and worthy men would spring up equal to him. He hoped that the Province would ever continue as at present, in love, peace, and charity. The worthy and indefatigable Brother Dir. of Cer., by consent of the W.M. then assumed the gavel, for the purpose of proposing the toast of the evening, namely, the health of the Worshipful Master, and in doing so said: It is with great pleasure I rise to propose this toast. The worthy brother who has this day been placed in the responsible position of Master of this Lodge has justly earned the distinction conferred upon him, and is one who can justly estimate the importance of the great trust reposed in him as a ruler and a governor in the Craft. This Lodge has, this day, as heretofore, rewarded zeal, application, and merit, and while we adhere to this excellent custom, the Lodge will never lose any of its reputation for discipline and correct working. We have the true Masonic virtues in our Lodge. We seek all points of difference, and endeavour to make each other as happy as possible. I feel no greater pleasure than being among my brethren in Lodge. I am sure during the coming year every brother will render the W.M. every aid, and he who fails in that is not true to his Lodge. Let us hope that the end of the year will be as prosperous as the beginning. I now ask you to drink most heartily to the "Health and prosperity of the W.M." The toast was drunk in a bumper, with all the honours. Bro. Kendrick having favoured the brethren with a song, the W.M. rose to respond. He said, Brethren, I will not detain you long, but it would not become me if I failed to express my sincere appreciation of the kindness that has actuated the worthy brother in proposing my health, and you for endorsing in so hearty a manner the sentiments he has expressed towards me. With the exception of the distinction of P.G. office, there is no greater honour than to rule a Lodge. With the true spirit of Masonry among us, and that carried out to perfection, prosperous as our Lodge has always been, it cannot fail to continue so. My entire sympathy and support shall be extended to the Lodge, and in my endeavours to do my utmost for its welfare I feel I shall receive the hearty co-operation of my Officers and of the Lodge. I have entered on the office with a full sense of its responsibilities, and my great care shall be to vacate this chair without in the least tarnishing the honour or welfare of the Lodge. While I am on my legs, I have great pleasure in proposing the health of the Installing Master. It is but right to say since I have known Bro. Samuel in this Lodge that he has done his duty in every respect. In asking him to perform the difficult ceremony which he has accomplished in such a mastery manner to-day, I felt he would be equal to the occasion, and you must have appreciated the above manner in which he rendered it. I now ask you to drink his health. Bro. Young having volunteered a song, Bro. Samuel said he rose with much diffidence to reply to the toast so kindly put from the chair, and so warmly received. He had taken an active part in the working of the Lodge. He had that evening received an additional impetus, if it were needed, to make fresh efforts, and felt the honour conferred upon him in receiving Prov. honours. He appreciated Masonry for its real worth. He endeavoured to guard his younger brethren against errors and laxity of discipline. There were too many indifferent Masons. Its mission was

to dispense wisdom, light, and happiness, and we could not but pity those who tried to injure them. As Freemasons, we were the guardians of, not innovators upon, our Order. It was our bounden duty to protect our principles. By command of the Worshipful Master, Bro. Watson Past Master proposed the toasts of the Visitors; extending to all a truly fraternal welcome, and uniting with the toast the name of Bro. Salmon, to whom he and the Lodge were greatly indebted, and to Bro. Thomas P.P.G.S.B. Staffordshire. He was glad to see all the visiting brethren, who had favoured them with their presence that day. Bro. Salmon, in responding, said, It was a true saying that time and tide would wait for no man, and he might add that trains would not wait for him. He then drew the attention of the brethren to a few matters, and assured them with every fraternal feeling, he would be pleased at any time to do all he could for the Lodge, and felt delighted with the day so profitably spent. Bro. Thomas, in responding, said it was his first visit to the Lodge and to Cheshire, and it was probably in consequence of its good repute that he was present. They had been well blessed with P.G. Officers, and therefore prosperous and happy. In his Province they had not had things as smoothly, but latterly they had made great progress under the able leadership of the late lamented P.G.M. Lord Shrewsbury, though now he regretted to say they were again under the care of Grand Lodge. Years ago we received a very valuable acquisition to our Province in the personal aid and influence of Bro. Hall, who came from Seacombe. It was through him the Earl of Shrewsbury took so deep an interest in the Order. Through this brother's exertions they had given £2,400 to the Charities. They tried to emulate the leading Provinces, which set an example not only to the Provinces that are backward, but also to London. He looked forward with hope to a closer union between Cheshire and Staffordshire. The brethren of the latter were desirous to help all they could in the good work before them, and in return they liked to be assisted. Let them then join hand in hand, and they could not but succeed. He concluded by saying he was greatly pleased in being there on this occasion. Bro. Eardley proposed the Charities, in a very able manner, and said that as Bro. Blackhurst had represented them before, he hoped he would do so again, and he would couple the name of Bro. Blackhurst with the toast. Bro. Blackhurst P.M. said he had the honour to represent this Province at the Boys' School, and Bro. Salmon, a very energetic and well versed Charity Steward, had only beaten him by a few pounds. He then adverted to Bro. Samuel's remarks on Ancient Masonry, and referred the brethren to the state of the Charities in the time of the Duke of Athol as Grand Master and their flourishing state to-day. He hoped to be able to represent them at the next Festival of the Girls' School, and after that at the Aged Freemasons and Widows. The W.M. next proposed the I.P.M. and Past Masters of the Lodge; he did so to keep up a good custom, and to show he appreciated the valuable aid rendered by the Past Masters. The toast was drunk with every respect. Bro. Girdlestone I.P.M., in reply, said it would not become him at that late hour to make a speech. He thanked the brethren for their mark of respect to him, and for the support given him during his year of office. He felt he had merited their esteem. He valued the Past Master's jewel presented him in that sense. He promised to take the same interest in the future as he had in the past, and render all the aid he could for the furtherance of the welfare of the Lodge. In conclusion, he paid a high tribute of praise to Masonic literature, and hoped the brethren would read the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE as a source of information on the leading Masonic matters of the day, and felt greatly pleased to see a representative with them that night, and added, —Let us read and learn. The W.M. next proposed the Officers of the Lodge. He felt sure no better Officers could have been appointed in any Lodge in the Province. He was convinced all would do their duty faithfully. He coupled with the toast the name of the Senior Warden, who replied for the honour conferred, and hoped all would attend to their duties, and that the benches would be well filled with members to encourage them. Bro. D. of C. gave the last toast, which brought a pleasant and edifying evening to a close. We wish to thank Bro. Samuel for his kindness to us, and many of the brethren who expressed their well wishes for the welfare of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, and in return reciprocate most cordially our best wishes for their future happiness in their Lodge and homes.

Hervey Lodge, No. 1260.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C. Bro. J. H. Southwood opened the Lodge, supported by the following Officers:—Goodacre S.W., Foot as J.W., Charles Atkins P.M. Sec., Jabez Hogg P.M. Treas., Latraille as Deacon, Dean Org. The minutes having been confirmed, Bros. Kirby and Hart were prepared and regularly passed to the second degree. That ceremony completed, Bros. Fildew and Calenhead were duly raised to the third degree. The W.M. having resumed the Lodge to the first degree, brought forward a motion which stood in his name as to the revision of the bye-laws, and a committee was appointed to draw up a new set, to be brought before the Lodge at its next meeting. Bro. Hogg P.M. and Treas. proposed that the thanks of the members be given to the W.M. and Secretary for their labours in connection with the Summer Festival, he felt that all the members who took part in that day's enjoyment would agree with him that the whole of the proceedings passed off in a most satisfactory way, and he felt that this success was due to the exertions of the two brethren named. The proposition was duly seconded, and unanimously agreed to. Both the W.M. and Sec. responded, thanking the members for this mark of appreciation of their labour. Four propositions for initiation having been handed in, the Lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to supper. After grave the usual toasts were given. Bro. Hogg, in replying to that of the Grand Officers said, that having had to thank the Hervey Lodge for their kind sentiments so often, he

hardly knew in what new terms to reply. He was gratified at the hearty reception accorded to the toast, and especially so as his name was connected with it. He had always striven, and should continue to strive, to assist the Hervey Lodge to the best of his ability. In his position of custodian of their funds, he assured them he should ever take as much care of their money as he did of his own. He wished the Lodge every prosperity, and hoped he should long have an opportunity of attending its meetings, which he considered the most enjoyable he ever participated in. The health of the Visitors was next given, the W.M. assuring them they would always find a hearty welcome at the Hervey Lodge. Each of the guests replied, congratulating the Master on the prosperous condition of his Lodge, and thanking him for the hospitality accorded them. Bro. Hogg now assumed the gavel, and gave the health of the W.M. In doing so he again referred to the pleasant day's outing the W.M. had provided for the members, and hoped it would be a feature never omitted in future years. Their W.M. was so well known to every member that he felt no remarks of his were necessary in eulogy of his good qualities. He would, therefore, at once call on them to drink the toast. This having been most heartily done, the W.M. rose. Having thanked the members, he proceeded to give his ideas as to the best means to be adopted with the view of reorganising their Benevolent Fund, and hoped that as many brethren as could make it convenient would attend their next meeting, when the matter would be discussed. He then proposed the health of the Treasurer and Secretary. He considered them very important Officers. On the faithful discharge of their duties very much of the success of the Lodge depended. He felt that the Hervey had, in Bros. Hogg and Atkins, two brethren who would carry out the duties of their offices with the utmost satisfaction to all concerned. These two brethren having replied, the W.M. gave the toast of the Officers of the Lodge, and it having been duly honoured and acknowledged, the Tyler was called, and the proceedings were brought to a close.

The Great City Lodge, No. 1426.—An emergency meeting was held on Saturday last, at the Cannon-street Hotel. Present—Bros. Richard Stanway W.M., Freeman S.W., Blackie J.W., Edward Moody P.M. Sec., Headon P.M. Treas., Catchpole S.D., Hamer J.D., Kibble D.C., Taylor I.G.; P.M. Bro. James Stevens. Bro. Keene was raised to the sublime degree by the W.M., the Officers rendering him goodly service. It was agreed that a P.M.'s jewel be presented to Bro. Stanway at the installation meeting, which will take place this day (Saturday).

RED CROSS OF CONSTANTINE.

EBORACUM CONCLAVE, No. 137.

THE regular meeting of this Conclave was held on Thursday afternoon, 3rd inst., at York. Present—Bros. T. Cooper M.P.S., T. B. Whytehead P.S. as V.E., Wm. Valentine Prelate, J. S. Cumberland first Gen., G. Balford as second Gen., A. T. B. Turner Recorder, G. Simpson Treas., M. Millington Prefect, T. Humphries first Aide, J. Ward, H. Jackson Sentinel, &c. Bros. W. P. Husband and R. Walker of the Eboracum Lodge having been duly elected, were installed Knights of the Order, and the name of a candidate was proposed and seconded. The Conclave was then closed in due form.

ORDER OF ST. LAURENCE THE MARTYR.

A MEETING of the Ebor Lodge was held at York, on Thursday, the 3rd inst. Present—Bros. T. B. Whytehead R.W.M., J. S. Cumberland S.W., G. Simpson J.W., M. Millington, T. Cooper, A. T. B. Turner, T. Humphries, &c. Bros. Captain Murphy, W. P. Husband, and J. Ward were elected and installed members of the Order. The R.W.M. gave the lecture, and the Lodge was closed.

The consecration of the "Lodge of Progress," No. 1768, will take place at Freemasons' Hall on Thursday next, the 17th inst., at 6 o'clock. Bro. W. A. Dawson will be installed First Worshipful Master, and Bros. F. R. and A. C. Spaul are the Senior and Junior Wardens designate. All the petitioning brethren are working members in the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, and the ritual of that Lodge will be strictly adopted by the "Progress." Bro. John Hervey, Grand Secretary, will perform the ceremonies of Consecration and Installation.

The ceremony of Installation will be rehearsed by Bro. Geo. King P.M., Preceptor, at the Royal Arthur Lodge of instruction, No. 1360, on Tuesday evening, 15th October, at eight o'clock, at Bro. J. Wright's, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea. The attendance of brethren is earnestly requested. It is also proposed to commence a Ballot Association the same evening.

ROYAL POLYTECHNIC.—ZEPHYRA, given by Mr. Seymour Smith. —PEKIN and A VISIT TO ICHANG.—THE PARIS EXHIBITION, illustrated.—SCIENTIFIC VARIETY ENTERTAINMENT, with Philosophical and Optical Experiments.—THE MICROPHONE, TELEPHONE AND PHONOGRAPH, &c.—CYPRUS, its history and characteristics.—Admission, 1s; Open 12 till 5 and 7 till 10, Carriages at 5 and 10.

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A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT of the Governors and Subscribers will be held in the Hall of the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's-inn-fields, London, on Monday, 14th day of October 1878, for the transaction of the ordinary business of the Institution.

To elect, if approved, on the recommendation of the General Committee, 13 boys instead of 11 boys as stated on the voting papers, from an approved list of 67 candidates, reduced to 65 by the withdrawal of Harry Newbould, No. 3, and of Henry Webb, No. 43, disqualified by age.

To consider the following notices of motion: That 13 boys be elected by this Court, instead of 11, in accordance with the above recommendation.

By Bro. R. B. Webster, Life Gov.: That the laws regulating the admission of candidates to this Institution be suspended, for the purpose of admitting, *without election*, Arthur George Jardine, age 10 years and 5 months, a son of the late Bro. Charles Jardine (Steward for the Anniversary Festival in July last), who lost his life in the recent fatal collision on the Thames, leaving a widow and nine children without provision.

By Bro. Col. Creaton, Vice-Patron and Trustee, That a sub-committee of five members of the general committee be appointed to take into consideration the advisability of a revision of the laws: that such committee be empowered to confer with a similarly appointed committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and to report thereon to the Quarterly Court in January next.

To elect a Trustee of the General Fund in the room of Bro. John Symonds, Vice Patron, resigned.

The Ballot for the election of boys will commence at One o'clock (or so soon as the general business shall have terminated), and will be closed at Three o'clock.

The chair will be taken at Twelve o'clock at noon precisely.

FREDERICK BINCKES, V.P., P.G. Std., Secretary.

October 5th 1878.

THE LAST CHANCE.

Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

SEVENTH APPLICATION, OCTOBER 1878.

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

ARTHUR H. DAY, Aged Ten Years,

SON of the late Bro. JOHN DAY, of Tendring, in the County of Essex, Farmer and Brewer. The Deceased was for eight years, and up to a short time of his death, a Subscribing Member of the Lodge of Hope, No. 433, Brightlingsea. During the last years of his life he became much reduced in circumstances, in consequence of a long affliction—Paralys.s. At his decease, which took place on the 20th of December 1871, barely sufficient funds were realised to pay his debts, and the Widow was consequently obliged to give up the business, and is mainly dependent on her friends for support. She has two children (out of a family of five) entirely dependent. The Applicant is a quick, promising Boy, greatly needing your sympathy.

The Case is strongly recommended by the following Brethren:—R. W. Bros. W. W. B. BEACH M.P. P.G.M. Hunts and Isle of Wight; * Sir J. H. JOHNSON, Shakespeare Lodge, No. 99, the Priory, St. Osyth, Essex; * E. JOHNSON, V.P. Farrington House, Exeter; C. H. WATERS P.M. Grand Stewards Lodge, Buckingham Palace Road, London; BLYTH, New Concord Lodge No. 313, 63 Red Lion Street, Holborn; S. HARMAN, Readings House, Palmers Green, Southgate; E. W. DAVIS P.M. 95 and 172 P.Z. 554, 318 High Holborn W.C.; * R. A. TUBBS Marylebone Lodge 1,305, 21 Wellington Road, St. John's Wood; * G. GARD PYZ P.P.H.S. of W. Essex, P.M. Angel Lodge No. 51, Bank Buildings, Colchester; FRED A. COLE P.P.G. Registrar P.M. Angel Lodge No. 51, St. Botolph's, Colchester; W. GRIGGS P.M. Lodge of Hope No. 433, Brightlingsea; W. BRAGG P.M. Lodge of Hope No. 433, Brightlingsea; W. BALLS Lodge of Hope No. 433, Tendring, Colchester; * J. E. WISEMAN P.P.G.A.D.U. P.M. and Secretary No. 433, Brightlingsea; THOS. J. RALLING I.P.M. Angel Lodge No. 51, P.G. Sec. Essex, Essex Standard Office Colchester.

Proxies will be thankfully received by the Brethren opposite whose names a * is placed, or they may be sent to Mrs. DAY, Great Clacton Green, Colchester.

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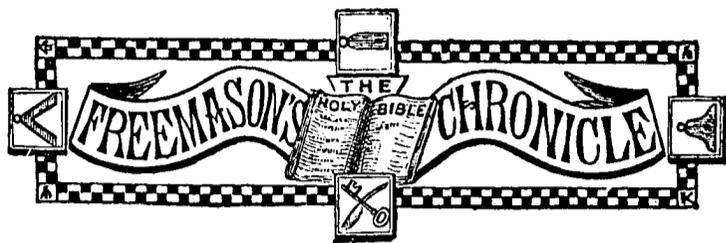
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OUR WEEKLY BUDGET.

THE Queen and Princess Beatrice attended Divine Service on Sunday in Crathie Church, Balmoral. Prince Leopold left London on Friday, and has proceeded to Germany. The Chancellor of the Exchequer is the Minister in attendance upon the Queen.

The Order of the Bath has been conferred upon Mr. F. O. Adams, Secretary of the Embassy in Paris, and upon the Hon. H. C. Vivian, British Agent and Consul-General in Egypt.

The deaths have been recorded this week of Lord Chelmsford, aged 84, Sir F. Grant, President of the Royal Academy, aged 75, and of Mr. Whalley, M.P. for Peterborough, aged 65.

The coroner's inquest in connection with the loss of the Princess Alice steamer has been continued, and conflicting evidence has been given respecting the sobriety of some of the crew of the Bywell Castle on the occasion of the collision. The total number of bodies that have been recovered is 590, but some 50 persons are still reported to be missing. The Mansion House Relief Fund has been closed, the committee being of opinion that the amount already subscribed (upwards of £35,000) will be sufficient to meet all requirements.

A violent gale raged on Wednesday night in the English Channel, and it was feared that some accident had occurred to the Eddystone Lighthouse, as no light was visible from Plymouth; but this morning's telegrams state that the edifice is standing, but communication is prevented by the state of the weather.

Public interest, has during the past week been chiefly directed towards India. The intentions and movements of the Indian Government are not quite clearly known. It appears that some forward military movement has been made, although the reported capture of the Khyber Pass has not yet been confirmed. The Russian papers, while disclaiming for their Government all responsibility for Shere Ali's hostile attitude towards the British Government, exult in the embarrassment thus created, and declare that, should Afghanistan be annexed to British India, compensation would be sought for by Russia in Kashgar and on the Chinese frontier. Minatory indications of Russian progress in other directions are also given. In Europe the settlement of the Eastern Question does not proceed in the peaceful manner that was expected. The Austrian troops have virtually obtained possession of Bosnia and Herzegovina, although there are still considerable bodies of insurgent forces in the field. The Russian troops, upon the ground that outrages had been committed upon the Christian population, have re-occupied Tchekmedje and Tchataldja, in close proximity to Constantinople. The Porte has declined to conclude a Convention with Austria, upon the ground of excesses committed by the Austrian troops in the enforcement of the occupation, but at the same time professes a desire to maintain cordial relations with the Austro-Hungarian Empire. The Russian Commissioner in Roumelia, having declared that

his Government will administer that province in accordance with the Treaty of San Stefano, and not with the Treaty of Berlin, the other Commissions have sought instructions from their Governments. In France there has been a period of comparative tranquillity, but M. Gambetta has made several addresses in the Eastern Departments proclaiming the permanence of the Republic. The Italian Government has raised objections to the British and French administration of the Egyptian finances, but explanations have been given that the arrangements made have merely a domestic character. The resignations of the Hungarian Ministry have been accepted by the Emperor. A popular vote in Geneva has rejected several constitutional changes proposed by the Radical party. From the Cape Colony we learn that military affairs are proceeding satisfactorily, and that the native insurrection is generally suppressed, but in the Transvaal fighting was still going on. The Cape Parliament has been dissolved. It is reported from New Zealand that five Wesleyan Missionaries have been murdered and eaten by the cannibal natives.

A Grand Masonic Fête will take place on Thursday, the 24th October 1878, at Paris, in the Great Hall of the Trocadero, under the presidency of Mons. Cremieux, Senator, and formerly Minister, at which some of the principal people in the capital will be present. This Fête is offered to all Foreign Freemasons by the members of the Supreme Council of the A. and A. Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for France and her Dependencies. Tickets of admission may be obtained *gratis*, on proof of Masonic title, at the Secretariat of the Scottish Rite, No. 46 Rue de la Victoire, Paris.

COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

The monthly meeting of the General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was held last Saturday, at Freemasons' Hall, when there were present Bros. J. G. Chancellor (in the chair), George J. Row, Donald M. Dewar, S. Rawson, A. H. Tattershall, H. Browse, James Winter, H. Massey, Richard Morris, Hyde Pullen, R. B. Webster, S. Rosenthal, G. J. Palmer, W. F. C. Moutrie, Alexander Wallace, and W. Paas. A son (ten years old) of the late Bro Charles Jardine, who was lost in the Princess Alice, having presented himself to the Committee and passed the required examination, Bro. Binckes (Secretary) said that a motion would be made at the Quarterly Court of the Institution on Monday, the 14th inst., to suspend the Laws regulating the admission of candidates, so as to admit this boy without election. The Girls' School would do the same thing with regard to one of Bro. Jardine's daughters. Bro. Jardine had been a Life Governor and a Steward of each of the Masonic Institutions. It was resolved to recommend the Quarterly Court to elect thirteen instead of eleven boys out of a list of sixty-five candidates. Bro. R. B. Webster gave the notice for the suspension of the laws of the Institution to meet the case of Bro. Jardine's boy, and Col. Creaton's notice of motion for the appointment of a sub-committee of five to revise the laws of the Institution was also given. Bro. Binckes said the other business of the Quarterly Court would be to elect a trustee of the general fund in place of Bro. John Symonds, who had resigned. Two candidates were placed on the list for the April election.

COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The Committee of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution met on Wednesday afternoon, at Freemasons' Hall. The brethren present were Lieut.-Col. Creaton (in the chair), Griffiths Smith, J. M. Case, S. Rawson, J. A. Farfield, L. Steau, C. A. Cottebrune, Henry Smith, J. G. Stevens, C. J. Perceval, R. H. Giraud, R. W. Stewart, H. J. Strong, and James Terry (Secretary). The Secretary reported the deaths of four of the annuitants; also that the sum of £70 voted by G.L. for coats for the inmates of the Institution at Croydon during the winter had been received. The finance report for the quarter has just showed a balance of £188 14s 2d to the credit of the male fund; £1,110 14s 10d to the female fund; and £14 19s 3d to the sustentation fund; or a total balance in favour of the Institution of £1,644 8s 3d. The report of Bro. Robert Griggs, the architect of the Gardener's Cottage recently built at the Institution, stated that the building was nearly completed. A letter was read from a female annuitant at Plymouth, thanking the Committee for her annuity, but stating that a relative of hers having died, she had come into some property, and she did not feel justified in continuing to receive the annuity from the Institution. Bro. Terry was directed to write to her, congratulating her on her good fortune, and thanking her for giving up her annuity. Some petitions having been passed, the brethren accepted a tender to build a greenhouse at the Institution for £120. On the motion of Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, seconded by Bro. J. A. Farfield, the salary of Miss Norris, the matron at the Institution, was increased from £30 to £50 a year, after which the Committee adjourned.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF JAPAN.

THE regular Summer Communication of this District Grand Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Yokohama, on 24th June. Present—Bros. Charles H. Dallas D.G.M., William Bourne P.D.D.G.M. as D.D.G.M., Drummond Hay D.G.R. as D.S.G.W., A. Langfeldt P.D.B. of G.P. as D.G.W., E. J. Geoghegan D.G. Treas., Wm. H. Stone D.G. Sec., E. B. Jones D.G.D. of C., W. E. Clarke D.G.S.B., W. A. Crane P.D.G.W. D.G. Org., J. J. Easlie Acting D.G. Org., H. Moss as D.G. Purs., M. Kirkwood, C. D. Moss and T. R. H. McClatchie D.G. Stewards, and several members and visitors.

The members and visitors having taken their seats, the District Grand Officers entered in procession, and the D.G. Lodge was opened in due form.

The D.G. Sec. proposed that as the minutes of the last regular Winter Communication had been printed, and were in the hands of the members, they be taken as read. This was seconded and carried unanimously.

Letters from several member regretting their absence were read, and the D.G. Sec. presented the abstract of returns received from the Lodges in the district for the four quarters ending 31st March 1878, and proceeded to read the report of the District Board of General Purposes as follows:—

Masonic Hall, Yokohama, 10th June 1878.

The President of the District Board of General Purposes has the honour to submit the following report to the District Grand Lodge:—

The Board has examined and audited the accounts of the District Grand Treasurer, which are attached to this report. It will be seen that the receipts of the D.G.L. have amounted to dols. 260.65, and the disbursements to dols. 131.96, showing an excess of income over current expenses of dols. 128.69. This sum has been applied to the discharge of outstanding liabilities, which amounted last year to dols. 173.78; the indebtedness to the subordinate Lodges, which was incurred to pay for the regalia, has been extinguished, and the only liability now remaining is the cash balance of dols. 45.09 due to the District Grand Treasurer. The fees of honour and the quarterly dues, which are payable next month, will discharge this advance and put a balance in the Treasurer's hands. In the accounts, dols. 62.00 of this surplus income has been written off as depreciation on the regalia, and dols. 66.69 has been added to the capital account, which now stands at dols. 554.91.

On comparing these accounts with those of last year, we find that, by greater economy in printing and advertising, a reduction of nearly dols. 60.00 has been effected in general expenditure; on the other hand the chief sources of income also show a reduction—the fees of honour of dols. 29.00 and the quarterly dues of dols. 23.00—while there is a slight increase in the initiation and joining fees.

No business of importance has come before the Board since the Winter Communication of the D.G.L.

The President of the Board will move that this report be received, adopted and entered on the minutes.

A. LANGFELDT,

President of District Board of General Purposes.

W. H. STONE,
D.G. Secretary.

On the motion of the President of the D.B. of G.P., seconded by the District Grand Secretary, the report was received, adopted, and ordered to be entered on the minutes.

The D.G. Master stated that he had to submit to the D.G.L. a resolution that did not appear on the agenda paper. Nearly all present would remember Bro. Frank Pittman, who four years ago, when this D.G.L. was first established, undertook and most zealously discharged the duties of D.G. Sec. His sudden death, while in the prime of life and in full health and strength, had been a shock to the many, who had lost in him not only a valued brother in the Craft, but also a personal friend. Bro. Pittman left a widow and several children to mourn his loss, and the D.G.M. felt sure that it would be a satisfaction to them to know that here in this distant land were friends who shared their sorrow and sympathised in their bereavement. The resolution he would move was as follows:—

"That the District Grand Lodge of Japan has learned with the deepest regret the sad tidings that our esteemed Brother Frank Pittman, our first District Grand Secretary, was among those who perished in the foundering of H.M.S. Eurydice, and desires to express to his sorrowing widow and children the heartfelt sympathies of the Freemasons of this District."

The resolution was seconded by the Acting D.D.G.M., and on being put to the D.G.L. was carried unanimously.

The D.G. Sec. read a circular letter addressed by the Grand Secretary to the D.G.W., enclosing the report from the G.L. of England, issued in consequence of the Grand Orient of France having suppressed from its constitution the clause affirming a belief in God. The D.G. Sec. then read this Report, and the District Grand Master delivered an address on the circumstances which had called it forth.*

Other matters of local interest having been disposed of, D.G. Lodge was closed in due form.

* This address we hope to reproduce in a future number.—ED. F.C.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Old wounds, Sores, and Ulcers.—Daily experience confirms the fact, which has triumphed over opposition for thirty years—viz., that no means are known equal to Holloway's remedies, for curing old sores, ulcers, wounds, diseases of the skin, erysipelas, abscesses, burns, scalds, and, in truth, all cases where the skin is broken. To cure these ailments quickly is of primary importance, as the compulsory confinement and loss of work weakens the general health. The ready means of cure are found in Holloway's Ointment and Pills, which heal the sores and expel their cause. In the very worst cases the Ointment has succeeded in effecting a perfect cure, after every other means has failed of giving any relief. Desperate cases best display its virtues.

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, 12th OCTOBER.

Quarterly General Court, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12. (Election, &c.)
108—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
1426—The Great City, Cannon Street Hotel, F.C.
1697—Loyalty, Alexa dra Palace, Muswell Hill.
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)
1671—Mizpah, Albion Hotel, Aldersgate-street.
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.

615—St. John and St. Paul, Pier Hotel, Erith, Kent.
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1391—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester.
1415—Campbell, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court.
1612—West Middlesex, Institute, Ealing.

MONDAY, 14th OCTOBER.

Quarterly Meeting, Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12. (Election, &c.)
45—Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, 12 Old-st., near Goswell-rd., at 8.0. (In.)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
186—Industry, Bell Tavern, Carter-lane, Fector's-commons, at 6.30. (Instruction.)
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction.)
704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
957—Leigh, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8. (Instruction.)
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8. (Instruction.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30. (In.)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8. (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)
London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-street, E.C., at 6.

75—Love and Honour, Royal Hotel, Falmouth.
104—St. John, Ashton House, Greek-street, Stockport.
151—Albany, Masonic Hall, Newport, I.W.
202—Salopian, Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury.
292—Sincerity, Masonic Temple, 22 More-street, Liverpool.
297—Witham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln.
411—Commercial, Flying Horse Hotel, Nottingham.
502—Rectitude, Town Hall Rugby.
587—Howe, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
589—Druid's Love and Liberality, Masonic Hall, Redruth.
665—Montague, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis.
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
797—Harley, Hanley Hall, Darlington.
827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury.
893—Meridian, National School Room, Millbrook, Cornwall.
1021—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Hindport-road, Barrow-in-Furness.
1060—United Brothers, Castle Hotel, Southsea.
1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham.
1253—Travellers, Queen's Hotel, Manchester.
1436—Sandgate, Masonic Hall, Sandgate.
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury.
1592—Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds.
1611—Eboracum, Queen's Hotel, Micklegate, York.
1618—Handyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea.

TUESDAY, 15th OCTOBER.

Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
30—United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7. (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
73—Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark.
95—Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
141—Faith, 2 Westminster-chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
177—Donatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Cumberwell, 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—Dulhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1420—Earl Spencer, Swan Hotel, Battersea Old Bridge, S.W.
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1471—Islington, Three Bucks, 23 Gresham-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1507—Astronomer, 289 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-street-rd. at 8. (In.)
217—Wynstay, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8. (Instruction.)
213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich.
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30. (Instruction.)
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon.
384—St. David, Masonic Rooms, Bangor.
402—Royal Sussex, George the Fourth, Nottingham.
414—Union, Masonic Hall, Reading.
448—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax.
510—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard.
667—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
1006—Tregullow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scourier, Cornwall.
1052—Callender, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
1089—De Sherland, Fountain Hotel, St. Erme.
1276—Warren, Stanley Arms Hotel, Seacombe, Cheshire.
1325—Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1427—Percy, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle.
1470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable.
1473—Boote, 146 Berry-street, Boote, at 6.0. (Instruction.)
1534—Concord, George Hotel, Prestwick.
1670—Prince Arthur, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool.
1764—Eleanor Cross, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton.
R. A. 829—High Cross, Bull Inn, Dartford.
R. A. 1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham.

WEDNESDAY, 16th OCTOBER.

General Committee Grand Chapter, Freemasons' Hall, at 3.
174—Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
195—Aanderice, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7. (Instruction.)
204—Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
228—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., Camden Town, at 8. (In.)
538—La Tolérance, Horse and Groin, Winsley-street, W., at 7.45. (Inst.)
781—Mermaid Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E., at 7.30. (Instruction.)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. at 8. (Instruction.)
80—Whittington, Red Lion, Pimlico-street, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7. (Instruction.)
1196—Urban, The Three Bucks, Gresham-street, at 8.30. (Instruction.)
1278—Burdett Courts, Cannon and Ball, Bethel Green-road, at 8.30. (Inst.)
128—Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tavern, Seven Sisters-rd., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1507—Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)
155—Duke of Connaught, Faunce Arms, Kennington Park, at 8. (Instruction.)
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Hall, Ebury-square, Pimlico.
1677—Eleanor, Arger Hotel, Ebury-street, at 8. (Instruction.)
R. A. 177—Donatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
R. A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)

20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham.
121—Mount Sinai, Public-buildings, Penzance.
140—St. George, Trafalgar Tavern, Greenwich.
175—East Medina, Masonic Hall, John-street, Ryde, I.W.
200—Old Globe, Private Rooms, Globe-street, Scarborough.
221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton.
325—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Bolton.
363—Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth.
537—Zetland, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
581—Faith, Drover's Inn, Openshaw.
591—Buckingham, George Hotel, Aylesbury.
592—Cotteswold, King's Head Hotel, Cirencester.
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction.)
613—Yarborough, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
684—Isca, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire.
750—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Railway-street, Clackheaton.
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
874—Holmesdale, Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells.
889—Dobie, Griffin Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames.
989—Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Workington.
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction.)
1019—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.
1040—Syke, Masonic Hall, Driffild, Yorks.
1129—St. Chad's, Roebuck Hotel, Rochdale.
1086—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.
1161—De Grey and Ripon, Corporation Hotel, Tipping-st., Ardwick, near Man.
1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. Germans, Cornwall.
1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich.
1311—Brighouse, Masonic Room, Bradford-road, Brighouse.
1337—Anchor, Masonic Rooms, Durham House, Northalton.
1353—Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster.
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1443—Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon.
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull.
1634—Starkie, Railway Hotel, Ramshotton.
R. A. 387—Moravian, Masonic Hall, Shipley.

THURSDAY, 17th OCTOBER.

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.)
169—Temperance, White Swan, High-street, Deptford.
181—Universal, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
720—Panmure Gen. L. of Inst., Antelope Tavern, Lorn-road, Brixton, at 8.
733—Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, N.W.
813—New Concord, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
1139—South Norwood, Public Hall, South Norwood.
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1287—Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1319—Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, E.C., at 6.30. (Instruction.)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 9. (In.)
1763—Progress, Freemasons' Hall, W.C. (Consecration at 6.)
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.)

42—Relief, Albion Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury Lanc.
56—Howard, High-street, Arundel.
268—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, George-street, Ashton-under-Lyne.
343—Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Starkie-street, Preston.
345—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Church-street, Blackburn.
367—Roby and Freedom, Red Lion Inn, Smallbridge.
523—John of Gaunt, Freemasons' Hall, Halford-street, Leicester.
600—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
683—Wiltshire of Fidelity, Town Hall, Devizes.
1011—Richmond Crown Hotel, Blackfriars-street, Salford.
1042—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds.
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1299—Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, near Liverpool.
1327—King Harold, Britannia Hotel, Waltham New Town.
1332—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon.
1432—Fitzalan, Wynstay Arms, Swestry.
1512—Hemming, Lion Hotel, Hampton. (Installation.)
R. A. 913—Pattison, Lord Raglan Tavern, Plumstead.

FRIDAY, 18th OCTOBER.

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.)
57—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Cumberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
706—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. (Inst.)
844—Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-road. (Instruction.)
902—Burgoyne, Red Cap, Cannon 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.)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1200—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. Pauls-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1442—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, Guilford Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate.
152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
347—Noah's Ark, Wagon and Horse Hotel, Tipton.
516—Plaxin, 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.)
993—Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Levenshulme.
1096—Lord Warden, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal.
1311—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Great George street, Leeds.
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
R. A. 621—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.
R. A. 837—Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon.
R. C.—White Rose of York, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.

SATURDAY, 19th OCTOBER.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
1364—Zetland, Old Town Hall, Manchester, Hackney.
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30. (Instruction.)

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Fidelity Lodge of Instruction, No. 3.—On Thursday, 3rd October, at the Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-square. Present—Bros. Koester P.M. W.M., Ash P.M. S.W., Jones P.M. J.W., R. T. Cook Sec., W. Phillips Treas., Harvey S.D., Farwig J.D., Long P.M. Preceptor, Patsy I.G.; Kew P.M. Sills, Martin, &c. Lodge was opened in due form with solemn prayer, and the minutes were read.

and confirmed. The Fifteen Sections were worked by the following brethren:—First Lecture—Bros. Patey, Harvey, Cook, Jones, Ash, Koester, Farwig. Second Lecture—Bros. Patey, Kew, Koester, Long, Farwig. Third Lecture—Bros. Cook, Kew, Long. The Lodge was resumed to the first degree. On the proposition of Bro. Ash, seconded by Bro. Long, a vote of thanks was recorded on the minutes to the W.M. for the very able manner in which he had presided over the Lodge. All Masonic business being ended, the Lodge was closed in perfect harmony.

Albion Lodge, No. 9.—This Lodge held its first meeting this season on Tuesday, the 1st of October, at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, Lincolns'-inn-fields. Present—Bros. W. T. Scott I.P.M. in the chair of W.M., L. W. Harvey S.W., W. Willy P.M. J.W., James Abbott Sec., T. Moring Treas., J. Fortes S.D., S. Coste P.M. D.C., S. U. Thompson I.G., James Rawles Tyler. P.M.'s Bros. Palmer, Valentin, Friend. Business—Bros. Lionel Draiff was passed; communication from Grand Lodge read. The Lodge having lost, by death, two brethren, Charles Lee P.M. and John Pengelly Eudeau, Bro. L. Vallentine expressed himself most feelingly on the occasion. It was proposed and carried unanimously that letters of condolence be forwarded to the families of the late members. Bro. W. T. Scott I.P.M. performed the duties of the chair most admirably, and the working of the Officers of the Lodge generally, was commendable.

Egyptian Lodge, No. 27.—A meeting was held on the 3rd at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street. Present—Bros. T. Maidwell W.M., Richards S.W., Lambie P.M. J.W., Poole Sec., Coulson S.D., Kemp J.D., C. Grammer D.C., March Steward, Cuthbertson I.G. After the formal opening of the Lodge, one brother was raised. Lodge was then closed down, and some propositions for initiation were handed in. The brethren adjourned to the banquet room, where a pleasant evening was spent.

Egyptian Lodge of Instruction, No. 27.—Hercules Tavern, 119 Leadenhall-street, E.C., on Thursday evening. Present—Bros. Biddle W.M., Da Silva S.W., Forss J.W., Grammer S.D., Powell J.D., Maidwell I.G., Grammer Hon. Sec, Webb Preceptor, and other brethren. The ceremony of the second degree was rehearsed, Bro. Hollands candidate. The first, second, and third sections were worked by Bro. Webb, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Biddle vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Richards S.W. 27, who rehearsed the ceremony of the first degree, Bro. Hollands as candidate.

Anchor and Hope Lodge, No. 37.—A meeting was held on 7th October, at six p.m., at Freemasons' Hall, Bolton. Present—Bros. James Brown W.M., Samuel Crowther S.W., Johnson Mills J.W., J. D. Porteous P.M. Sec., W. Slater P.M. P.P.S.G.D. Treas., Edward Garstang S.D., John Booth J.D., James Robinson I.G., J. Roiley Tyler. Past Masters Bros. James Newton, James Walker, G. P. Brockbank P.P.G.J.W.; Visitors—Bros. T. N. Marwood P.M. 312 and Thos. Weatherley Norman 1334, Durham. Report read by the Secretary of a meeting of Masters and Wardens of Bolton Lodges, at which Bro. Thomas Morris, 21 Oxford-street, was appointed District Almoner, in room of Bro. Chambers deceased. The Secretary was instructed to issue a Lodge Circular, requesting members' subscriptions for the Callendar Memorial Fund. Heartly good wishes were expressed on behalf of Lodges 284 and 312. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banqueting room.

Angel Lodge, No. 51.—The first meeting of this Lodge since the recess was held on Tuesday last, at the Lodge Rooms, Cup Hotel, Colchester. Present—Bros. E. Henne Meyer W.M., Isaac Harris S.W., John J. C. Turner J.W., Thomas J. Ralling P.M. Sec., Alfred Cobb P.M. Treas., Geo. Mercier S.D., H. H. Costobadie J.D., Charles Osmond Organist, W. Sowman and J. W. Smith Stewards, James F. Ralling I.G., S. Munson Tyler; Past Masters Bros. John Copping, Charles Cobb, F. A. Cole, A. R. Clench, and E. Frayling; Bros. J. Farran, C. S. Coe, A. W. Ralling, W. Richey P.M. 711, B. Barber, R. Gregson, &c. In consequence of the lamented death of the R.W. the P.G.M. of the Province of Essex, the brethren appeared in full Craft mourning. After the confirmation of the minutes, a ballot was taken for the admission of three joining members. A brother, initiated at the last regular Lodge, was then passed to the degree of Fellow Craft, and the efficient manner in which the W.M. performed this, his first ceremony since his installation, elicited the warmest commendations from the brethren. The W.M. then, in feeling terms, alluded to the decease of the R.W. the P.G.M., and moved the following resolution:—"That the members of the Angel Lodge, No. 51, Colchester, have heard with deep regret of the death of the Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master of Essex, Bro. Robert John Bagsbaw, and desire to take this, the first opportunity, to express to Mrs. Bagsbaw their sincere condolence in her bereavement. They feel that the Craft in Essex have lost a P.G.M. who took the warmest interest in the welfare of the various Lodges; and, when his health permitted, his frequent visits were always a source of pleasure and profit." This resolution having been seconded by W. Bro. John Copping, the oldest P.M. present, was carried unanimously, and the Secretary was directed to forward a copy to Mrs. Bagsbaw. A discussion took place as to the propriety of introducing a clause into the bye-laws, admitting "non-resident members" at a reduced subscription, and W. Bro. A. R. Clench gave notice that at the next meeting he should move a resolution on the subject. At the close of the Lodge business the brethren adjourned to the festive board.

Constitutional Lodge of Instruction, No. 55.—Tuesday, October 8th, at the Bedford Hotel, Southampton-commons, Hants. Present—Bros. Brauham W.M., Abell S.W., Super J.W., Dickins

Sec., Baker S.D., Cooper J.D., Tranter I.G., Bingemann P.M. Preceptor; Bros. Dodson, Watt, Miroy, Scott, Hallam, Gilrath, and others. The Lodge opened in due form. The minutes of preceding meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. T. B. Dodson being candidate. The 1st section of the lecture was worked by Bro. Abell, 2nd by Bro. Dickins, 3rd by Bro. Hallam, 4th by Bro. Dickins. Bro. Abell was elected to preside at next meeting.

Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, No. 65.—Held at the Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, 8th inst. Present—Bros. Bone W.M., Daniel S.W., Moss J.W., Biddle S.D., Roberts J.D., Maidwell I.G., Brown, Hollands and West. The ceremonies of initiation and raising were rehearsed, Bro. Brown candidate. Bro. Daniel was elected W.M. for the ensuing Tuesday. A committee was elected, consisting of Bros. Bond, Moss, Brown W.M. of the Prosperity Lodge, and Hollands, to arrange for the annual supper, which will take place on the fourth Tuesday in October. The worthy host, Bro. Maidwell, has just enlarged his premises, to meet the growing demand of his patrons. Tickets can be had of Bro. Brown W.M. of the Prosperity, Bro. Daniel P.M., and Bro. Maidwell.

Sun, Square and Compasses Lodge, No. 119.—A meeting was held on Monday evening, 7th October, at Freemasons' Hall, College-street, Whitehaven. Present—Bros. Edward Tysou W.M., Jno. Bow P.M. P.P.G.S.D. as S.W., John Rothery J.W., J. Pritson I.P.M. P.P.G.P. as Sec., W. B. Gibson P.M. P.G.S. Treas., W. F. Hunter J.D., J. Casson and M. Golightly Stewards, Wm. Bewlay I.G., George Fitzgerald Tyler; P.M.'s Bros. Henry Cook P.G.S.W., Wm. White P.P.G.S.D., Edward Fearon P.P.G.S.B. Visitors—Bro. Cornthwaite 872; and about thirty members of the Lodge. There being no business before the Lodge on this the first gathering after the recess, the meeting resolved itself into an instruction class. Bro. E. Tyson W.M. gave the charge in the first degree. Bro. W. B. Gibson P.M. explained the tracing board, and worked the first section. Two gentlemen were proposed as candidates for initiation. The Lodge was then closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment, when an hour was very agreeably spent.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—On Saturday, 5th October, at the Jolly Farmers', Southgate-road, Islington. Present—Bros. Brasted W.M., Hallam sen. S.W., C. Lorkin J.W., Killick Sec., Halford Treas., John Gibbs S.D., Elias Parr J.D., J. Millington I.G., R. Pearey Preceptor. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. T. Goode candidate. The sections of the first lecture were worked. Bro. J. W. Berrie P.M. 1293 was elected a member, and Bro. Hallam sen. appointed W.M. for the ensuing week.

Shakespeare Lodge, No. 284.—A meeting was held on Tuesday, 8th October, at the Masonic Rooms, Warwick. Present—Bros. Brabazon Campbell, M.A., W.M., George Wilson, M.D., S.W., J. W. Thursfield, M.D., J.W., Cooke P. Prov. S.G.W. Sec., J. W. Margrett P.P.G.P. Treas., Rev. A. M. Russell P.P.G. Chaplain S.D., Kay J.D., Colonel Machen Dep. Prov. G.M. D.C., Rev. P. Sidney Harris P.P. Grand Chaplain Steward, Sidney Vinning Organist, Geo. Bond I.G., Purser Tyler; P.M.'s J. Haynes and Moore. The business comprised the initiation of Mr. Edwin Grandy Wrigley, of Leamington, the raising of Bros. Oswald Edward Part and Henry Weyman Blekinsop.

La Tolerance Lodge of Instruction, No. 538.—A meeting was held on 2nd October, at the Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, W. Present—Bros. G. A. Cundy W.M., R. T. Cook S.W., T. W. Cooper J.W., J. Hardell Sec., G. J. W. Davis Treas., Pratt S.D., E. Child J.D., L. G. Langdon I.G.; Past Master F. G. Baker, and 17 other brethren. The second and third sections of the first lecture were worked; after which Bro. Dairy was examined, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. Bro. R. T. Cook was elected W.M. for ensuing week. The Fifteen Sections will be worked here on 22nd October.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—Met at the Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, on Friday, 4th Oct. It has rarely fallen to the lot of brethren to be present at a meeting where the true tenets of Masonry were more spontaneously evinced. The Officers were Bros. Gunner W.M., Tucker S.W., Blasby J.W., Gomm S.D., Beckett J.D., May I.G.; and there were also present Bros. Goss, Roe (Preceptor), Kyezor, Talbot, Pearson, &c. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed; the ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, Bro. Goss I.P.M. 780) volunteering as candidate. It was evident that Bro. Gunner was suffering from an affection of the throat (which we are sorry to learn is of a chronic character, owing to an accident another brother met with on the Isis some years since), whereupon Bro. May (W.M. 780) kindly occupied the chair for the remainder of the evening. Lodge was advanced to the 3rd degree, and resumed to the 1st, when the call to refreshment was given. Lodge as resumed to the 3rd degree, and duly closed down. Bro. Tucker was unanimously elected W.M. for 11th inst. He in replying for the compliment which had been paid him, expressed his gratification at his study of Masonic lore was appreciated by the brethren. He begged to state that the aim of his Masonic ambition was so to perfect himself as to give pleasure to the brethren upon such occasions as the present, when they might see fit to elect him to conduct their proceedings. He also gave notice of a motion with regard to the family of a late brother who was one of the victims by the recent catastrophe upon the river. Lodge was then closed, with due observance of ancient custom, and adjourned till 11th inst. at half past seven.

Lord Warden Lodge, No. 1096.—A meeting was held on Friday, the 4th instant, at St. George's Hall, Deal. Present—Bros. E. Kirby W.M., J. Laggett S.W., H. R. Botting J.W., T. J. Usher P.M. P.G.R. Sec., J. Carpenter S.D., W. Carterfield J.D., F. R. England Steward, S. Willey I.G., S. Holgate Tyler, Past Master Bro. T. Ayling P.G.D.C.; Bros. W. Dunn, H. Roberts, H. McDermott, H. Robinson, G. Rivers. Visitors—Bro. T. Bent 784, Wellington Lodge. Lodge opened, and minutes were confirmed. Bro. Rivers, a candidate to be raised, was examined, and answered most satisfactorily; he was entrusted and retired. Lodge opened in the third degree, and Bro. Rivers was raised by the W.M. in a most impressive manner, he giving the ancient charge and lecture. The Officers performed their several duties in faultless style; in short, they are deserving of all praise for making themselves so thoroughly efficient. Lodge was closed in the third and second degrees. Two gentlemen were proposed for initiation at the next meeting. The Lodge was closed in due form, and adjourned till Friday, the 18th instant. The brethren afterwards spent a most pleasant hour together.

Lord Warden Lodge of Instruction, No. 1096.—The first annual supper took place on Monday last, when twenty-one of the brethren sat down. A much larger number was expected, but several at the last minute were detained. Bro. T. Ayling P.M. Preceptor presided, assisted by Bro. J. Laggett S.W. and Secretary. After the repast the Preceptor gave the Queen and the Craft. He need not remind his hearers of the great loyalty which they were at all times ready to show to Her Most Gracious Majesty. God Save the Queen was then sung by the company. The W.M. next gave H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. He need hardly remind them how fortunate we were in having such a noble Grand Master. After "God Bless the Prince of Wales," The Earl of Carnarvon, the Deputy G.M., and the rest of Grand Officers Past and Present were duly honoured. It was most gratifying to the G.M. and to the brethren generally to have two such noblemen to assist in ruling our Order. Bro. Botting now proposed the health of Lord Holmesdale P.G.M. of Kent. He was satisfied that every Mason in the Province was gratified with their P.G.M.'s genial manner, and the impartial way in which he ruled so large a Province. Bro. Kirby next gave the V.W. the Deputy P.G.M. Bro. Eastes and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers Past and Present. He was satisfied Bro. Eastes was the right man in the right place. Lord Holmesdale was indeed fortunate in having such a hard-working and efficient brother to assist him in his arduous duties. All might rest assured that those brethren who aspired to Provincial honours could safely leave their claims in the hands of Bro. Eastes. Bro. T. Ayling could bear out all they had just heard, as he had had the good fortune to meet the Deputy P.G.M. on many occasions, and a more worthy brother it was impossible to know. Bro. Kirby, in a very forcible speech, proposed Prosperity to the Masonic Charities. He reminded them that there was a most distressing case, that of the girl Brazier. This would be her first and only chance. Saturday was close upon them, when all their energies would be required if they wished to succeed. The late Bro. Brazier was a most energetic and hard-working Mason, particularly in the cause of the Charities, when he was suddenly struck down. Bro. Ayling most ably responded. He set forth the great work the Charitable Institutions were doing, and how much they needed all the support that could be given them. He also referred to the struggle that was so close at hand; he believed that about 3,000 votes would be required to ensure success. Bro. King next gave Prosperity to the Lord Warden Lodge of Instruction. He need not remind them how essential it was to have a good Lodge of Instruction; he could bear testimony to the work they had already done. Bro. Laggett ably responded; they had upwards of thirty members; he had been well supported in every way. Bro. Botting next gave the Visitors; it was most pleasing to the members of the Lord Warden Lodge to meet visiting brethren; they were always ready to give them a cordial reception. Bro. Terry W.M. 1206, Crique Ports Lodge, expressed how pleased the Visitors were with the heartiness that had been shown them. The proceeds of the charity box amounted to £1 3s 6d, and it was decided to send £1 1s to the Institution for Girls, so as to obtain two votes for use on Saturday next. Bros. Ayling, Botting, Bridges, Haslip, Carpenter and Pritchard kindly entertained the brethren. Altogether a very pleasant and enjoyable evening was spent.

Urban Lodge of Instruction, No. 1196.—A meeting was held on Wednesday evening, at the Three Bucks Tavern, Gresham-street, City. Bros. Hunter W.M., E. L. Shelton S.W., C. A. Doggett J.W., J. B. D. Wall Sec., T. G. Willett Treas., G. Wale S.D., J. F. Hepburn I.G.; Past Masters Bros. J. L. Mather Preceptor, and J. Tickle; also Bros. Sparrow, Batty, Cave, Armstrong, Davies, Mellison, Hodge. Business—The ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Batty candidate; also that of passing, Bro. Cave here acting as candidate. The ceremony of installation will be worked on the second Wednesday in November, by Bro. J. Tickle P.M. 1196, 1702.

Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227.—Held at Bro. Bouton's, King and Queen, Norton Edgate, on Thursday 3rd October. Bros. Abrahams W.M., Richmond S.W., Bolton J.W., Townsend Sec., Hamblin S.D., Hine J.D., Gieseke I.G.; Bro. Couch, Percy, Andrews, Hogarth, Smith. Lord opened; minutes read and confirmed. Bro. Abrahams vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Hogarth, who rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Andrews candidate. Bro. Abrahams resumed the chair, and worked the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Richmond will preside at the next meeting.

Finsbury Park Master Masons Lodge of Instruction, No. 1288.—Held at the Finsbury Park Tavern, Holloway, on

Friday, the 4th inst. Bros. Press W.M., Frampton S.W., Dunn J.W., Bayley S.D., Walker J.D., Oldis I.G., H. B. D. Dunn Secretary, L. R. Rogers P.M. Preceptor. Lodge opened; minutes read and confirmed. Bro. Hawkins, candidate for passing, was examined, and the ceremony rehearsed. Lodge resumed to first degree, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, with the same candidate. Lodge called off. On resuming Bro. R. C. Frampton was elected W.M. for ensuing week. Officers appointed in rotation. Lodge closed. Present—P.M.'s Bros. Pigot, Jefferys; also Bros. Edmunds, Hawkins and Owen.

Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction, No. 1288.—At Finsbury Park Tavern, on the 2nd inst. Bros. T. Goode W.M., Dunn S.W., Press J.W., Eldridge P.M. Preceptor, Yeomans S.D., Edmunds J.D., Campbell I.G., H. B. D. Dunn Secretary. After preliminaries, the first and second ceremonies were rehearsed, Bros. Edmunds and Hawkins candidates. Bro. G. W. Saul worked 1st and 2nd sections of first Lecture. Bro. Dunn was elected W.M. for ensuing week. Officers appointed in rotation. Bro. Edwin Grant, of New Finsbury Park Lodge 1695, was elected a member. Upon motion by Bro. P.M. J. Walker, of Lodge 27, £2 2s was voted from Lodge funds to the "Abercarne Colliery Explosion Fund." Lodge closed in ancient form.

Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction No. 1507.—The usual weekly meeting of the above Lodge was held at the Metropolitan Club, King's Cross, on Tuesday the 5th inst., at 7 o'clock. Present—Bros. Edmonds W.M., Pierdon S.W., Kidder jun. J.W., Putland S.D., Smith J.D., Johnson I.G., Adams Preceptor, Gilbert, Andrews Dinsdale, Carter, Cox, &c. Lodge opened in due form with prayer, minutes read and confirmed. Bro. Andrews was duly initiated and afterwards passed and raised in the several degrees in a most impressive manner by Bro. Edmonds the W.M. Bro. Andrews was unanimously elected a member. The W.M. for the ensuing week was duly appointed. No other business offering, the Lodge was closed in ancient form, and adjourned to Tuesday next, the 15th inst. at 7 o'clock. The ceremony of installation will be worked at the next meeting by Bro. R. T. Kingham W.M. of the Mother Lodge.

City of Westminster Lodge, No. 1563.—This Lodge met on Thursday, 26th ult., at the Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, W. Present, Bros. E. White W.M., B. Phillips S.W., B. Turner J.W., J. E. Shand S.D., J. Hutchinson J.D., J. Waugh I.G., E. J. Scott P.M. Sec., Rev. P. M. Holden I.P.M.; Bros. Swallow, Ward, Woodward, Docker, Gardner, Hammond, Hancock, &c. One candidate was initiated; two brethren were passed; and five were raised. Bro. Phillips S.W. was unanimously elected W.M., and Bro. Swallow P.M. Treas.; Bro. Potter was re-elected Tyler. Lodge closed until 28th Nov., when installation will take place. The brethren afterwards dined at Bro. Nicols', where the usual toasts were honoured, and a very enjoyable evening passed.

Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611.—The meeting for audit of the accounts of this Lodge was held on Monday, the 30th ult., when about twenty members were present, and the W.M. Bro. T. B. Whythead announced a balance on the right side, after the discharge of all liabilities. After the close of the Lodge, the party met at an excellent supper, and a harmonious evening was passed.

West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1612.—A meeting was held on Thursday, 26th ult., at the Feathers Hotel, Ealing. Present—Bros. Le Grys W.M., W. Seward jun. S.W., E. C. Porter J.W., Henry E. Tucker Treas., Coop S.D., A. Jones J.D., Wright Steward, J. Johnson I.G.; Past Master Bro. Kingston (Whittington) and W.M. elect of 1612; also Bros. Delevante, E. T. Brown, Wells, Day, E. Gasson, H. Stephens, &c. The minutes of last meeting were confirmed and signed. Ceremony of initiation rehearsed, Bro. Wells candidate. Lodge opened to second, when Bro. Tucker, at the request of the W.M., delivered the lecture on the Tracing Board of that degree. Lodge was then called off for refreshment. On returning to labour the Lodge was opened to third degree, when the W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Tucker, who worked the ceremony of raising, Bro. E. T. Brown being candidate. Bro. Le Grys re-occupied, and closed the Lodge down to the first degree. Bro. Seward was unanimously elected W.M. for the 17th instant. The W.M. of 1612 will occupy the chair on Thursday, 10th instant, with the Officers of the Mother Lodge in their places. On the motion of Bro. Tucker, seconded by Bro. Porter, a cordial vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Le Grys for the able manner in which he had filled the chair for the first time.

Tredegar Lodge, No. 1625.—A meeting, which ought to have been the installation one, of this flourishing Lodge was held at the Royal Hotel, Mine End-road, on Monday evening. The hitch has arisen in this way: At the previous meeting of the Lodge in September, Bro. G. Hollington S.W. was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year. Since then it has been ascertained that according to the Constitutions he was ineligible, he being W.M. of another Lodge. On these facts becoming known, he made application to Grand Lodge for a dispensation, but it was not granted. The Lodge, therefore, at its next meeting will proceed to the election of a W.M. for the ensuing year. The Lodge, on this occasion, was opened by Bro. Geo. Laggett W.M., all the Officers being present, and the following visitors:—T. S. Watts 916, J. F. Port, C. Blain 174, A. Furness 1421, J. J. Harrison 206, C. F. Butler 821, and J. Gunn 1365. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, with the exception of that part relating to the election of the W.M.,

Secretary, Bro. G. W. Verry, read the Auditors' Report, by which it appeared there was a balance of £28 odd in the hands of the Treasurer. This admirable state of the finances of the Lodge was favourably commented on by the W.M. and several of the brethren present. The initiation of Mr. Joshua Randell was then proceeded with (he having previously been balloted for), the beautiful ceremony being most impressively performed by the W.M., who also explained the working tools. After fraternal greetings from the Visitors, and some routine business, the Lodge was closed, the brethren adjourning to supper.

Royal Kensington Lodge, No. 1627.—A meeting was held on Friday, 4th October, at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street. Present—Bros. Charles E. Soppet W.M., W. E. Gordon Leith S.W., B. F. Cramer J.W., D. M. Dewar Sec., Hyde Pullen Treas., J. B. Stevens as S.D., G. F. Robinson J.D., Jos. Steelo D.C., George Matthews I.G., R. Potter Tyler, and Bros. Percy Leith, Tustin, Delacoste, and others. Visitor Bro. James Hoddinott No. 181. After preliminaries, the W.M. passed Bro. Delacoste, and initiated Mr. J. B. Ball. The members elected Bro. W. E. Gordon Leith as W.M., and Bro. Hyde Pullen as Treasurer for ensuing year. A P.M.'s jewel was voted to Bro. Charles E. Soppet. There were four propositions for election and initiation at next meeting, on 1st November, when the new W.M. will be installed.

Beaconsfield Lodge, No. 1662.—The second Installation meeting of this Lodge was held at "The Choquers," Marsh-street, Walthamstow, on Saturday, the 5th inst. The Lodge was called for 4 o'clock, and shortly after that time was opened by Bros. W. T. Christian W.M., W. Groom S.W., T. Franklin as J.W., J. Pinder as P.M., J. H. Cambridge J.D., A. Oldroyd I.G., also Bros. J. M. Hunt, A. Delvalle, Carter, Clarke, Field, Upward Org., W. G. Hallows, F. Hallows Sec., Burnard, Harris, Rubery, Stockwell, Moffatt, Mumford, and Marsh for Gilchrist (Tyler). The minutes of last meeting, and emergency, were read; also audit report, unanimously accepted. The W.M. Bro. Christian then in his usual impressive manner initiated Mr. John Henry Wildash into the Order. Bro. Jas. Pinder then occupied the chair, and Bro. Wm. Groome the W.M. elect was presented and installed into the chair of K.S., according to ancient rite; he invested his Officers as follow:—Bros. T. Franklin S.W., F. Hallows J.W., W. T. Christian Treas., J. Pinder Sec., T. Upward S.D., J. H. Cambridge J.D., J. M. Hunt I.G., C. B. Carter D.C., G. Clark W.S. The three addresses were then delivered by Bro. Pinder. The W.M., in the name of the Lodge, presented to Bro. W. T. Christian I.P.M. a handsome testimonial, engrossed on vellum, in recognition of his most valuable services as a founder and first W.M. of this Lodge. A letter was read from Bro. J. Hervey G. Sec., expressing his regret that ill-health would prevent his attendance. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to a repast provided by the host, Bro. W. G. Hallows, in his usual admirable manner. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given. To that of the Grand Officers, Bros. Joshua Nunn P.G.S.B., H. G. Buss Asst. Grand Sec., and W. T. Howe G. Purs., replied:—the former congratulating the Lodge on its great success, both Masonically and financially, and expressing his extreme pleasure that he, as one of the founders, had to a certain extent contributed to that success. To the toast of the Visitors (of whom there were upwards of 25 present), Bros. T. Cunningham P.M. 754 (High Cross, Tottenham), J. S. Badkin P.M. 1365 (Clapton), responded. During the evening the W.M. presented handsome Past Masters jewels, bearing the arms of the Earl of Beaconsfield, to Bros. W. T. Christian I.P.M., and James Pinder. Amongst the Visitors, besides those previously mentioned, were:—Bros. S. Wharman P.M. 15, 534 and 1494, W. Stephens P.M. 1489, W. C. Claridge W.M. 1685, F. Rothschild J.W. 1288, W. Grist I.G. 1489, Tollis 1185, Lake 1471, Bayley 861, Wigglesworth 15, Carter 1705, Allison 1602, Blunt 1489, Glover 1489, Jones 996, Shepherd 27, Shephard 861, Gilham 192, Borer 192, W. G. Moore P.M., W. B. Brand 20, Westfield 1382.

The Crusaders Lodge, No. 1677.—The Anniversary Festival of this Lodge was held on Wednesday, at the Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-square, Clerkenwell. The Lodge was opened by the W.M. Bro. Jarvis Maples, who was well supported by the Officers and members of his Lodge, while amongst the Visitors were the following brethren:—Bros. Dr. Barringer P.P.G.S.W. Herts, S. E. Hayes 795, T. H. Simmonds J.W. 1107, P. Woodman 228, R. H. Marsh P.M. 1196, A. H. Hickman J.D. 228, John Tovell 1489, W. Stead W.M. 813, G. H. Patmore Senior Deacon 228, J. G. Fisher Junior Warden 1624, E. Bowyer Past Master 1580 P.G.D. Herts, G. W. Gilham Senior Deacon 1632, J. E. Carpenter P.M. 1196, Mullord S.D. 1288, T. B. Humphrey 1509, Sigismund Lehmyer Urban, C. J. Pingston 205, A. W. Fenner S.D. 1227, W. W. Morgan 211. The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The report of the auditors was received. It showed that the progress made during the year had been most encouraging, and the members could look forward to a very early day when all liabilities incurred in the formation of the Lodge, for furniture, &c., would be discharged. A Benevolent Fund had already been started, and has to its credit a balance of over £12. The report was unanimously adopted. Bro. W. J. Hunter W.M. elect was then introduced, and duly took his obligation. The installation was performed most admirably by the outgoing Master—Bro. Jarvis Maples. After the readmission of the brethren, the appointment of Officers took place. Bros. Simmonds S.W., T. Goode J.W., J. Maples P.M. Treas., J. G. Defriez Sec., F. Rothschild S.D., Millward J.D., G. Calderwood I.G., S. Rushton Org., J. S. Knight W.S., J. Pigot P.M. D.C., J. Verry Tyler. Previous to the installation ceremony the ballot box was brought into request; there were three candidates for joining: Bros. Wm. Stedman Gedge, United Strength Lodge 228, Wm. Browne Kidder, P.M. Fortitude and Old Cumberland Lodge 12, Thomas John Hyland, Jordan Lodge

201. The result in each case was satisfactory, and Bros. Gedge and Hyland took their seats as members of the Lodge—the third on the list, Bro. Kidder, not being able to attend. The agenda paper contained the names of three gentlemen as candidates for initiation, and in each case the ballot was favourable. All were present—Messrs. William Farr, John Carnaby and William Mackie; each was separately introduced, and received the benefits of Masonic Light, the new W.M. exhibiting in a most satisfactory way his capabilities for the exalted position in which the members of the Lodge had placed him. The Secretary was then called on to perform his routine duties, which, on this occasion, commenced with the reading of the circular from Grand Lodge in reference to the action of the Grand Orient of France with regard to the elimination from the ritual of a belief in the G.A.O.T.U. Communications having been read, the Lodge was closed, and shortly afterwards the banquet was served. We may add here, that the efforts of Bro. Gay seemed to be greatly appreciated by the guests. The W.M. then introduced the toast of Her Most Gracious Majesty, which was honoured by the brethren, who afterwards joined in the National Anthem. The second toast, the W.M. remarked, might be dismissed as briefly as the former one. The Prince of Wales was always studious for the interests of Freemasonry, and it was with great pleasure he offered the toast for their acceptance. The third toast—The Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master the Earl of Carnarvon, the Right Worshipful the Deputy Grand Master Lord Skelmersdale, and the rest of the Grand Officers Past and Present—was always cordially received, and he (the W.M.) believed it was deservedly so. Without more preface he would offer it for their acceptance. Bro. Millward, who throughout the evening was in capital voice, here sang "Meet me once again." The health of the Initiates was now given by the W.M. At the consecration of their Lodge, Bros. Terry, Marsh, and other distinguished Masons, had most strenuously urged upon them the need of exercising caution in their selection of candidates. This, he felt, they had always done. The gentlemen who had joined their ranks that night were well recommended, and would (the W.M. was assured) become a credit to the Order; he hoped they might each eventually occupy the chair of the Lodge. Bro. Hickman here favoured the company with one of his popular ditties, and the initiates briefly acknowledged the compliment that had been paid them. After a song—"The Arab Steed"—by Bro. Mullord, the I.P.M. rose. Most of the brethren present were young members of the Craft, but he thought all would know what duty he had to perform: it was to ask them to drink the health of their Worshipful Master. Bro. Marsh, in his well known excellent style, here gave an amusing reading—a parody on the "Burial of Sir John Moore." Bro. Hunter then rose. He thanked the brethren for the way in which the toast had been received. No effort should be wanting on his part, and if, twelve months hence, he should still be thought deserving of their good opinion, he should feel amply repaid. The next toast was the health of the I.P.M. Bro. Hunter spoke of the qualities displayed by Bro. Maples during the year he had so successfully brought to a close. He had infinite pleasure in presenting him, on behalf of the Lodge, with the jewel the members had voted him at their last meeting. Bro. Maples remarked that too much credit had been laid at his door; it was true he had left no stone unturned. It was a precept he had always recognised, that what was worth doing at all, was worth doing well. He was much gratified at the reception they had given him, and he thanked them for the elegant jewel they had presented him with. To the toast of the Visitors, Bros. Dr. Barringer, G. H. Marsh and Carpenter replied. The remaining toasts were then duly honoured, and the summons given for the Tyler brought a successful evening's proceedings to a close. The guests were entertained during the evening with several capital selections, Bros. Rushton, Lehmyer, and several others ably distinguishing themselves. Bro. Millward's song, "Come into the garden, Maud," was exquisitely rendered.

All Saints' Lodge, No. 1716.—The installation meeting of this Lodge (being the first since its consecration last year) was held at the Town Hall, Poplar, on Friday evening, 4th October. After the routine business had been transacted, the Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. John Dennis S.W. was presented by Bro. W. J. Fenner Treasurer to the W.M., Bro. W. H. Farnfield, for installation. The ceremony was most ably worked by the W.M., and in a faultless manner, until the time for the delivery of the addresses, when Bro. Hubback P.G.S. and P.M. 58 kindly gave that to the W.M., and Bro. Jas. Terry, P.G.J.W. Herts, those to the Wardens and Brethren. The newly-installed W.M. then appointed his Officers as follow:—Bros. J. K. Coleman S.W., Leonard Potts J.W., J. S. Turner S.D., W. C. Young J.D., T. Bates I.G., W. J. Fenner P.M. Treasurer, E. L. Bracebridge P.M. Secretary, J. House D.C., J. Grout Organist, and Harrison Tyler. During the proceedings the Lodge room was well filled with brethren, many P.M.'s honouring the gathering with their presence. Among them we noticed Bros. G. Payne P.G.S., C. J. Salmon P.M. 173, H. J. Lewis P.M. 907, and J. A. Farnfield P.M. 256. The Lodge having been closed in due form, the brethren adjourned to another part of the hall, where a banquet was tastefully laid out, the viands being supplied by Bro. Grist, of Hackney, the enjoyment of all being greatly enhanced by the singing of Bros. Carter, Symons, and Theodore Distin, under the direction of Bro. J. Grout Org. 1716. After the Loyal and usual Masonic toasts had been severally proposed and responded to, the I.P.M., in proposing the toast of the evening, said he was pleased to see Bro. Dennis in the position of W.M. of that Lodge. They all knew what sort of a worker Bro. Dennis was in the Craft, and therefore knew how the work would be sure to be done during his year of office, which he (the speaker) hoped would be a prosperous one, and that when Bro. Dennis became I.P.M. he would be able to look back on as successful a term of office as that concluded by himself. The toast was received with enthusiasm. Bro. Dennis said he was much obliged to the brethren for the manner in which they had received the toast. He was proud

to occupy the position he held in the Lodge, and he would endeavour, by gentlemanly bearing and courtesy, not unmixed with firmness, to merit the esteem of the brethren; he hoped, with Bro. Farnfield, that his year of office would be a successful one. The toast of the Visitors followed, and was responded to by the several brethren, each of whom expressed the pleasure he had derived in witnessing the working of the Lodge, and in the reception they had met with, both in the Lodge and at the banquet table. The W.M. rose and said it afforded him great pleasure to propose the next toast, viz., the health of Bro. W. H. Farnfield—the founder and first W.M. of the Lodge—on his becoming I.P.M. They had been associated together in Masonry a great many years, and he was glad to have the opportunity on such an occasion to congratulate him on the success that had been attained in raising the Lodge to its prosperous condition at the end of this, its first year. By the unanimous vote of the brethren it had been resolved to present Bro. Farnfield with a P.M.'s jewel, with a suitable inscription. It was then his duty to carry out the wishes of the brethren and make the presentation—(Here, amidst loud applause, he affixed a magnificent jewel on the breast of Bro. Farnfield). He hoped Bro. Farnfield would receive the jewel as a mark of the esteem in which he was held by the brethren, and as an acknowledgment of the services he had rendered to the Lodge. That, however, was not all, for the brethren, desirous of acknowledging more fully the regard they have for him, had raised a fund by individual subscriptions for the purpose of presenting him with a further mark of their esteem. A gold Albert, with locket attached thereto, had been purchased, and he had the great pleasure of presenting Bro. Farnfield with this also. He hoped that whilst the jewel would remind him in Lodge of the grateful feelings of the brethren, by wearing the chain he would be reminded day by day of the feelings which had prompted the second presentation. He had much pleasure in again proposing the health of Bro. W. H. Farnfield I.P.M., the toast was drunk with Masonic honours. Bro. Farnfield, who appeared much moved, said he did not know how to sufficiently express his thanks for the kindness he had received at their hands. He was very much surprised to have been made the recipient of such valuable tokens of their regard. Although he knew he was to be presented with a jewel, it having been inscribed on the minutes of the Lodge, it was a matter of surprise to find it was so magnificent and valuable a one. With regard to the Albert and locket, that was indeed a thorough surprise to him, for he had not the least intimation that such a presentation was to have been made until it was done. As well as he could, he desired to thank the brethren most heartily for their many expressions of esteem, and he hoped he should be able to work long with them for the good of Freemasonry in general and the All Saints Lodge in particular. The toast of the Officers followed, and it having been well received and responded to, a very pleasant evening was brought to a close with the Tyler's toast.

St. Michael's Lodge, No. 211.—The first meeting of the season was held on Tuesday, at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street. Present—Bros. Alfred Green W.M., Alfred Withers S.W., William Radcliffe J.W., C. Greenwood P.G. Sec. Surrey Treasurer, W. W. Morgan Acting Sec., Dr. Waters S.D., Usher Bach J.D., W. E. Young I.G., Longstaff Tyler. Past Masters Bros. Parsons, Lavers, T. H. Lavers, Wilden, &c. After the Lodge had been opened and the minutes read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Mr. Henry Martin; it resulted in favour of that gentleman, and he was introduced and the ceremony carefully performed by the W.M. A letter was read from Bro. D. Drysdale, P.M. and Secretary, stating his wish to resign his membership of the Lodge. This resignation was accepted with great regret by the members, and on the motion of Bro. T. H. Lavers P.M., duly seconded, it was unanimously agreed that honorary membership should be conferred on our esteemed brother, as a slight recognition of his long services as Secretary of the Lodge. After routine business, Lodge was closed. A pleasant hour was afterwards spent by the brethren in social converse.

York Lodge, No. 236.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday evening, the 7th inst. Bro. the Rev. William Valentine W.M. presiding, supported by his Wardens and Officers, amongst the members present being Bros. Thos. Cooper P.M., J. Todd P.M., G. Balmford P.M., Major Barstow P.M., T. B. Whytehead W.M. 1611, &c. The business consisted of an initiation, and after the close of the Lodge the brethren met at refreshment and spent a social evening.

St. Patrick's Lodge 295 (I.C.)—This Military Lodge of the 4th Royal Irish Dragoon Guards, at present stationed at York, celebrated its annual banquet at the Masonic Hall, York. The W.M. Major Shaw-Hellier presided, supported by Bros. Capt. Hanly S.W., Capt. Murphy J.W., Capt. Tynte S.D., and the rest of the Officers and brethren. The S.W. was nominated for the office of W.M. next year. Amongst the invited guests present were Bros. T. Cooper P.M. 236 and P.M. 1611, J. Todd P.M. and Treas. 236, T. B. Whytehead W.M. 1611, G. Balmford P.M. 236, W. D. Lemmon P.M. 570, 5th Dragoon Guards Lodge, together with most of the Officers of the York Lodge 236 and Eboracum Lodge 1611. In proposing the health of the W.M., the S.W. referred to the great obligation the brethren were under to Major Shaw-Hellier, to whose exertions it was mainly owing that they had regained possession of their ancient warrant, for so many years dormant, as well as many valuable portions of the old Lodge furniture.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—Held its weekly meeting on Tuesday evening last, at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston. Bros. Brasted W.M., Weige S.W., Wardell J.W., J. Lorkin S.D., Dignam J.D., Christian I.G. Bros. McClean, C. Lorkin, Allen, McMillan, Forss, &c. Lodge was opened

and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. Bro. McMillan answered the necessary questions; Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. Bro. C. Lorkin worked the first section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. The Lodge was opened in the third degree; Bro. C. Lorkin worked the first section of that lecture assisted by the brethren. The Lodge was called from labour to refreshment, and afterwards resumed Bro. C. Lorkin worked the third section of the first lecture. Bro. Weige was elected W.M. for next week.

Capper Lodge, No. 1096.—The election meeting was held on the 9th instant, at the Marine Hotel, Tidal Basin, Victoria Docks, E. Lodge was opened at six p.m. Bros. J. White W.M., John Dorton I.P.M., F. Brien S.W., P. McCarthy J.W., Holliday P.M., Knox P.M., Brayshaw P.M. Treasurer, Taplay S.D., Job J.D., W. Dorton I.G., Nevins W.S., J. Mitchell Secretary, and numerous brethren. The candidates for passing and raising not being present, a ballot was taken for the W.M. for ensuing year, which proved unanimous in favour of Bro. F. Brien S.W., who returned thanks for the honour the Lodge had conferred upon him, and promised to do all he could to promote the welfare of the brethren during his year of office. Bro. Brayshaw was re-elected Treasurer, and he thanked the brethren. Bros. Thompson, Miles and Mason were elected Auditors, and the Tyler was also re-elected. A £10 10s jewel was voted to the W.M. The report of the Benevolent Fund was read and adopted; it showed a balance of £68, after a display of that chief characteristic of the Craft—Charity. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, Lodge was solemnly closed with prayer, and adjourned until the second Wednesday in November. The brethren then repaired to refreshment, after which the usual Loyal and Craft toasts were duly honoured. In response to Bro. Dorton, who proposed the health of the W.M., Bro. White briefly replied. He expressed the gratitude and pleasure he felt at the honour the Lodge had conferred upon him, and thanked the brethren for the support he had received during his year of office. The toast of the Visitors having been heartily received, Bro. P.M. White 907 thanked the brethren for the reception the visitors had received, congratulating the Lodge upon the happy and harmonious working he had witnessed that evening. Bro. J. Dorkin, in reply to the toast of the P.M.'s, expressed the pleasure he had derived in supporting the W.M., Bro. White, and paid a just tribute to the W.M. for the excellent manner in which he had conducted the Lodge. The toast of the W.M. elect having been received with great cordiality, he thanked the Lodge for electing him, and promised to employ his best efforts to promote the prosperity of the members. The W.M. next gave the toast of the Masonic Press; he was happy to say they were honoured by the attendance of two members, Bros. Jolly and Stephens, and he trusted they would give the Lodge the benefit of their good offices upon future occasions. Bro. Jolly, in reply, expressed the pleasure he always had in visiting the Capper Lodge. Bro. Stephens briefly thanked the W.M. for the hearty welcome he had received, and expressed the pleasure he felt in visiting the Capper Lodge, and witnessing the harmonious working. The brethren might feel proud of their W.M., who evidently possessed that qualification for the chair—viz., the ability to maintain a harmonious feeling; such unanimity as he had witnessed that night was seldom equalled. After a number of songs, capably rendered by Bros. Skelton, Sherwin Organist, Stephens, and Hilliard, the brethren separated, having spent a most enjoyable and profitable evening. Visitors—Bros. H. Bulls 77, G. H. Stephens 1623, T. A. White 907, C. Jolly 913, Smith 1100, &c.

St. John of Wapping Lodge of Instruction, No. 1308.—As we announced last week would be the case, this Lodge of Instruction, which is held at Bro. Mortlock's, Gun Hotel, Wapping, resumed its weekly meetings after the holidays on Monday evening. Bro. T. J. Barnes presided as W.M., Bros. Veil and Stephens being the Senior and Junior Wardens respectively, Bro. Mortlock Precentor, and Bro. Brame Secretary. There were likewise present Bros. Wilson, Blaw, Ralph, Grady, Wood, Colman, Thompson, Banks, Martin, Henly, and W. W. Morgan. The Lodge was opened, the minutes read and confirmed, and then the business, which was of a purely formal character, being at an end, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to a pleasant little supper, provided in his usual excellent and liberal style by host Bro. Mortlock. Bro. Barnes occupied the chair, and the brethren having done ample justice to the viands, the cloth was removed, and toasts, interspersed with some genial songs, became the order of the evening. The brethren dispersed at a seasonable hour, and we congratulate the Lodge on its having inaugurated a new season in so agreeable a manner.

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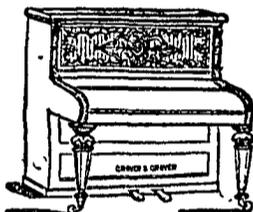
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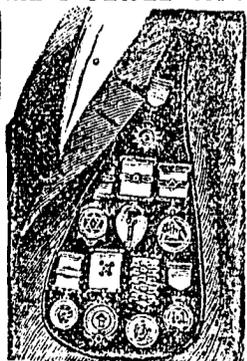
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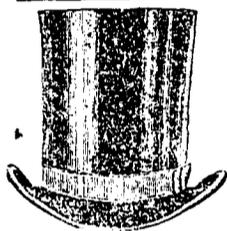
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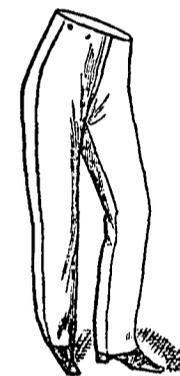
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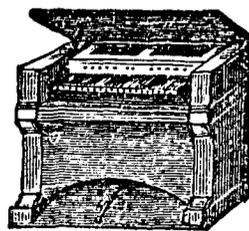
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