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## FREEMASONRY IN THE PROVINCE OF NORTH WALES AND SALOP.

THOSE who have had the largest amount of experience in, and are therefore the best qualified to undertake the task of, writing the history of any Institution, are perfectly well aware that an intimate acquaintance with it in all its various forms and phases is essential, if the sketch is to be anything more than a simple aggregation of dry, hard, and valuable, yet very uninteresting, facts. Haydn's *Dictionary of Dates* is a most valuable work, and no student of history should be without it; but no one would think of describing it as a pleasant book to read. No one who was anxious to pass an hour or two in light agreeable converse with one of our literary worthies—we mean, of course, a converse with him through the medium of his works—would select for the purpose, this or a Cyclopædia, or any other work of a similar character, that is, most valuable, but among the driest of the dry. No one can possibly place a higher value than we do on the immense importance of every student of history possessing an accurate knowledge of dates and facts, but they are only the dry bones of history. They are as necessary as the lines, both straight and curved, are to the picture, but it is the matter with which the outline or skeleton is filled in which constitutes the real attraction. In order that a history may be made complete we must learn something of the nature of the subject. If, for instance, it is some such Institution as Freemasonry we are desirous of studying, it is desirable to know as well its nature and the class of people who profess it, as that it was established in such a year and place, and has had such and such princes and nobles presiding over its destinies at such and such periods. We are, or should be, anxious to know if Masonry differs in different parts even of the same country, as well as what constitutes such difference and whence it may have arisen. It is also desirable we should make acquaintance with its members in different localities, so that we may judge for ourselves if Freemasonry is really the benign Institution it is proclaimed and claims itself to be. When we enter a previously unvisited country, we do not concern ourselves particularly as to the form of its government or the date of its newest constitution. We are indifferent as to the time when Christianity may have been introduced into it. What we do concern ourselves to learn is, the kind of people we are amongst for the first time, what are their manners and customs, what their national peculiarities, what their arts and manufactures, what their products and resources. Some of the spots we may see during our travels may possess interesting historical associations. These assuredly are not overlooked, nor do they lessen the attractions of the visit, but increase it rather. If we run over to Paris, for instance, it is not for the purpose of verifying the fact by the mouth of its inhabitants that it was besieged by the Germans in 1870-1. We go, it may be for business, or it may be for pleasure, and if we turn our visit to account, we shall assuredly note the idiosyncrasies of Parisian life, and compare our new with our old experiences. In this way we increase our knowledge of human nature, and a great poet has told us

"The proper study of mankind is man."

Similarly, we should not visit a remote Province of our English Freemasonry for the purpose of ascertaining when the Institution was first introduced into it, and what have been its vicissitudes. We can do this as well in London. But being Masonic students, and wishing to know what,

if any, are the local peculiarities and associations by which this or that town or Province are distinguished, we visit it, and, by intermingling with our brethren we have no difficulty in acquiring the needed information. Some such reason as this must have influenced us in the spring of this year, and impelled us to visit the Province of North Wales and Salop. A reference to Grand Lodge Calendar would have told us the names, numbers, localities, and in the majority of cases, the dates of constitution of its Lodges. Preston, or the officials in Grand Secretary's office, would, doubtless, have informed us of its rise and progress in this Province, but then we should not have been much wiser when we had done all this. We should not have been able to form a just and adequate idea of what Freemasonry was like in this important and extensive district. We should not have known if it was or was not diligently pursued by the members; if the working was or was not satisfactory; if the laws and regulations of the Craft were well or ill observed. In short, our visit to the Province has made all the difference between a vague and an intimate knowledge of it and its Freemasonry. Without having pried into matters which in no wise concerned us, we have been able to form a fairly just estimate of the merits of our North Welsh and Salopian brethren. Before we went amongst them we assumed they were good fellows, now we know them to be such. Last year we knew there were in it some five-and-twenty Lodges, scattered over a very considerable extent of country. Now we can boast that we have visited every one of these five-and-twenty Lodges, widely scattered as they are from one another, that we have watched with interest the mode of working in each, and are well informed, or at least are not incapable of forming a pretty accurate opinion, of the different degrees of enthusiasm which prevail in different parts of the Province. There seems to have been some idea that a visit of inspection in the case of so extensive a district was out of the question; the fact of our having visited all the Lodges which are comprised within its limits is direct evidence to the contrary. Moreover, in the early part of our visit we gave currency to a report, based on statements made by many well-informed and earnest brethren, whose opportunities of forming an opinion upon a matter of fact had been considerable, to the effect that the supervision of the Province by those in authority was not what it might and should be. Having done this, we were in duty bound to see if the report in question was or was not well founded, and it occurred to us that a visit of inspection was the likeliest means to enable us to judge for ourselves whether it was so. We regret the result of our experiences is unfavourable to the withdrawal of the report. We should much have preferred to have been able to retract our statement, made though it was on such excellent authority; but officials cannot be absolved from the charge of neglect of duty simply because they undoubtedly possess great amiability, and, indeed, most of those qualities of the heart and mind which cause men to be admired and esteemed by their fellows. Were we to regulate our statements and opinions by the wish, we trust we in common with other Masons possess, we should pass unnoticed all shortcomings, all derelictions of duty. But then we should ourselves be wanting, and therefore blameworthy. Still our readers are invited to bear in mind that if we note a fault, we do so in no unkindly spirit, but simply because we see that to wink at the perpetration and continuance of error is harmful to Freemasonry. But our remarks have already extended to some length, and we shall merely add that in an early

issue we purpose beginning the story of our excursion through North Wales and Salop, and the starting point will be—Shrewsbury.

### OLD LODGES.

No. 45, STRONG MAN.—In investigating the early history of our oldest Lodges, it is obviously impossible to give in detail the reasons which have satisfied one's own mind, of the identity of a Lodge of to-day, with its place and number on lists ranging backwards for more than a century. The case, however, of present No. 45 being a very representative one, some additional remarks on its history may not be deemed out of place. In the first instance, I would observe that its identification with No. 110 of 1729-39 seems to me absolutely certain. The fact would, I think, be clearly established from the evidence of the engraved lists alone, but the Constitutions of 1738 effectually dispel all doubt upon the subject. The following extract will make this evident:—

Nos.

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|----------------------|---------------------------|----------------|
| 63 Ship Coffee House | Near the Hermitage Bridge | 2nd Feb. 1733  |
| 69 Theatre Tavern    | Goodman's Fields          | 17th Feb. 1733 |

The numbers prefixed to these Lodges must be disregarded, as London Lodges *only* (such moreover as were not in arrear with their contributions) were shown in this list, but the dates are of the first importance, the manuscript containing them, prior to its adoption by Grand Lodge, having been submitted to Past Grand Masters Payne and Desaguliers, who, it is recorded, "signified their approbation *after making some corrections*." By the co-operation of these brethren, the statements therefore contained in this Book of Constitutions, possess a weight of authority which cannot be over-rated.

The variation of date from 2nd to 17th Feb. is immaterial, indeed the lists are full of such blunders, but the matter is, I think, capable of easy explanation. In 1756 the numbers were closed up by order of Grand Lodge, and the engraver, in carrying this into effect, must have pushed the date of No. 99 on the previous list (1755) one place higher than it should have stood, and thereby brought it alongside of No. 98 (present No. 45, Strong Man).

The *original* warrant of Constitution would of course be the best evidence of this Lodge's age, but a warrant of confirmation, such as there can be little doubt the Lodge is now working under, will only record the date ascribed to the Lodge in the then current calendar at the period of its issue.

No. 67, STAR IN THE EAST, Calcutta.—The early history of this Lodge is even more confusing than that of No. 45, since it occupies the place of what was a London Lodge up to 1745. In my note on this Lodge in the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE of 21st September, I showed that it suddenly appeared on the List in 1750, with a Constitution dating from 1740, being styled moreover the *third* Lodge of Bengal, implying there was a *second*, which latter, however, was conspicuous by its entire absence from the roll. I have recently succeeded in clearing up this mystery, which is fully explained in the following extracts from the minutes of Grand Lodge:—

April 3, 1747, "Received a letter by the ship Wager, dated 4th February 1745-6, from Capt. Robt. Hamilton, Master, and six other brethren, of the third constituted Lodge at Calcutta, in Bengal, directed to the Rt. Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons in London, accompanied with a copy of their petition for a Constitution directed to the Rt. Worshipful Lecha. Gee P.G.M. of the Provincial Grand Lodge, in Calcutta, and also with a copy of the minutes of three of their Lodges, held 16th April 1740, the 10th Nov. 1745, and the 15th January 1745-6, which were read and purposed as follows:—

That the second Lodge there being too numerous, they had separated from it, and the said 16th April 1740 were constituted into a new and regular Lodge.

That they had addressed the said Provincial Grand Lodge to know whether they had properly advised the Grand Lodge of England thereof but had received no satisfactory answer, and that they lately had strong reasons for concluding that their Constitution had never been transmitted to the Grand Lodge in London, and requested if it had not, that the same might be enrolled in the list of regular Lodges agreeable to the date of their Constitution.

That their Lodge had been regularly kept up, and that they had to the utmost of their abilities and judgement propagated the Craft, and had transmitted ten pounds to the use of the General Charity.

But the brother who was to speak to this affair being out of town, the consideration thereof was deferred till he should be present."

Dec. 16, 1747. "The Letter from the Master and six other brethren of the third Constituted Lodge at Calcutta, in Bengal, accompanied with a copy of their petition to the P.G.M. in Calcutta, and of the minutes of three of their Lodges, which were received and read at the Q.C. held the third day of April last, purporting as in the minutes of the said Q.C. is mentioned (the consideration whereof was deferred, the Brother who was to speak to the same, being out of town), were again read and spoke to, when it not appearing that any advice had before been sent of their said Constitution.

Ordered—that the said Lodge at Calcutta be (as is requested) enrolled in the list of regular Lodges, agreeable to the date of their Constitution."

R. F. GOULD.

### CANVASSING FOR OUR CHARITIES.

WE have been favoured with the following circular letter, addressed by Bro. Dick Radclyffe to his fellow members of the Etonian Lodge of St. John, No. 209, Eton, and presumably to brethren generally throughout England. Bro. Radclyffe has undertaken the duties of Steward at the Festivals next year of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution respectively. He is necessarily anxious to obtain as much support as possible, and in his circular he invites brethren to place their names on his list, either as Life Governors or Life Subscribers, or at least as annual Subscribers, using as an argument in favour of his appeal a statement we have heard used at other times,—that if each Mason in England would only give a guinea per annum to each of our three Charitable Institutions, there would be no call for Stewards, while the benefits thereof would be doubled. Bro. Radclyffe is, to a certain extent, and with certain reservations which we purpose noticing next week, right in his statement, but we caution him, in a friendly manner, against making this statement even in its present form without some qualification, or he may find it turned against him, and to his serious detriment. Let him say rather,—if every Mason would but give *at least* a guinea annually to each of the Charities; he will then leave no door open for escape from giving five, ten, or twenty guineas to those who are able, but not at all times willing, to do so. There are people who will regard his guinea as the *maximum* amount of each Mason's subscription, but Bro. Radclyffe must make it perfectly clear to every one, and beyond even the possibility of a doubt, that the guinea he is talking about is the *minimum* that must be given. As to his scheme for the issue of half-crown tickets, we commend it to the notice of our readers generally, as one which, in the hands of energetic brethren, has been, and no doubt will be again, productive of good to the Institutions in whose behalf they have been or may be issued. Many a man will think nothing of buying at odd times half-a-dozen shilling or half-crown tickets, especially when there is the chance attached to each ticket that he may become a Life Subscriber, when he would think twice, or even thrice, about giving even half a guinea at one time. And it is surprising how soon these small sums mount up to something considerable. We wish every success to our worthy Bro. Radclyffe's scheme, and have great pleasure in appending his letter, which reads as follows:—

129 High Holborn,  
October 1878.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have much pleasure in informing you that I have undertaken to represent the Etonian Lodge of St. John, No. 209, at the ensuing Festivals of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons.

Much has been said of late of the difficulty experienced by the Charities in raising sufficient funds to meet only part of the necessities, as all cases cannot be relieved and many candidates are turned away. Surely this is a reproach to a body of men whose "leading characteristic" is "Charity." It is estimated if every Mason in England were to give 21s per annum to each Institution (not a large sum to a man who can find several guineas for initiation fees, subscriptions, &c.), that the Charities would require no urgent appeals, nor need they turn candidates away, as the amount thus realised would be sufficient to double the establishments. Certainly it would prevent the trouble experienced in procuring Stewards, who would not then be required, and, therefore, no grumbles would reach us of the "hardships," "loss of time and money," so often seen in the weekly mediums, of those ready to excuse themselves from their responsibilities. Having undertaken the duties, I intend to do my utmost to procure a good list, and I call upon every brother to carefully consider the question of the Charities, and whether it is not a disgrace that so large and influential body of men should be begging simply because each and every Mason does not care to provide

a guinea per annum. Let me now call upon you to start a new rule and a good example, by adding your name to my list as a Life Subscriber or Governor, or at least an Annual Subscriber.

As many of the "uninitiated or popular world" are charitably disposed, and admire our Charities, and would contribute small sums, especially with the chance of becoming a Life Subscriber, I have issued a series of tickets, 2s 6d each, which will entitle to one chance, and purpose allotting by ballot (this to take place under the superintendence of five members of the Etonian Lodge at the Audit Committee meeting) a Life Subscribership for the Institution for every five guineas thus realised. I think this method would be acceptable to many outside the body of Masons, I therefore ask you to undertake the distribution of tickets, and feel sure you will have no difficulty of disposing of at least a book of tickets, and relying on such sure support, I enclose a book of tickets, and shall have pleasure in sending as many more as you require.

It will be esteemed a special favour could you report on the last day of each month the progress made; and let me remind you if every Mason in England were to sell one book of tickets three years income at least would be secured.

Trusting this scheme will meet with your hearty co-operation, and that you will introduce it to your friends, as well as cordially support my canvass by adding your name to the undermentioned list.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

DICK RADCLIFFE.

Provincial Grand Steward Berks and Bucks,  
J.W. 742, I.G. 209.

Unions Emulation of Improvement.

## FREEMASONRY IN MASSACHUSETTS.

WE have received a copy of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts at the regular Quarterly Communication, held in the Masonic Temple, Boston, on the 12th June last, and the Special Communication on the 24th of the same month. The Grand Master, Bro. Charles A. Welch, presided on the former occasion, and was supported by Bro. A. H. Howland jun. D.G.M., Will. H. Chessman Senior G. Warden, J. B. Sayles Junior G. Warden, J. McClellan G. Treasurer, Tracy P. Cheever as Recording Grand Secretary, other Past and Present G. Officers, and the representatives of a hundred and ten Lodges. Grand Lodge was opened in ample form, and in the absence of the R. Worshipful Recording G. Secretary, Bro. Rev. Chas. Titus, the G. Master, with the approval of Grand Lodge, appointed Bro. Cheever to act in his stead. Certain Bye-Laws were submitted for approval and referred to the Committee on Bye-Laws, who reported favourably of several of them, while in the case of others a few slight changes were deemed necessary, further time being requested in the case of one. The report was accepted. The petition for recognition by the so-called Grand Lodge of New South Wales having drawn forth an official remonstrance from the Grand Lodge of Scotland, the Committee appointed to report thereon proposed that its consideration be postponed till the next Quarterly Communication, and it was postponed accordingly. The rest of the business was of local interest, and the Lodge was closed in due course with the customary formalities. The Special Communication was held for the purpose of taking part in the services attending the transfer of the remains of the late Isaiah Thomas, Past Grand Master of the Massachusetts Grand Lodge, to Rural Cemetery, under the direction of the Municipal authorities of the City of Worcester, and in accordance with an invitation from those authorities. Bro. Charles A. Welch, Grand Master, presided, as on the former occasion, and the Deputy Grand Master, the Grand Wardens, Grand Treasurer, Recording Grand Secretary *pro temp*, and other Grand Officers were present. The Grand Lodge was opened in ample form in some commodious premises at Worcester, and in a short time afterwards its members were conducted to carriages and a procession was formed, in which the Hon. Benj. F. Thomas and family, with other relatives of the late Prov. Grand Master, and other distinguished citizens of Worcester took part, the Morning Star Lodge of Worcester, of which the late Bro. Isaiah Thomas had been the first W.M. preceding the civic portion. A number of Masonic bodies took part in the ceremony, which was a most impressive one. The Grand Master delivered an oration over the grave, the virtues of the deceased brother being justly eulogised. The re-interment then took place, after which Grand Lodge was closed, and the members were entertained at a pleasant collation by the Worcester brethren in their Masonic Hall. It should be added that the late Bro. Thomas was W.M. of the Morning Star Lodge of Worcester in the years 1793, 1794, 1797, 1799, 1801 and 1802, and Grand Master of Massachusetts for the years com-

mencing 27th December 1802, 12th December 1803, and 10th December 1804. He died in the year 1831 at the ripe age of eighty-two.

## LEWIS LODGE, No. 1185, WOOD GREEN.

THE installation meeting was held on Saturday, at the Kings Arms Hotel. The members were summoned for 4 p.m., but in consequence of an accident that occurred to the train in which the W.M. and several of the brethren were repairing to their rendezvous, considerable delay arose. This was much to be regretted, as with this exception the day's proceedings were of an unusually interesting character. Lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. William Sayer, who was supported by his Officers, Past Masters, and the following Visitors:—Bros. T. J. Maidwell W.M. 27, F. T. Froom W.M. 65, W. Groome W.M. 1662, T. Franklin S.W. 1662, W. W. Medcalf S.W. 1671, T. W. C. Bush J.W. 1728, W. G. Hallows S.D. 831, W. E. Gompertz J.D. 869, A. J. Stanton D.C. 1489, Jas. S. Fraser D.C. Sincerity, H. Field I.G. 1602, Thos. Lawrence 22, Jones 65, T. H. Redman 340, T. Richardson 862, C. H. Fisher 1489, and W. W. Morgan 211. After the minutes had been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for two candidates for our mysteries—Messrs. Henry James Billing and Josiah George Doree. It resulted satisfactorily, and both gentlemen being present, they were introduced and initiated by the W.M., who performed his task in a very careful manner. W. Bro. Cover P.M. then introduced Bro. Thomas W. Bone as the W.M. elect. A very praiseworthy rule is maintained in this Lodge; that is, that the outgoing Master shall instal his successor. Bro. Sayer we have known for some years, ever as a painstaking, earnest student, and we knew well that he would make himself competent to fulfil this crowning act of a Master of a Lodge. Bro. F. Binckes P.M. P.G.S. was invited to the S.W.'s chair, while Bro. Cover P.M. P.G.P.Reg. Essex occupied that of J.W. The obligation was then taken by Bro. Bone, and the ceremony was completed. On the readmission of the brethren the appointment of Officers was made:—Bros. James William Berrie S.W., George D. Hooper J.W., Captain Alfred Durrant P.M. Treas., Thomas H. Turner P.M. Sec., Charles E. Lloyd S.D., Thomas Harrison J.D., James R. Tollis I.G., Rev. Dr. Richard Morris, M.A. Oxon, LL.D. Chaplain, Frederick C. Pelton D.C., Kennett Harris W. Steward, C. T. Speight Tyler. Bro. Sayer then delivered the addresses, and amid the congratulations of the brethren, took his seat as I.P.M. of the Lodge. Routine business then commenced, and the name of a candidate for initiation was handed in. Attention was then drawn to the fact that by the Bye-Laws of the Lodge, the cost of one banquet was set apart for Charity. This being so, it was proposed and seconded that the sum of ten guineas be placed on Bro. Dr. Morris's list as Steward for the next Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and five guineas be voted towards the expenses of a former pupil of the School, by name Bryant, who had been advised to try his fortune as a student at Cambridge. Bro. Cover, without, however, exhibiting the slightest opposition to the proposal, having inquired why it was made at so early a date? it was stated that Bro. Morris was merely desirous of showing that he had made a commencement, and already had something on his list, and the motion was agreed to unanimously. Of course it will be easily understood why a preference is given by this Lodge to the Boys' School, seeing that it is located in immediate proximity to the Institution, and very many of the members have made it their business to become personally acquainted with the boys, and take a very deep interest in all that relates to them. It may also be mentioned that the Supreme Council of the A. and A. Rite are among the principal supporters of young Bryant in his desire to earn farther distinction as a student, and have promised him assistance to the extent of £40 per annum for two years. But to proceed with our own notice. The death of a member was then announced, amid expressions of deep sympathy with his family, and also the resignations of three members, which were accepted, with regret. A petition was then brought before the Lodge on behalf of a distressed brother, who was also one of its oldest members, and Bros. Waller, Hollingsworth and Binckes having spoken strongly in its favour, the whole of the balance in hand of the Lodge Benevolent Fund, amounting to £5 15s, was voted to him as a help in his time of distress, and it was further arranged that the contents of the Charity box, which turned out to amount to £4 9s, should likewise be handed over to the distressed member in question. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren sat down to an excellent banquet, which Bro. Greenslade had spared no pains or expense to place before them. It had the further advantage of being well served, and when the time came for the removal of the cloth, the satisfaction visible on the faces of those present was evidence enough that Bro. Greenslade had played the part of host right well. Unfortunately, owing to the accident we have already mentioned, it was late when the time came for dealing with the toast list, and all we can do is to give the propositions *seriatim* and leave our readers to imagine—as they will have not the slightest difficulty in doing—what would have been said in support and in response, had time allowed of speeches being made. The list included "The Queen and the Craft," "The M.W.G.M. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," "The Rt. Hon. Earl of Carnarvon, the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, Pro and Dep. G. Masters, and the rest of the Grand Officers," "The Worshipful Master," "The Initiates," "The I.P.M.," "The Visitors," "The Masonic Charities," "The Officers," "The Press," and "the Tyler's toast." Only in the case of that of the W.M., proposed by Bro. Sayer I.P.M., and that of the I.P.M., proposed by the W.M., the toast of the Masonic Charities, to which Bro. Binckes responded, and that of the Press, in reply to which Bro. Morgan offered a few remarks, was there anything which could be looked upon in any way worthy of being accounted a speech. Bro. Binckes, indeed, not only spoke of his connection with the Charities, but likewise of his having been founder and first W. Master of the Lodge, while Bro. Morgan expressed the pleasure he derived from this recognition of the Press as a legitimate Masonic toast.



## CONSECRATION OF THE ST. LEONARD LODGE, No. 1766.

**S**HOREDITCH, though embracing a somewhat large district, cannot be considered strong in Masonic Lodges, but if we are to judge from the number of brethren who assembled at the Town Hall on Tuesday, a vast array of members of the Craft are resident here or hereabouts. In our issue of the 31st August we notified that a warrant had been granted for this Lodge, and in due course our W. Bro. James Terry received instructions from the M.W. the Grand Master to take upon himself the duties of Consecrating Officer and the date named above was fixed for the ceremony to be performed. The W.M. designate, Bro. Louis Stean, is a veteran Mason; one who has served zealously and well; and now, after nearly fifty years' activity (he was initiated in the year 1830), we find him ready to don his armour, and lead a new generation in their search after Masonic Light. The consecration was set down for four o'clock, when the members named in the warrant assembled, and amongst those who attended we were able to recognise the following brethren:—Bros. Jas. Terry P.G.J.W. Herts, W. T. Howe Grand Pursuivant, J. H. Hale W.M. 737 P.G.P. Norfolk and Hunts, J. B. Shackleton P.M. P.A.G.P. Middlesex, Chas. W. Cox J.W. 1564, E. T. Henman 1243, James Smith 193, W. Perry 1107 P.J.W., W. H. Main P.M. 813, F. Brun S.W. 1076, J. G. Stevens P.M. 554, W. J. Rawley 174, J. Stillwell 813, N. T. Hewens S.W. 737, H. Ashton 1185, W. Dance I.P.M. 754, J. H. Thompson P.M. 1237, H. Rawes Past S.W. 950, 1353, W. B. Burnard 1662, A. Hubbard 813, T. Cusworth P.M. 813, W. Stead W.M. 813, Wm. Stephens P.M. 1489, W. Burton P.M. 1124, Edwin Blunt 1489, Thomas Sims 65, W. H. Wallington P.M. 860, J. Taylor P.M. 933, S. Holliday W.M. 382, Thomas Glass 813, W. F. Green 861, T. G. Purdy P.M. 861, W. Grist 1489, H. J. Dickson 781, F. H. Cozens Org. 907, R. R. Harper S.W. 813, J. J. Gabb P.M. 813, W. Stead 1066, G. Edwards 907, W. Hart 49, H. Stephens W.M. 754, J. Driscoll P.M. 30, G. H. Wilkinson 49, E. E. Pottle W.M. 869, Stephen Havnutt 101, G. Plummer 177, C. G. Hill P.M. 1366, Geo. Lee St. John's, Canada, 40, William Johnson 861, H. R. Fletcher 1604, John Woodham 101, T. Bartlett P.M. 813, W. Snellerove 907, E. Somers P.M. 1602, W. Webb 382, R. M. Clarke 1339, W. W. Morgan 211, S. Bedwell 861, J. A. Hunt 569, W. Dawson 1602, J. A. Smith 1187, G. Young 820, C. B. Payne P.M. 27, J. W. Taylor W.M. 917, G. Musgrave 1507, C. Coleman 907, H. Jones 996, T. P. Chapman 788, James Blyth 813, W. Clarke P.M. 959 P.G.D.C. Suffolk, &c. On entering the Lodge room Bro. Terry requested Bro. W. T. Howe, Grand Pursuivant, to take the Senior Warden's chair, and Bro. W. H. Main that of the Junior Warden, while Bro. Wm. Clarke P.M. P.G.D.C. Suffolk—than whom we know of no brother who displays greater energy—acted as Director of Ceremonies. The musical arrangements had been entrusted to the English Glee Union, under the direction of Bro. Albert Hubbard, who on this occasion had the valuable assistance of Bros. G. Musgrave, H. Ashton, and F. H. Cozens. With all details thus provided for, with commodious premises, and well ventilated rooms, need we add that everything passed off most enjoyably. The proceedings at the consecration of a new Lodge have so frequently been particularised in our columns that, on this occasion, we need scarcely plead that demands on our space preclude our giving a fuller description. On the completion of the ceremony Bro. Terry installed Bro. Louis Stean as the first W.M. of the St. Leonard Lodge. Bro. Stean appointed the following as his Officers:—Bros. George T. Barr J.W. 907 S.W., Charles F. Barham P.M. 754 J.W., Charles Stevens P.M. Treasurer, Joseph Cox Secretary, E. Benjamin S.D., Jones J.D., Clements I.G., Gale D.C., Marshall W.S., T. C. Spoight Tyler. Bro. Terry gave the address to the Master, and Bro. Clarke that to the Wardens; Bro. Terry then completed his labours by giving the address to the members. During the evening Bro. Terry, and those who had assisted him in the labours of the day, received the thanks of the Lodge for the services they had rendered, and it was intimated that at the first meeting a proposition that honorary membership be conferred on them would be brought forward. After the Visitors had paid the members the customary compliment, Brother Louis Stean closed his Lodge. The banquet, under the superintendence of the indefatigable Bro. Grist, was then served, and met with the unqualified approval of all who were present. On the removal of the cloth, the W.M. briefly introduced the Loyal toasts. In speaking to that of the M.W. the Grand Master, Bro. Stean remarked that we ought all of us to be proud of our present Grand Master, who was ever mindful of the best interests of Freemasonry. The first time he (the W.M.) had the opportunity of hearing a Grand Master speak, was many, many years ago; the Grand Master he referred to was the late Duke of Sussex. The Prince of Wales was a staunch supporter of our Institution, and all present would heartily drink to the toast. With the third toast, the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, was associated the name of Brother W. T. Howe, who responded: In Lords Carnarvon and Skelmersdale we had two noblemen who were ever anxious to advance the principles of Freemasonry. For himself, it had given him infinite pleasure to be present that day, and he thanked the W.M. and Officers for the kindness he had met with, both in Lodge and at the banquet table. On Bro. Terry devolved the duty of proposing the health of the W.M. In doing so our esteemed brother turned his opportunity to account, and made some very happy allusions. Bro. Stean had been a Mason forty-eight years, and it was gratifying to know he felt himself capable of administering the affairs of a new Lodge. The brethren who had chosen him, might be congratulated; they had made a very happy selection, as their W.M. possessed a rare combination of qualities. He had ever been a good and zealous worker in the cause of Freemasonry, and a staunch supporter of the Charities. Due honour having been paid to the toast, Bro. Stean rose, and assured the brethren present that he fully appreciated the kind manner in which they had received his health. When he first presided over a Lodge,

he had considered the position of Master as one which afforded him pleasure. He now had regard to its duties and responsibilities, as well as to the pleasure it gave him. He had carefully thought the matter over when invited to preside over a new Lodge, and the conclusion he had come to was, that if, after his protracted Masonic career, he were capable of doing so, it was his duty to undertake the office. He was satisfied the St. Leonard Lodge would show it was in its power to effect much good—more, indeed, than he had been able to effect. He trusted the seed sown that day would bear good fruit, and that the young Masons present on this occasion would find, when he was gone, that his prediction had been fulfilled—that the Lodge was equal to any in the Craft; that their subscriptions were as considerable as those of any other Lodge, and that every chair in the Lodge, not only those of the Master and Wardens, but likewise the Deacons' chairs, would represent a Vice-Presidency of one or other of the Institutions. Bro. Stean then proposed the toast of the Consecrating Officers, and, in doing so, expressed his regret that the proposition to admit them as honorary members had been lost sight of. However, he assured them the omission would be rectified at their next meeting, as it was a compliment to which, from the admirable manner in which they had fulfilled their duties, they were most justly entitled. After "Molly Brierly" had been sung by Bro. Ashton, Bro. Clarke rose, and gratefully expressed his sense of the honour done to him and his colleagues, the thanks so cordially rendered being a sufficient reward for what they had done. He felt assured the day's proceedings would have a beneficial effect on all who had witnessed it. Masonry had a mission to fulfil. It was a glorious Institution, and inculcated thoughts and ideas which must benefit them one and all. Bro. Terry likewise responded, and expressed the pleasure it had given him to preside at the ushering into the world of a new Masonic baby—this being the 117th occasion on which he had been present. It had also been a source of satisfaction that he had installed Bro. Stean as W.M. of the St. Leonard Lodge; he was deeply impressed with the remarks that worthy and worshipful brother had made. Bro. Terry likewise referred to the approaching Festival of the Royal Benevolent Institution, and announced that Bro. Lieut.-Col. Le Gendre Nicholas Starkie, Prov. G. Master of East Lancashire, had kindly consented to preside on the occasion. This induced in him the hope that, with such a president, the result would be satisfactory, and that East Lancashire would loyally second the efforts of its chief. On Bro. Terry resuming his seat, Bro. Howe announced his intention, amid cheers, to act as Steward at the Festival in question. Bros. Hale and Shackleton replied to the toast of the Visitors, and that of the W.M. of the Cosmopolitan Lodge was acknowledged by the W.M. in person, Bro. J. W. Taylor. The toast of brethren of other constitutions was coupled with the name of Bro. Lee, who expressed himself highly gratified that he had been present. He assured them that though his Lodge was some thousands of miles away, in Canada, there were good men and true in the Dominion, and their hearts beat warmly towards their brethren in all parts of the world. The toast of the Officers was briefly but suitably acknowledged by Bros. Senior and Junior Wardens, and shortly afterwards the Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close. We append the musical programme, and merely add that the several pieces were admirably given, and the efforts of the talented party justly appreciated. Four Part Song, "The Soldier's Love," Solo Bro. H. Ashton; Song, "I fear no Foe," Bro. A. Hubbard; Soldiers' Chorus from the Opera of "Faust," Song, "Molly Brierly," Bro. H. Ashton; Song, "Sigh no more, Ladies," Bro. G. Musgrave; Four Part Song, "Come boys, drink," Song, "The Thorn," Bro. F. H. Cozens; Song, "Tom Tough," Bro. A. Hubbard; Song, "Down by the Brook side," Bro. H. Ashton; Humorous Song, Bro. F. H. Cozens; Glee, "The Watchman."

## CONSECRATION OF LODGE OF PROGRESS, No. 1768.

**T**HIS ceremony was performed on 17th Oct., at Freemasons' Hall, by the V.W. Bros. John Hervey Grand Secretary, the Rev. R. J. Simpson P.G. Chaplain, H. G. Buss P.G. Treasurer Middlesex as Director of Ceremonies, Murton P.G.D. as S.W., Fenn P.G.D. as J.W. The musical arrangements were in the hands of a very able brother. In his opening remarks Bro. Hervey expressed unqualified satisfaction at being called upon to consecrate a Lodge every petitioner of which was a member, and in most cases a prominent working member, in the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, wherein he had held the office of Treasurer for over thirty years. He had no misgivings whatever that the rendering of the beautiful ceremonies of the Order would in any way suffer in the hands of the Officers designate, or that any candidate seeking Masonic light, in the Lodge of Progress, would fail to be impressed when the mysteries of Freemasonry were revealed to him in all their solemnity. An eloquent oration was delivered by the Rev. Bro. Simpson, of which the following is a summary:—"I have had much pleasure in complying with the request that I should assist as Chaplain at the Consecration of the Lodge of Progress, more especially as my old and excellent friend the Grand Secretary is the consecrating and installing Officer. I congratulate you on the happy choice you have made in styling yourselves the Lodge of Progress. I will take your title as a key to observations I am about to make, but let me premise these remarks are not intended to teach the experienced brethren here present any thing unknown, but rather to remind them and myself of some old facts and truths that may help us on the march of Progress. In the opening Chapter of the volume of the Sacred Law, we have the first record of Progress in matter. From chaos came the new created world. Mother earth, ever labouring for our good, furnished the materials to aid man, first with his tent,

then the hut, the house, the tabernacle, and so on, until finally that grand masterpiece was completed, King Solomon's Temple at Jerusalem. Thus, to this day, the wonderful powers and properties of matter are being continually evolved. Let us take a short review of the Progress of Man. Though fallen from his first high estate, man, fashioned in the express image of his God, has made mighty progress in the restoration of that God-like image that was defaced. A long line of patriarchs, prophets, kings, and righteous men, in sacred history, attest this progress, while Pluto, Aristotle, and many a great philosopher in profane history bear witness to the same. In modern days, we meet with many noble and remarkable instances of the like kind, all this moral, intellectual and religious progress tending to one great result, educating men for the Grand Lodge above. Again, with regard to the progress of Masonry, this has been great, especially of late years. The principles held by Masons are the foundation of all religious systems that acknowledge the one true and living God, which acknowledgment at once implies acting under a law, acting in the sight of the Law-giver, responsible belief, and a system of rewards and punishments. In no system is the arrangement from design more beautifully and significantly illustrative than in Freemasonry, it tells man of a happy present, and of a still happier future, and guiding his footsteps by the light of divine truth, points to those eternal mansions whence all goodness emanates. May this Lodge ever be guided by this light. Order, harmony, and proportion are the requisites of every building, spiritual, social and political, which would make any claim to perfection. Let us endeavour to unite ourselves by the principles of genuine philanthropy, so to build up ourselves in good works, and so to practise the doctrines taught by our noble Institution, that in whatever character we may appear in the world, we may faithfully perform our duty. Let us live as men, considering the great end for which the goodness of God created us, beseeching Him who ruleth the universe, and giveth order and motion to the heavenly bodies, that He would direct us in the true and right way, that our footsteps slip not, that He would promote still more and more that charity which is the bond of all virtue, and give us wisdom to contrive in all our undertakings, strength to support us in all difficulties, and beauty to adorn those heavenly mansions where His honour dwelleth." The ceremony of consecration being concluded, Bro. W. A. Dawson was presented for installation, and duly inducted into the chair of K.S., by Bro. Hervey, and received the salutations of the brethren. Bro. Legg was unanimously elected and invested as Treasurer, and the following Officers were appointed:—Bros. F. R. Spaul S.W., A. C. Spaul J.W., Hornblower Sec., Tattershall S.D., Duret J.D., Ocken-den I.G., and Marvin M.C. Bros. Hervey, Simpson, Buss, Marton, Fenn and Richards, were elected honorary members. Bros. Small-peice Secretary Emulation Lodge of Improvement, J. E. Hunt, Kentish, and other petitioning brethren were present, and also numerous visitors. Several propositions for joining, and for initiation were handed in, and all further business being despatched, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to supper, where the usual *Loyal and Masonic* toasts were duly honoured, all speeches being commendably short. This Lodge will be worked on strict Emulation ritual, and proposes to dispense with banquets. The first regular meeting will take place on Wednesday next, 30th inst., at Freemasons' Hall.

### MEETING OF THE LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

THE Lodge of Benevolence met on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall. There was not a large attendance of brethren, and the list of cases requiring relief was also small, there being but eighteen cases down. Bro. Clabon presided, and Bro. Joshua Nunn and Bro. James Brett were in their chairs as Senior and Junior Vice Presidents. Bros. Hervey, Buss, S. Rawson, J. M. Case, C. A. Cotter-brune, H. Garrod, C. F. Hogard, F. Binckes, John Wright, Griffiths Smith, R. Halford, John Constable, W. Stephens, and L. Alexander were amongst the other brethren who attended. Fifteen of the eighteen new cases were relieved, the sum granted being £319. Three cases were deferred, the evidence of payment for two years not being considered sufficient. The recommendations to the Grand Master from last Lodge of Benevolence were confirmed. The business of the meeting was completed in two hours.

### In Memoriam.

The Yarborough Lodge, No. 554, has sustained a severe loss in the somewhat sudden death of Bro. W. Hamilton, one of the P.M.'s, and some time Treasurer. The sad event occurred on Friday, the 18th instant, after a few days illness. The late Bro. Hamilton was well known at the east end of London, and was respected by a large circle of friends, for his manly, honest, and independent behaviour. He was a Life Governor of all the Institutions connected with our Order, and had served as Steward on several occasions. His remains were interred on Wednesday, the 23rd instant, at Abney Park Cemetery, in the presence of a numerous assemblage, amongst whom were Bros. Cotter, the W.M. of the Yarborough Lodge; Bros. Wynne, Middleton, Vasey, Kindred, Barnes, J. G. Stevens, Harrison, Brooks, Berry, Warma, Symes, Witts, Livermore, and Messrs. Watson, Shepherd, Cook, W. Taylor, &c.

"The sleep of the just is blessed."

### CORRESPONDENCE.

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### DISPOSAL OF LODGE FUNDS.

*To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I am obliged to your correspondent "OLD FILE," for his elaborate analysis of the first three balance sheets you have been kind enough to publish for me. The fact of totalling the three results makes the matter appear, if possible, even worse than before. I only hope that these or some other efforts will bring to a sense of *shame* some of the uncharitably disposed Lodges; it really is a matter that must eventually affect the good name of our ancient Fraternity. Several of my friends tell me that writing on this question is mere waste of breath. I trust in this respect they are not correct, or, if they are, it may be hoped that some measures will be found which will prove more successful.

No. 5.

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

#### RECEIPTS.

Balance forward (Benevolent Fund) ...	...	...	£6	2	6
Receipts for the year:—					
Subscriptions and Visitors	296	16	0		
Initiation Fees	88	4	0		
Collected for Benevolent Fund	7	10	10		
				392	10 10
				£398	3 4

#### EXPENDITURE.

Refreshment ...	...	...	...	£287	0 8
Amount due to Treasurer from last year	...	...	...	5	3 3
Grand Lodge certificates and dues	...	...	...	16	6 0
P.M.'s jewel	...	...	...	10	10 0
Tiler	...	...	...	3	6 0
Printing, postages, &c.	...	...	...	7	14 0
Balance in hand	...	...	...	68	13 5
				£398	13 4

I am informed that it is the intention of the members of this Lodge to vote a part of their funds to one of the Charities, but I think they are very much to blame for allowing a whole year to pass without actually doing so. It is all very well to satisfy oneself one year by saying, "I am saving up, and will give liberally," then the second year make the gift, and during the third year say, "I gave last year." This is an argument very often used, and one which I cannot describe as anything but a lamentably weak one.

Yours fraternally,

UNION JACK.

*To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I am rather amused to find that, whenever you take up with a subject which appears to attract more attention than usual, your London Masonic contemporary, who prides itself on being the only Masonic weekly in the country, takes an early opportunity of passing its opinion on the identical subject. Thus, for several weeks past, the subject of Lodge Funds has been discussed at some length in your columns. Last week the journal in question had a leader on it. This would not be worth noticing if it happened only now and then, but this is not the first time, by many, the same course has been pursued. As far as my experience goes, it seems to me that, in all the noticeable questions which have cropped up of late, you have taken the initiative, and your contemporary has played second fiddle. This hardly accords with its arrogant claim to be the Masonic weekly.

Fraternally yours,

CROW.

*To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—After reading the letters under the above heading in your last issue, I thought the statements put forward were so much to the point, and unfortunately so true, that I determined to make use of them in pointing out to the members of my Lodge the way in which they were spending their funds. I accordingly took our last balance sheet with the intention of drawing up a kind of "brief," when I was struck by the similarity of certain amounts, and eventually found that my mother Lodge occupied an *unequivocal* position in your columns. It is, I regret to say, the first of the Lodges that your correspondent "UNION JACK" published the balance sheet of. I of course thought that after such a discovery, it would hardly be necessary for me to go much further into the question, but that it would be better for me to use my efforts to get other of the members to view the matter in the same light as I do, and endeavour in the future to wipe away the stain of the past.

It may be asked,—Why did you not do something to have rendered such a statement as that presented an impossibility? I must plead

guilty. In this, as in other matters, the old proverb, that "Every one's business is nobody's," is, I am afraid, the real cause of no money being voted. Each member left it to the other to propose a grant, and in the end no one undertook the duty.

Yours fraternally,  
S.D.U.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The last balance sheet furnished by UNION JACK must not be placed in the same category with two of its predecessors. In fact, all things considered, the Chapter, in my humble judgment, shows well at the end of its financial year. There is a good balance to wind up with, and I should prefer to assume that had there been an equally good one at the commencement, something would have been done for one or other of the Charities. With only a fraction over £3 at the outset, it was wise to be on guard against too free an expenditure till the prospect of improvement was assured.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,  
OLD FILE.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I regret I have not been able to reply to "UNION JACK'S" letters before. I am sorry to see he is of opinion that it requires some compulsory action to cause Lodges to subscribe, as I maintain it is their duty to do. As this difficulty does appear, would it not be an easy matter to compel every Lodge to subscribe, say, one-third of its subscriptions? If men are loath to give to the Charities, and only join Freemasonry for its pleasures, they would thus be compelled to support the Charities. It is often said that the honours of Grand and Provincial Grand Lodges are as easily obtained by Charity as by non-Charity subscribing brethren. If this be so, and as the purple is a distinction much sought for, surely this would be the proper weapon to wield in the cause of Charity. Make it compulsory for the brother who may be elected to Grand Lodge that his Lodge should annually subscribe a fair sum to the Charities, and also make it compulsory on him that he should serve as Steward to one of the Charities. As regards devoting all Lodge funds, I do not mean in their present amounts, as the Charities require nothing near such a sum; but let the subscriptions be limited; say, Lodge purposes, £2 2s; this would pay expenses, and leave a large balance for the Charities; banquet fund, £1 1s; simply to pay for festivities, and not make it compulsory for every one to join; and also to charge a higher fee for banquet where the member does not subscribe. I think these two funds would cause but little trouble, and the figures could be increased or decreased at will. The idea is simply to keep tavern bills apart from Lodge funds proper.

Another plan would be,—Let it be understood that all candidates who have been subscribing members should take precedence at elections. I feel sure if this question were ventilated a little more it would be of great benefit to the Chartes. If "UNION JACK," or any other brethren interested, will forward their names and addresses, I can introduce a scheme which I trust will receive their hearty co-operation and approval. I feel it wants but very little to set the whole machinery in motion, and that it will soon be a thing of the past to find Lodges do not subscribe to the Charities.

The balance-sheet of Lodge —, published in your issue of the 28th September, speaks for itself. Let the members strive to show an improvement by this time next year—Tavern Bills, say £36; Charity, £100! How much better it would look.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,  
DICK RADCLIFFE.

129 High Holborn, October 1878.

### THINGS ONE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Will you or any of your readers kindly inform me if it is compulsory on the two Wardens of a Lodge to rise and keep standing during the time the Master is addressing the Lodge, whatever may be the subject of his communication?

Yours fraternally,  
FORTE.

Hastings, 16th October 1878.

### LONDON MASONIC CHARITY ASSOCIATION.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I should not attempt to intrude into the discussion respecting the Society just formed if circumstances had not, for many years, brought me into relations with voting Charities. Any experience I may have gained in this way certainly leads me to view with considerable apprehension the movements of the L.M.C.A. The essence of the voting system is the individual interest taken by subscribers in the candidates for whom they vote; and as nothing can be more likely to stifle this individual interest than the delegating to a Board the selection of certain candidates for whom votes are to be recorded, I am obliged to come to the conclusion that the effect of the L.M.C.A.'s operations will be most mischievous and disastrous. With all respect for the brethren who compose the committee of this new election agency, I think I am as well able to decide which candidate deserves my votes as they can be. If we may judge from the letters which have appeared on this subject in your contemporary, the effect of the L.M.C.A.'s action will be

a series of keen contests between London and Provincial Masons for the success of their respective candidates. Now this rivalry I for one respectfully deprecate. It can lead to no other result than bitterness and ill feeling. And though a Londoner myself, and therefore naturally prejudiced in favour of London candidates, I must in fairness remark that any advantage which Provincial candidates may derive from the Charity Committees in their districts is probably more than counterbalanced by the greater facility with which London Masons can be personally canvassed.

Should the L.M.C.A. become a power in the Craft, the friends of candidates will, of course, canvass the members of its Committee rather than individual Masons. The separate action of subscribers will be merged in the resolutions of a self-elected patronage board, and I fear that jobbery and corruption must be the inevitable consequence. The present promoters may be entirely free from any such motive, but in the natural course of things I am convinced that this will be the outcome, and therefore I deplore very sincerely the formation of the L.M.C.A., and cannot give it my humble support.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,  
19th October 1878. Y. M. N.

### THE PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF CHESHIRE.

THE Annual Convocation of Royal Arch Masons of this powerful Province was held at the Masonic Chambers, Argyle-street, Birkenhead, on Monday, the 21st inst. There was a large gathering of Companions from all parts of the county, and visitors from the adjoining Provinces and abroad. Promptly at 2 p.m. the Chapter of Fidelity, No. 477, was opened by Ex. Comp. Donald Fraser M.E.Z., supported by the Officers of the Chapter Past and Present. At 2.15 the M.E. Grand Superintendent of the Province, Lord De Tabley, was announced, and having been admitted, accompanied by his Grand Officers, was received with due honours, and the Prov. Grand Chapter of Cheshire was opened. His Lordship was supported by the following Grand Officers:—Comps. John Wood P.G.H., Jas. Salmon P.G.J., G. W. Latham P.G.S.E., John Siddeley P.G.S.N., E. Friend P.G.P.S., P. Jackson P.G. Treas., C. H. Hinde P.G. Reg., H. Kenyon P.G.S.B., A. E. Cokayne P.G.St.B., T. H. Kirk P.G. Org., M. Alcock P.G. Jan. We had the pleasure of recognizing, in the crush, Comps. S. Gilbert P.Z. 321, Saml. Jones P.Z. 477, J. H. Johnston P.Z. 477, Dr. A. Samuels P.Z. 477, J. G. Adams H. 477, Wm. Bennett P.S. 477, W. Johnson M.E.Z. 721, J. C. Robinson P.Z. 423, Henry Bulley P.P.G.H., S. Spratley P.P.G.J., R. Beales P.P.G.A.S., J. P. Platt P.P.G.H., J. Bishop P.P.G.J., C. Dutton P.P.G.H., C. W. Spencer Stanhope P.Z. 357, John Beech P.Z. 361, George Fox P.Z. 361, J. C. Robinson P.Z. 425, J. Dowell Bury M.E.Z. 425, L. Ellis P.Z. 537, James Hamilton S.E. 1048, G. H. Holden H. 295, T. H. Kirk P.Z. 1045, J. Siddeley H. 1045, J. Blackburn H. 321, E. Eardsley P.P.G.A.S. P.Z. 221, J. E. Gibson J. 321, J. Hill M.E.Z. 323, W. Greatorex P.Z. 587, &c. After the minutes of last Provincial Grand Chapter had been read and ratified, and other matters gone into, the M.E. G. Superintendent rose, and delivered his annual address in a most touching and edifying manner. His lordship expressed the great pleasure he experienced in meeting so many Companions, and congratulated them on the happy and prosperous state of Royal Arch Freemasonry in the Province. From the large assemblage of brethren there that day,—which year after year showed an increase of Prov. G. Chapter,—he augured and believed there was a glorious future before them. He regretted that he was compelled to announce the retirement of Comp. Captain Cope, who, as a thorough good Mason, not only in Royal Arch, but in every branch connected with the Craft, was compelled through ill health to retire from the active part he usually took in the Order. His lordship then thanked the Officers, who had so ably performed the duties allotted them in the past year, and announced that the time had arrived to appoint his Officers for the ensuing twelvemonths. He remarked on the deep solicitude he felt for the welfare of the Craft and the Province he had the great responsibility of governing; in appointing his Officers upon the combined principle of merit and priority of claim. The M.E. Grand Superintendent concluded his remarks (which were listened to with rapt attention, and frequently greeted with applause by all present), by stating that the Provincial Grand Chapter showed a balance of £68 6s 4d, which was evidence of the zeal and ability with which Royal Arch Masonry was carried on in the Province. His Lordship then honoured the following Comps. with Provincial Grand Offices for the ensuing year:—Rev. C. W. Spencer Stanhope H., J. C. Robinson J., G. W. Latham re-appointed S.E., John Siddeley re-appointed S.N., M. McMerney P.S., J. Meadows and J. Blackburn Assist. Sojs., F. Jackson re-appointed Treas., C. H. Hinde re-appointed Registrar, John Siddeley 1045 Sword Bearer, R. M. Townshend Standard Bearer, W. Mathews D.C., T. H. Kirk re-appointed Organist, M. Alcock re-appointed Janitor. These Companions were duly invested and took their seats. In pursuance of a notice of motion, Comp. Latham P.G.S.E. moved "that the sum of sixty guineas, the amount necessary in addition to previous grants to make the Most Excellent the Prov. Grand Superintendent a Vice President of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, be granted from the funds of the Prov. Grand Chapter to that Institution." In urging this resolution, Comp. Latham paid a very high tribute of praise to the Province for the noble work already done by the Masons of Cheshire locally, and universally in a charitable point of view. The only drawback to his speech appeared to be that he extolled the Province too highly, as he seemed to think that Cheshire was almost too strong in the amount of votes at its command; but we know that this Ex. Companion is aware there is room for all the efforts of the benevolent tendencies of the worthy Brethren of this



noble Province to exercise their unabated good influences. The motion was seconded by Comp. Bulley, and on its being put by his lordship, was carried unanimously. Before closing the Prov. Grand Chapter the M. Excellent stated that it was his will and pleasure to hold his next Prov. Grand Chapter at Cr-we. The brethren re-assembled at four p.m. to banquet, Lord de Tabley presiding, and nearly 70 brethren sitting down to discuss the splendid bill of fare provided by Comp. Berry, of the Ranelagh Hotel. The banqueting-room was handsomely decorated with the flags of many nations, and the walls, east and west, were covered by large mirrors, reflecting back some beautiful and costly paintings, lent for the occasion by E. Companion Fraser. The tables were tastefully and elaborately decorated with fragrant flowers and choice plants, and last, but not least, the menu, which was of the most *recherché* character, was well served and highly appreciated by all present. The cloth having been removed, the noble chairman rose to propose the toast first on the list, and which he knew would be loyally drunk; he asked them to respond to the toast of Her Majesty the Queen. It was duly honoured, the Comps. singing the National Anthem. His Lordship rose to propose the next toast, which he felt would be equally as welcome, and as loyally responded to; it was that of the Sovereign head of the Craft, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.E.Z. of England. The toast having been most heartily received, the chairman rose and said he was desirous of proceeding as rapidly as possible, as he knew many Companions wished to return to their distant homes. He felt great pleasure in proposing the next toast, as it included the health of that gracious lady whom Englishmen, and particularly English Freemasons, had learned to honour, because of her great and endearing qualities, and as the Consort of our future Sovereign. He therefore called upon them to drink most cordially to H.R.H. the Princess of Wales and the rest of the Royal Family. The toast was drunk with the greatest enthusiasm. After a short interval, in which Comps. Ellis and Forrest favoured the company with a duet. His Lordship rose again, and said he was proud of the Earl of Carnarvon and the Officers of Grand Chapter, whom he esteemed in proportion to the importance of the duties they discharged so efficiently, and asked all to drink most heartily to the toast of the Earl of Carnarvon and the Officers of the Supreme Grand Chapter. This was done, and then Comp. Latham rose to propose a toast which he said required no recommendation from him. Those in this province who were Royal Arch Masons knew how deep an interest their Most Excellent Grand Superintendent took in the Craft. Each succeeding year, under his Lordship's rule, they were attaining a standard more nearly approaching to perfection in the Craft than they could do under any other ruler. The longer he ruled over them the more they learned to appreciate him. When Lord de Tabley took the Province under his control, things were in chaos in comparison with its present state, and they owed the prosperity and happiness of the Fraternity in great measure to the zeal and ability with which he had watched over and promoted the true Masonic interests of the Province. He desired therefore to propose the health of the Prov. Grand Superintendent of Cheshire, as on his health, and power to fulfil his duties, depended largely the welfare of every Royal Arch Chapter in the Province. The toast was received with the most fraternal greeting and full Masonic honours. His lordship, who was greeted most warmly, said: Comp. Latham and Comps., I rise to thank you most sincerely for the very kind and flattering manner—I fear far too flattering (“no, no”)—in which my health has been proposed, and the marked demonstration of esteem with which it has been responded to by you all. I was exceedingly proud when appointed the Grand Superintendent of this Province, and my efforts have been directed to reclaim it from the position I found it in, and raise it to a foremost place among the Provinces in the kingdom. (Applause.) I am pleased that the Chapters composing it are zealous in emulating each other in everything good, and that the Officers endeavour, with scrupulous care and fidelity, to follow one uniform ritual, but above all, that harmony is universal. (Applause.) The support I have received from my Officers, past and present, is most encouraging to me, as my labours do not cease inside a Lodge or Chapter. In discharging the difficult and delicate task of appointing my Officers, I do so with great care, and fearlessly; and I sincerely hope that, with their energetic co-operation, and the loyalty of the Comps. generally, the result will prove satisfactory. I am exceedingly thankful for the kind reception accorded me, and the admirable arrangements by which we have been enabled to enjoy this banquet, and to meet under such favourable auspices. (Cheers.)

After a moment's respite, M. Excellent rose again, for the purpose of proposing toast No. 6 on the list, and in doing so said: I rise most willingly and with feelings of great pleasure to propose the next toast, and I take this opportunity of testifying to my appreciation of the services of those Officers who have aided me in their various posts during the past year. I am satisfied they have done their duty ably and faithfully, and from the appointments made this day I have every reason to anticipate the same satisfactory result for the ensuing year. In giving you the toast of the Prov. G. Officers Past and Present, I will associate with it the newly installed H. and J. This was drunk with Masonic honours. Comp. Robinson having responded, his Lordship resigned his seat to his senior Officer, but before leaving, in a few kind words drank to their next happy meeting. Comp. D. Fraser, in proposing the toast of the Visiting Comps., said: In giving this toast, I am sure each and all know how deeply indebted we are to our brethren who have contributed, by their presence, so largely to the success of the day. It is needless for me to say that they are truly welcome among us; but how deeply I, and I know each of you, feel the honour done us by having so many distinguished Comps. here cannot be expressed. I do not know how many brethren have honoured us with their presence, neither can I single out one more than another, but to each and all we give a most hearty welcome, and I ask you to join with me in drinking to their very good health, and we shall be pleased to hear them all respond. The toast was received very warmly, and Comp. Forrest replied in a happy vein, Comp. Smith having given

a song, the toast of “The Charities” was proposed, and acknowledged by Comp. Platt. The ninth toast, the Excellent Principals and Officers of the Chapters of the District, was given by Comp. Robinson, and very complimentary allusion was made to the Chapters of Birkenhead. With the toast were associated the names of Ex. Comp. Frazer M.E.Z. of 477, and Ex. Comp. Ellis 537, both of whom replied in suitable terms. Comp. Forrest then favoured the Comps. with a song, and the Janitor's toast brought a most agreeable day to a close.

## RED CROSS OF CONSTANTINE.

A MEETING of the Eboracum Conclave, No. 137, was held at York on Thursday. Present:—E. Sir Knts. T. Cooper M.P.S., and T. B. Whytehead P.S. as V.E., Sir Knts. C. G. Padel as 1st. Gen., G. Balmford as 2nd Gen., M. Millington Prefect, A. T. B. Turner Herald, T. Humphries, W. P. Husband, J. Ward, G. Simpson, &c. A successful ballot was taken for Bro. Captain Murphy, 4th Dragoon Guards, and Bro. G. W. Elliot, M.P., Senior P.G. Warden for North and East Yorkshire, elected at a previous meeting, was installed a Knight of the Order. The Sanctuary of St. Peter K.H.S. and Commandery of St. John, were afterwards successively opened, and Comp. Elliot received those grades, the ceremonies being worked by E. Sir Knt. T. B. Whytehead as Commander, assisted by Sir Knts. T. Cooper, M. Millington G. Balmford, G. Simpson, A. T. B. Turner, and J. Ward.

The roll of English Lodges will receive another addition on Thursday next, that day being appointed for the consecration of the Vale of White Horse Lodge, No. 1770, at Faringdon. The R.W. Prov. G. Master of the Province, Sir Daniel Gooch, has appointed Bro. James Terry, Prov. J.G.W. Herts, as the Consecrating Officer, who is to be assisted by other brethren of distinction.

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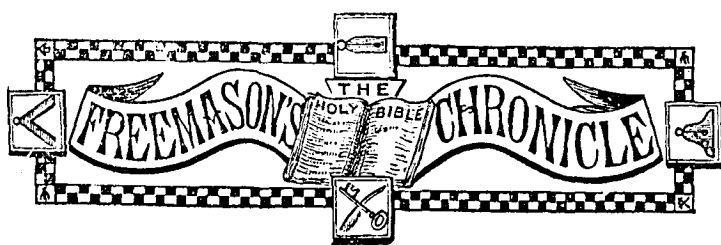
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**OUR WEEKLY BUDGET.****T**he Queen is still at Balmoral, and spends her time in the quiet way the residents of the district are so accustomed to. Sir Michael Hicks Beach is the Minister in attendance.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer has made a political tour through the Midland counties. He spoke at Birmingham on Saturday, and has since delivered two other speeches in that town, and has also spoken at Wolverhampton and Dudley, in vindication of the Government.

Colonel Stanley, Minister for War, and Mr. W. H. Smith, First Lord of the Admiralty, have left England for Malta and Cyprus.

The appointment of Mr. W. G. Palgrave to be Consul General in Bulgaria was notified in Tuesday's *Gazette*.

Cardinal Cullen, the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Dublin, died on Thursday.

The death has been announced of Mr. David Stewart Ker, formerly M.P. for Downpatrick and Down.

At a meeting of the East Kent Farmers' Club on Saturday, it was determined to reduce labourers' wages to a *minimum* of 15s per week. The Agricultural Labourers' Union threaten to resist the reduction, and urge the men to strike.

In the Board of Trade Inquiry into the collision between

the Steamers Princess Alice and Bywell Castle, the evidence in relation to the circumstances of the collision has concluded, and the Crown Counsel has formulated charges of neglect against the first mate of the Princess Alice and the master and two engineers of the Bywell Castle. Evidence as to the construction of the Princess Alice has since been taken. The Netherlands mail steamer Flushing, on Monday, ran into and sank a schooner off the North Foreland, herself sustaining considerable damage. While being towed back to Queensborough, the tow rope broke, killing one passenger and seriously injuring another.

Another serious railway accident has taken place. On Saturday a fatal collision occurred at the Pontypridd Junction of the Taff Vale Railway, where a shunting train ran into a passenger train. Twelve persons were killed and about thirty others injured. The signalman, who admitted that his error had caused the calamity, has been arrested.

A large bonded warehouse in Haydon-square, Minorities, belonging to the London and North Western Railway Company, was destroyed by fire, on Tuesday, and two firemen were severely injured while engaged in their duties.

The preliminary report of the accountants and solicitor upon the position of the City of Glasgow Bank, was published on Friday evening. The general result appears to be, that in addition to the total loss of the capital of the bank there is a further deficiency of upwards of £5,000,000, which it is expected will entail a call of £600 per share. Consequent upon this report, the five directors of the bank, with the manager and secretary, were arrested on Saturday by order of the Lord Advocate. Several further failures have been reported during the week, arising from the suspension of the Glasgow Bank. At a meeting of the shareholders, held on Tuesday, it was agreed that the affairs should be wound up by voluntary liquidation.

The Ameer of Afghanistan's answer to the Viceroy's letter has not yet been received, but its tenour is known to be unsatisfactory, and, therefore, in India there is a general belief that war cannot be avoided. There is not the same agreement as to the period when hostilities will begin, but an opinion prevails that nothing will be done until the spring. Very considerable forces, however, are being collected upon the frontier, and large reserves are being sent up from the southern stations. Many native Princes have tendered their support to the Indian Government, and several have offered their personal services. Notwithstanding the pressure applied by the Russian diplomatic and military authorities, the Porte still refuses to accept the terms required for a definitive Treaty of Peace. The movement of Russian troops southwards and the declaration that Adrianople will be held until the definitive Treaty is signed, together with the refusal to recognize the powers of the European Commissioners to regulate the financial administration of Eastern Roumelia, and the continued presence of Russian troops near the capital, afford grounds for suspicion at Constantinople that an attempt is being made to evade the stipulations of the Treaty of Berlin. The Anti-Socialist Bill has passed the German Parliament, and the Session has been closed. The Hungarian Diet re-assembled on Saturday, and the Emperor delivered a speech in which he spoke of the occupation of Bosnia and Herzegovina as complete. The Austrian Reichsrath also has resumed its sittings, and the resignation of the Auersperg Ministry has been announced. Baron de Pretis is endeavouring to form a Cabinet. The President of the French Republic on Monday distributed the awards to the successful competitors at the Paris Exhibition. The yellow fever still rages in the Southern States of the American Union, but the mortality is diminishing under the influence of colder weather.

A warrant has been granted to certain members of the New Forest Lodge, No. 319, to open a Lodge in Southampton, to be called the Albert Edward, with Bro. W. Hickman D.P.G.M. as the first Master.

A meeting of the Doric Chapter of Instruction, No. 933, will be held at Comp. Yetton's, the Rising Sun, Globe-road, Bethnal Green, on Monday evening next, 28th October, at eight o'clock precisely. The Companions will continue to meet every Monday evening during the winter months. Comp. T. J. Barnes P.Z. is the Preceptor, and Comp. Wm. H. Myers the S.E.



## ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, SOUTHPORT.

## LAYING THE MEMORIAL STONE.

ON Friday, the 18th inst., there took place in Southport the solemn laying of the foundation stone, with Masonic honours, by the Rt. Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, of a new church, to be erected at the corner of Hawkshead-street-south, and to be dedicated to St. Luke. Southport is proud, and justly proud, of her ecclesiastical buildings, and all who love fine architecture will be glad to learn that the proposed erection bids fair to be in every way worthy to stand side by side with any of its elder sisters. The "Unity" and "Fermor" Lodges, both of Southport, mustered in strong force, and the number was swelled by contingents from all parts of the county till, to judge from the long files drawn up in the avenue leading from Holy Trinity School to Manchester-road, there could have been no less than 200 Brethren present. At two o'clock a long procession of surpliced choir boys, robed clergy, and Craftsmen in full regalia made its way gradually through the streets. The combined effect of the many colours was very pleasing when a straight length of road permitted the eye to glance uninterruptedly from front to rear, and the changing hues, brought alternately into prominence by the many windings of the route, were equally picturesque. The following was the order of the procession:—Holy Trinity Choir, St. Luke's Choir, clergy, two Tylers, with drawn swords, members of Lodges, according to their numbers, juniors walking first, Past Provincial Grand Officers, two and two, Visiting Provincial Grand Officers, two and two, Architect, with the plans, a cornucopia, with corn, borne by a Master of a Lodge, two ewers, with wine and oil, borne by Masters of Lodges, Provincial Grand Pursuivant, Provincial Grand Organist, trowel, borne by Past Master, mallet, borne by Past Master, Provincial Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies, Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies, Provincial Grand Superintendent of Works, bearing a plate with the inscription for the foundation stone, Provincial Grand Secretary with Book of Constitutions, Provincial Grand Registrar, bearing the seal, Provincial Grand Treasurer, bearing a phial containing the coins to be deposited in the stone, the Corinthian Light, borne by the Master of a Lodge, the column of the Provincial Junior Grand Warden, with a plumb rule, banner of Provincial Grand Lodge, two Provincial Grand Stewards, the Doric Light, borne by the Master of a Lodge, the column of the Provincial Senior Grand Warden, borne by the Master of a Lodge, the Provincial Senior Grand Warden, with the level, Provincial Junior Grand Deacon, the Provincial Grand Chaplain, bearing the Sacred Law on a Cushion, two Provincial Grand Stewards, the Provincial Deputy Grand Master, with a square, the Ionic Light, borne by the Master of a Lodge, the Provincial Grand Sword Bearer, the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, Provincial Grand Senior Deacon, two Provincial Grand Stewards, Provincial Grand Tyler. As the head of the procession arrived at the site the Brethren divided to right and left and faced inwards, forming an avenue through which the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, preceded by the Provincial Sword Bearer, and followed by the Brother bearing the Ionic Light, the Provincial Deputy Grand Master, and the Provincial Officers and Assistants, passed to the platform which had been erected for the ceremony, and to which the clergy had already made their way.

The proceedings at the stone were opened with the singing of an appropriate hymn, after which Bro. the Rev. C. S. Hope, vicar of Holy Trinity, presented the following address to the Provincial Grand Master:—"My Lord, Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master,—The population of Holy Trinity parish having enormously increased of late years, and the church accommodation having thereby become wholly inadequate to its requirements, it has been decided to divide the parish and to build on this spot a church of plain but substantial character, to seat 1000 persons, the estimated cost of which is £5000. Of this sum £3000 has been already subscribed, and Bro. the Rev. W. H. Marsden, B.A., has accepted the charge of the new district. The Building Committee appointed to carry out the work being all Freemasons, and knowing how highly the grand principles of the ancient Craft are valued by your lordship, ventured to suggest that this would be a suitable occasion for their practical application. I have, therefore, on behalf of the committee, myself, and all present, to offer to your lordship a most hearty welcome, and our warmest thanks for so readily acceding to our request to lay the foundation stone of our new church. And may the Great Architect of the Universe prosper our handiwork and grant your lordship long life to practise and uphold the principles of true Masonry in this Province."

His Lordship said: I assure you it gives me great pleasure indeed to come here this day to begin so good a work as is about to be begun, namely, to lay the foundation stone of this church. It has happened to me to lay the foundation stone of a church in this town once before. This is the second time I have performed a ceremony in this town; but it is the first time I have performed it with Masonic honours—in fact, this is the first time I have had the pleasure and gratification of laying the foundation stone of a church with Masonic honours since I came to rule over this great Province. (Hear hear.) I am sure there is no work—no Masonic work—in which I have ever been engaged that has given me half the pleasure that doing this work to-day gives me. We all know how much church accommodation is wanted; and I can imagine well in this increasing town—increasing so rapidly—that the accommodation at present provided cannot be one-half enough for those who ought and who would attend the church if they were able. (Hear.) Therefore, it gives me still greater pleasure when I see this good work of church extension on carried on here from time to time. I can remember not later than last year our good Bishop (the Bishop of Chester) told me that since he came to take the oversight of this diocese, he had consecrated or re-opened no fewer than eighty-five churches. (Applause.) When we think of the time he has been amongst us, I think that shows at all events in South Lancashire the work of church extension is proceeding well and rapidly. (Applause.) I will not detain you, as I may have to address you later on; but I will merely say it gives me very great pleasure to lay

this foundation stone, and to be surrounded, as I am, by so goodly a number of the brethren of the Province, whom I thank for coming here on this occasion. I only wish that this church may rapidly rise, and that the funds may speedily be forthcoming; and that eventually that hope, which I hear is expressed, that the church may soon be free from debt, will be fully and entirely carried out. (Applause.)

A prayer was then said by the Provincial Grand Chaplain, after which the P.G. Treasurer placed the inscription plate in position; a phial of contemporary coins, and copies of the local newspapers and of other current publications were deposited; the mortar was spread; the stone was slowly lowered to its position; and, with all the forms and ceremonies prescribed by the Craft, Lord Skelmersdale declared the stone to be well and duly laid.

This done a collection was made, realising £85; another hymn was sung; the Provincial Grand Chaplain gave the benediction; and the proceedings were brought to a close by the singing of the National Anthem.

After the ceremonial on the ground a splendid banquet was served at the Prince of Wales' Hotel, to which about 180 guests sat down. The banquet was thrown open to the public, and a number of ladies were present. Lord Skelmersdale, Deputy Grand Master of England, and Right Worshipful Prov. Grand Master of West Lancashire, presided, and there were also present:—Bros. H. S. Allpass P.G.S., Rev. J. Rees Jenkins P.G. Chaplain, R. Gospel P.P.G.D.C., R. Wylie P.P.G.S.W., G. Turner P.P.G. Treasurer, J. T. Callow P.G. Treasurer, R. Robinson P.G. Registrar, The Masters of Fermor Lodge and Unity Lodge (Southport), Rev. Canon Sheldon (Rural Dean), Geo. Mellor Mayor of Ashton-under-Lyne, and D.P.G.M. of East Lancashire, Rev. C. H. Knowlys (Rector of North Meols), Rev. C. S. Hope (Vicar of Holy Trinity), Rev. W. H. Marsden (Vicar designate of St. Luke's); Rev. Canon Clarke, D.D. (Vicar of Christ Church); Rev. R. Stephenson M.A., Dr. Woods, Dr. G. A. Woods, Capt. Hesketh, Councillor Marchbank, Councillor Roberts, &c.

After grace, the Noble Chairman proposed the health of her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, which was duly honoured.

The Chairman next submitted the toast of The Prince and Princess of Wales and the rest of the Royal Family. He said they were a mixed assembly there, so he gave this toast both Masonically and Loyally. The Prince of Wales was their head Masonically, and their future ruler, though he hoped the time was yet far distant before he would become so—(hear, hear)—and the noble Chairman would ask them to drink his health and the rest of the Royal Family. There were two other Freemasons in the Royal Family—his Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught and his Royal Highness Prince Leopold. (hear, hear.) They were one and all dear to their hearts—(applause)—and he would pause for one moment to say, and he thought they would agree with him, he hoped that one of the younger branches of the Royal Family, Princess Louise, would meet with that success and that esteem in Canada which she deserved. (Cheers.) That her husband, Lord Lorne, would do his duty there most admirably he had not the slightest doubt, but he had a very hard task to fulfil, for he had a very difficult noblemen to follow. (Hear, hear.)

The Rev Bro. C. S. Hope proposed the health of the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, Lord Skelmersdale, who wished to leave the banquet to catch a train, but it would be ungrateful to allow him to depart without thanking him for the kind action he had done for them that day, and without proposing his health. (Hear, hear.) Southport had in the past much to thank his Lordship for, and she was, he felt sure, very grateful to him. From the opinions which he had heard expressed many persons in the parish of Holy Trinity were especially grateful to him, and they would all anxiously look forward to his lordship coming amongst them again. (Cheers.) The first question he had been asked was, "Is Lord Skelmersdale coming?" and when he answered "Yes," they said, "All right." That day he had come amongst them and given them valuable help, as Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, and the speaker was sure of this, that Freemasonry would not suffer in Southport by what the people had seen. (Hear, hear.) He had nearly gained a convert to Freemasonry, Canon Clarke, and that was a great deal. (Laughter.) He hoped when Canon Clarke got up later he would not contradict him. (Laughter.) On their behalf, on his own behalf, and on behalf of Trinity parish, he thanked the noble lord for the kind and hearty way in which he had come to help them. (Cheers.) There was a poor church, which constantly needed help.

The toast was drunk with musical honours. The Chairman said he thanked them most heartily for the extremely kind way in which they had received the mention of his name. He must apologise to them most humbly for rather curtailing their enjoyment, if he might say so, by hurrying on the toasts. Mr. Hope had said very truly that he was bound to catch a train. He had a long journey before him; he was going to Paris. He was sure it was a very great pleasure when he came there to lay the foundation stone of this second church, which was the first he had laid in this town with Masonic honours. They had already been given to understand that one amongst them had been impressed with the ceremony, and might he say that if that ceremony had done nothing more than bring Canon Clarke over to the side of Freemasonry, he for one should feel that his time had not been wasted. (Hear, hear.) That day they had begun a good work, a stone had been laid, and that stone had been cemented by subscriptions on the ground. He hoped that was an earnest of the future, and that in the course of time Mr. Marsden would have such an amount of funds that he would hardly know what to do with them. (Laughter, and hear, hear.) This was a wealthy town, a prosperous town, and he hoped it was going to be more prosperous still. (Applause.) Why should not St. Luke's spring up as rapidly as he had seen other churches spring up in the district, and the work be carried on as thoroughly and as well? He hoped with all his heart it would be so. He thanked them most heartily for the kind way in which they had received him that day. (Cheers.)

His lordship then left the room amid prolonged cheers.

Brother R. Fletcher proposed the health of the Bishops, Clergy, and Ministers of all denominations.

The Rev. Canon Sheldon, Rural Dean, responded. He thanked them for the cordial manner in which they had been pleased to drink this toast. He was present yesterday at the laying of the stone of the church at Kirkdale. The chief speaker on that occasion was the distinguished and universally admired Home Secretary, who received such a welcome at Southport afterwards. He need hardly say to them that, speaking for the clergy, it seemed to betoken bright and happy days when the Home Secretary, in the midst of such onerous duties, and other gentlemen of distinction, should gather together and lay the foundation stone of a church at Kirkdale—(hear, hear)—and he need hardly say that it was an augury of good things when the noble lord who had just left should take the trouble to come to Southport to lay the foundation stone of a church. (Hear, hear.) When they saw men sinking all political and personal opinions, and coming together in such a large and striking manner as they had done that day, to lend a helping hand in the good work, one could not but feel thankful. In the Church of England, to which he belonged, and amongst other religious bodies outside, he hoped they would have a growing bond of sympathy. (Hear, hear.) He said the Masonic ceremonies of that day produced a very startling effect upon his mind, and he thought it would do them all good.

The Rev. Bro. C. H. Knowlly also responded. He said the ceremony of that day was a very solemn one. At all times the laying of a foundation stone was a solemn ceremony, but when supplemented by the grandeur of their Masonic Art and Craft it lent still more solemnity to the deed. He asked, who could tell how many souls would be saved by the results of what they had done that day? It was also a very joyful occasion. It was really necessary in Southport. In his own parish 511 houses had been built during the last two years, whilst he had been there. The population had increased in St. Luke's district, and he was sure that the clergy were very thankful for what had been done that day, and their earnest prayer would be that they might look back upon it as one of blessedness and thankfulness in their Provincial Grand Lodge. (Applause.)

The Rev. Canon Clarke proposed success to St. Luke's Church. He said the ceremonial which was enacted at the foundation stone laying of St. Luke's Church impressed him, as it had impressed Canon Sheldon, very strongly—(hear, hear)—and he did say to Mr. Hope, he wondered when would be next Lodge meeting—(Laughter)—and possibly if his name were submitted to that meeting he might hope to become one of the brotherhood—(laughter)—but he did not actually ask Mr. Hope to propose him—("No, but he will do so followed by laughter)—because he (Canon Clarke) must ask his wife (laughter.) He had never had a secret from his wife since he was married, and he advised all, except Freemasons, to have none—(laughter)—so that if he became a Freemason, he would have to make an exception to the general rule. (Renewed laughter.) It must be by the leave of his wife, otherwise, he could not consent ("Oh she will") so that if he did not become a Freemason, it was his wife's fault. (Renewed laughter.) Canon Clarke then spoke in high terms of Mr. Marsden, and said he would go about amongst the poor and the rich, amongst those who were in sorrow, distress, and sickness, and would minister the wholesome medicine of God's Holy Word to their souls; and he hoped and trusted Mr. Marsden would soon have a church of his own. After referring to the Home Secretary's speech at Liverpool, Canon Clarke said, in conclusion: May the Great Architect of the Universe bless this church abundantly, and crown the work which has been begun to-day till the top stone be laid with rejoicing, amid shouts of "Glory to God in the highest, on earth peace, and goodwill to men." (Hear, hear.)

The Rev. Mr. Marsden responded. He said the work had proceeded prosperously and successfully so far, thanks to the energy of the churchwardens and sidesmen and other gentlemen who were interested in the welfare of St. Luke's. (Hear, hear.) Various people had been asking him why the Freemasons should lay the foundation stone. "Well," he replied, "if a Mason cannot lay it, who can?" (Laughter.) But that was not all that the Freemasons had done. They had come forward and liberally helped to extend the subscription list, and they had helped them generously that day. (Hear, hear.) If the building came to a standstill, and they were in a "regular fix," who knew but what they would come to their help again, and build the church for them altogether. (Laughter and applause.) After referring to the "ancestral halls" of Little London in a humorous vein, the rev. gentleman gave an account of the financial position of the undertaking. He thanked all the numerous friends who had assisted.

Bro. J. Barrow proposed the health of the Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge. He said they had in the Provincial Grand Lodge men of note and ability. The money which they had spent in assisting charitable institutions, the poor, the aged and orphans, was marvellous. (Cheers.) Outsiders did not know anything about it, and they did not want them to know anything about it. They kept those things to themselves, and the Provincial Grand Lodge richly deserved the honour which the bestowal of such charity carried with it. (Hear, hear.) They had many of the Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge present that evening, including the Provincial Grand Secretary. It was through his influence that the Province was so distinguished. Bro. Barrow believed this was the second largest Province in the kingdom, and he hoped before long it would be second to none in the kingdom from a Masonic point of view. (Applause.) The toast having been honoured, Bro. Alpass P.G.S. responded, and gave an interesting sketch of the history of Freemasonry. Several other toasts followed.—*Liverpool and Southport Daily News.*

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## LOCAL CHARITY FUNDS.

WE beg to acknowledge with fraternal thanks the receipt of a pamphlet from the pen of Bro. Godtschalk. That estimable brother is the representative in London of the Charity Committee of Devon, or, as it is called in the Province itself, the Committee of Petitions; and his object in issuing this pamphlet is to urge on his fellow Provincial brethren the advisability of establishing a Local Educational and Advancement Fund for the benefit of children of distressed or deceased Freemasons. The principal grounds on which he rests his proposal are these:—The voting power of the Province is such that it cannot hope to carry the candidate which it has resolved on supporting till several unsuccessful attempts have been made. Thus the boy Furze, who at the recent election to the Boys' School was what may fairly be described as the "official" candidate of Devonshire, had made six previous attempts to get in, but the support he had received on those occasions had only resulted in placing to his credit some six hundred and odd votes, while his success at the seventh trial has only been secured by borrowing largely from other quarters, and thus anticipating, or say we rather, pledging, for some time to come, the voting force of the Province. This is the main reason why Bro. Godtschalk submits his plan for a Local Fund to his fellow Devonians. The others are that there is no reason to anticipate a sufficiently large increase in the number of Devonian Life Governors to the two Schools, or that Provincial Grand Lodge could take upon itself to increase its votes to such an extent as to ensure that the candidate of its selection shall succeed after fewer attempts. A further reason is, that a Local Fund of this character will not be in opposition, but supplementary to, the great central Charities. Taking the Boy Furze as an illustration of what such a Fund is capable of effecting—this boy was three years and a half on the list of candidates before his friends and supporters were enabled to get him in. During that time, as a reference to this list will show, he has been one of four children wholly dependent on a widowed mother for support. Had there been a Local Charity Fund in Devonshire, he might, during this long period of waiting, have been receiving some educational help from it. That is, the Committee might have voted him the sum necessary to enable him to attend some local school, where he would have been gradually preparing himself for admission into the London School. Again, there are in Devon, as elsewhere, a considerable number of brethren who are able and willing to contribute small sums per annum—such as five or ten shillings—but who cannot afford to become Life Governors, or even Life Subscribers. These by their small annual contributions, for which, of course, they would receive a certain voting power, would make a considerable show in the Province, while as regards the London Schools, even the aggregate of their contributions would only increase the voting power of the Province to a slight and inappreciable extent. But the Fund will not be Educational only. Bro. Godtschalk proposes that it shall be an Advancement Fund likewise. Children who cannot be entered at the London Schools will not only receive a sound education at a good school in the different neighbourhoods where they reside, but when they are old enough to set about earning their own livelihood, then in cases where an outfit or premium may be needed, the Fund will provide it. There is yet another advantage which may be anticipated from the realisation of Bro. Godtschalk's or any similar scheme. It will, unquestionably, lessen the pressure on the central Schools at Wood Green and Battersea respectively. There are many people who would be well satisfied their children should be educated in their immediate neighbourhoods, even though it might involve additional efforts on their part to maintain and clothe them. This would, of course, reduce the number of candidates for the admission into the Central Schools. In short, a formidable array of reasons may be urged in favour of Bro. Godtschalk's scheme, but few, if any, against it. The mere mention of the Cheshire Educational Fund, to which we have more than once referred in these columns, and the success of which Bro. Godtschalk adduces as an argument in support of his scheme, will suffice to remind our readers of the value of Local Charitable Funds, while it will fully justify the advice we are about to offer to our Devonshire brethren. This advice is to act upon and do their utmost to promote the success of such a fund as Bro. Godtschalk proposes. It cannot be otherwise than advantageous, and there is no reason why what has been so successfully done by Cheshire, with its thirty-nine Lodges and eighteen Royal Arch Chapters, should not be done as successfully by Devonshire, with its forty-seven Lodges and twenty-five Royal Arch Chapters. At all events, say we, it is an experiment worth trying.

A drawing for several Life Governorships in connection with the Second Tottenham, Edmonton and Enfield Masonic Charitable Association will take place, on Thursday next, at the Seven Sisters', Page Green, Tottenham, at 7.30 p.m. After the ballot supper will be provided, and from the arrangements made, a pleasant evening may be anticipated. Tickets for the supper (price 3s 6d) may be had of the Hon. Sec. of the Association, Bro. J. Garrod, from the above address. In order to introduce the claims of our Charitable Institutions to the notice of other than members of the Craft, the Committee offer a special invite for non-Masons to accompany their Masonic friends. We wish the Association every success, and the meeting of Thursday next a happy termination.

Bro. T. J. Madwell, W.M. of the Egyptian Lodge, No. 27, will work the ceremony of installation in the Egyptian Lodge of Instruction, 119 Leadenhall-street, on Thursday evening next, 31st October, at 7.30. Brethren are invited to attend.

## 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, 26th OCTOBER.

- 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)  
 1541—Alexandra Palace, Alexandria Palace, Muswell Hill, N.  
 1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)  
 1686—Paxton, Crystal Palace, Sydenham.  
 Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.  
 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
 1293—Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court.  
 1462—Wharnclyffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone.  
 R. A. 308—Affability, Station House Hotel, Bottoms, Stansfield.

## MONDAY, 28th OCTOBER.

- 45—Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, 12 Old-st., near Goswell-rd., at 8.0. (In.)  
 174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)  
 180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)  
 186—Industry, Bell Tavern, Carter-lane, Doctor's-commons, at 6.30. (Instruction.)  
 518—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction.)  
 704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8. (Instruction.)  
 1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8. (Instruction.)  
 1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8. (Instruction.)  
 1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30. (In.)  
 1615—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square.  
 1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8. (Inst.)  
 1632—Stuart, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell.  
 1625—Fredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)  
 London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-street, E.C., at 6.

- 48—Industry, 31 Denmark-street, Gateshead.  
 62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester.  
 143—Lights, Masonic Hall, Warrington.  
 721—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)  
 999—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.  
 1177—Tenby, Royal Assembly Rooms, Tenby, Pembroke.  
 1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8 p.m. (Instruction.)  
 R. A. 241—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.

## TUESDAY, 29th OCTOBER.

Audit Committee, Girls' School, at 4.

- 55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7. (Inst.)  
 65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)  
 141—Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.  
 177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney. (Instruction.)  
 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)  
 860—Dalnoustie, Sisters' Tavern, Powmill-road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)  
 1446—Mount Edgumoe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)  
 1471—Islington, Three Bucks, 23 Gresham-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)  
 1472—Hemby, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
 1507—Metropolitan, 268 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)  
 1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John s-street-rd. at 8. (In.)  
 117—Wynstay, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8. (Instruction.)  
 241—Mercants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30. (Instruction.)  
 299—Emulation, Bad Hotel, Dartford.  
 310—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle.  
 357—Apollon University, Masonic Hall, Oxford.  
 673—Perseverance, Swanstone Hotel, Hales Owen.  
 1308—Forbay, Town Hall, Farnham.  
 R. A. 721—Grosvenor, Eastgate-row-north, Chester.

## WEDNESDAY, 30th OCTOBER.

- 193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7. (Instruction.)  
 201—Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)  
 228—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., Camden-town at 8. (In.)  
 538—La Tolerance, Horse and groom, Winsley-street, W., at 7.45. (Inst.)  
 781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
 813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. at 8. (Instruction.)  
 882—Warrington, Red Lion, Poppin s-court, Fleet-street, at 8. (Instruction.)  
 1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7. (Instruction.)  
 1196—Urban, The Three Bucks, Gresham-street, at 6.30. (Instruction.)  
 1278—Burdett Courts, Swinon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 6.30. (Inst.)  
 1298—Finsbury Park, Finsbury Pk. Tav., Seven Sisters-rd., at 8.0. (Instruction.)  
 1521—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)  
 1553—Duke of Connaught, Faunce Arms, Kennington Park, at 8. (Instruction.)  
 1707—Eleonor, Angel Hotel, Edmonton, at 8. (Instruction.)  
 R. A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8.0. (Instruction.)  
 R. A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
 163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.  
 304—Phantropic, Masonic Hall, at George-street, Leeds.  
 439—Scientific, Private Room, Bingley.  
 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction.)  
 996—Sondes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk.  
 1033—Townley Parker, Mosley Hotel, Beswick, near Manchester.  
 1119—St. Bede, Mechanic's Institute, Jarrow.  
 1219—Strangeways, Empire Hotel, Strangeways, Manchester.  
 1233—Ryburn, Private Rooms, Town Hall-street, Sowerby Bridge.  
 1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, at 7. (Instruction.)  
 1566—Elington, Bell Hotel, Maudenhead.  
 M. M. 24—Roberts, Masonic Rooms, Avon-street, Rochdale.  
 K. T.—Alpuss, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.  
 R. C.—Stanhope, Queen Hotel, Chester.

## THURSDAY, 31st OCTOBER.

- General Committee, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.  
 3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 7. (Instruction.)  
 15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
 27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8. (Instruction.)  
 435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)  
 720—Panmure Gen. L. Inst., Antelope Tavern, Lorn-road, Brixton, at 8.  
 1237—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)  
 1349—Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)  
 1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, E.C. at 6.30. (Instruction.)  
 1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 9. (In.)  
 R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)  
 111—Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Archer-street, Darlington.  
 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)  
 286—Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Bacup.  
 807—Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich.  
 904—Phoenix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham.  
 986—St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek, Stafford.  
 1313—Fermor, Masonic Hall, Southport.  
 1770—Vale of White Horse, Savings Bank, Faringdon, at 2. (Consecration.)  
 R. A. 265—Naphthali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood.  
 M. M. 34—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.

## FRIDAY, 1st NOVEMBER.

- Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.  
 25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)  
 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
 766—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. (Inst.)  
 834—Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-road. (Instruction.)  
 902—Burgoyne, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8. (Instruction.)  
 933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction.)  
 1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction.)  
 1153—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)  
 1260—Hervey, Punch's Tavern, 99 Fleet-street, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)  
 1288—Finsbury Park Master Masons' Lodge of Inst. Finsbury Park Tavern, at 8.  
 1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)  
 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
 1627—Royal Kensington, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 642—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 7.30. (Inst.)  
 R. A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8. (Inst.)  
 41—Friendship, Freemason's Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.  
 127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate.  
 219—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Todmorden.  
 375—Lambton, Lambton Arms, Chester-le-street, Durham.  
 639—St. Matthew, Dragon Hotel, Walsall.  
 574—Loyal Berkshire of Hope, White Hart Hotel, Newbury.  
 601—St. John, Wrekin Hotel, Wellington, Salop.  
 680—Sefton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.  
 709—Invicta, Bank-street Hall, Ashford.  
 780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
 839—Royal Gloucestershire, Bell Hotel, Gloucester.  
 1098—Lord Warden, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal.  
 1333—Aethelstan, Town Hall, Atherstone, Warwick.  
 1387—Chorlton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton Cum Hardy.  
 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)  
 1528—Fort, Red Lion Hotel, Newquay, Cornwall.  
 1561—Morecambe, Masonic Hall, Edward-street, Morecambe, Lancashire.  
 1664—Gosforth, Freemasons' Hall, High street, Gosforth.  
 1725—Douglas, College Gateway, Maidstone.  
 R. A. 61—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax.  
 K. T.—Loyal Volunteers, Queens Arms Hotel, George-st., Ashton-under-Lyne.

## SATURDAY, 2nd NOVEMBER.

- General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.  
 142—St. Thomas, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C.  
 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)  
 1572—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.  
 1622—Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell.  
 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.)  
 1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester.

## NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

**St. John's Lodge, No. 22.**—A meeting was held on Wednesday, at Commercial Hotel, Bolton. Present—Bros. James Richardson W.M., Thos. Whitaker S.W., Henry Stead J.W., Thos. Mitchell Sec., G. P. Brockbank P. Prov. G.S.D. Treas., W. Spadling S.D., J. L. Aldred J.D., Jabez Boothroyd I.G., Thos. Higson Tyler; P.M.'s Bros. Entwisle P. Prov. G.S. of W., Jones, Morris, Ferguson; and Bros. Job H. Greenhalgh W.M. St. George's Lodge No. 1723, with Bros. Court, Seagrave, Hammond, Reiley, Seel, Isherwood, Wadeson and Bradburn. Lodge opened at six o'clock, and confirmed minutes of last meeting. On the motion of Bro. Brockbank, seconded by Bro. Ferguson, the sum of £5 was voted to the Calender Memorial Fund. Other routine business was transacted, and Lodge closed at 8 p.m.

**Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.**—On Monday, the 21st instant, at the Old Rodney's Head, Old-street, Goswell-road. Present—Bros. Powell W.M., Hallam sen. J.W., Tolmie Preceptor, Fenner Secretary, Percy S.D., W. Rowley J.D., Millison I.G.; also Bros. Halford, Hallam jun., Thomas, Isaac. All formalities having been complied with, the W.M. worked the first section of the third lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was resumed to the second, and Bro. Hallam jun. proved his efficiency, and was entrusted. The ceremony of raising was then rehearsed by the W.M. in a faultless manner. The W.M. worked the second and third sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Wing was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. We have been requested to state that Bro. Halford, the W.M. of the United Strength Lodge, will rehearse the ceremony of Installation on Monday next, and we hope that those W.M.'s who wish to gain a knowledge of this ceremony will avail themselves of the opportunity.

**Constitutional Lodge of Instruction, No. 55.**—A meeting was held on Tuesday, 22nd inst., at the Bedford Hotel, Southampton-buildings, Holborn. Present—Bros. J. Soper W.M., Baker S.W., Miroy J.W., Dickens Sec., White S.D., Cooper J.D., Linscott I.G., Biagemann Preceptor; Bros. Tate, Brown, Cornu, Linscott, Sanders, and others. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes read and confirmed. Bro. Tate, a candidate for raising, having answered the usual questions was entrusted. The Lodge was opened in the third degree, and Bro. Tate was raised to the degree of M.M. The first section of the lecture was worked by Bro. Soper, the second and third by Bro. Tate. Bro. Baker was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked by the undermentioned brethren of the Constitutional Lodge of Instruction at the Bedford Hotel, Southampton-buildings, Holborn, on Tuesday, 5th November, commencing at 6 o'clock precisely. Bros. J. Biagemann P.M. 55 W.M., R. P. Tate J.D. 862 S.W., J. S. Brown 862 J.W. First LECTURE—Bros. Gates, E. Abell, A. Sanders, J. C. Dwarber, R. P. Tate, J. S. Brown, J. G. Thompson; SECOND LECTURE—Bros. E. L. Miroy, J. H. Watts, H. R. Hallam, W. G. Dickens, T. B. Dods; THIRD LECTURE—Bros. J. Soper, J. Gilruth, J. L. Cornu. Brethren are invited to attend.



**Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, No. 65.**—At the Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, 22nd inst. Bros. Moss W.M., Roberts S.W., Maidwell J.W., Daniel S.D., Hammond I.G.; also Bros. Richards, Laroon, Hollands. Lodge was opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting confirmed. The second and third degrees were rehearsed by the W.M., in a manner that met with expression of approval from the brethren assembled. Bro. Roberts was elected W.M. for the ensuing Tuesday. The annual supper will take place on the third Tuesday in November. Tickets to be had of Bros. Daniel, Maidwell, or Hollands Secretary.

**Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193.**—On 23rd October there were present, at the Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street, Bros. Harris W.M., Bush S.W., J. K. Pitt J.W., Moss S.D., Tollis I.G., Gottheil Preceptor; also Bros. James, Walker, Gardiner, &c. The Lodge having been opened and minutes read and confirmed, Bro. Walker offered himself as candidate for raising, and was examined and entrusted, and the ceremony rehearsed. The Lodge was then closed down. Bro. Gardiner of 749 was elected a member. The Fifteen Sections will be worked at this Lodge of Instruction by Bro. Turquand P.M. 1556 on the 2nd Wednesday in November.

**Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.**—On Saturday, the 19th October, at the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, Islington, N. Present—Bros. J. Lorkin W.M., John Gibbs S.W., J. Millington J.W., Killick Sec., Halford Treas., Bedwell S.D., Mullord J.D., P. W. Millington I.G. After preliminary business, the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Brasted candidate. The W.M. worked the sections of the third degree. Bros. J. Seidel and J. J. Cullegari, of the Crusaders Lodge, were elected members, as also was Bro. W. Hirst, of the Kent Lodge. Bro. S. E. Moss P.M. 185 will preside next Saturday, the 26th inst., when the Fifteen Sections will be worked.

**Kingston Lodge of Mark Masters, No. 222, Tunis, North Africa.**—A meeting was held on Saturday, the 12th October, at the Masonic Hall. Present—Bros. A. M. Broadley W.M., G. Pen-tecost S.W., Dr. A. Perini J.W., Dr. Cassanello M.O., J. J. Gardiner S.O., M. Lumbruso J.O., S. Souiller Sec., A. Blanch Treasurer, M. de Gallais S.D., S. Arieti J.D., V. C. Clement D.C., V. Finzi Steward, D. Enriquez I.G., H. Haylock Tyler. This was the first regular meeting of the Lodge after the summer vacation. The following M.M.'s were advanced to the honourable degree of Mark Master:—Bros. J. H. Stevens (British Vice Consul at Tunis), W. M. Bridger (Commander, R.N.), James Barsotti, and O. Eugerer. The muster roll of the Kingston Lodge now numbers thirty-seven members. The Lodge was then adjourned to 9th November.

**Union Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, No. 414, Reading.**—A regular convocation was held at the Masonic Hall, Reading, on Friday, the 18th inst. Business—The minutes of the last regular Chapter were confirmed. The ballot was successfully taken for Bro. John Long, Union No. 414, and he was duly exalted into R.A. Masonry. Comp. E. G. Bruton P.Z. of the Apollo Chapter, Oxford, then installed the three Principals, as follow:—Comps. E. Grisbrook M.E.Z., R. Bradley, Prov. G. Sec. Berks and Bucks, H., A. Portsmouth J. The following Officers were then appointed:—Comps. Weightman P.Z. Scribe E., J. W. Lamb Scribe N., Ravenor P.S., and Biggs P.Z. D.C. A dinner afterwards took place at the Upper Ship Hotel.

**La Tolérance Lodge of Instruction, No. 538.**—A meeting was held on 23rd October at the Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, London, W. Present—Bros. E. Farwig W.M., W. J. Ferguson S.W., A. Cameron J.W., J. Hurdell Sec., C. J. W. Davis Treas., C. Koester S.D., A. Ginger J.D., Cleghorn I.G.; Past Masters Bros. Weedon and Ash, and about twenty-five other brethren. The Lodge having been duly opened and the minutes confirmed, the Fifteen Sections were worked by the undermentioned brethren. The most noticeable feature was the ability shown by several of the brethren who have but recently joined the Craft. At the conclusion of the working, four brethren joined the Lodge, and Bro. A. Cameron P.M. 180, and Bro. Weedon P.M. 383, were elected honorary members. A cordial vote of thanks to Bro. Farwig brought the meeting to an end. **FIRST LECTURE**—Bros. A. Ginger, G. A. Cundy, E. Child, J. Hurdell, H. Ash, A. Cameron, C. Koester. **SECOND LECTURE**—Bros. W. H. Dean, E. Farwig, J. B. Docker, W. J. Ferguson, C. Dairy. **THIRD LECTURE**—Bros. L. G. Langdon, D. M. Belfrage, J. Hemming.

**Buckingham Lodge, No. 591.**—Monthly meeting, held on 16th October, at the George Hotel, Aylesbury. Present—Bros. J. Adams W.M., T. W. Robinson S.W., G. A. Jeffries J.W., L. Pontou S.D., R. B. Bateman J.D., J. D. Coates as I.G., T. Cheshire Tyler, John Williams P.M. Secretary; Past Masters Bros. Rev. O. J. Grace, J. Lawson, S. G. Payne, &c. Visitors—Bros. Rev. H. G. Layton P.P. Grand Chaplain Gloucestershire, Rev. F. B. Harvey P.M. 742, &c. Business transacted—Lodge opened, minutes passed. Bro. Rev. O. J. Grace took the chair, and opened Lodge in second degree. Bros. S. K. Page and S. Hales were examined, and retired to be prepared. Lodge opened in third degree, and Bros. Page and Hales were duly admitted, and raised to the sublime degree of Master Masons. The Lodge was resumed to the first degree, and Bro. John Williams P.M. took the chair. A ballot was taken for Mr. J. S. D. Ostrehan as a candidate for initiation, which proved unanimous in his favour. Bro. J. Williams then examined Bro. H. Martin for the second degree. This proving satisfactory, Bro. Martin retired, when the Lodge was advanced, and Bro. Martin was duly admitted and

passed. The Lodge was closed to the first degree, and Bro. Lawson, at the request of the W.M. took the chair, and initiated Mr. J. S. D. Ostrehan. The usual questions being asked, and all business ended, the Lodge was closed in ancient and solemn form, and adjourned.

**Buckingham Chapter, No. 591.**—A Chapter of Emergency was held at the George Hotel, Aylesbury, on Wednesday the 16th October, when there were present Comps. John Williams P.Z. as Z., John Lawson P.Z. as H., S. G. Payne J., Rev. O. J. Grace P.Z., Lewis Poulton P.S., J. Adams A.S., J. D. Coates, A. L. Taylor, &c. Bro. John Gully, No. 591, having been already elected, was duly admitted and exalted to the supreme degree of a R.A.M. As no further business was anticipated, the Chapter was closed in ancient and solemn form and adjourned.

**Merchant Navy Lodge of Instruction, No. 781.**—At the Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, Limehouse. The Fifteen Sections will be worked at the Merchant Navy, on the 30th October 1878, at 7 o'clock precisely. Bro. J. Andrews J.W. 1227 will preside. Bros. Barnes P.M. No. 933 and 554 S.W., Webb S.D. No. 174 J.W., Turquand No. 890 P.M. 1556 I.P.M. **FIRST LECTURE**—Bros. Anderson, Ellingford, Smith, Harvey, Hogg, Webb, Barnes. **SECOND LECTURE**—Bros. Worsley, Stephens, Ould, Turquand, Ellis. **THIRD LECTURE**—Bros. Taylor, J. H. Pringle, Berry. Bro. Breden W.M. No. 781 Hon. Sec.

**Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.**—Held its weekly meeting on Tuesday evening, at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston. Bros. J. Lorkin W.M., Christian S.W., Wardell J.W., Gilham S.D., Carr I.G., Dallas Sec., Smyth Treas., Allen P.M. Preceptor; Bros. Wyman, McClean, C. Lorkin. Bro. Brasted answered the questions, and Lodge was opened in the second degree and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. Bro. Jones answered the questions; Lodge was advanced, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed. The W.M. gave the traditional history. The Lodge was regularly closed down. The Secretary will occupy the chair next Tuesday, when the Preceptor will work the installation ceremony. A goodly attendance is anticipated.

**Whittington Lodge of Instruction, No. 862.**—At the meeting held on 23rd October, at Bro. Hyde's, Red Lion, Poppincourt, Fleet-street, Bro. Vizzard as W.M., H. Hallam S.W., H. R. Hallam J.W., Abell S.D., Tate J.D., Brown I.G., Long P.M. and Preceptor, and others. After confirming the minutes, Bro. Bowman offered himself as a candidate, and the ceremony of initiation was ably performed by the W.M., after which the greater part of the first Lecture was rehearsed. The next meeting night has been appointed for the annual banquet. Bro. H. Hallam was elected W.M. for 6th November, when the ceremony of initiation will again be rehearsed. The Lodge was then closed.

**Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, No. 1056.**—The Fifteen Sections will be worked by the members of this Lodge of Instruction, at the Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C., on Friday, the 25th day of October, commencing at six o'clock in the evening precisely. Bro. Gush W.S. 1541 W.M. **FIRST LECTURE**—Bros. Vizzard, Hallam jun., Abell, Fox, Squirrel, Lardner, Watts. **SECOND LECTURE**—Bros. Daniel, Lee, Larchin, Hallam, Denison. **THIRD LECTURE**—Bros. Creak, Butt, Leggott. Bro. W. W. Snelling Hon. Sec., 2 Whitefriars-street, E.C.

**Hartington Lodge, No. 1085.**—The October meeting of this Lodge was held at the Musonic Hall, Derby, on Wednesday, the 2nd inst., when the attendance was such as to clearly indicate the interest its members take in continued support of the prominent position it has attained in the Province. The junior members, particularly, were in strong muster, and their evident attention to, and acquaintance with the work, testified to the judgment and discretion exercised by the Lodge in the selection of its candidates. The presence also of visitors evinced the good fellowship that exists between it and the other Lodges in the town and neighbourhood. The initiation and passing ceremonies were worked in admirable form, Mr. Edwin Belfield and Bro. Carr being the recipients, respectively, of the favours of the W.M. on behalf of the Craft. The subsequent nomination of three brethren as joining members, and one gentleman as a candidate for Freemasonry, proved the popularity of the Lodge, and we express our fraternal wish that it may so continue, being assured that the popularity of any Craft Lodge is solely due to judicious management, and an attention to the great principles of the Order.

**Lord Warden Lodge, No. 1096.**—A meeting was held on Friday, the 18th inst. at St. George's Hall, Deal. Present—Bros. E. Kirby W.M., J. Laggett S.W., H. R. Botting J.W., T. Ayling P.M. P.G.D.C. as Secretary, S. Hinds Treasurer, J. Carpenter S.D., W. Carterfield J.D., F. England Steward, S. Willey I.G., S. Holgate Tyler. Past Masters Bros. F. Haslip, G. Rivers, H. McDermott, T. E. Lawrence, G. G. Thomson, H. Webb, and D. Fraser. Visitor—Bro. H. Wood, Willington Lodge, No. 784. Lodge opened and minutes were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Mr. Hy. Abrams and Mr. Hy. V. Shaw, and found to be unanimous in their favour. A telegram was handed in stating their inability to be present, owing to illness. Lodge opened up to the third degree, and was closed down, the whole being done in faultless style. The brethren adjourned to refreshment, and a very pleasant hour was spent.



**Lodge of Prudent Brethren, No. 145.**—The first meeting since the vacation took place on Tuesday, and was numerously attended by brethren and visitors. Bro. Haslett W.M., Leggott S.W., W. Lister J.W., J. Boyd P.G.P. Treas., G. S. States P.G.S. Sec., Dr. Wilkinson S.D., C. Woods J.D., J. Chinnery I.G., Verrall D.C., J. Curtis Steward, J. Read; P.M.'s Bros. Thiellay, T. Bull, &c. The Visitors were Bros. G. Brooks P.M. 902, Z. Gianelli 173, G. Murtor 813, H. Santer 167, W. Stollard 180, Venn P.M. 49, Jermyn Boyd 23, H. M. Levy P.M. 188, &c. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. A communication was read from Bro. Hedges, Secretary to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, respecting subscriptions to a testimonial to perpetuate the memory of the late Bro. R. W. Little. Bro. J. Boyd, P.M. and Treasurer, gave notice of motion that a sum of ten guineas be voted for that purpose from the Lodge funds. He stated that in addition to any amount that might be raised beyond the sum required for the memorial, the interest would be given to the widow, and the principal was eventually to revert to the Girls' School. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren sat down to an excellent banquet provided by Bro. A. Best, and superintended by Bro. E. Dawkins. The W.M., who very genially presided, proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. That of the Grand Officers was responded to most eloquently by Bro. Boyd. He had so frequently returned thanks for this toast, at the Prudent Brethren Lodge, that he hoped a fresh member might be selected for Grand honours; the duty—always a pleasurable one—would not then devolve on him. Bro. E. H. Thiellay P.M. had great pleasure in proposing the health of the W.M. Bro. Haslett was one who had endeared himself to every member of the Lodge. All present—whether members or visitors—respected him. He would ask them to drink his health in all sincerity. After a graceful reply from the W.M., Bro. T. Bull proposed the health of the Visitors, and Bro. Venn P.M. 49 replied. He thanked the W.M. for his hospitality; he regretted there had been no working; he knew the W.M. was capable of fulfilling the duties of the Lodge. Personally, he (the speaker) was indebted for his visit, not only on this, but on other occasions, to Bro. J. Boyd, whose working, both in Craft and Arch Masonry, and for the Charities, was so well known and appreciated. He had listened with interest to the remarks made in the Lodge as to recognising the services of the late Bro. Little, and he was pleased to say that the Gihon Lodge, of which he was a P.M., had given a notice of motion that a sum of £5 5s should be voted for the same purpose; he hoped every Lodge would follow this example. After a few remarks from Bro. Brooks, Bro. H. Dicketts P.M. P.G.S. gave the Past Masters of the Lodge. To them was due the success of the Lodge. Bros. Boyd, Thiellay and T. Bull have done their duty in every sense of the word. The tasks they have had to perform, both in this and other Lodges, were not easy, but each and every one had striven to give satisfaction. Bro. E. H. Thiellay I.P.M. replied; this was his mother Lodge; it was one each member ought to be proud to belong to, and all should aspire to the honour of becoming a P.M. The next toast was the health of the Treas. and Sec., Bros. J. Boyd and G. States. Both were well-known, not only in this Lodge, but throughout the Craft. Bro. J. Boyd contrasted the difference in the way their evenings were passed now, in comparison with those of years ago. We now give a large amount to the Charities; £40,000 annually to our three Institutions; but we might do more. A great responsibility devolves on the executive, and they should be supported. We annually send up a Steward from the Lodge, and brethren hitherto have liberally subscribed. Their S.W. Bro. Leggott had got on his list nearly £200. He was pleased to see the prosperity of the Lodge. Bro. G. S. States P.G.S. Hon. Sec. followed, his services were always at their command. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Officers, to which Bro. Leggott S.W. responded. The Tyler's toast was then given, and this concluded a very agreeable evening, which was augmented by the excellent harmony of several brethren.

**Wandsworth Lodge of Instruction.**—A Lodge of Instruction, in connection with the Wandsworth Lodge 1044, was held on Wednesday, the 23rd instant, at the Spread Eagle Hotel, Wandsworth, when the following brethren were present:—Bros. C. Digby, H. R. Jones, W. A. Morgan, W. J. Huntley, A. N. Newens, J. Sanders, W. Wardroper, J. J. Holland, A. Mason, J. Rowe, J. Featherstone, P. V. Denham, and A. A. Denham. Bro. C. Digby acted as W.M., and delivered the ritual in such an impressive and perfect manner as to call forth the united approbation of the brethren. Bro. Featherstone went through the ceremony of raising, Bros. Huntley acting as S.D., P.M. Jones as J.W., and Bro. A. N. Newens as S.W. On the motion of Bro. Jones, seconded by Bro. Holland, Bro. A. A. Denham was appointed Secretary. The names of several brethren anxious to join this Lodge of Instruction were given in and accepted. The business was concluded by the Lodge being closed from the third degree.

**West Lancashire Lodge, No. 1403, Ormskirk.**—This Lodge held its annual installation meeting, or festival of St. John the Evangelist, at the Commercial Hotel, on 16th inst., when the Lodge was opened by Bro. G. Gould, M.A. The meeting was very numerously attended, not only by the members of the Lodge, but also by several visiting brethren from Liverpool, Southport, Wigan, St. Helens, &c. The regular business of the Lodge having been gone through, including the initiation of an E.A., the Worshipful Master Elect, Bro. P. Draper, was presented by Bro. J. B. Lambert for installation as W.M. of the Lodge for the ensuing year. The ceremony of installation was admirably and impressively performed by Bros. G. Gould and J. Baxendale, at the conclusion of which Bro. Lambert delivered the usual charge. The following brethren were then appointed the Officers of the Lodge for the ensuing year:—Bros. G. Gould I.P.M., J. Winstanley S.W., Jonathan Dewhurst J.W., S. Wylde Treasurer, J. B. Lambert D.C., J. H. Taylor Secretary, J. Hill S.D., T. Lamb J.D., G. Anderson I.G., J. I. Nunnerley Tyler, and H. Ainsworth and Thos. Ball Stewards. The whole of the Lodge

business having been duly disposed of, the brethren and visitors sat down to a banquet. The customary Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. That of The Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, D.G.M. of England, R.W.P.G.M., who is well and deservedly beloved and esteemed by his brethren, not only in his province but throughout the kingdom, was responded to by Bro. J. Baxendale, on behalf of the Prov. Grand Officers past and present. During the evening a number of glees and songs were given by Bros. G. Barton (of St. Helens), Avis, Fogg, Winrow, Lea, Eastham, Martindale, Milligan, and Gould, Bro. G. W. Watts presided at the piano. Bro. Avis gave two cornet solos in his customary admirable style.

**Francis Burdett Lodge, No. 1593.**—A meeting was held on the 9th October, at the Albany Hotel, Twickenham. Present—Bros. S. H. Knaggs W.M., J. Tomlinson P.M. and Treas. S.W., W. Taylor J.W., W. Wigginton P.M., &c. Sec., H. W. J. Vaughan S.D., F. M. Ashley J.D., T. C. Walls D.C., T. R. Ricknell W. Steward T. C. Walls as I.G., G. Harrison Tyler; Past Masters Bros. W. H. Saunders I.P.M., A. Clarke P.M. 820 (Honorary), and numerous other brethren. A letter was read from the R.W.P.G.M. Col. Burdett, regretting his inability to be present; also from the S.W., who had lost his wife two days before. A vote of condolence to Bro. Court was unanimously passed by the brethren. Bro. Henry Court S.W. was then unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year; Bro. J. Tomlinson P.M. &c. (re-elected) Treasurer, and Bro. Harrison (re-elected) Tyler. On the motion of Bro. Wigginton P.M., seconded by Bro. Saunders I.P.M., a Past Master's jewel was unanimously voted to Bro. Knaggs, for the masterly manner in which he had discharged the duties of the chair. This brother was the first initiate of the Lodge, in November 1874. The candidates for passing and raising not being present, Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet; where the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly given and honoured.

**West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1612.**—A meeting was held on Thursday, 17th October, at the Feathers' Hotel, Ealing. Present—Bros. W. Seward jun. W.M., J. W. Fisher S.W., Coop J.W., A. J. Burr Sec., Henry Tucker Treas., Rickwood S.D., E. C. Porter J.D., E. Gasson I.G.; Bros. H. Stephens, A. Jones, Green 1687, Owen, W. Nye, Le Grys, &c. Business—Lodge was opened and the minutes of last meeting were confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Le Grys candidate. Lodge was opened up, when the W.M. in a very able manner worked the ceremony of raising, Bro. Botley candidate. Lodge was closed in the second and third degrees. Bro. Tucker read a letter from Bro. R. B. Webster, thanking him for a cheque for £2 12s, amount subscribed amongst the brethren for the widow of the late Bro. Jardine, who was lost in the Princess Alice. Bro. Green 1687 was elected a member. Bro. Fisher was elected W.M. for next meeting, and having appointed his Officers, the Lodge was closed in due form.

**King's Cross Lodge, No. 1732.**—A meeting was held on Saturday, 19th October, at the Metropolitan Club, King's-cross. Bros. J. J. Michael W.M., W. M. Stiles S.W., J. T. Briggs J.W., F. Sainsbury Secretary, H. Stiles S.D., L. Jacobs as J.D., L. Solomon I.G., J. Daly Tyler; Past Masters Bros. Knight, Reuter, and Terry; Visitors—Bros. Edmonds 1507, T. Gilbert 1507, Berger 511, Burgess, &c. Minutes read and confirmed. Bro. Kuffmann raised; Bros. Cashmore, Patterson, and Fletcher passed, and Messrs. Hubbard and Pope initiated. The whole of the work was carried out in a most impressive manner by the W.M. and Officers. The S.W. announced his intention of representing the Lodge as Steward for the Benevolent Institution. The business of the Lodge being over, the brethren sat down to an excellent banquet, served in Bro. Cox's best style. The Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and received most enthusiastically, that of the Masonic Charities particularly. In reply, Bro. Terry, Secretary R.M.B.I., remarked on the noble manner the Lodge had subscribed, although only consecrated a few months. He made a forcible and eloquent appeal for the Charities. The Visitors expressed themselves highly pleased with the working of the Lodge, and for the good things provided. Bro. L. Jacobs, L. Solomon, and C. B. Putland, who are noted throughout the Craft for their vocal abilities, gave several good songs, which were much appreciated.

**Royal Savoy Lodge, No. 1744.**—A meeting was held on Tuesday, 22nd October, at Ashley's Hotel, Covent Garden, W.C. Present—Bros. Jas. Willing jun. W.M., J. Douglass S.W., Clemow J.W., W. M. Stiles Sec., A. Treadwell I.P.M. Treas., Jones S.D., Hyland J.D., Dellar D.C., Cook I.G., and Jacques Org.; Bros. Treadwell P.M., Holt, Greenfield, Dovey, Clifton, Parkes, Lloyd, and numerous other brethren. Visitors—Bros. Reed P.M., Rohrs, Osborne, Fenner, Rothschild, Jones, Gibbs, Stock, and other brethren. The ballot was taken, and Messrs. Phillip Cheek, James Carolus Smith, John Henry Vaughan, and Michael Zumpf were declared elected. Lodge was advanced, and Bros. James W. Smith raised to the third degree. Bros. C. Hammond and J. H. Bennett were passed to the second degree. Messrs. Cheek, Zumpf and other candidates were duly initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry. The Worshipful Master Bro. J. Willing jun. was re-elected as W.M. for the ensuing year, and Bro. P.M. Treadwell Treasurer. The Lodge was closed in due form. The brethren then adjourned to a most excellent banquet, and spent an exceedingly pleasant evening.

**Israel Lodge, No. 1502.**—A meeting was held on the 21st October, at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool. Present—Bros. A. Jones W. M., S. Schöustadt S.W., Rev. — Marks J.W., M.

Hart Sec., T. De Freese Treas., Henochsberg J.D., R. Robinson P.M. P.G.R. D.C., Bros. Wright and Saber Stewards, M. P. Tieski I.G., Ball Tyler. P.M.'s Bros. R. Robinson P.G.R., Henochsberg, M. Hart I.P.M. Visitors—Bros. Gordon, Pendleton, A. Hart W.M. 241. The Lodge was opened by the W.M., and the minutes of the last regular meeting read and confirmed; the Lodge was then opened in the 2nd degree, when Bros. Harris, Stern and Ehrenfeld were examined and entrusted. The Lodge was then opened in the third degree, when these brethren were introduced and raised to the sublime degree, the W.M. performing the ceremony in a very able and impressive manner; after which the Lodge was closed down. It was proposed by Bro. M. P. Tieski, and seconded by Bro. Gabrielsen, that the congratulations of the Lodge be offered to Bro. R. Robinson P.M. P.G.R. on his appointment as G.R. by the Right Honourable Prov. G.M. Lord Skelmersdale, the same to be recorded on the minutes. This being the evening for the election of W.M., the S.W. Bro. Schönstadt was unanimously chosen.

**Polish National Chapter, No. 534.**—The regular Convocation was held on Thursday, the 24th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street. Comps. Sir Chas. Palmer, Bart., M.E.Z., Jas. Warner H., J. Palmer P.Z. J., Matthew Cook P.Z. S.E., Nowakowski S.N., Reinhardt P.S.; P.Z.'s G. R. Shervill P.G.S., Hyde Clark P.G.D., &c. All preliminaries observed, the minutes of the former convocation were read and confirmed. A ballot was taken for the admission of Bro. E. Dawkins, manager of the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Northern Lodge, No. 287. He was unanimously accepted. Comp. J. Palmer P.Z., who was elected J. at the last meeting, but was not present, was inducted into the chair by the Z., Comp. Sir Charles Palmer, Bart. At the request of the M.E.Z., Comp. Shervill P.Z. ably performed the ceremony of exaltation, much to the appreciation of the candidate; Comp. J. Palmer acted as P.S. The Chapter was closed, and the Companions sat down to an excellent banquet, provided by Bro. A. Best. Grace having been said, Sir Chas. Palmer, Bart., who genially presided, proposed the usual Loyal and R.A. toasts. Comp. Shervill proposed the health of the M.E.Z. He was in every way competent to fill any position he might be called to. Sir Charles had endeared himself to all; he had exerted himself not only in the Chapter, but in every way to benefit the interests of Freemasonry. After a graceful reply from the M.E.Z., he proposed the health of the newly exalted Companion. It was a great pleasure to drink this toast. Comp. Dawkins had joined their ranks that evening, and all who knew him, appreciated his efforts at all times to minister to their comforts; he (the speaker) was sure Comp. Dawkins would be found a most desirable member of their Chapter; he trusted he would live for many years, and be recognised as an ornament to Freemasonry. Bro. Dawkins thanked the M.E.Z. and the companions for the kind manner in which the toast had been received; his aim would be to promote the welfare of the Chapter in which he had been exalted. Comp. H. M. Levy P.Z. 188 returned thanks for the Visitors. With the toast of the P.Z.'s was coupled the name of Comp. Shervill, who most eloquently replied. The health of the H. and J. followed; the M.E.Z. was thankful for the assistance always rendered by those brethren. The next toast given was the health of the Scribe E., and the Treasurer, to which Comps. M. Cooke and Nowakowski replied. The P.S. was then honoured, and after one or two more compliments had been paid, the Janitor was summoned. Comps. M. Cooke and J. Chaplin exerted themselves to entertain the company.

**Montefiore Lodge, No. 1017.**—This Lodge held its regular meeting on Wednesday, the 23rd October, at Masonic Hall, Regent-street, W. Present—Bros. W. H. Gulliford W.M., Lazarns S.W., Solomons J.W., E. P. Albert P.G.P. Secretary, Jacobs Treasurer, Brall S.D., Ellis J.D., Goldberg Steward, Levy I.G., Smith Tyler. P.M.'s Bros. Granebaum, S. Pollitzer, S. V. Abrahams, V. Myer and several visitors. Lodge was opened, and the usual preliminaries were disposed of. Ballot was taken for three candidates, Messrs. Chandler, Alexander, and Vispré, and proving unanimous in their favour they were severally initiated into the Order, in a first rate manner, by the W.M. A sum of two guineas was voted to the widow of a deceased brother, and Lodge was closed. The brethren afterwards dined. We have known banquets better served at this establishment, and hope that the falling off will not be permanent.

**The Great City Lodge of Instruction, No. 1426.**—On Thursday, 24th October, at Masons' Hall Tavern, Mason's-avenue, Basinghall-street. Present—Bros. Bisset W.M., Moss S.W., Harper J.W., Blackie Sec., G. Taylor S.D., Kibble J.D., Le Rosignol I.G., and other brethren. Lodge was opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. The third section was worked by Bro. Moss, fourth by Bro. C. Taylor, and the first by Bro. Harper. The S.W. was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing fortnight. Officers were appointed in rotation, and Lodge closed in due form. On Wednesday, the 31st inst., the Fifteen Sections will be worked by the following brethren, at six p.m. First Lecture—Bros. W. Shaw, T. Hamer, G. Moss, C. Taylor, J. Mander, H. Watts, Tolmie. Second Lecture—Bros. A. E. Taylor, P. Dickinson, G. W. Blackie, Lea; fifth section by —. Third Lecture—G. W. Saul, T. W. Ockenden, H. Sadler.

**St. Georges Lodge, No. 1723, Bolton.**—On Wednesday, the 22nd October. Present—Bros. J. H. Greenhalgh W.M., G. P. Brockbank P. Prov. S.G.D. P.M., N. Nicholson S.W., H. Vevers J.W., G. Ferguson Treasurer, J. M. Rutter Secretary, J. Heywood S.D., W. Court J.D., P. Staton Organist, R. Latham I.G., J. W. Roiley Tyler. Past Masters Bros. D. Morris, Stanley, Entwistle P. Prov. G. Superintendent of Works. Visitor—Bro. Cosgrave, M.D. Minutes of last meeting confirmed, the W.M. examined Bro. Brierley as to his

proficiency as F.C. Lodge was advanced, and Bro. Brierley was raised to the degree of M.M. by Bro. Entwistle, who explained the working tools, and delivered the historic lecture. Closed to second degree, when Bro. Hargreaves was passed by Bro. Brockbank, and the working tools of the degree explained by the S.W. Bro. Nicholson. The W.M., in the name of himself and Bro. Nicholson, presented a solid silver chain, for use by the Masters of the Lodge. It is a beautifully artistic work, executed by a local firm, and was much commended. It consists of thirty links, in which it is intended that the crest of each Master as he passes the chair shall be engraven on a shield, to be inserted in the link, and a medallion with St. George and the Dragon is pendant to the chain, which, altogether, has a very pleasing effect. The crests of the first and second Masters are already inserted. A cordial vote of thanks was accorded to the donors. A donation collected privately from the members, was given to the Callender Memorial. A circular was read from Bro. Terry, intimating that Col. Starkie, the Prov. G. Master of East Lancashire, had agreed to preside at the R.M.B.I. Festival in February. Bro. Brockbank agreed to serve as Steward on behalf of the Lodge. Hearty good wishes were given from the Visitors, and from Lodges 37 and 221, Bolton.

There appeared in a recent number of *Land and Water* a letter from Mr. R. E. Robinson, in which that gentleman proposed a plan for providing the Metropolis with sea water baths. Many of our readers, no doubt, are aware that a scheme has already been suggested for conveying water into London from the Cumberland Lakes. Mr. Robinson points out that it will be considerably less costly to derive the additional water supply from Brighton. That town is distant only fifty miles, and pipes could easily be laid along the main road, so that London would always be in the enjoyment of an inexhaustible supply of pure sea water. The advantages resulting, if such a scheme were carried out, would, as Mr. Robinson points out, be many. Spacious baths might be erected in the Northern, Southern, Eastern, and Western districts of the Metropolis. The refuse water from them would flush the sewers, and help to lessen, if it did not wholly remove, those noxious smells which now emanate from the drains placed at intervals in all our street gutters. In the thoroughfares under which the sea water was conveyed hydrants might be fixed, with a view to a good supply of water always being available, either for purposes of fire or for cleansing the streets, while, as an indirect, yet certain benefit, may be mentioned the fact that existing fresh Water Companies would be able to exercise greater care so that the water supplied by them should be of the purest possible quality. We should then hear less about the prevalence of ill-health caused by the impurity of the water supplied by them, and used in great part for drinking purposes. One or two other points are deserving of notice. These are, that the towns on the Brighton road might, by means of supplemental pipes, derive a supply of pure water from the main pipes, and that in the important matter of expense, the capital required would, in Mr. Robinson's opinion, not exceed one million sterling. There is no doubt whatever, as we said at the outset, that a constant supply of sea water from Brighton would involve a far less considerable outlay than a supply from more distant Cumberland, and as the sanitary properties of sea water are too well known to need any comment, we think the scheme is one which is well worthy of public consideration.

We announce with great pleasure that Madame Worrell-Duval's Annual Evening Concert will take place at the South Place Institute, E.C., near Moorgate Street Railway Station E.C., on Monday, the 11th November. The list of artists is a promising one, and includes the names of Miss Matilda Roby, Miss Bessie Stroud, Madame Worrell-Duval, Madame Osborne Williams, Mdle. Helene Arnim, Miss Emma Buer, Messrs. Abercrombie, Lawrence Fryer, Chaplin Henry, and H. Horscroft. There will likewise assist Mr. R. Bamber (violin) and Miss Edith Gregory (piano-forte), while the duty of conducting will be shared among Messrs. J. Turle Lee, Osborne Williams, and Herr Trousselle. Doors will open at 7.30 p.m., and the Concert commence punctually at 8 p.m. Carriages at 10.30 p.m. Prices—Reserved seats, 3s and 2s; unreserved ditto, 1s. Tickets may be had of Madame Worrell-Duval, 67 Knowle-road, Brixton-road, S.W.; Mr. John R. Williams, 11 Bellefields-road, Stockwell, S.W.; Mr. W. T. Rickwood, 33 Cheapside, E.C.; Messrs. F. G. Barns and Co., 31 London Wall, E.C., and of any gentleman who has undertaken to fill the office of Steward. We trust Madame Worrell-Duval's Concert will be attended with success.

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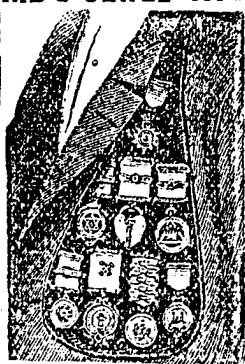
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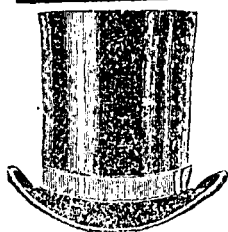
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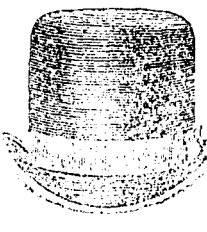
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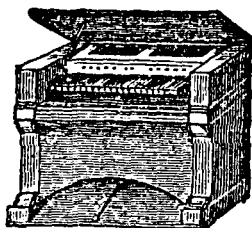


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