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CANVASSING FOR OUR CHARITIES.

LAST week we inserted and commented briefly upon a circular letter of Bro. Dick Radclyffe, who has undertaken to act as Steward at the ensuing Festivals of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution and the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. In order to secure as much support as possible, Bro. Radclyffe, in addition to canvassing in the ordinary way for the Guineas, Five Guineas, and Ten Guineas, which entitle their respective donors to be enrolled in the list of Annual Subscribers, Life-Subscribers, and Life-Governors, proposes to issue books of half-crown tickets, the purchasers of each of which tickets will be entitled to ballot among themselves for as many Life-Subscriptions as the aggregate of the half-crowns received will justify. The success which has attended this plan is so well known that it calls for no further remark from us. What, however, does seem to demand some comment is the statement to which Bro. Radclyffe has lent the authority of his name, namely—that if every Craftsman throughout England gave “21s per annum to each Institution (not a large sum to a man who can find several guineas for initiation fees, subscriptions, &c.) 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.” Of the correctness of this view there cannot be the slightest question. If we assume that in England there are 1,250 Lodges, and that each Lodge on an average has fifty subscribing members, we arrive at a total membership of 60,000 and upwards. But it is well known that a very considerable number of brethren are members of two, three, and even more Lodges, and therefore a deduction must be made from the 60,000 above given. If, then, we assume that one brother in six belongs to more than one Lodge, we shall have a total of 50,000 brethren, to whom the Charitable Institutions must look for support. If each of these acted on Bro. Radclyffe's suggestion, the total annual amount of subscriptions to the Charities would be at the rate of one guinea per member to each Institution 150,000 guineas, or £157,500—a sum infinitely beyond what would be required to maintain our Institutions at double their present strength. This, in fact, would be about four times as much as the aggregate incomes of all three Institutions during the year 1877, when the receipts from donations, subscriptions, and other sources were in excess of what they had ever been previously. We do not for a moment suppose that any one would object to so large an amount being subscribed annually as would be the case if every brother acted on Bro. Radclyffe's suggestion, and loyally gave his guinea to each Charity. The excess of income over expenditure would be so enormous, that in a very few years the invested moneys would yield an income sufficient to maintain our Institutions at their present rate of efficiency without any appeal whatever being made to the brethren for additional help. We are inclined therefore to believe that Bro. Radclyffe has placed his suggested contribution at too high a figure, and that one guinea from Craftsmen distributed equally among our Charities would suffice not only to maintain them at their present strength, but likewise to secure that strength to such an extent as to provide for even the heaviest demands that might be made on them. Having regard to the number of affiliated Masons as aforesaid—and non-affiliates have no claim whatever on our support, that is to say, of course, no

such claim as would justify the extension towards them and their families of the benefits of our Institutions—we repeat, having regard to this number, it is very evident that the Schools and the Croydon Institution would not require to be made more than half as strong again as they are now. A Girls' School capable of receiving three hundred, a Boys' School of about the same strength, and a Benevolent Institution with about four hundred beneficiaries, would assuredly meet the greatest demands which are ever likely to be made—unless, indeed, we are prepared to offer a kind of premium to people of small means to become Masons, so that they may have a chance of getting their sons and daughters into our Schools, or themselves into the R.M.B.I. If we reckon the expenditure of each Institution at £11,000 per annum, we have a total for the three of £33,000, and if we increase this to the extent of one-half, we arrive at the considerable sum of £49,500, or, say in round figures, £50,000. Now, a guinea per annum from each of the 50,000 Craftsmen would cover this amount, and leave a small balance over, while a guinea to each Institution from each subscribing member would be just thrice as much as would be needed, even if these were half as strong as they are now. Of course, it is very natural that every brother should desire to see our Charities on a better footing as regards their permanent incomes. If these, amounting in one case to about the sum paid for a purchased admission into the school, and in the other cases to a few hundreds only, were increased to a few thousands, then indeed might we congratulate ourselves on their position, and that without having recourse so extensively to the unpleasant process of canvassing for donations and subscriptions. Moreover, the Institutions would be commensurately less affected by those periodical fluctuations in the income of the country which result from commercial panics, political crises, and the like. This is a point which should be kept prominently before the Masonic public, namely—that if the permanent incomes of all three Institutions—including grants from Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter were added together, they would not suffice to cover one-half of the expenditure incurred by one of them. There is, therefore, every reason why the subscriptions and donations of the brethren should be on the most liberal scale for many years to come, but there is a difference between appealing urgently for what is necessary and appealing for individual contributions so considerably beyond the immediate and even prospective requirements of our Charities. There is, too, one other point which cannot be too carefully insisted upon, viz.—that those who canvass for our Institutions will do well not to lay too great stress on what, in the way of contribution per Mason, will cover the expenditure of our Institutions. It is desirable, and ought to be regarded as a duty, that every one should give according to his ability, but it is very undesirable that any of those who are sparing of their surplus money should have an opportunity allowed them of giving less than they can well afford. There are many brethren who have no objection to spending guineas on banquets and pleasure excursions who are by no means as liberal when it is a question of supporting our Charities, and if they are encouraged to believe that a guinea all round is all that is needed, they will give that guinea, and no more. As a matter of fact, those who even give a guinea are but a small fractional part of the Masonic community, and the rich Craftsman's five or ten guineas are the more welcome, and, indeed, the more necessary, because the comparatively poor Craftsman's guinea is not always forthcoming. Canvassers, therefore, must be very

cautious how they use this guinea argument, or they may find their lists grow "small by degrees and beautifully less."

COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

THE monthly meeting of the General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was held on Thursday, at Freemasons' Hall. Col. Creton presided, and the other brethren present were Bros. S. Rawson, H. Browse, J. A. Rucker, E. H. Finney, O. H. Tattershall, James Peters, J. G. Stevens, W. F. C. Montrie, H. A. Duhois, H. Potter, H. Massey, John Boyd, Arthur E. Gladwell, E. Letchworth, H. Hacker, T. F. Peacock, G. R. Shervill, E. Spooner, H. Dicketts, Henry Venn, Thomas Cuhitt, G. Faulkner, and F. R. W. Hedges Secretary. One petitioner was placed on the list, and a letter was read from Bro. John Caldwell P.M. 61, in which he stated that owing to ill-health he resigned the Robert Burns Lodge, No. 25, but sent a cheque for £100 for the Boys' School, and £100 for the Girls' School. A letter was also read from Bro. Peter Matthews, honorary surgeon-dentist to the institution, resigning the appointment, which he had held for twenty years, on account of failing health. Bro. Gladwell called attention to the sum of 170 guineas being the amount payable for the purchase of a child into the Institution, and hoped the sub-Committee which had been appointed would take this subject into consideration in the revision of the by-laws, as the amount was either too small for a child of the age of eight years, or too large for a child of eleven years. The Chairman said the sub-Committee would consider the point. On the motion of Bro. Dicketts, seconded by Bro. E. Spooner, it was resolved to admit by purchase a daughter of Bro. Charles Jardine, who lost his life in the wreck of the Princess Alice.

LODGE OF LIGHTS, No. 148, WARRINGTON.

THE monthly meeting was held at the Masonic Rooms, on Monday, 28th ult. Present—Bros. J. Pickthall W.M., T. Tunstall I.P.M. as S.W., C. E. Hindley J.W., Jas. Paterson S.D., J. Grime J.D., John Bowes P.M. P.P.J.G.W. Sec., J. H. Galloway I.G., T. Domville Tyler; J. Harding P.M., Wm. Sharp P.M.; Bros. J. Bayley, T. Jones, G. F. Carron, T. Sutton, R. W. Francomb, W. Burn, and the following visitors:—D. W. Finney W.M. 1250, J. H. Galloway 1250, A. Hayes 1250, Geo. Cropper 1250, S. M. Davies, FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE. The Lodge was opened at 6.30, and the minutes of the last meeting were read, found correct and ratified. There was little business to bring before the Lodge. The bulk of that transacted was of a private nature. At its conclusion the Lodge was closed with solemn prayer. The brethren, by the request of the W.M., adjourned to supper, at the Red Lion Hotel. The repast was put on the table in excellent style by Bro. Speakman, and the attendance was faultless. After each brother had enjoyed the good things provided, the cloth was removed. The first toast—Her Majesty the Queen—was offered with a few well-chosen remarks, and was duly honoured; all singing the National Anthem. The next toast was introduced to the brethren by the Worshipful Master, who expressed a fervent hope that His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales would be spared long to rule over the Craft. He united with the toast the gracious Consort of his Royal Highness and all the Royal Family. The toast was drunk most heartily. On rising for the third time, Bro. Pickthall gave the Masonic Rulers, supreme and subordinate, uniting with the same the name of Bros. Sharp and Finney. Bro. Sharp thanked the W.M. and brethren. He alluded to his recent attendance at Provincial Grand Lodge, and regretted that this large Province had not a Masonic Temple to do justice to such a large gathering of the Craft. It was, he thought, the largest that had ever taken place in England, except that at the Albert Hall. He assured the brethren that the present was a very active period in Freemasonry. He trusted that the time had arrived when their Provincial Grand Officers would make a point of visiting each and every one of the Lodges in their important Province. (Hear, hear.) He had an idea that Lord Skelmersdale would see the necessity of doing so, and himself set the example. Bro. Finney also returned thanks, and had the honour of proposing the health of the W.M. In doing so, he said, I rise with very great pleasure to propose this toast, yet I fear I cannot do justice to the subject. Your W.M. fills the chair of your Lodge ably and faithfully. He has won for himself the esteem of each and all, not only in the Lodge, but in his every-day life. To rule a Lodge to the satisfaction of the brethren requires many excellent qualities. We know with what tact, zeal, energy and kindness our esteemed brother has discharged the important duties of his exalted position. It is a source of great satisfaction to a Worshipful Master to know he has the hearty co-operation and sympathy of his Lodge in all his efforts. I know, by the entire accord and harmony, that so it is in this Lodge; its W.M. has the complete support of every Brother. As the W.M. of an offshoot of this Lodge, I feel it a duty as well as a pleasure to try and copy the good example laid down by No. 148, which, as a Lodge, in all its bearings, is a credit to the Province. Individually I greatly value the friendship of the W.M., I have learned to esteem him as much out of Lodge as in. I came here to-night to mark the high esteem I hold the W.M. in, and also to testify the high regard I have for the brethren of the mother Lodge. I hope that the cordial feeling which now exists between the two Lodges may ever continue, and increase in the Lodges of this town. The toast was drunk with musical honours. Bro. Cropper favoured the brethren with a song, after which the W.M. rose, and said, Brethren.—I thank you sincerely for the kind reception accorded the last toast. I have anticipated the kind remarks of Bro. Finney, and I feel grateful for the personal ex-

pressions with which he has been pleased to propose my health. During my year of office, which is now rapidly drawing to a close, I have endeavoured to do my duty; I regret I have not been able to do more. I shall yield up my post to my successor with many vivid recollections of the pleasant evenings we have spent together, and in after years I shall recall the twelvemonths I passed as Master of this Lodge among the happiest of my existence. While on this subject, I cannot resume my seat without expressing the deep sense of my obligation to the Officers of the Lodge who have so ably aided me in carrying out the duties, and to the brethren for the esteem always shown me in my capacity. Bro. Galloway, by command of the W.M., assumed the gavel to propose the health of the Past Masters of 148. If the Past Masters gave as much pleasure to the brethren as their W.M., he could only imagine what a continual reign of happiness and prosperity the Lodge had enjoyed. He coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Bowes. The toast was most heartily drunk, with Masonic honours. Bro. Bowes in reply said, the task of responding for the Past Masters devolved upon him, as the penalty of being eloquent. He felt greatly honoured by such a distinction, and assured the brethren that the Past Masters have always taken a deep interest in the welfare of the Lodge, and would continue so to do. There was a time when the Lodge, like many others, was not as prosperous as they could wish; but now, by indefatigable exertions, it was on a sound footing, and he looked to a career of uninterrupted prosperity in the future. Bro. Tunstall, with great pleasure, proposed The Health of the W.M. Master and Officers of 1250. In doing so, he expressed regret that all the Officers of the Lodge were not present. He need, however, tell the brethren of 1220 who were present, that the members of their Lodge were always heartily welcome. The members of 148 always feel glad when a new Lodge is added to the large roll of Lodges, and are happy to find that the tenets of the Craft are strictly carried out by 1250. He had the honour of uniting the names of Bros. Finney, Sutton and Cropper with this toast. Bro. Tunstall favoured the brethren with a song; after which Bros. Finney and Sutton returned thanks. The W.M. now rose; he had reserved the toast he was about to give them for himself, as he considered it a toast greatly esteemed. He hoped the day would never come when the Lodge would be without visiting brethren. They had present that evening a brother to whom he knew all were delighted to extend a most cordial welcome; he need not tell Bro. Davies that they would be very happy to have him visit their Lodge again. With the toast he had the pleasure of uniting the name of Bro. Davies. The toast was drunk enthusiastically, and Bro. Davies responded thereto. Bro. Cuznor kindly answered to the call for a song. The health of the Officers of the Lodge was next proposed and drunk, and Bro. Bowes, in reply, said: on behalf of Bro. Treasurer and myself, I thank you for the honour done us; I am pleased to see so many round this festive board to-night, and gratified at the remarks of Bro. Davies, who regretted that there had been no work for him to witness. He hoped Bro. Davies would come and visit them again. Bro. Bowes regretted there was not uniformity of ritual in the Craft; he said, if our Brethren in ages gone by could maintain uniformity, why not we who live in the enlightened age of the 19th Century. Other Brethren replied, and after some more capital songs, the Tyler's toast brought one of the most enjoyable evenings to a close that it has been our good fortune to participate in.

Northumberland and Berwick Lodge of Mark Master Masons.—The regular meeting of this time immemorial Lodge took place on Wednesday, the 23rd October, at the Masonic Hall, Maplestreet, Newcastle-on-Tyne. The Lodge was opened by Bro. W. E. Franklin Prov. G.S. of W. W.M., supported by the following Officers—Bros. W. S. Highs P.G.S.W. I.P.M., J. Rydsdale P.M. as S.W., Dr. Luke Armstrong J.W., T. J. Armstrong M.O., G. Place as S.O., J. E. Robson J.O., R. Lock Treasurer, R. G. Salmon Secretary, T. Blinkensop S.D., J. Wood J.D., S. M. Harris I.G., J. S. B. Bell Steward, and G. S. Sims Tyler. The minutes of last meeting being read and confirmed, the election of W.M. and Treasurer was then proceeded with. It resulted in the unanimous selection of Bro. W. Cockburn S.W. as W.M., and Bro. R. Lock as Treasurer. Bro. G. S. Sims was also re-elected Tyler. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

A full report of the meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Masters of Northumberland and Durham, held under the Banner of the Union Lodge, 124, Sunderland, shall appear in next week's issue.

Common as is the occurrence to London Masons, it is not often we have to announce that the Fifteen Sections are to be worked on the same evening in a Provincial Lodge. It therefore gives us great pleasure to notify the fact that the Master and principal Officers of St. James Lodge, No. 482, Handsworth, have arranged to work them on Monday next. The Lodge will be opened at five o'clock, and we hope the meeting will prove a most interesting and instructive one. The brethren of this Lodge are noted for their hospitality, and we are given to understand many Visitors are expected on the occasion.

In our report, last week, of the Union Chapter, No. 414, Reading, in announcing the installation of Principals, we inadvertently gave the names wrong. The Principals of the Chapter, who were installed into the respective chairs by Comp. E. G. Bruton P.Z., are—Comp. R. Bradley (Prov. G. Secretary Berks and Bucks) M.E.Z., Comp. A. Portsmouth H., and Comp W. Parsons J.

NEW ZEALAND.

OUR New Zealand correspondent sends us the following items of Masonic intelligence:—

The interesting Masonic ceremony of erecting and opening a new Lodge (the Southern Cross, under the Grand Lodge of Scotland) took place at Donaldson's Post-office Hotel, Chapel-street, Prahran, on Tuesday evening, 3rd September. It was attended by a large number of the Craft, including the members for the district, Bros. G. D. Carter and E. J. Dixon. After the Provincial Grand Lodge had been opened in due form, the Prov. D.G.M., Bro. D. Gruchy, presiding, owing to the unavoidable absence of the Prov. Grand Master, Bro. A. K. Smith, who was detained at the House by his Parliamentary duties, the impressive ceremony of erecting and opening was performed by the Provincial Grand Lodge Officers, the musical portions being efficiently rendered by Bros. J. Coverlid and Alfred Wheeler, Bro. A. Fritsch officiating at the organ. The members of the new Lodge were introduced and presented, and the following brothers inducted into their respective offices by the Installing Master, Bro. H. W. Lowrey:—Bros. Alfred Wheeler R.W.M., Alfred Nyberg S.W., John G. Miles J.W., E. J. Dixon Treasurer, W. C. Hawkins Secretary, Samuel Willis S.D., W. Lansly J.D., Thomas Donaldson I.G., J. Bitten Tyler. After the Lodge closed the Prov. Grand Lodge Officers and Visitors were entertained by the members of the new Lodge at a banquet provided by Bro. Donaldson.

The installation of the Worshipful Master and Officers of the Lodge of Dunedin took place on the 21st August, at the Masonic Hall, Moray-place. There was a large attendance of the Craft. The Grand Lodge of Otago and Southland, E.C., was represented by Bros. John Hyde Harris D.G.M., H. S. Fish D.D.G.M., and Officers; the Provincial Grand Lodge, S.C., by Bro. Gore D.D.P.G.M. and Officers; whilst the Otago Kilwinning Lodge, S.C., the Lodge Celtic, S.C., the Lodge St. Andrew, S.C., the Lodge St. George (Inapeka), E.C., Lodge of Otago, E.C., and Port Chalmers Marine Lodge, E.C., were represented by their respective Worshipful Masters and Officers. The Lodge having been duly opened, a Lodge of Provincial Masters was formed, Bro. S. De Leon being installed as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. The installation ceremony was performed by Bro. E. Nathan P.M., who, assisted by Bro. Myers P.M., also installed the following Officers:—Bros. Cameron S.W., Braid J.W., Blackburne S.D., Beattie J.D., Young I.G., Asher Treasurer, Naphtali Secretary. The balance-sheet, which was of a very favourable character, was then read and adopted, after which the Lodge was closed in due form. The brethren, to the number of fifty or more, then repaired to the Criterion Hotel, where a sumptuous banquet was served in Bro. Thompson's best style, in honour of the occasion.

Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 1338, Auckland.—The Installation Meeting took place at the Freemasons' Hall, Princes-street, on Thursday, 12th September. A very large number of brethren attended the meeting, so large, indeed, as to make the want of a suitable hall with fitting accommodation for Masonic purposes severely felt; a want which received unfavourable comment from the brethren present, but one which, we are glad to learn, is about to be supplied. Many District Grand Lodge Officers and other Visitors of distinction arrived before the opening of the Lodge and during the evening, amongst these may be mentioned:—R.W.P.G.M. I.C. Bro. G. P. Pierce P.M.; V.W.D.D.G.M. E.C. E. T. Wildman P.M.; V.W.D.S.G.W. E.C. W. Lodder P.M., V.W.D.G. Treas. E.C. C. T. Goldsbro' P.M., V.W.D.G. Sec. E.C. H. G. Wade P.M., V.W.P.G. Secretary I.C. W. J. Rees P.M.; W.P.G. S.D. I.C. A. Brock P.M., W.M. Lodge Ara 348 I.C. M. Levy W.M. Lodge Eden 1530 E.C. J. Warren, W.M. Lodge Remuera 1710 E.C. H. Rees George, Wor. H. N. Montagu P.M. Robert Barns Lodge 817 E.C., and P.M. Sydney Tarbolton 277 S.C. P.B.G. Sec., M. M. Irving 33, H. Brett Director of Music P.G. Lodge S.C., and following P.M.'s—W. H. Skinner 1338 E.C., M. S. Leers 942 E.C., 1338 E.C., and 350 I.C., G. M. Mitford 348 I.C. and 1338 E.C. The W.M. Bro. the Rev. C. M. Nelson opened the Lodge in form, at half-past seven, and after the usual ceremonial and preliminary routine business, Bro. Dr. Dawson S.W. of the Lodge, W.M. elect, was presented for installation to the W.M., who on this occasion acted for the first time as Installing Officer, a duty hitherto performed in the most faithful, zealous, and efficient manner by W. Bro. Leers P.M. Bro. Nelson showed himself, however, in no wise wanting in the high qualifications requisite for this important duty; the elegant, and indeed eloquent and impressive delivery of the ancient charges and important portions of the ritual of this ceremony, could not fail to enhance the beauties of Masonry in the heart of the listener, and those who had not previously visited Lodge Prince of Wales, must have indeed felt gratified at the highly efficient mode in which the working and business of the Lodge was conducted. During the evening some very excellent anthems were chanted by a choir, consisting of Bros. Brett, Skinner, Harker, Wilcox, Irving, Rogers and Montagu, Bro. Rees P.M. acting as Organist. After the conclusion of the installation and ceremonial the Board of Installed Masters was closed, the brethren of lower grades were re-admitted, and the newly-installed W.M. then formed his Lodge as follows:—Bros. F. W. E. Dawson W.M., Rev. C. M. Nelson P.M. and Chap., R. C. Dyer S.W., W. Rattray J.W., W. H. Skinner P.M. Treas., M. S. Leers P.M. Sec., E. S. Wilcocks Director of Ceremonies, S. Rogers Organist, Major General J. W. Gossett S.D., W. S. Collins J.D., J. W. Gossett I.G., C. Porter Tyler. The brethren having duly solated the W.M., W. Bro. Nelson then impressively addressed the newly-appointed Officers and the brethren generally on their respective duties, and the installation ceremony being thus concluded, the Lodge was closed in peace, love, and harmony, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet table, well supplied by Bro. Hood. The manner in which all the wants of the inner man had been anticipated and provided for

by mine host, was the theme of general commendation. After the weight on the board had been considerably diminished, the good things had disappeared, and grace was said, the exhilarating glass was circulated in strictest moderation, and the toasts of the evening received due attention, interspersed by mellifluous strains from the vocalists previously mentioned, in solos, glees, and other concerted music. The W.M. proposed the following toasts in rapid succession, prefacing them with appropriate remarks:—The Queen and the Craft; H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M. of England; the M.W. Grand Masters of Scotland and Ireland, Sir M. Shaw Stewart and the Duke of Abercorn. Bro. J. Adams proposed The District Grand Master, E.C., Bro. G.S. Graham, the P.G. Master, S.C., Bro. F. Whitaker, and the P.G. Master, I.C., Bro. G. P. Pierce. W. Bro. Nelson then proposed, in a most eulogistic address, the toast of the evening, the W.M. of the Prince of Wales Lodge, Bro. Dawson. He alluded in feeling terms to the Masonic career of Bro. Dawson, side by side with himself in the Lodge, and but one step removed from him, and felt convinced that the welfare of the Lodge could be in no better hands, and concluding by exhorting the newly-appointed officers to support the Master by the due and earnest fulfilment of their duties. The W.M. replied very appropriately and feelingly, expressing grateful thanks for the kindness extended to him. Bro. W. H. Skinner, P.M. gave The installing Master, and took occasion to allude to the excellent way in which the ceremonies of the evening had been conducted. Bro. Nelson expressed his sincere acknowledgments. The Past Masters of the Prince of Wales Lodge was then given by Bro. R. C. Dyer S.W., and suitably acknowledged in a few most pertinent remarks by Bro. Leers P.M. This worthy brother then eloquently proposed The Visiting Brethren, coupling with the toast the name of Bro. Past Master Montagu, of Sydney, a brother of high distinction in the Craft, by whose presence the Lodge was honoured that evening. Bro. Montagu, in reply, stated that he could wish one of two things, either that the hour was much later, so that he might be spared the necessity of unworthily representing the number of distinguished brethren who were standing up in response to the toast, or that it were much earlier, so that he might have time to express the feelings he experienced at the honour so distinctly conferred on him. He realized on this occasion the full benefit of the Masonic tie. For the first time in the many years since he had been admitted to the Craft, he found himself in a peculiar position. On other occasions, when travelling through the neighbouring colonies, accompanied by his treasured certificate, he had been so well known—through his position as a journalist, and by brethren who had sat with him in Lodge and could vouch for him—that he did not require to use them. On this occasion, coming a stranger, in a strange land (except by letters of introduction), in the hurry of departure, he left his certificates behind, and hence had to work his way into Lodge. He had satisfied the closest, but very necessary scrutiny; but, once within the sacred circle of the mystic tie, the bonds of fellowship and brotherhood were cast around him in close embrace, and friends were secured where before everything seemed drear and cold. Next to benevolence and charity, hospitality was the great Masonic principle; and it became a brother who had tasted of its benefits to repay the debt by standing forward as the champion of Masonry whenever the breath of envy or malice attacked the purity of its principles. Bro. Montagu concluded by congratulating the brethren of this Lodge upon the excellence of its working, judging by the conduct of the Officers on this occasion. The Officers of the Lodge Prince of Wales was then given by Bro. E. T. Wildman D.D.G.M., in one of the best speeches of the evening, who supported his well-merited praise of these brethren by the recapitulation of his own personal experience of their efficient conduct and general merits. Bro. R. C. Dyer S.W. responded. The following toasts also received able proposal and due recognition, The D.G.L. Officers (Bro. Wildman D.D.G.M. in response). The Brethren who rendered the Music, The newly (lately) initiated Brethren, by Bro. Rattray, and The Poor and Distressed Brethren. Our Next Happy Meeting concluded the proceedings, and the brethren separated after a most agreeable evening.

The question of erecting a Masonic hall is at present occupying the earnest attention of the Officers of Lodges, and members of the Craft generally, in Auckland, and it is probable that in a short time some satisfactory scheme for that purpose will be devised. We are informed that an offer was made to the Committee, and which is certainly a liberal one, by a well-known Hotel-keeper, to erect on the site in Princes-street a first-class Hotel, on the American principle, with suites of rooms, &c., at a cost of from £10,000 to £12,000, and a Hall, entirely separate from the Hotel, at a cost of £3000, provided he got a lease for a term to be agreed upon, at the expiration of which the whole property would revert to the fraternity, or to trustees whom they may appoint.

Miss Florence Smart's Second Evening Concert will take place on Tuesday next, the 5th inst. This talented lady will be assisted on this occasion by the following vocalists:—Madame Antoinette Sterling, Miss Mary Davies, Miss Kate Hardy and Mr. Field. M. Claude Jacquinet (violin) and Mr. Walter Pettit (violoncello) will appear, and a most agreeable evening's entertainment is anticipated.

The Lord Mayor Elect (Alderman Sir Charles Whotham) has honoured Messrs. Lock and Whitfield, of Regent-street, with a sitting for his photograph, which will be reproduced by the Woodbury permanent process, and published with the November number of the *British Mercantile Gazette*.

CORRESPONDENCE.

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DISPOSAL OF LODGE FUNDS.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—“UNION JACK'S” last Balance Sheet shows an improvement at the end of the year to this extent, that the account opened with a balance due to Treasurer of £5 3s 3d, but closed with one in hand amounting to £68 13s 5d. Yet, though apparently there is a modest Benevolent Fund, showing a balance in hand from previous year of £6 2s 6d, the bulk of the Receipts finds its way into the stomachs of the members, Refreshment figuring for a fraction over £287 out of a total Receipt from Subscriptions, &c. amounting to £392 10s 10d. “UNION JACK” says the Lodge means to vote a part of its balance to one of the Charities. Be it so, and the sooner the better. Those who eat three-fourths of their incomings should find something for those who have few or no incomings to eat. More than this need not be said.

My chief object in writing these presents is one which affords me much pleasure, and I trust your readers will be equally pleased. I am desirous of setting before them what I think is worthy of being described as a model balance sheet. It is that of a Provincial Lodge, and relates to the year 1876. But though nearly two years old, it is worth giving in summary. The statement speaks for itself.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from previous year, including cash in bank, in hand, and Masonic Hall Shares, together	£275	8	9
Fees (Initiation and Joining), Subscriptions, and Charity Fund	339	10	0
Banker's Interest and Dividend on Masonic Hall Shares	7	5	1
	£622	3	10

EXPENDITURE.

St. John's Festival, teas, and refreshments	£135	6	2
Rent	40	1	0
Various—Stationery, New Collars, &c., Tyler, &c.	44	6	0
G. L. Fees and Prov. G. L. do	37	18	0
Benevolent account, including £100 to Local Masonic Fund, fifty guineas to Girls' School, fifty guineas to non-Masonic Charitable Institution, annual subscription to the Boys' and Girls' Schools, and Male and Female Funds of R.M.B.I., together, eight guineas (at two guineas each), and donation to an individual	216	3	0
	473	14	2
Balance—Cash and Masonic Hall Shares	148	9	8
	£622	3	10

Let me add that this Lodge has given £741 to Masonic Charitable Institutions, namely, £252 to Boys' School, £189 to Girls' School, £100 to Male Fund R.M.B.I., and £100 to Female Fund ditto; £100 to Local Masonic Charity. In return for these, and for its fixed annual subscription of two guineas to each of the four funds connected with the central Charities, it commands 78 votes for Boys' School, 37 for Girls' School, 24 votes Male Fund, and 24 votes Female Fund R.M.B.I., besides 100 votes to Local Masonic Charity. For its donations to non-Masonic Charity it is entitled to 11 votes for twenty years, terminable at different dates.

This is unquestionably a model balance sheet, for which the Lodge deserves the greatest *kudos*. Let other Lodges seek to imitate it, and our Charitable Institutions—central and local—will fare well. But what a contrast to those which have been furnished to you by “UNION JACK!”

Fraternally yours,

OLD FILE.

P.S. From a return for the year 1877-78 of the Lodges for the Province in which the above is located, I find the number of its members set down as 113. If we reckon the number at about 100 for the year 1876, we shall find the expenditure on refreshment is at the rate of very little more than £1 per member, while I should judge from the amount received as subscription (£196) that an individual member's contribution would be about twice that sum.—O.F.

“CHARITY,” IS IT “GIVING?”

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

SIR,—The correspondence in your columns on the “charity” question ought to raise some serious considerations, and I venture to start a few points. I do so because certain of our brethren seem to think: that Freemasonry exists, only, to support certain Institutions called “Masonic Charities;” that all who are called Masons are bound to subscribe sums not below a certain minimum; that no member in the Craft is free to exercise his judgment as to deserts or management of the Institutions called “Masonic Charities;” that, being Masons, they are bound to blindly and indiscriminately support such Charities,

while, at the same time, they are to ask for the support of the outside or popular world to “Charities” in which the initiated only, or their immediate connections, can have the slightest chance of becoming—should their necessities require it, or they become qualified—beneficially interested.

I take issue upon these points. I shall not deal with them exhaustively, and I will, as much as possible, write italics, though I shall use none.

I would proceed to show that some of the views you have admitted to your columns, if acted upon, would be subversive of all Masonic principles; for some of the proposals would end in making each Lodge meeting a mere meeting of Board of Guardians, but where each Brother gave of his substance, in place of distributing, as in legal relief, the forced contributions of others, and we should have a huge benefit Society, not for equal benefits of all subscribers, but for blind giving to the best beggars—to those who, by externals, could “qualify” readiest as the most needful to be relieved. But I shall not attempt this exhaustive work. I have charity at heart; but I cannot afford the time to demonstrate what must be clear to all who have unclouded brains. I shall only charge myself with the task of pointing out a few plain facts, leaving clear heads to fill up the pictures.

I distinctly charge: that those who are endeavouring to make out that giving to what is called “charity” is the one essential principle of a Lodge member, are offending against the “Ancient charges and regulations,” inasmuch as they are countenancing dissent from the “original plan of Freemasonry.” This “original plan,” which is to be maintained in all its purity, is set forth in the Book of Constitutions, and those who can run can read that book. It will there be seen that the institution of gigantic “charities” was no part of the “original plan,” but that proper and discriminate charity was incidental to it. It has been said that a Freemason's Lodge is the Freemason's Church. I put it on a higher pedestal. I say a Lodge is the Freemason's Home, dedicated not only to the worship of God, but where the Freemason may unite with the “virtuous of every persuasion in the firm and pleasing bond of fraternal love.” In this connection “charity,” properly so-called, arises—and true charity helps—not pauperises, “It bleaseth him who gives and him who receives,” but your “giving,” in the form of votes, troubles the thoughtful “subscriber,” while it degrades the receiver. Upon this “charity voting,” however, I will not enter, for I should speak too strongly upon this subject in this, my maiden effort in Masonic controversy.

I utterly deny the right of any one to fix, as you, Sir, do, and Bro. Radclyffe does, the minimum of another's charity. Charity is free, and our law, I mean of course our Masonic law, teaches us that we are to be prudent. This word should be printed in capitals, so as to impress us that we should be prudent, that we do not distress ourselves or families; that we do not cause others to give that which they should use in making their foundation in life firm; that we do not make a virtue of that which is a vice—and the greatest of all vices—ostentation in giving,—and we should remember, too, that it is no charity in a man to give that which belongs to his creditors or his family, in order that he may win renown, which a man is tempted to do by ostentatious giving. As to what could be obtained by fixing an amount which, you say, each brother ought to give, I say that it would be a great degradation and danger to the Craft to have such amounts. “Degradation,” because our institution would be proved to be radically wrong if its members required to have distributed among some of them yearly such large amounts to keep them from the pangs of distress, and a “danger” because the exhibition of large giving will tempt the crafty, the lazy, and the improvident to become members of our ancient institution for the sake of what they might get. Do you doubt this? Look at any town where there are “charity” funds, and you will see that poverty gathers there as to a feast. Wretchedness is there made a trade. Look at London, and the action on the Poor Laws. Ten years ago London, with a million less population, had nearly 166,000 paupers, with a large fringe of people “on” and “off” the Poor Laws. Then trade was flourishing, and labour was heavy in its demands. To-day, without hardship to the real poor, with an added million of population—with trade terribly depressed, we have—What? Why less than 80,000 pauper population. This is because the legal charity is now discriminating. Increase your indiscriminating charities, and you will increase your applicants. I was in a country place not long ago, and found that Masonry was very popular in a poor town among the artizan and small tradesman class. The reason was, that one of that class had been elected to a “pension” on the R.M.B.I. All the improvident of that town are looking forward to their time coming when they will be qualified to become a “case.” As to our institutions themselves, I have a right, as a member of the Craft, to weigh each of them in the balance, as to the amount of good done, and consider what might be done. I have endeavoured to increase the funds of the “Old Men and Womens' Institution,” and successfully, for I find the funds prudently and satisfactorily applied. But if it was proposed to give pensions of two or three hundred a-year, I should withhold my support. Yet the cost of the children in the R.M.B. Schools is far above, per head, what a parent with £500 or £600 a year can afford to spend upon his child. The evil does not end with the limits thus imposed upon the “charity,” and I may mention that I was sounded by a brother, who some years ago subscribed to a country Lodge for a little time, whether he would have any chance of “running” his son into a thing wherein some £60, £70, or £80 a year was the sum reputed to be spent on each boy. This Brother looked upon the thing as “good enough,” because if he got it, it would give for begging more than he would care to earn. We know that certain ancient seekers passed the mouth of a cavern. Well one day I was passing with a friend, in the holidays (not this year), the door of a tavern, where resided the widow of a late brother. Quoth friend to me, pointing to a child at said door, “There's one of the Masonic School children.” It was a fine house. No depression of trade there; for the “people,” somehow, always find the money to get drink;

but the publican-brother had influence in his death to get votes—not because his death had left his child necessitous—but because the “case” was known; and the child is now held up as one of many who, but for Masonic charity, would be wanting a home and training. When I see such things, I give my money—that which I have to give to charity—in directions where I know it will be “thankfully received, and faithfully applied.”

I am not singular in holding that “giving,” to be “charity,” must be discriminating; for I know Lodges where the view is gaining adherents. Of late years the principles and intentions of Freemasonry have been perverted and misdirected, by almsgiving (chiefly in votes) being made the “First Principal,” in place of being an “Assistant Sojourner.” By degrees, we shall come again to the true principles. We shall have no split, as in France. Our English common sense will refuse to be guided by a few enthusiasts, even in charity. We shall be guided in our true charity, by that wide-spread religion of both Hebrew and Gentile, which tells us in that Book of Books, to “consider” the poor. If we properly consider them, we shall not tempt them, by the display of huge funds, to enter an Order whose primary objects are the cultivation of good fellowship among men of all creeds—best shown by all sitting down to one common table; displaying, in the best form, hospitality, kindness, and universal charity of heart. We have, in these hard times, not too many opportunities of cultivating the social pleasures under rule of Master and Wardens, and if these opportunities are to be lost to us under the inspiration of grudging Brothers, who overlook the primary principles of the Craft, you will tumble the Craft into the mud, and the large funds now produced will be lost.

Let “UNION JACK,” Bro. Dick Radclyffe, and some others, turn their attention to the Book of Constitutions, and they will learn something. Even the omniscient “we” of your columns, may find food for reflection therein.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

DEUX ETOILES.

CHARITY STEWARDS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I am sorry my letter (published in your issue of 28th September) caused your correspondent “P. T.” to so far depart from the end we all have in view as to question my rendering of mere words. For this reason I never care to refer to any matter, either in Lodge or in a public journal, because, in the one case it generally ends in some one taking general remarks as made against him personally,—not, as is intended, merely in support or otherwise of a proposition,—while on the other hand some correspondent airs his particular idea of the meaning of certain words, or something equally frivolous, which in no one way affects the main argument, and merely promotes discord. I will not again refer to this or any other question which involves personality. My object always has been to promote, as far as in me lies, the welfare of our Charities, and they certainly cannot benefit through any personal arguments.

As my remarks hitherto may not clearly show my views on this subject, I will briefly recount them, as so far expressed, but would rather refer your readers to my letter in your issue of 21st September. 1st. I agree that Anniversary Festivals are necessary, but I maintain that the rules, in so far as those of our Institutions are concerned, require revision. 2nd. The advantages offered to brethren working for our Charities are inadequate.

To each of these subjects considerable space has lately been devoted in your valuable journal, with, up to the present time, in my opinion, a complete victory in favour of alteration. In fact, no one, so far as I remember, has yet said a word in support of the present rules being maintained.

Bro. Binckes's third letter, treating of “The Inadequate Return for Expenditure,” supports rather the idea of an alteration being necessary. He points out that fifty lists such as the one which forms the basis of his remarks would realise no less than 1,500 guineas. Then, I say, Why not do something to encourage such workers? it is to them we look for systematic and continued support; to the enthusiast of the day for exceptional and spasmodic contributions. As I have before stated, no rule should be allowed to continue which can give offence to even one person likely to help the cause if it can be so altered as to meet the objection, and hence it is I would advise a thorough discussion as to the best means to be adopted to lighten, if possible, the expenses of Stewardships. I feel sure that in this matter liberality would tend to increased returns; and if some concessions were made in the way of votes to brethren such as “A STEWARD WHO HAS SERVED ONCE,” I believe they would prove a profitable investment.

I remain, yours respectfully and fraternally,

ALPHA.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have been anxiously looking forward to Bro. Binckes's fourth letter on this subject, which is of far too great importance to be allowed to drop for want of a little thoughtful discussion. I know, of course, that his time is fully occupied, that he has his various Committees to attend, and that he is also here, there, and everywhere, doing all in his power to get Stewards and others to support his School. But great things are expected from great men, and “Our Hercules” is one in whom we look for herculean labours, among which can hardly be included the task of writing another letter. Were Bro. Binckes somebody else, people might

arrive at the conclusion that “ALPHA” or another person among your correspondents had proved too much for him, but this is out of the question. So I trust you, Bro. Editor, will exert your powers of persuasion on Bro. Binckes, and induce him to forward that promised letter, so long and so anxiously expected by,

Yours fraternally,

TOOTSICUMS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The circular letter in last issue of the CHRONICLE, from Bro. Dick Radclyffe, informing the Craft if they did this, and if they did that, such and such would be the result. These remarks offer not a single new idea, and are somewhat inflated, and unlikely to produce much good from Masons generally, whatever effect they may have on the Brethren of St. John's, No. 209.

In reality, our Bro. Radclyffe says plainly, I have screwed my courage to the point of Stewardship for two of the Charities; now, after this sacrifice on my part, it really is your bounden duty to put your names on my list for at least so-and-so.

I fear the Craft as a body will not take kindly to the style adopted, and that our brother's belief and assurance that each individual appealed to will dispose of a book of his tickets (“if he relies on such sure support”) will meet with disappointment. This disposal of ticket business has been done again and again, and nearly to death. The worthy brother, energetic enough in print, but wanting a deal of help, if he means business, and intends getting amounts on his lists worthy the big flourish he commences his Stewardship with, should remember that the issue of circular letters containing oft-told platitudes and impossible facts, with well worn theories, that won't work—about every brother selling a book of his tickets—is mere moonshine, and leads to no material result.

Rather should a Steward who means work, one having the welfare of the Charities at heart, personally visit Lodge after Lodge, bringing before its members (of course, by permission of the W.M.) the claims of the Institutions whose cause he is advocating, and point out the good done and doing; and not alone by once stating the case. The facts culled from the published records of the Charities are all sufficient to move the hearts of good Masons. The Craft require no taunting; a personal reminder put to a Lodge or Chapter, with tact and discretion, has many times been followed by a vote of ten guineas; at other times, when the cash has not been voted then and there, a promise has been given to take the matter into consideration at a future meeting; faith has been kept the money has been voted, the Steward for the Institution has been favoured with instructions to place such an amount on his list. All this means—Time, Work, and Money; but, on the principle if a thing is worth doing, 'tis worth doing well, a personal appearance is more valuable than a hundred-weight of papers or letters, with which Lodges and brethren get inundated.

Our Charities have their years of prosperity, and also those of depression,—this is the natural sequence of the country's commercial success, or the reverse for the time being; but the vast progress these Institutions have made, the immense good accomplished and doing, bars the words “reproach” or “disgrace,” as applied to the Craft in their voluntary and generous support given to the Charities. Our Institutions are not suing in *forma pauperis* for aid; they but ask the Craft to support and maintain what they have created; and never will that appeal be made in vain, spite of mere expression of individual opinion. Should, unfortunately, an extraordinary effort at any time be required on behalf of one or all the Charities, my belief is, the appeal would meet with a generous and liberal response; unsparring hands would give, and subscriptions would be received, not only from the body at home, but from the English Craft throughout the world.

Yours fraternally,

CHARLES GODTSCHALK P.M. 70 and 1255.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Will you permit me to call further attention to a very excellent proposition made by Bro. Dick Radclyffe in his letter which appeared in your journal of last week.

Bro. Radclyffe very properly observes, with regard to the Charity Elections, “Let it be understood that all candidates who have been subscribing members should take precedence at elections.” The force of this suggestion will be readily admitted by those who have studied the summaries of candidates published from time to time in the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, where you have repeatedly referred to the few applications which possessed the recommendation that the candidate had been mindful of the claims of our Institutions in his days of prosperity. The performance of this duty ought undoubtedly to be remembered, should calamity or misfortune overtake the subscriber, and there are several plans by which this could be effected, if the Committees now revising the Laws were to take them into consideration.

Perhaps the simplest arrangement would be the issue of additional votes at each election, according to an agreed scale, to such candidates as possessed the claim of having been charity subscribers. Possibly an invitation from you to Bro. Radclyffe, or to some of the many brethren who interest themselves in our Institutions, would be met by the preparation of a scheme which would commend itself to the Committees, and result in a due recognition of the principle that those who have assisted others should have special consideration in the hour of need.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

C. P.

30th October 1878.

THE FOUR OLD LODGES.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Referring to the kindly remarks of Bro. W. J. Hughan, in your impression of the 12th instant, the truly fraternal tone of which I much appreciate, I am sorry to have been so far unsuccessful in converting this esteemed brother to my own way of thinking with regard to the present status of Original No. 3 (now Fortitude and Old Cumberland).

Very shortly I trust to put my views as to this Lodge's position before the Masonic public in a connected form, but meantime the readers of the CHRONICLE may perhaps bear with me if I claim a little of your space, wherein to supplement, by a few additional remarks, what has already appeared in your columns in respect to this Lodge.

1. The acceptance of a Warrant in 1723 was followed by no penal consequences until 1729.
2. The adjustment of the precedency of Lodges was left to the (four) Grand Officers, amongst whom *one* only of the four old Lodges (Original No. 4) was represented.
3. *Immediately* after the publication of the engraved list for 1729, when for the first time Lodges were shown in order of seniority, a protest was registered by Original No. 3, "against their misplacement in the printed book, whereby they lost their rank."

I submit, therefore, that the degradation of this Lodge six years after the occurrence, upon which the decision of the "four Grand Officers" was based (approved, however, by Grand Lodge, who dismissed the appeal of the parties concerned), besides being an *ex post facto* law, was an undoubted violation of the Original Constitutions (embodied in the solemn compact of 1721) by which only the four old Lodges were governed, and was, moreover, in manifest breach of the LANDMARK set up as a check to innovation and *absolute dominion*, viz. :—

"That every privilege which they (the four old Lodges) collectively enjoyed, by virtue of their immemorial rights, they should still continue to enjoy, and that *no law, rule or regulation, to be hereafter made*, should deprive them of such privileges, or encroach on any landmark which was at that time established as the standard of Masonic Government."

Yours fraternally,

R. F. GOULD.

OLD LODGES.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The following extract from the Warrant of Confirmation under which we of the Strong Man are now working may assist in clearing up the mystery with which the career of the Lodge is surrounded, and if some brother of the Medina would kindly publish a similar extract, we should then know the positions we do and ought to occupy.

Yours truly and fraternally,

H. J. D.

After the customary greeting, the warrant reads :—

"Whereas, it appears by the Record of our Grand Lodge, that a warrant, bearing date the 2nd day of February, 1734, was issued under the seal of Masonry, enabling certain brethren therein named to open and hold a Lodge of Freemasons at the Ship Coffee House, Hermitage-Bridge, London, to be called the Strong Man Lodge, which was then No. 110; and whereas, by the general closing up of the list of Lodges in the year 1740 the said Lodge became No. 98. By the closing up of the list of Lodges in the year 1756 it became No. 68. In the year 1770 the said Lodge became No. 57. By the closing up of the list of Lodges in the year 1781 it became No. 44. And by the closing up of the list of Lodges in 1792 it became No. 41, and which Lodge, in consequence of the Union of the two Fraternities of Freemasons on the 27th day of December 1813, became and is now registered in the books of the United Grand Lodge No. 61, and meets at the Swan Tavern, Mansel-street, Goodman's Fields, London."

P.S.—Since then the Lodge has been No. 53, and its present No. is 45.

30th Oct. 1878.

THINGS ONE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Why Past Masters, or actual Officers of one Lodge, when visiting another Lodge, wear their collars of Office to the distraction of other Visitors, and sometimes to that of the W.M.? Is there any Constitutional law relating thereto?

Fraternally yours,

FORTE.

30th October 1878.

DRAMATIC.—The Sheffield Masonic Amateur Dramatic Society gave two performances at the Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield, on Thursday and Friday 24th and 25th Oct., and they were both most successful. The pieces represented were *Charles the Second*, *My Uncle's Will*, and *Still Waters Run Deep*,—the male characters being taken by the Sheffield brethren; the Ladies' parts by Miss Marie Montgomery, and Miss Frederica Taylor, of London, who respectively made their mark as Florence Marigold in *My Uncle's Will*, and Mrs. Steruhold in *Still Waters*. We understand that two more such entertainments are to take place towards the end of this month.

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

Paxton Lodge, No. 1686.—The anniversary meeting of this Lodge was held on Saturday last, at the Crystal Palace, Sydenham. The Lodge may be described as an off-shoot of the Stockwell Lodge, No. 1339; it was consecrated in July of last year, and has performed its duties and responsibilities in a manner that has merited the commendation of all who wish well to the Craft universal. The Lodge was opened by the W.M. Bro. J. M. Klenck, who was supported by Bros. F. W. Goddard and H. Thompson P.M. as Senior and Junior Wardens respectively, and a good assemblage of members and visitors. After the minutes of last meeting had been read and confirmed, Bro. H. E. Frances P.M., P.P.S.G.D. Surrey, took the chair as Installing Master, and Bro. Klenck introduced the W.M. elect, Bro. F. W. Goddard, to the presiding Officer to receive at his hands the benefits of installation. After Bro. Goddard had signified his intention to conform to and support the ancient Charges and Regulations, the obligation was administered, a Board of Installed Masters was formed, and the ceremony proceeded. On the re-admission of the brethren, the appointment of Officers was made:—Sawyer S.W., Boswell J.W., J. M. Klenck I.P.M. Treasurer, H. E. Frances P.M. Secretary, Woodhams S.D., Basnett J.D., Dodd I.G., Walker D.C., Frank Goddard W.S., Partridge A.W.S., Radford Tyler. In investing his Officers Bro. Goddard made some happy remarks in reference to the responsibilities they were severally taking upon themselves, and urged one and all to assist him in promoting the welfare of the Lodge. The addresses were then delivered by Bro. Frances, who resumed his seat amidst the congratulations of all present. The W.M. then rose for the purpose of presenting a Past Master's jewel of most artistic design to Bro. Klenck I.P.M., and in doing so, Bro. Goddard congratulated Bro. Klenck on the success of his Mastership, and tendered him the hearty good wishes of those over whom he had so genially presided. He also expressed a hope that the recipient of the jewel might long wear it on his breast, and that he might long continue a member of the Lodge which owed its foundation to him. The jewel had on it the following inscription :—

"Paxton Lodge, No. 1686. Presented to Bro. J. M. Klenck, in appreciation of his services as First W.M. and Founder. Oct. 1878."

Bro. Klenck acknowledged the gift in appropriate terms, but was brief in his remarks, as he had to address the meeting later in the evening. Bro. Goddard then rose and presented, for the acceptance of the Lodge, a banner of elegant design, and beautifully wrought by Bro. Frances, Secretary; and on the motion of Bro. Klenck, a vote of thanks was unanimously passed, and ordered to be inscribed on the minutes. The vote having been duly acknowledged, Bro. Frances rose and said, he, too, had a banner which he begged the Lodge would do him the favour to accept. It was intended to show the intimate connection existing between Freemasonry and Charity, and had inscribed on it the names of three brethren, members of the Lodge, who had qualified as Vice-Presidents of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Though the number was at present limited, he trusted that in due time the banner would be filled with names of those who had similarly distinguished themselves. The banner was accepted, and a suitable vote of thanks passed and acknowledged. It may be as well to add that this, too, was the work of the donor, and the wonder is that he can find time to produce so many works distinguished by such artistic merit. On the motion of Bro. Goddard it was agreed that for the future the Lodge should meet on the last Saturday in March, April, May, September, and October. Bro. Basnett having proposed a vote of thanks to the auditors (carried), and several letters of apology, from Colonel Burdett, Colonel Peters, Rev. R. J. Simpson, Captain Durrant, and other brethren, expressing their regret at being unable to be present, having been read, Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet. The menu, it is needless to say, was an excellent one; Brothers Bertram and Roberts were the caterers on the occasion. After the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts had been proposed and acknowledged with the utmost heartiness, Bro. Klenck rose and proposed the health of the W. Master. He remarked that the brethren had known him from the foundation of the Lodge as being one of the founders, and therefore they had had every opportunity of judging of his merits. He congratulated Bro. Goddard, who was a true man and Mason, on the position he occupied, and felt sure he would acquit himself worthily of his duties and responsibilities. Bro. Goddard, though acknowledging himself "poor in thanks," yet very gratefully acknowledged the kindness of the I.P.M. in proposing the toast in such laudatory terms, and the brethren in so heartily endorsing them, and at the close of a neat response, proposed the health of the Installing Master, Bro. Frances. This was responded to, Bro. Frances remarking that he had felt no hesitation in installing Bro. Goddard, because he knew the W.M. was one who would never disgrace the chair. It then became the duty of the W.M. to propose the health of the I.P.M., and at the same time to present to that worthy brother a further evidence of the esteem and respect in which he was held. This evidence was in the form of a very handsome testimonial on vellum, enclosed in a deep gold frame, and bearing the inscription :—

"Presented to John Matthew Klenck, P.M., in testimony of the high esteem in which he is held by his brother members; his exertions in behalf of the Masonic Charities; his efficient services to the Lodge; and to commemorate his being the first W.M., and one of the founders."

The testimonial was the work of Bro. Frances, and in every way worthy of his ability as an artist. The design was a most elaborate one, and beautifully carried out; and what adds greatly to its value as a testimonial is the fact of the portraits of the several founders of the Lodge, with their autographs, having been introduced, and ably worked in, so as to harmonise with the general design. Brother Klenck expressed, as far as it

was possible for him to do so, his deep sense of this further proof of the kindly feeling entertained towards him by the brethren of the Paxton Lodge. He should strive to do his duty in the future as conscientiously as he had striven to do it in the past. He was delighted with the harmony that prevailed in the Lodge, and trusted it would always continue. Then followed other toasts, including those of the Visitors, the Press (acknowledged by Bros Morgan and Thompson) and the Officers. In the intervals between the speeches several songs were very effectively sung by Bro. Sawyer and others, and when the Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close, those present rose and departed, well pleased with their entertainment. The following Visitors were present, namely:—H. C. Levander Prov. G. Sec. Middlesex. H. Thompson P.M. 177, Chas. F. Johns 1287, Thos. J. Robertson 1538, Moritz Rosenblum 1339, Wm. McKay 1339, Jubal Webb, W. W. Morgan 211, &c.

Hemming Lodge, No. 1512.—This Lodge held its installation meeting on Thursday, the 17th October, at its Lodge Room, Lion Hotel, Hampton. Bros John Hammond P.M. 201 P.G. Steward Middlesex W.M., C. W. Fox P.M. 1326 W.M. elect S.W., John Cameron Jessett J.W., W. Hammond P.M. P.P.G.D. Middlesex Secretary, E. Hopwood P.M. 141 P.G.S.B. Middlesex Treas., T. Moody Acting S.D., T. C. Walls P.P.G. Org. Middlesex J.D., F. W. Kent D.C., J. W. Hiscox Steward, John Gilbert P.G.T. Middlesex Tyler. Past Masters Bros. John Hurst, Samuel Hill, D. B. Raw and other members. Bros. Davey, Cox, Papworth, Day, Patey, Hanlon, Beauchamp, Andrews, Messenger, Jones, Tagg, Wheeler, Murphy, &c. Visitors—Bros. J. W. Baldwin P.M. 1423 P.P.G.P. Middlesex. W. Fisher P.M. 834, Handel, Turner, Borrell, and White (all of 1656), T. G. Hamilton S.W. 1306. W. Bartlett, E. Russell and R. M. Axford were separately initiated into the mysteries of the Craft. During a break in the ceremony, the Right Worshipful Prov. G.M. Colonel Burdett entered, and was duly saluted in accordance with the honours of his exalted position. The gavel having been presented, was at once returned to the W.M. Bro. T. Hanlon was now passed to the degree of F.C., and subsequently Bros. Bray, Cox, and Carpenter were ably raised to the sublime degree, the obligations being administered separately. The W.M. next installed his successor, Bro. Copeman William Fox P.M. 1326, who at once invested his Officers, viz.:—Bro. J. C. Jessett S.W., T. W. Ockenden, by deputy, he being unavoidably absent as an Officer of the new Lodge of Progress 1768, then in the act of Consecration. The Treasurer and Secretary were re-invested, with kind, complimentary remarks from the W.M. T. C. Walls S.D., F. W. Kent J.D., J. W. Hiscox I.G., T. Moody M.C., Harry Tagg Steward, W. J. Day Junior Steward. The Installing Master then gave the addresses with excellent precision and effect. Other business incident upon the duties of the occasion were then proceeded with. Allusion must not be omitted to the report of the Audit Committee, consisting, by virtue of the bye-laws of the Lodge, of the P.M.'s and Officers, nearly all of whom were present at the audit. After a payment of ten guineas to the Charities, three guineas to the Burdett Testimonial Fund, and over fifty guineas to the funds of Grand Lodge and Prov. Grand Lodge, a cash balance remains in the hands of the Treasurer of over thirty-five pounds, in addition to arrears due. We append the auditors' remarks upon this result:—"With every liability met, the W.M. thus enters upon the duties of his important post with the pleasing anticipation of continued marked success, and the Committee feel confident that with this excellent balance in hand, his known philanthropy will secure a further respectable increase to the objects of benevolence. One of the foremost to be considered is that of the testimonial to the memory of our lamented Bro. Little, late D.P.G.M., a generally beloved brother of the Province. This testimonial, so thoroughly deserved, whatever form it might have taken, commands the sympathy of the entire Craft, from the benevolently practical nature it assumes for the future."

Castle Lodge, No. 1621.—The Installation meeting of this Lodge was held at the Crown Hotel, Bridgnorth, on Friday, October 25th. A Lodge of Emergency was opened at two o'clock, when the ballot proving unanimous Mr. Thomas Dowell was initiated by the W.M. Bro. E. Jones Chitney in his usual impressive manner. The Auditor's Report and other business having been disposed of, the Lodge was closed in due form. At three o'clock the brethren re-assembled for the event of the day, when there were present Bros. E. J. Chitney W.M., H. B. Southwell S.W., A. Colles, M.B., J.W. Hubert Smith Treasurer, Thomas Whitefoot Secretary, Jos. Stokes I.P.M., P.M. 252, P. Prov. G.S.W. Worcestershire, F. Foxall S.D. C. Deighton J.D., J. Sewell Organist; Elihu Price, W. Simms, E. M. Southwell, W. L. Southwell, A. S. Trevor, T. Whitefoot jun.; and T. Tyler Tyler. Among the visitors were Bros. Sir Offley Wakeman, Bart., W.M. 478 P.G.S.W. Oxon, E. M. Wakeman, W.M. 262 P.G.S.W. Shropshire and North Wales, George Taylor P.M. 377 P.G.P. Worcester-shire, Horton Adkins J.D. 1261, F. Chitney 1551, J. W. Chadwick 377. The Lodge having been opened, and the minutes confirmed, Bro. H. B. Southwell, the W.M. elect, was duly presented and obligated. Lodge was then advanced, and the ceremony of installation proceeded with, Bro. Joseph Stokes P.M., P.M. 252. P.P.G.S.W. Worcestershire, acting as Installing Master; the chair of Senior and Junior Warden being filled by Bros. E. M. Wakeman, W.M. 262, P.G.S.W. Shropshire and North Wales, and George Taylor P.M. 377, P.G.P. Worcestershire, respectively. Bro. H. B. Southwell having been formally inducted into the chair, the brethren were re-admitted and saluted their new Master, who then invested his Officers as follow: Bros. A. Colles, M.B., S.W., F. Foxall J.W., Hubert Smith Treasurer, Thomas Whitefoot Secretary, T. Pratt S.D., W. Simms J.D., E. J. Chitney D.C., John Sewell Organist, A. S. Trevor I.G. E. M. Southwell, Thomas Whitefoot jun. and E. Cooper Steward. T. Tyler Tyler. The ceremony was throughout rendered in a high, efficient and impressive manner by the Installing Master. On its completion the W.M. rose to present Bro. E. J. Chitney, the outgoing Master, with a very handsome Past Master's Jewel, and expressed, on

behalf of the Members, their appreciation of the great services rendered by him, not only during his year of office, but as a founder of the Lodge and an incessant worker for its interests. Bro. Chitney expressed the pleasure he felt in receiving that mark of esteem from the brethren of the Lodge with which he was so intimately connected, and whose interests he had so deeply at heart. Hearty good wishes having been tendered by the Visitors from their respective Lodges, Lodge was closed in due form and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was served in excellent style by the host Bro. J. S. Vince. After grace the loyal and other toasts usual on these occasions were duly honoured, and the W.M. in responding to the toast of his health expressed a confident hope in being able to keep up the efficient working of the Lodge, assured as he was of the ready assistance of the two experienced brethren who had preceded him in the chair, and relying upon the earnest co-operation of his brother Officers. Bros. Stokes and Chitney responded to the toast of the Past Masters, and Bros. Taylor, Chadwick, Adkins and Chitney on behalf of the Visitors. During the evening some capital songs were given, and Bro. Sewell, Organist, greatly contributed to the evening's amusement by playing several selections. For the convenience of those brethren who had come from a distance, the Tyler was summoned shortly before eight, and an extremely pleasant evening was then brought to a close.

Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 1705, Gosport.—The installation of Bro. C. B. Whitcomb, on his entering upon a second term of office, took place on Thursday, 24th ult., at the Star Assembly Rooms, which had been tastefully decorated for the occasion. The brethren who assisted at the ceremony were Bros. George Grant J.W., G. F. Lancaster P.M. Treasurer, J. W. Stroud Secretary, J. Warden S.D., A. J. Eades J.D., G. Des Geneys Dir. Cer., Thomas Batchelor Prov. Grand Org. Organist, and Bros. A. Balliston, W. Smith, G. A. Wright, A. Allen, R. W. Mitchell, G. Darby, W. Brunwin, C. Johnson, A. T. Cave, E. J. Smith, and C. J. E. Mumby. The following visiting brethren also took part in the day's proceedings:—Bros. W. Payne W.M., and H. J. Guy I.P.M., Royal Sussex, 342; W. Hillier W.M., G. B. Irons, J. E. Thornton, J. Gentle, W. H. Page, W. Misslebrook, and R. H. Gainsbury, Gosport, 903; George Pearman Org., George Dean, J. Hamilton Bridle, Portsmouth, 487; Charles W. Bemister, Royal Gloucester, Southampton, 130; T. P. Hall W.M. Carnarvon, Havant, 894; J. C. Stroud, Peace and Harmony, Southampton, 359; W. R. Theobald, Aldershot Camp, 1331; W. Townsend I.P.M. United Service, 1428; D. G. Gilmour, Harmony, 309; J. S. Senior, A. Peterken, 1349, and J. Hicklen, United Service, 1428. The Installing Master was Bro. G. F. Lancaster P.M., by whom the ceremony was ably performed, and at its conclusion the W.M. appointed and invested his Officers as follow:—Bros. G. Grant S.W., J. W. Stroud J.W., G. F. Lancaster Prov. G.J.D. Treas., T. Batchelor Prov. G. Org. S.D., C. Johnson J.D.; G. Des Geneys Sec., E. J. Smith I.G., A. Knight Org., C. J. E. Mumby D.C., G. Darby and A. Cave Stewards, L. Canvin Tyler, William Thomlinson Assistant Tyler. In the course of the proceedings, Bro. G. F. Lancaster, on behalf of the brethren, presented the W.M. with the following vote of thanks, beautifully illuminated on vellum and richly framed:—"Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons of England—Prince of Wales Lodge, 1705—Extract from Minutes of Lodge held on the 26th of September 1878:—"Resolved unanimously, that the best thanks of this Lodge be, and are hereby heartily accorded to Brother Charles Benjamin Whitcomb W.M., for the very able, painstaking, and courteous manner in which he has, as first Master of the Lodge, performed the duties of his office.—James W. Stroud, Secretary." At the conclusion of the business of the Lodge the brethren adjourned to the India Arms Hotel, where an excellent banquet was served. On the removal of the cloth the customary Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and the W.M. was warmly eulogised for the able and zealous manner in which he had discharged the duties of his office during the past year. In the course of the proceedings the W.M. presented Bro. G. F. Lancaster with a handsome meerschaum pipe and carved smoking set complete, in recognition of his untiring efforts on behalf of the Lodge.

WILLS AND BEQUESTS.—The will of Mr. George Bryan Jennings, late of 23 Philpot-lane, and of Shelley House, Chipping Ongar, merchant, who died on the 16th Sept., has just been proved by Mrs. Cecil Frances Jennings, the widow. The testator, after leaving his furniture and household effects to his wife absolutely, leaves the rest of his property to her for life, and then to his children. The will of Mr. Louis Alexander Moutet, late of A 1 Tower, Smithfield Market, licensed victualler, who lost his life on the 3rd Sept., by the sinking of the Princess Alice, was proved on the 17th Oct. by Mr. F. C. Moutet, the brother, the surviving executor. The testator's property is divisible among his children in equal shares, the provision in favour of his wife becoming inoperative in consequence of Mrs. Moutet having been drowned at the same time with her husband. The will of Mr. John Cole Cole, late of Riches-court, Lime-street, and of Mintfield, Caterham, Surrey, who died on the 11th Sept., was proved on the 5th Oct. by Mrs. Catherine Cole, the widow, and Mr. John Cole, the son, the executors. The testator leaves all his real and personal estate to his wife absolutely. The will and codicil of Mr. Thomas Edwards, formerly of Old Broad-street, but late of Harrow, who died on 13th August last, were proved on the 16th Oct. by Mr. J. Edwards and Mr. C. C. Edwards, the sons, the acting executors, the personal estate being sworn under £45,000. The testator bequeaths to James Cutler Vyse, if in his service at his death, £200; to his executors, £100 each for their trouble; to his sister Susannah, £100; to his friend Mr. Steer, 19 guineas; to his daughter Beatrice, £1,000; and the residue of his property to all his children.—*City Press.*

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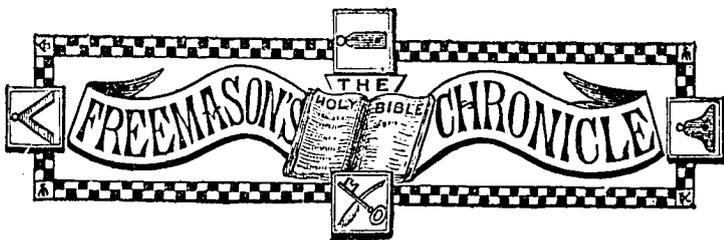
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OUR WEEKLY BUDGET.

The Queen remains at Balmoral Castle.

Cabinet Councils were held on Friday, and on Wednesday, from which Colonel Stanley, Mr. W. H. Smith, Sir M. Hicks-Beach and Lord John Manners were the only members absent.

Among the political speeches of the week have been those of Sir W. Harcourt at Scarborough, Lord Carlingford at Bath, Mr. Leatham at Huddersfield, and Mr. Chamberlain at Birmingham, all condemning the foreign policy of the Government. Colonel Mure, Mr. Ritchie, Lord Hardwicke, and Mr. Gore Langton, at other meetings, have spoken in approval of the Government.

The polling at Peterborough on Tuesday resulted in a

large majority for the Hon. J. W. Fitzwilliam. Mr. G. Potter had previously withdrawn from the contest.

Lord Dufferin, the ex-Governor-General of Canada, arrived at Derry on Monday, and proceeded next day to Belfast. In both cities he was presented with addresses of congratulation.

The Report upon the alleged atrocities perpetrated upon the Mussulman population of the Rhodope district has been published as a Parliamentary Paper. The Report is signed by the British, French, Italian, and Turkish Commissioners.

Among the most important papers that have been read at the Social Science Congress at Cheltenham have been those by the Hon. G. Brodrick upon Education, Mr. D. Chadwick upon the Causes of Depression in Trade, Mr. Hullah upon Musical Education, and Mr. Michael, Q.C., upon Sanitation. The meetings were brought to a close on Wednesday.

The funeral rites for the late Cardinal Cullen were celebrated at the Roman Catholic Cathedral in Dublin, but it is expected that the body of the deceased prelate will be interred at Clonliffe.

Mr. C. H. Robarts was on Thursday elected by the Court of Common Council to the office of Remembrancer of the City of London.

The Coastguard cruiser Fanny was run down and sunk on Thursday morning off the Tuskar Light by the Helvetia steamer, bound for New York. Seven of the crew were saved, and 17 are missing.

A contract has been signed between a London firm and the German Government for raising the sunken ironclad Grosser Kurfürst.

The magistrate and assessors conducting the Board of Trade Inquiry into the loss of the Princess Alice on Monday decided that no blame was shown to rest upon the master of the Bywell Castle; that the two engineers of that vessel were blamable for leaving the engine-room on the occurrence of the collision, but no negligence had been proved against them. The first mate of the Princess Alice was liable to the charge of carelessness in not setting a proper look-out, but as it was not proved that his negligence had contributed to the collision his certificate was returned to him.

The Coroner's inquest upon the twelve persons killed by the collision at Pontypridd Junction found that the accident was attributable to the negligence of the signalman, who was thereupon committed for trial upon a charge of manslaughter.

The Coroner's inquest in the case of the Liverpool Music Hall accident resulted in a verdict of accidental death, but the jury condemned the means of exit from the building as inadequate.

The wife of a manager of a strolling dramatic company, with her three children, sleeping in a caravan at Newtown, Montgomery, were rendered insensible by the fumes from a coke fire. The children died, and the woman is not expected to recover.

Joseph Garcia, a Spanish sailor, was convicted of the murder of a labourer, his wife, and three children, whose house, at Llangibby, he broke into and robbed. The prisoner was sentenced to death. Patrick John Byrne was found guilty of the murder of two brother soldiers at Northampton, and was condemned to death.

The liquidators of the City of Glasgow Bank have resolved to make a call upon the shareholders of £500 per share. The charges against the ex-directors and secretary have been extended by one for embezzlement in misappropriating bills deposited by customers, and the accused have been formally committed for trial. Mr. Nichol Fleming and another ex-director have left the country.

The Afghan difficulty remains in an uncertain position. By the desire of the Imperial Government a second letter has been sent by the Viceroy to the Ameer, Shere Ali, warning him of the consequences that must follow from his persistence in a refusal to receive a British Mission, and, therefore, no decisive action can be expected for some time. The Native Princes have for the most part offered substantial aid to the Indian Government in any effort that may be made, and the military preparations on the frontier are being carried on with undiminished activity. The Russian Press adopt a very bellicose tone with respect to the dispute between the Indian Government and the Ameer of Afghanistan, some of the papers, and those the most important, urging their Government to render efficient support of Shere Ali for the furtherance of Russian

interests in Asia. In Eastern Europe the state of affairs is still very unsatisfactory. The Russian troops in Roumelia have been strengthened by reinforcements from beyond the Balkans, and an intimation has been given to the Porte that the territory will not be evacuated until substantial guarantees are given for the safety of the Christian population. The insurrection in Macedonia is extending, and representations have been made to the foreign Ambassadors at Constantinople in remonstrance against the article of the Treaty of Berlin which leaves Eastern Roumelia under the rule of the Sultan. The Turkish Government ascribe this movement to foreign incitement, and the German and Austrian papers assert that numerous Russian Volunteers are serving with the insurgents. It appears that there is no present intention of extending the Austrian occupation of the Western provinces of Turkey, and a partial demobilisation of the army is being carried out. Baron Depretis has failed to form a Cabinet at Vienna, and in the Hungarian Diet a demand for the impeachment of the Foreign Minister has been presented by the Anti-Slav Deputies. The German authorities are vigorously enforcing the anti-Socialist law, and numerous political associations have been closed, while various newspapers have been suppressed. Some discontent has been evinced by the exhibitors at the Paris Exposition with respect to the award of prizes, and the authorities have interfered to prevent public manifestation of that feeling. An attempt, happily unsuccessful, was made to assassinate the King of Spain on Friday, while riding in Madrid. The assassin, a Socialist workman, is arrested. The Communal elections in Belgium have been favourable to the Liberals. The Khedive of Egypt has signed a decree approving the transfer to the State of landed property held by members of his family, and has also sanctioned the raising of a loan secured upon that property. The United States Government has presented a complaint to the British Government respecting the expulsion of American fishermen from the Newfoundland Coast, and the press of that country approve the action of their Government, and insist that unless the British Government give satisfaction the amount of the Halifax award ought not to be paid.

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF ENGLAND.

A QUARTERLY Convocation of the Supreme Grand Chapter will be held at Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C., on Wednesday, the 6th day of November next, at 7 o'clock in the evening.

Business:—The Minutes of the last Quarterly Convocation to be read for confirmation.

After which the following report of the Committee of General Purposes will be submitted.

The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the Accounts from 17th July to the 15th October 1878 both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:—

£ s d		£ s d	
Balance Grand Chapter	452 1 4	Disbursements during	
" Unappropriated		the Quarter . . .	194 18 4
Account	203 5 5	Balance . . .	507 17 6
Subsequent Receipts	238 19 6	" in Unappropriated	
		Account . . .	191 10 5
	894 6 3		894 6 3

of which Balances there is in the hands of the Trustees of the late Grand Treasurer a sum of £385 17s 4d, and in the London and Westminster Bank and Bank of England £310 10s 7d.

The Committee have likewise to report that they have received the following Petitions:—

1st. From Companions John Robert Willson as Z., Henry William Townsend as H., John Lind as J., and eight others for a Chapter to be attached to the United Service Lodge, No. 1428, Portsmouth, to be called "The United Service Chapter," and to meet at the Freemasons' Hall, Highbury-street, Portsmouth, in the County of Hants.

2nd. From Companions Howell Davies as Z., Henry Adams as H. George Parry as J., and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the Tenby Lodge, No. 1177, Tenby, to be called "The Dymbych Chapter," and to meet at the Royal Gate House Assembly Rooms, Tenby, in the County of Pembroke.

3rd. From Companions Robert Hudson as Z. Mark Douglass as H. George Moore as J., and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the St. Helen's Lodge, No. 531, Hartlepool, to be called "The St. Helen's Chapter," and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Regent Square, Hartlepool, in the County of Durham.

4th. From Companions Richard P. Francis as Z. John Hayes as H. John Lamb Houghton as J., and seven others for a Chapter to be attached to the Downshire Lodge, No. 594, Liverpool, to be called

"The Downshire Chapter," and to meet at the Masonic Temple, Hopc-street, Liverpool, in the County of Lancaster.

5th. From Companions Alfred Wallis Paul as Z., Robert Phillips as H., William Lloyd as J., and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the Mount Everest Lodge, No. 1525, Darjeeling, to be called "The Canning Chapter," and to meet at the Lodge Rooms, Darjeeling, Bengal, in the East Indies.

6th. From Companions The Rev. Robert Bowden as Z., John Thompson Goodridge as H., Joseph Piggott as J., and ten others for a Chapter to be attached to the Torbay Lodge, No. 1378, Paignton, to be called "The Torbay Chapter," and to meet at the Town Hall, Paignton, in the County of Devon.

7th. From Companions Wesley Francis as Z., Thomas Joyce as H., William Sink as J., and fifteen others for a Chapter to be attached to the Natalia Lodge, No. 1465, Pietermaritzburg, to be called "The Natalia Chapter," and to meet at the Masonic Temple, Longmarket-street, Pietermaritzburg, in the Colony of Natal.

8th. From Companions James Richard Bishop as Z., Isaac Dawe as H., William Fenwick as J., and nine others for a Chapter to be attached to the St. Anne's Lodge, No. 970, East Looe, to be called "The St. Anne's Chapter," and to meet at the Masonic Hall, East Looe, in the County of Cornwall.

The foregoing Petitions being in all respects regular, the Committee recommend that the prayers thereof be respectively granted.

9th. They have also received a Petition from the Principals and other members of the Royal Victoria Chapter, No. 358, Ireland Island, Bermuda, West Indies, praying for a Charter of Confirmation, the original Charter being entirely decayed, and the Committee recommend that the prayer of the Petitioners be granted.

The Committee have likewise to report:—

That Companion Joseph Smith, Past Director of Ceremonies of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England, was, on the 30th of July last, suspended, by order of the Board of General Purposes, "from all his Masonic functions and privileges, for a period of two years." That the said suspension was reported to and approved by Grand Lodge, on the 4th of September last, and in accordance with Article 10, page 6, of the Royal Arch Regulations, Grand Chapter will proceed to declare Companion Joseph Smith suspended from his Arch Masonic functions.

The President will therefore move:—

That Companion Joseph Smith P.D.C. be declared suspended from his Arch Masonic functions for the period while such Craft suspension continues in force.

Companion Joseph Smith, being an elected member of the Committee of General Purposes of the Supreme Grand Chapter, is, by reason of his suspension, disqualified from attending such Committee, it will therefore be necessary that the Grand Chapter elect another Companion to fill the vacancy thus caused.

(Signed)

JOHN CREATON, President.

ROYAL ARCH FREEMASONRY IN YORKSHIRE.

INSTALLATION OF SIR H. EDWARDS AS PROVINCIAL GRAND SUPERINTENDENT.

ON Wednesday the interesting ceremony of installing the Provincial Grand Superintendent of West Yorkshire R.A. Masons took place at Sheffield, under the auspices of the Chapters of Paradise and Loyalty. A large number of Companions assembled on the occasion, fully 250 being present. The ceremony of installation was ably performed by Lieut.-Colonel Le Gendre Starkie, Prov. Grand Superintendent of East Lancashire, who, in reply to a cordial salutation of him, explained the order of procedure for the day, a ceremony which became necessary through the decease of the late Prov. Grand Superintendent Bentley Shaw. After the necessary formalities, Lieut.-Col. Sir H. Edwards was introduced to the Companions, and his patent from Grand Chapter having been examined and read, he was duly and regularly installed Prov. Grand Superintendent. In placing him in his chair, Colonel Starkie expressed the hope that, as Sir Henry had adorned the Masonic world in the Craft, so he might continue to do in Royal Arch Masonry; as he was now in the zenith of his life, so might he rise to the zenith of Masonic distinction. (Applause.)

Comp. Drury, Sheffield, and Comp. Booth, Halifax, were then appointed respectively H. and J., and the appointment of the other Officers followed.

In reply to the salute of the Companions,

Sir Henry Edwards said:—Companions,—No one could stand in the position I at the present moment occupy, as Provincial Grand Superintendent of this Province, without feeling some emotion. It is now approaching four years since I was installed Provincial Grand Master of West Yorkshire by Lieut.-Colonel Le Gendre N. Starkie, and to-day have been placed by him at the head of this Chapter, in the position lately occupied by our departed Companion Bentley Shaw. Deeply do we all regret that the space of four years should have witnessed the retirement of one distinguished Prov. Grand Superintendent and the death of another, and the necessity for the installation of myself in their room. I could only wish that His Royal Highness, the head of the Royal Arch Masons, had expressed his desire that some other Companion in his presence should have been installed in this office instead. I could not, however, set aside what has almost been a command from His Royal Highness, that I should take this office, but now having accepted it from a sense of duty, I hope no regret lingers in the breast of any other Companion on the appoint-

ment which the head of the Grand Chapter of England has thought fit to make in the person of your Provincial Grand Master. (Hear, hear.) To fill both these high offices does indeed create no little sentiment of emotion—feeling the double responsibility of high duties to perform, viz., to sustain the dignity of this Grand Chapter, as well as Provincial Grand Lodge; to maintain the honour of Freemasonry, to preserve the ancient landmarks of our Order, and to enforce mildly, yet courageously, the discipline of the Books of Constitution. To me it is a real pleasure to leave outside the doors of this Chapter for the moment all those differences and disputes which create dissensions more or less with persons engaged with politics or with religious opinion, or the business occupations of the world, and to be engaged with a number of Royal Arch Masons, all of one mind, all of one voice, and all of one heart, in the performance of a solemn ceremony as that which the Prov. Grand Superintendent of East Lancashire has now so perfectly and eloquently performed. (Applause.) This visit, which we have received from him to-day is one of prompt promise. No sooner had I felt the necessity of complying with the commands of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales than I applied to my gallant Brother and Companion to undertake this ceremony of installation. You have greeted him most warmly, with the honour due to his rank, and on behalf of myself and this Grand Chapter, we thank him heartily and sincerely for the journey he has taken to Sheffield, the admirable manner he has performed the ceremony, and the exhortation he has given us. His name will never be forgotten by the Freemasons of East Lancashire, and I am quite sure the Masonic work which he undertakes in that large Province will bear good fruit to remotest time; and amongst the fruits of that work is a course of public usefulness outside the Lodge as well as in it, and which East Lancashire warmly appreciates. (Hear hear.) The ostensible objects of Royal Arch Masonry, the end and aim of this branch of our symbolic system, the study of its history—revealed and traditional, is to bring us into more intimate connection with certain canonical books of the Holy Scriptures. Numberless authorities well known, have amply explained the ritual of this order in Freemasonry. It inspires its members with most exalted ideas, and leads to the exercise of the purest reverence for the eternal Ruler of the Universe, the elemental spring and primordial source of religious principles, the very fountain of the virtues Faith, Hope and Charity; resolving conjectures into certainties, and bringing traditional history into historical harmony with Biblical facts. (Hear hear and applause.) These have confirmed, in a remarkable manner, the groundworks of our noble Order. It is an Order of which every Master Mason or student of religion founded on the Bible ought to become a supporter, to the best of his time and means. This was an earnest desire of my lamented predecessor in this chair, expressed at Huddersfield the last time he officially appeared amongst us, and he added:—"We meet for no unholy purpose, but for wise and judicious action in a good cause." The number of Chapters scattered about this Province afford ample opportunities for effecting the consummation of Companion Shaw's last wishes, and now my own. I hope the Chapters in this Province will be carefully worked, and that they will co-operate as well with me, their new chief, as they did with the old, for peace, unity and love. And now, brethren, I thank you once again for your cordial reception of me to-day, I thank you for having come long distances to be present at my installation as Prov. G. Superintendent of Royal Arch Masons of West Yorkshire. I assure you I shall never forget today, any more than I shall ever forget my installation as Prov. Grand Master of West Yorkshire; and, lastly, my acknowledgments are due to the two Chapters in Sheffield under whose banners this ceremony has been conducted, for the excellency of their arrangements, and for their hospitality to the Chapters of this Province. I wish the whole of the Chapters in this Province every prosperity. (Loud applause). During the after business, 100 guineas was voted to the Beutley Shaw Presentation Fund.

ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF GREAT PRIORY OF CANADA.

The third annual assembly of the Great Priory of Canada was held at the British Masonic Chambers on 11th October. The Great Prior, Col. J. B. McL. Moore, delivered an address, in which he referred to the following subjects:—

Qualifications for admission to the Order; the late action of the United States Grand Encampment; the jurisdiction of the Great Priory, and interesting historical references regarding the origin and progress of the Order. He drew special attention to the late acquisition of Cyprus to the British Crown—the island so memorable in the history of the Order, and connected with some of the most interesting reminiscences.

The following officers for the ensuing year were elected:—

V.H. and E., the Great Prior, Col. W. J. B. McLeod Moore, Laprairie.

V.E. the Great Sub-Prior, W. B. Simpson, Montreal.

Provincial Grand Priors—For district of Ontario East—V.E. J. N. Henderson, Kingston; for District of Ontario Centre—V.E. G. H. Dartwell, Whitby; for District of Ontario West—V.E. D. B. Burch, London; for District of Quebec—V.E. I. H. Stearns, Montreal; for District of New Brunswick—V.E. Robert Marshall, of St. John; for District of Nova Scotia—V.E. B. Curran, Halifax.

The Grand Officers—V.E. Vincent Clementi, Peterborough, Grand Prelate; V.E. Daniel Spry, Toronto, Grand Chancellor; V.E. J. J. McMinn, Montreal, Grand Constable; V.E. W. C. Morrison, Toronto, Grand Marshal; V.E. David McLellan, Hamilton, Grand Treasurer; V.E. Jno. Moore, Ottawa, Grand Registrar.

The Great Priory was honoured by the presence, as Visitors, of:—V.E. George O. Tyler, Grand Encampment, Vermont; V.E. Lester Peters, St. John's (Scott) Encampment, St. John, New Brunswick; Sir Knight Bloss, Canton Commandery, New York.

JAMAICA.

THE Chapel of the "Free Church" in Duke-street, has been purchased by Bro. S. L. Bamed of the "Royal" and "Phoenix" Lodges, and a building Committee of the Royal and Glenlyon Lodges has been appointed to raise funds to purchase the said premises from Bro. Bamed, and to fit them up as a suitable Masonic Temple. It is proposed to get up suitable entertainments, and His Excellency Sir Anthony Musgrave, Governor-in-Chief of this Island, the Right Worshipful Hon. Dr. R. Hamilton, District Grand Master of East Jamaica, and the Right Worshipful S. Constantine Burke, Assistant Attorney General, and District Grand Master of Scotland, have kindly consented to have the same under their immediate patronage. The W. G. J. Sargeant, Master of the Royal, Bro. E. X. Leon of the Royal, with Governor Dias and Bro. Fry of the Glenlyon, members of the building Committee, are using all their endeavours to raise the amount required; though at this present moment things in this Island have a very dull and barren appearance, and as the commercial men have stated that they expect business will be in a still more unsettled state, several houses must close.

Glenlyon Lodge, S.C.—At an ordinary meeting on 9th Oct., at Friendly Hall, presided over by the R. W. S. H. Watson W.M., J. Mitchell S.W., Bro. A. H. Jones J.W., with the following Past Masters:—Worshipful A. E. Burke Glenlyon, Dias of St. John's, Langley of Royal, Ferron of Phoenix, and a goodly number of visitors, two candidates were initiated into the Mysteries of Freemasonry by Wor. A. E. Burke, in a most impressive and talented manner. It being the night of the election of Master, Treasurer and Tyler, Bro. J. K. Spicer, and the Rt. Wor. A. E. Burke (District Grand Sec. for Scotland in this Island) were nominated. The result was a majority in favour of the Rt. Wor. A. E. Burke. This worthy brother having some time ago occupied the chair of this Lodge, and won the esteem of his brethren, they were determined he should again fill the Oriental chair. Rt. Wor. B. M. Dias was elected Treasurer, Bro. J. Hayes Tyler.

Royal Lodge, No. 207, Kingston.—The monthly meeting was held on 17th October; W. G. J. Sargeant Master presided, assisted by Bros. Therwell S.W. and G. Campbell J.W.; also there were present:—Ferron of the Phoenix, Langley and Burke of the Royal, Dias of Glenlyon, Tait Sussex; also a number of visitors, who were all very much pleased to see the admirable working of this Lodge, and to listen to the impressive manner the third degree was conferred on six candidates by the W.M. Several communications from the late P.M. Andrews, who is now on a visit to England, were read; he was requested, on leaving this Island, to put himself in communication with the Grand Secretary, to know whether the time had arrived for the members of this old and ancient Lodge to wear its 100th year jewel; but, to the great disappointment of the members, they will have to wait sixteen years longer, when naturally many will have passed away to the Grand Lodge above. Worshipful Bro. Sargeant having won the laurels of the day, and being styled one of the best Masters that ever occupied the chair of the Royal, success seems to follow him, and every member of the Lodge wishes that he will consent to occupy the chair for another year. He has all the qualities of a good Mason and a gentleman. He is the only son of the venerable Rev. George Sargeant, Superintendent of the Wesleyan Society in this Island, one also who is greatly respected and beloved.

Phoenix Lodge, No. 914, Port Royal.—A monthly meeting was held on 3rd October, presided over by G. P. Myers, Master. For the future the ordinary meeting will be held on the first Tuesday in the month, instead of the first Thursday, so as to meet the wishes of the members of the Hamilton Lodge, Spanish Town, which meets on the first Thursday. Also the election of Master will take place in June, instead of April and the Installation at the first Ordinary Meeting after the election. This Lodge has suffered a great deal, and several candidates of the Navy and Army, who would have come forward, have been debarred, on account of Quarantine being enforced for several months, as "Yellow Jack" has made his appearance; but we are glad to state that no new cases have occurred, and that Quarantine restrictions have been withdrawn; the men of H.M. ships, however, have all been compelled to be on board by six p.m.

At a Quarterly Convocation of the Glenlyon Holy Royal Arch Chapter, S.C., held at Sussex Hall, on 30th September, the following Officers were installed for the ensuing year, by the Most Excellent Companions E. Burke I.P.Z. of this Chapter, R. Langley P.Z., and C. H. Davis P.Z. of the "Royal," L. Cole Holan, Joshua of the "Phoenix," M.E. Companion B. M. Dias Z., S. H. Watson H., J. K. Spicer J., Potack S.E., A. H. Jones S.N., F. Fryer Treasurer, W. T. Smedmore P.S., W. Magnus and E. French Assistants, J. Hayes Junior.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Rheumatism and Gout.—These purifying and soothing remedies demand the earnest attention of all persons liable to gout, sciatic, or other painful affections of the muscles, nerves, or joints. The Ointment should be applied after the affected parts have been patiently fomented with warm water, when the unguent should be diligently rubbed upon the adjacent skin, unless the friction should cause pain. Holloway's Pills should be cautiously taken to reduce inflammation and to purify the blood. This treatment abates the violence, and lessens the frequency of gout, rheumatism, and all spasmodic diseases which spring from hereditary predisposition, or from any accidental weakness of constitution. This Ointment checks the local remedy. The Pills restore the vital powers.

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.

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.)
- Sinal 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.

MONDAY, 4th NOVEMBER.

- 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. (Instruct.)
- 548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction.)
- 704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
- 1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8. (Instruction.)
- 1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8. (Instruction.)
- 1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30. (In.)
- 1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8. (Inst.)
- 1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)
- 1669—Royal Leopold, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
- 37—Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moors.
- 53—Royal Sussex, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath.
- 119—Sun, Square and Compasses, Freemasons' Hall, Whitehaven.
- 133—Harmony, Ship Hotel, Faversham.
- 156—Harmony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth.
- 199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover.
- 236—York, Masonic Hall, York.
- 338—Vitruvian, Royal Hotel, Ross, Herefordshire.
- 381—Harmony and Industry, Smalley's Hotel, Market-street, Over Darwen.
- 395—Guy, Crown Hotel, Leamington Priors.
- 431—St. George, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields.
- 441—Three Grand Principles, Red Lion Hotel, Petty Curry, Cambridge.
- 467—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham.
- 478—Churchhill, Masonic Hall, Oxford.
- 482—St. James, New Inn, Handsworth, Staffordshire.
- 597—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead.
- 613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport.
- 622—St. Outhberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne.
- 651—Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon.
- 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
- 850—St. Oswald, Assembly Rooms, Ashbourne, Derbyshire.
- 1009—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
- 1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire.
- 1050—Gundulph, Kings' Head Hotel, Rochester.
- 1051—Rowley, Athenæum, Lancaster.
- 1054—Southam, Railway Hotel, Wilmslow, Cheshire.
- 1077—Winton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire.
- 1124—St. Oswald, Wynnstay Arms Hotel, Oswestry.
- 1180—Forward, Masonic Rooms, New Hall-street, Birmingham.
- 1261—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
- 1380—Skelmersdale, Queens Hotel, Waterloo, Liverpool.
- 1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8 p.m. (Instruction.)
- 1519—Albert Edward, Albion Hotel, Clayton-le-Moors, near Accrington.
- 1573—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Caer-street, Swansea.
- 1575—Live, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton.
- 1578—Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales.
- 1656—Wolsey, White Hart Hotel, Hampton Wick.
- 1671—Caradoc, Town Hall, Rhyl.
- 1676—St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle.
- R. A. 605—De Tabley, Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe, Cheshire.

TUESDAY, 5th NOVEMBER.

- Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
- 7—Royal York of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7. (Inst.)
- 65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
- 101—Temple, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
- 141—Faith, 2 Westminster-chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
- 172—Old Concord, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
- 211—St. Michael, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
- 217—Stability, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
- 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney. (Instruction.)
- 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)
- 765—St. James, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark.
- 800—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)
- 1261—Golden Rule, Café Royal, Regent-street, W.
- 1298—Royal Standard, Wellington Club, Upper-street, N.
- 1381—Kennington, Surrey Tavern, Kennington Oval.
- 1446—Mount Edgumbe, 10 Jernyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
- 1471—Islington, Three Bucks, 23 Gresham-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
- 1507—Metropolitan, 289 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)
- 1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-street-rd. at 8. (In.)
- 1688—Samson, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 1689—Kingsland, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N.
- R. C.—Canterbury, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square.
- 51—Angel, Three Cups Hotel, Colchester.
- 70—St. John, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth.
- 103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
- 117—Wynstia, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8. (Instruction.)
- 120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.
- 124—Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham.
- 154—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness-on-Sea.
- 209—Etonian, Masonic Hall, Windsor.
- 226—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough.
- 241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30. (Instruction.)
- 243—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Boxham, Devon.
- 393—St. David, Freemasons' Hall, The Parade, Bury-on-Tweed.
- 483—Royal Lebanon, Spread Eagle, Gloucester.
- 553—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.
- 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
- 655—Northumberland, Assembly Rooms, Westgate, and Newgate, Newcastle.
- 702—Sherborne, Susceptible Rooms, Stroud, Gloucestershire.
- 734—Lombard-street, Masonic Hall, Bradington.
- 804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant.
- 847—Fortescue, Manor House, Milton, Devon.
- 897—Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helens, Liverpool.
- 923—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Petersfield, Hampshire.
- 943—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Linde, Brighton Buzzard.
- 960—Buce, Masonic Hall, 9 Workington-street, Cardiff.
- 986—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston.
- 1002—Skudaw, Lodge Room, Market-place, Cockermonth.
- 1104—Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Salford.
- 1244—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar.

- 1322—Waverley, Caledonia Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne.
- 1336—Square and Compass, Corn Exchange, Wrexham.
- 1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 6.0. (Instruction.)
- 1488—St. Eleth, Castle Hotel, Amlwch.
- R. A. 203—St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
- R. A. 784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal.

WEDNESDAY, 6th NOVEMBER.

- Grand Chapter, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
- 183—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7. (Instruction.)
- 201—Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
- 223—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.)
- 962—Whittington, Red Lion, P. ppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8. (Instruction.)
- 1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7. (Instruction.)
- 1196—Urban, The Three Bucks, Gresham-street, at 6.30. (Instruction.)
- 1278—Burdett Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8.30. (Inst.)
- 1288—Finsbury Park, Finsbury Pk. Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
- 1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)
- 1553—Duke of Connaught, Fauces Arms, Kennington Park, at 8. (Instruction.)
- 1535—Royal Commemoration, Star and Garter Hotel, Putney.
- 1687—Rothesay, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's-inn-fields.
- 1707—Eleanor, Angel Hotel, Edmonton.
- R. A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
- R. A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)

- 81—Doric, Private Room, Woodbridge, Suffolk.
- 86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescott.
- 277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham.
- 298—Harmony, Masonic Room, Ann-street, Rochdale.
- 326—Moir, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol.
- 327—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton.
- 406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne.
- 417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester.
- 428—Sincerity, Angel Inn, Northwich, Cheshire.
- 429—Royal Navy, Royal Hotel, Rarsgate.
- 471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Mon.
- 580—Harmony, Wheatshaf, Ormskirk.
- 594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction.)
- 611—Marches, Old Rectory, Ludlow.
- 645—Humphrey Chetham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
- 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool at 8. (Instruction.)
- 678—Earl Ellesmere, Church Hotel, Kersley, Fararworth, near Bolton.
- 753—St. Tudno, Freemasons' Hall, Landudno.
- 758—Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn.
- 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction.)
- 992—St. Thomas, Griffin Hotel, Lower Broughton.
- 1010—Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship-street, Hull.
- 1013—Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
- 1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby.
- 1091—Erme, Erme House, Ivy Bridge, Devon.
- 1107—Cornwallis, Masonic Hall, Erith.
- 1167—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick.
- 1218—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Mossley, near Manchester.
- 1274—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Chester-le-Street.
- 1323—Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea.
- 1335—Lindsay, 20 King-street, Wigan.
- 1354—Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh, Lancashire.
- 1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
- 1363—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester.
- 1470—Halsey, Town Hall, St. Albans.
- 1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, at 7.0. (Instruction.)
- 1620—Marlborough, Derby Hall, Two Brook, Liverpool.
- R. A. 126—Nativity, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley.
- R. A. 221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton.
- R. A. 477—Fidelity, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
- M. M. 36—Furness, Hartington Hotel, Duke-street, Barrow-in-Furness.
- M. M. 65—West Lancashire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
- R. C.—Palatine, Palatine Hotel, Manchester.

THURSDAY, 7th NOVEMBER.

- 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, Cotlege-street, Lambeth, at 8. (Instruction.)
- 435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8. (Inst.)
- 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
- 720—Panmure Gen. L. of Inst., Antelope Tavern, Lorn-road, Brixton, at 8.
- 1247—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Foigate, 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.)
- 1445—Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tavern, Sandringham-road, Kingsland.
- 1539—Surrey Masonic Hall, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
- 1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 9. (In.)
- R. A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)
- M. M.—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-road, Dalston, at 8.30. (Inst.)
- 24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle.
- 31—United Industrious, Guildhall, Concert Room, Canterbury.
- 38—Union, Council Chamber, Chichester.
- 41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath.
- 50—Knights of Malta, George Hotel, Hinkley, Leicestershire.
- 116—Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel, Colne.
- 123—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire.
- 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
- 266—Naphthalis, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood.
- 269—Fidelity, White Bull Hotel, Blackburn.
- 283—Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Haslingden.
- 294—Constitutional, Assembly Rooms, Beverley, Yorks.
- 295—Combermere Union, Macclesfield Arms, Macclesfield.
- 300—Minerva, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton-under-Lyne.
- 309—Harmony, Red Lion, Fareham.
- 317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
- 344—Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe, Lancashire.
- 346—United Brethren, Royal Oak Inn, Clayton-le-Dale, near Blackburn.
- 350—Charity, Grapes Inn, Stoneclough, near Manchester.
- 360—Pomret, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton.
- 369—Limestone Block, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Clithorpe.
- 425—Cestrian, Grosvenor Hotel, Chester.
- 442—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Broadbury, Peterborough.
- 446—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire.
- 449—Ocean, Sun Hotel, Bournemouth.
- 462—Bank Terrace, The Grapes Arms Hotel, Accrington.
- 463—East Surrey of O. C. G., Greyhound, Croydon.
- 469—Toes, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.
- 536—D Ogle, Masonic Hall, Axminster.
- 539—Blagdon, Red Lion Hotel, Blyth.
- 542—Finnian Pillar, The Grapes Inn, Buntingford, Cambs.
- 546—The Old, Spring Garden, Waulley, near Keadale.
- 548—Pattison, Royal Hotel, Wetherby, West Yorkshire.
- 549—Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Bury, Lancashire.
- 574—Underley, Masonic Room, Market-place, Kirkby Lonsdale.
- 575—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Fiverton, Devon.
- 582—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
- 582—Aucolme, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire.
- 584—Brent, Grove Hotel, Tospaun, Devonshire.
- 584—Olive Union, Masonic Hall, Horncastle, Lincolnshire.
- 589—Royal Arthur, Village Club Lecture Hall, Winterton.
- 587—Beaumont Manor, White Hart Hotel, Beaumont.
- 593—Boote, Town Hall, Bury, Lancashire.
- 599—Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich.

1504—Red Rose of Lancaster, Starkies Arms Hotel, Padiham, near Burnley.
 1557—Albert Edward, Bush Hotel, Hexham, Northumberland.
 1576—Dee, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire.
 1594—Cedewain, Public Rooms, Newtown, Montgomery.
 1612—West Mid Essex, Feathers Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
 1639—Watling-street, Cock Hotel, Stoney Stratford, Bucks.
 R. A. 325—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford.
 R. A. 753—Bridgewater, Masonic Hall, Runcorn.
 M.M. 53—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.

FRIDAY, 8th 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.
 1293—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
 1642—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd. N. Kensington, at 7.30. (Inst.)
 R. A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8. (Inst.)
 R. C.—Mount Calvary, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square.
 36—Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary-street, Cardiff.
 404—Watford, Freemasons' Hall, Watford.
 697—United, George Hotel, Colchester.
 780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
 815—Blair, Town Hall, Stretford-road, Hulme.
 1087—Beaudesert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard.
 1143—Royal Denbigh, Council Room, Denbigh.
 1239—Rock, Bedford House, Bedford-road, Rockferry, Cheshire.
 1536—United Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead.
 1621—Castle, Crown Hotel, Bridgnorth.
 R. A. 993—Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Levenshulme.

SATURDAY, 9th NOVEMBER.

193—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
 1426—The Great City Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
 1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)
 1671—Mizpah, Albion Hotel, Aldersgate-street.
 Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.
 R. A. 1155—Lewis, King's Arms, Hotel, Wood Green.
 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
 1556—Addiscombe, Surrey Club, West Croydon.
 1584—Loyalty and Charity, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge.
 1637—Unity, De Burgh Hotel, West Drayton, Middlesex.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.—On Monday, the 28th ult., at the Old Rodney's Head, 12 Old-street, Goswell-road. Present—Bros. Hallam sen. W.M., Percy S.W., Millison J.W., Tolmie Prec., Fenner Sec., Symoas S.D., J. Milington J.D., Killick I.G.; also Bros. Halford, Stock, Hunter, Robison, Weeden, Halford, Hallam jun., Millward, Pelikan, Isaac, Gardner, Hyland. All preliminaries having been duly observed, the W.M. worked the first and second sections of the first lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge being advanced a degree, Bro. C. K. Killick P.M. 1693 rehearsed the ceremony of installation, assisted by Bros. Hunter W.M. 1677 acting W.M. elect, Halford W.M. 228 S.W., Stock W.M. 1178 J.W., and Tolmie W.M. 861 as I.G. On the re-admission of the brethren, Bro. Hallam sen. resumed the chair. The W.M. appointed and invested his Officers. We need hardly say that Bro. Killick performed the duties of Installing Master in a perfect manner. The W.M. worked the fourth section, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Pelikan, of Sir Hugh Myddelton Lodge, No. 1602, was elected a member. Bro. Percy was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Those who may be present will have a treat, as Bro. Percy is "perfect" in the ritual. A vote of thanks was awarded Bro. C. K. Killick for rehearsing the installation ceremony. After which Lodge was closed.

Constitution Lodge of Instruction, No 55.—On Tuesday at the Bedford Hotel, Southampton-buildings, Holborn. Present:—Bros. Baker W.M., Mirov S.W., Cooper J.W., Dickins Sec., Tate S.D., Linscott J.D., Bramham I.G., Bingemann Preceptor. Bros. Soper, Pownceby, Bond, Abell, Woods, Sanders, Sandall, J. H. Dodson, Watts, Cornellissen, L. B. Dodson, and others. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Tranter candidate. The Lodge was opened up to the 2nd degree, and the following sections of that lecture were worked (1st by Bro. Bingemann, 2nd Bro. Tate, 3rd Bro. Woods, 4th Bro. Dickins.) Bros. L. B. Wooldridge, W. B. Richards and Groves were elected members. Bro. Mirov was elected W.M. for ensuing Tuesday week, and appointed his officers in rotation. The Lodge was closed, and adjourned till Tuesday, 5th November, at the hour of six, when the 15 Sections are to be worked by the brethren. Bro. L. Bingemann will preside on that occasion, and he will no doubt be well supported by his friends.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—A meeting was held on Saturday last, at the Jolly Farmer's, Southgate-road, Islington. Present—Bros. S. E. Moss P.M. 185 W.M., R. H. Halford W.M. 228 S.W., R. Percy (Preceptor) J.W., C. K. Killick Sec., Manning I.G. Lodge was opened and minutes continued. The fifteen Sections were worked in the following order:—FIRST LECTURE—Bros. Gibbs, J. Lorkin, T. Goode, Brasted, Stock, Killick and Powell; SECOND LECTURE—Bros. Halford, C. Lorkin, Farman jun., H. P. Isaac and Percy; THIRD LECTURE—Bros. I. P. Conde, Percy and Watlington. The whole of the sections were worked in an admirable manner and elicited the heartiest approval from the W.M., who received the unanimous thanks of the Lodge. Bro. J. Gibbs will preside next Saturday. Bros. D. Moss 1275 and F. Carr 1607 were elected members.

Lodge of Faith, No. 141.—The members of this old and flourishing Lodge met at Andertou's Hotel, on the 29th ult., for the purpose of installing the W.M. elect, and other Masonic business. Lodge was opened at 5 o'clock p.m., by Bro. E. Mallett W.M., his Officers, and numerous brethren. The minutes of the last regular meeting were confirmed. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. C. Dairy W.M. elect was presented to the Installing Master, Bro. E. Mallett, for the benefit of installation. A board of installed Masters was formed, and Bro. C. Dairy was inducted into the chair of the Lodge. The brethren were then admitted, and having saluted their new Master, the W.M. proceeded to invest his Officers:—Bros. E. Mallett I.P.M., G. Rumball S.W., J. Morrison J.W., W. Stuart P.M. Secretary (re-elected), W. Carter P.M. Treas. (re-elected), W. Clarke I.G., Titley W. Steward, A. J. Abrahams D.C. Tyler (re-elected). Ballot was then taken, separately, for four gentlemen, candidates for initiation, and it proving unanimous, Messrs. John B. Weeden and Nathaniel Nathan were admitted into Masonry in solemn form, the W.M. giving abundant promise of good work, by his excellent rendering of the ceremony. The W.M. in a neat and appropriate speech thanked Bro. Mallett for the splendid manner in which he had installed him into the chair, assuring him of the high esteem he was held in by the Lodge. This had found some small expression by the members voting a P.M.'s jewel, which he (Bro. Dairy) felt very proud to place upon his breast, and he trusted he would have a long and prosperous life to wear it. Bro. Mallett thanked the W.M. and the brethren for their gift, and for the kind manner in which it had been presented. He felt it bound him in yet closer ties to the Lodge of Faith, and he hoped to hand it down as an heir-loom to his descendants. Several applications for membership were received, and then Lodge was solemnly closed, and adjourned until 26th inst. The brethren repaired to the Holborn Restaurant, Queen-street, for the banquet, at which upwards of seventy sat down. All seemed to appreciate the excellent fare provided, under the superintendance of Bro. Hamp. On the cloth being removed, the W.M. rose to propose the Queen and the Craft, in appropriate terms, which was received with enthusiasm; God save the Queen was then sung. The health of H.R.H. M.W. G.M. met with the usual hearty reception, and the toast was followed by God bless the Prince of Wales. The Pro G.M., the D.G.M., and rest of the Grand Officers followed, and with it was associated the name of Bro. Cottebrune P.G.P. This brother, in reply, said he had been indirectly connected with the Lodge of Faith many years; he felt it a great honour upon his first visit to have to respond to such a toast. The health of the Initiates was next given; the W.M. said that might justly be deemed the toast of the evening. The members were happy to receive gentlemen amongst them who had been so well recommended. He exhorted each to lay to heart the lessons taught in the Lodge, and to practise them outside. Bro. Nathan modestly thanked the brethren for admitting him into so honourable a society, and hoped to prove himself worthy of their confidence. Bro. Weeden also trusted he might become a worthy brother, and thanked the brethren. Bro. E. Mallett I.P.M. then said that he appeared before the brethren in a new rôle, and for the first time; yet, having passed from the chair only some few hours, he could assure the brethren he had great pleasure in proposing the health of their W.M. He had worked side by side with Bro. Dairy for nine years, and had had ample opportunities of proving his qualities; he was confident the brethren would have an excellent year under the guidance of their new W.M. The toast was received with enthusiasm. Bro. Dairy returned his sincere thanks for the really brotherly manner in which Bro. Mallett had introduced the toast. He had to thank him for many good offices during the years they had been associated together. His many services, however, were crowned by the one rendered that evening—installing him in his present proud position. He would assure the Lodge of his intention to leave nothing undone to promote the welfare of the brethren, and thanked them sincerely for receiving his health so cordially. The next toast was the P.M.'s; they had many in the Lodge, some, like Bros. Carter and Stuart, fulfilling the duties of Treasurer and Secretary, but all able and willing to do service for the Lodge. Bro. E. Mallett was called upon to respond. He, being the most recent addition to the P.M.'s as a body, could not be expected to reply so fully as some who were of longer standing, but he could speak with confidence of the zeal which inspired them all to promote the good and welfare of the brethren. In proposing the health of the Visitors, the W.M. felt this toast second to none in importance among Freemasons, who regard hospitality as a duty and a pleasure. They were honoured with the presence of many distinguished brethren. There was Bro. Cottebrune P.G.P., with whom he had been connected many years at the Lodge of Instruction over which he so ably presides. There was Bro. Gladwell 172, H. J. Andrews 382, J. L. Coulton P.M., G. H. Stephens 1623, R. T. Whitley P.P.G.A.D.C. Middlesex, and many others whom they were all glad to see, and would be proud to meet again. Bro. Cottebrune thanked the W.M. for the handsome manner in which he had received him; he hoped to avail himself of his kind invite. Bro. Coulton also thanked them for his reception. Bro. Gladwell said he had thoroughly enjoyed himself, and had indeed been so much at home that evening that he scarcely realised he was not a member when the toast was given. Bro. G. H. Stephens endorsed what had been said by the brethren; he also thanked the Lodge of Faith for the generous reception the Visitors had received. He felt it was a debt he owed, to allude briefly to the fare which had been provided so bounteously. He had been much impressed by the manner in which Bro. Dairy had initiated the candidates, and felt it was indeed a great thing for so old a Lodge to commence another year of Masonic industry under so able a Master as he had proved himself to be. The Officers as briefly responded to by Bro. G. Rumball S.W., and the Tyler's last brought the business to a close. The toasts were interspersed with an unusually choice selection of glees, &c., under the direction of Bro. Edwin Moss, assisted by Bros. Collins, Upstone, and Treneer, whose finished performance added much to the enjoyment of the brethren.

Zetland Chapter, No. 236.—The regular Convocation of this Chapter was held at York, on Wednesday last. Present—E. Comps. the Earl of Zetland Z., Sir James Meek Kt. as H., Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett J., R. W. Hollon P.Z., J. Todd P.Z.; Comps. I. G. Turner S.E., Meek S.N., A. Buckle P.S., T. S. Cambridge Org., J. Ward, C. Palliser, G. C. Lee, T. B. Whitehead, C. D. Barstow, Gairforth. Seller, Rymer, Rooke, T. W. Wilson, &c. Visitors—Major Shaw-Hellier and Capt. Hanly, 4th Dragoon Guards. The business consisted of the election of a Treasurer in the place of the late E. Comp. W. Cowling P.Z., who had served the Chapter in that capacity for many years, and the unanimous vote of the Companions fell upon Excellent Companion J. Todd P.Z. The M.E.Z. moved a vote of sympathy, on behalf of the Chapter, with the family of their late lamented Companion, who had been so faithful and valuable an Officer; this was seconded by Comp. Sir James Meek, and carried. The Companions afterwards met at supper, under the presidency of E. Comp. R. W. Hollon P.Z., and a pleasant evening was spent, the usual toasts being duly given.

Fitzroy Lodge, No. 569.—The first meeting of the season was held at the Armony House, Finsbury, on Friday, the 25th ult., when the following brethren attended. Bros. R. G. Webster W.M., A. D. Everingham S.W., John C. Sanderson J.W., Lieut. F. J. Stöh-wasser S.D., W. Birdseye I.G., Capt. R. Helsham Treasurer, Capt. J. Eglese Hon. Sec., Lieut. W. I. Spicer I.P.M., W. Jolliffe D.C., A. J. Adams P.M., and W. H. Honey P.M. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, after which the Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bros. Capt. Jacobs and James Quarm were passed to the degree of Fellow Craft; two gentlemen were proposed for initiation at the next meeting, and the Lodge adjourned. The usual banquet followed, and the Masonic and Loyal toasts were duly honoured. The Visitors were Bros. Willis No. 3, Gully 8, Bellamy 91, Dobson 72, Cutler S.W. 231, W. R. Crozier W.M. 370, Jones 795, Field 1185, Frost 1306, Gunnell 1441, and McCabe 1260.

Segontium Lodge, No. 606.—The installation meeting of this Lodge, which meets at their magnificent Lodge-room within the walls of the ancient castle of Carnarvon, took place on Wednesday, the 9th ult. Bro. C. A. Jones W.M., assisted by Bro. the Rev. J. S. Boucher I.P.M. P.G.C., installed, in the most impressive manner, Bro. Owen Thomas as W.M. for the ensuing year; who subsequently invested the following Officers:—Bros. C. A. Jones I.P.M., Canon Evans, D.D., Chaplain, L. Prothero S.W., G. Thomas J.W., R. Thomas Treasurer, D. W. Davies Secretary, S. Nightingale S.D., C. P. Boucher J.D., C. Foulkes I.G., W. Hayden Organist, W. Hamer S., J. W. Poole P.M. D.C., W. Watkins Tyler. In the course of the business proceedings the W.M. presented valuable jewels, on behalf of the Lodge, to C. A. Jones I.P.M. and D. W. Davies Secretary, as a recognition of the faithful manner they had discharged their duties. The gifts were suitably acknowledged. Notice was given that the Lodge vote £5, or more, towards the distress fund of Abercarne, South Wales. Notice was also given that the Lodge vote £20 in order to secure an additional life interest in both the Boys and Girls Masonic Orphan Institution. Bro. C. H. Rees was appointed to represent the Lodge at the North Wales and Shropshire Masonic Educational Association. After the conclusion of the business, the brethren proceeded to the Royal Hotel (Bro. Humphreys), there to partake of an excellent banquet. In the course of the evening, the usual Masonic and Loyal toasts were drunk with enthusiasm. Besides those already named, the following attended the Lodge and banquet:—Bros. the Rev. R. J. Edwards Corris, C. Davies, and G. P. Spooner Portmadoc, W. H. Foulkes and H. A. Steen Rhyl, W. H. Holmes Cowes, F. Jarmyn Abergele, D. Thomas Chester, and the following from Carnarvon:—R. J. Davids, C. H. Rees, W. Hugh Owen, J. Lloyd, R. W. Griffith, C. P. Copland, G. A. Davids, O. Evans, H. Evans, T. Williams, R. S. Williams, &c. &c.

Grosvenor Chapter, No. 721.—The monthly convocation of this Chapter was held at the Masonic Chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester, on Tuesday, the 29th ult. The Chapter was opened at 6.30 p.m., by Ex-Comps. W. Johnson M.E.Z., J. Dennis H., D. Thomas P.Z. as J., T. E. Nabb S.E., R. C. Edwards P.S., John Humphreys Org., D. Baynes Janitor. The minutes of the last Convocation were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for a brother for exaltation, and proved favourable. From unforeseen circumstances the candidate was unable to attend. The M.E.Z. then gave a short account of his visit to Prov. Grand Chapter, at Birkenhead, which was listened to with great pleasure by the Companions. It is to be regretted that the number of Members present was so small to participate in the duties and pleasures of the Chapter. The business of the evening being ended, the Chapter was closed in ancient form, and the Comps. dispersed.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—On 25th October, at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, at half past 7 o'clock. Present—Bros. Gomm W.M., Le Gry S.W., Talbot J.W., Kyezor S.D., Gunner Hon. Sec. and J.D., Botley I.G., Goss I.P.M. 780, Clarke, Blasby, Skinner 813, &c. After preliminaries, Bro. Clarke offered himself as candidate, and the ceremony of Initiation was rehearsed. The call to refreshment was given, and upon the resumption of labour, Lodge was advanced to second and third degrees, and regularly closed down. Bro. Skinner was elected a member of this Lodge of Instruction. Bro. Le Gry was elected W.M. for next meeting. The Lodge of Instruction banquet is fixed for the Last Friday in November, when the brethren desire to meet as many of their confrères as can make it convenient to attend; a post card or note addressed to Bro. Gunner, at the Star and Garter, announcing intention to be present is requested, so that proper provision may be made.

Merchant Navy Lodge of Instruction, No. 781.—A meeting was held on Wednesday, 30th October, at the Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, Limehouse. E. Present—Bros. Andrews J.W. 122, W.M., Webb S.D. 174 S.W., Breden W.M. 781 Sec. and J.W., Ould S.D., Hogg P.M. 1349 J.D., Everett I.G.; Bros. Tarquand 890, P.M. 1556, Barnes P.M. 953, 554, Berry 554, Reeves 781, Musto, Wale 972, and a numerous assemblage of members and visitors. Lodge was opened in due form with prayer; minutes read and confirmed. Lodge opened in second and third degrees. Lodge resumed to the first, and the following brethren worked the Fifteen Sections:—First Lecture—Bros. Anderson, Taylor, Smith, Musto, Hogg, Webb, Musto. Second Lecture—Bros. Berry, Worsley, Ould, Tarquand, Pringle. Third Lecture—Bros. Taylor, J. H. Pringle, Barnes Bro. Breden W.M. No. 781 Hon. Sec. After a very pleasant evening Bro. Andrews rose. It was proposed by Bro. Breden, seconded by Bro. Hogg, that Bros. Anderson, White, Brooke, Mole, Ebdon, Le Mesurier, Alison, Wilson, Webb, and Horner become members of this Lodge of Instruction. Carried unanimously, and suitably acknowledged by the S.W. Proposed by Bro. Breden, seconded by Bro. Barnes, that Bro. Andrews be made an honorary member, for the efficient manner in which he had worked the Fifteen Sections. This was also carried unanimously. Lodge closed in due form with prayer, and adjourned until Wednesday, 6th November.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 830.—This Lodge held its weekly meeting on Tuesday, the 29th of October, at the Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston. Present—Bros. R. Dallas W.M., J. Lorkin S.W., Wardell J.W., W. W. Morgan as Sec., Smith Treas., Gilham S.D., Polak J.D., Carr I.G. P.M.'s Bros. W. H. Wallington Preceptor, C. K. Killick 1693, Wright; C. H. Webb W.M. 1607; also Bros. Brasted C. Lorkin, Forss, Wymon, Collins, &c. After preliminaries had been completed with the W.M. worked the ceremony of initiation, Bro. C. Lorkin candidate. The Preceptor, Bro. Wallington, then rehearsed the installation ceremony, performing his task most carefully, and greatly to the satisfaction of the brethren. Bro. C. H. Webb acted as W.M. elect, and on taking the chair went through with the formal investiture of Officers. Bro. Wallington then most impressively delivered the addresses, and on resuming his seat received the congratulations of the brethren on the ability he had displayed. Later in the evening a cordial vote of thanks was passed to him, and this mark of respect was ordered to be placed on the minutes. Bro. Dallas worked the second section of the first lecture. Bro. Killick was elected a member, and then Lodge was closed. As is the custom at this Lodge of Instruction, some of the members afterwards spent an hour together in conviviality.

Whittington Lodge of Instruction, No. 862.—The members held their anniversary banquet on Wednesday, 30th Oct., at Bro. Hyde's, Red Lion, Poppins-court, Fleet-street. Bro. Long, the Preceptor, was in the chair; he was assisted by Bros. Tate and Thompson of the Mother Lodge, and a distinguished but not numerous assemblage of brethren. The banquet met with great satisfaction; it was Bro. Hyde's first effort in that direction. After removal of the cloth the various Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and the evening passed very pleasantly, with vocal and instrumental music.

Royal Albert Lodge, No. 907.—A regular meeting of this Lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall on Monday evening, 21st ult. Lodge was opened at 5.30 p.m. by Bros. F. A. White I.P.M. as W.M., T. Griffiths P.M. as I.P.M., R. Jennings S.W., G. T. Barr J.W., J. A. Farnfield P.M. Treasurer, W. H. Farnfield P.M. Secretary, T. Butt S.D., W. Wardley J.D., H. J. Lewis P.M. D.C. and W.S.; also Past Masters R. E. Stevenson, C. Chard, T. Griffiths, and J. Dennis, and a large number of brethren. The minutes of the previous Lodge meeting having been read and confirmed, ballot was taken for two gentlemen, candidates for initiation, which proved favourable. The W.M. accordingly admitted Messrs. Charles Robinson and William Searle into Freemasonry, in a very able and impressive manner. Bro. Wallis was next invested with the I.G. collar. No further business being on the agenda, Lodge was solemnly closed and adjourned until the 18th November next. The brethren then sat down to the banquet, which was served by Bro. A. Best in his usual excellent style. The cloth being removed, the W.M. gave the Loyal and Craft toasts in brief but appropriate terms, and each was duly honoured by the brethren. Bro. J. A. Farnfield P.M. rose to propose the health of the W.M., remarking that it would require but little recommendation from him to ensure a hearty response to the toast. The brethren had had an opportunity of seeing how ably Bro. White had discharged the duties of the chair during his recent term of office, and were well assured that in his hands the honour of the Lodge would be well sustained throughout the present year. Bro. White P.M., in reply, thanked Bro. Farnfield for the kind manner in which the toast had been proposed, and also the brethren for the hearty reception that had been given to it. He hoped that as he had been successful in the past, so in the future he might secure their good opinion. Having been called upon, through unforeseen circumstances, to occupy the chair this year, although but recently having vacated it, he should strive, with the co-operation of the P.M.'s, to render that service to the Royal Albert Lodge which he felt it deserved. The W.M. next rose to propose the toast of the Initiates, one which he felt to be the toast of the evening. They had just admitted two gentlemen into their ancient Order; and, from the fact of their being recommended by P.M.'s of the Lodge, he felt glad to offer them a sincere welcome. He was sure the brethren would heartily respond. Bros. C. Robinson and William Hearle both returned thanks for the honour the Lodge had done them, and trusted they would prove themselves worthy of the Order. The W.M. then gave the Past Masters. He was glad to see so many present at the Lodge. Of working P.M.'s they fortunately had many. There were Bros. J. A. Farnfield, Treasurer; Dennis, from whom he had taken his first, second and third degrees

W. Farnfield Secretary; C. Chard, who was busy with the Lodge of Instruction; and Bro. Stevenson. He therefore asked them to do honour to the toast, and he coupled the names of Bros. Dennis and Chard. Bro. P.M. Dennis, in reply, said: Permit me to thank you for the hearty manner in which you have received this toast. I feel that I scarcely deserve the high tribute of respect paid me by Bro. White, and am sure that while we as P.M.'s have all done our best for the Lodge, none have done more than Bro. W.M. White has done, and is now doing, for the Royal Albert Lodge. I feel a degree of pleasure in recalling the fact that it was not only my privilege to make him a Mason, as he has told you, but also to instal him into the chair. Bro. P.M. Chard also briefly expressed the pleasure he felt at the hearty way in which the assistance the P.M.'s had rendered for many years was appreciated. It had always been a pleasure to do whatever lay in their power for the good of the brethren. The W.M. next gave the Visitors. He had seldom seen so few at their meetings, and was glad to offer those who had honoured them with their presence a cordial welcome. Bro. Anderson briefly replied. The W.M. next gave the toast of the Treasurer, Secretary and D.C. and W.S. He was sure the Lodge was indebted to Bros. P.M. J. Farnfield, W. A. Farnfield, and H. J. Lewis D.C. and W.S. for the manner in which they performed their duties, and would mark it in their reception of the toast. Bro. H. J. Lewis in a humorous speech expressed the satisfaction he had in pleasing the brethren. He felt he had done so that evening, as every one seemed happy. It was the highest gratification to him to know the Lodge had well sustained its high character for hospitality. The other Officers having responded in suitable terms, the Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to an end. The Visitors were Bros. Anderson S.W. 60, Talbot 1716, Stephens 1623, and Fennell 1623. During the evening the toasts were interspersed with several capital songs.

Wandsworth Lodge of Instruction.—A meeting was held on Wednesday evening, the 30th October, at the Spread Eagle Hotel, Wandsworth. The following brethren were present—Bros. H. R. Jones I.P.M., J. G. Carter P.M., W. J. Huntly, John Frost, F. Reed, G. Howick, J. Featherstone, P. V. Denham, John Saunders, Newens, J. J. Holland and A. A. Denham; J. G. Jones and H. S. Lee Visitors. Bro. Carter P.M., as the W.M., proved himself thoroughly efficient in the ritual. Bro. Featherstone went through the ceremony of being initiated. Bro. Lee was passed, and Bro. Jones raised. Bro. Holland proposed, Bro. Featherstone seconded, and it was unanimously carried, that Bro. J. G. Jones and H. S. Lee be elected members of this Lodge of Instruction.

Grey Friars Lodge, No. 1101.—This Lodge held an emergency meeting on Wednesday, the 23rd of October, at the Masonic Hall, Reading. Present—Bros. Arthur Welch Prov. G.R. Berks and Backs W.M., W. G. Flaungan W.M. elect S.W., J. Early D nks J.W., Thomas Newman D.C. acting Sec., J. T. Stransom Treasurer, E. J. Blackwell J.D., Hawkes Steward, Hemmings Tyler. Past Masters Bros. Margrett I.P.M., R. C. Hurley; Bros. Pulley, Bailey, Hunt, Prickett, Rolfe, White. This Lodge of Emergency was held for the purpose of "taking into consideration a letter received from the W.M. of the Lodge of Union 414, accompanied by a resolution and notice with regard to the tenancy of the Lodge room and appurtenances, and to decide upon the same;" also to "pass the Treasurer's accounts as audited." The Lodge being opened in the first degree, the letter from the W.M. 414, together with the resolution and notice, were read by the acting Secretary, who called attention to the minutes of 9th October and 13th November 1867, wherein an agreement had been made and signed by the two Lodges as to the rental of the premises. A lengthened and interesting discussion took place, which resulted in a resolution, proposed by Bro. Hurley P.M. and seconded by the W.M. elect, "that an offer of an increase of rental be made to 414, subject to arbitration if the offer be refused." An amendment was proposed by Bro. Margrett I.P.M., seconded by Bro. Bailey, "that a communication be made to the members of 414, requesting them to agree to refer the question of terms to the arbitration of some Masonic authority." The amendment was put, but not carried. The original resolution was put, and declared to be carried. The Treasurer's accounts, as audited, were passed, with a complimentary vote of hearty thanks to the Treasurer for the "satisfactory state of the Lodge finances," which was carried by acclamation. All business being ended, the Lodge was closed.

St. John of Wapping Lodge of Instruction, 1306.—At Bro. Mortlock's, Gun Hotel, Wapping, on Monday, 23rd inst. Present Bros. C. Veal W.M. Horsley S.W., T. Wooding J.W., G. H. Stephens S.D., T. Mortlock Preceptor, Brame Secretary, also Bros. Greeley, Wood, Banks, &c. After preliminaries, the W.M. worked the ceremony of Initiation, Bro. Banks candidate. Bro. G. H. Stephens then worked the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Sections of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. The report of the Audit Committee was read and adopted. It showed a satisfactory financial position, after awarding £33s to a distressed brother. Bro. Horsley was duly elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Bro. Mortlock Preceptor, rose to propose a vote of thanks to their Worshipful Master. It was the first time Bro. Veal had worked a ceremony in that Lodge. He was sure this mark of respect was seldom more deserved. Carried unanimously. Bro. Horsley S.W. expressed the pleasure it afforded him to see one of the principal officers of the Mother Lodge acquit himself in so proficient a manner. Bro. Veal briefly thanked the brethren, and Lodge was solemnly closed, and adjourned till next Monday evening, at 8 o'clock p.m.

Gladsmuir Lodge, No. 1385.—A meeting was held on the 25th ult., at the Red Lion Hotel, Barnet. Present—Bros. R. F. Young

W.M., F. Venables P.G. Pursuivant S.W., C. Gray J.W., P.M. Askaw P.G.S.D. Sec., P.M. Lowthin P.P.G.S.W. Treas., J. P. Enerby S.D., C. W. Allen J.D., J. G. Yolland P.P.G.S. Bearer D.C. as I.G., J. Purrott P.P.G.S. Steward, R. W. Goddard Tyler. P.M.'s Bros. J. Livingston P.P.G.S.W., Edwards P.P.G. Supt. Works, Cutbush P.P.G. Assist. D.C., Bros. W. K. Hopkins, A. Triggs, J. Brittain P.P.G.S., W. Morgan jun., and J. M. Ashforth. Visitor—Bro. Morris, Minerva Lodge, No. 300. Lodge was opened, and minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. Bro. Ashforth, a candidate for passing, was asked the usual questions. Lodge was then opened in the second degree, and the ceremony was performed. The Lodge was closed down, and several propositions were made. Lodge was then closed in due form. The brethren afterwards adjourned to refreshment. Bro. Cutbush notified the brethren that his list for the Girls' School amounted to sixty guineas; he thanked them for their support.

The Great City Lodge of Instruction, No. 1426.—Held at Masons' Hall Tavern, E.C., on Thursday, 31st Oct., at 6 p.m. Present—Bros. T. Poore P.M. 720 W.M., Jas. Stevens P.M. 1426, &c. S.W., P. Dickinson P.M. 1298 J.W., T. Hamer I.G., G. W. Blackie Hon. Sec., G. W. Saul Preceptor, and about thirty other brethren. The Lodge was opened in the first degree, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The sections of the first lecture were then worked by the following brethren—Bros. Harper, Hunt, Moss, C. Taylor, Saul, Poore, and Watts. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the second lecture worked by the following brethren—Bros. A. E. Taylor and Dickinson;—at this period the Lodge was called off for refreshment. On resuming, the remaining sections were worked by Bros. Blackie, Lea, and Tolmie. The Lodge was opened in the third degree, and the third lecture worked by the following brethren:—Bros. Pepper, Ockenden, and Sadler. The Lodge was closed down to the first degree. Several new members joined the Lodge. Votes of thanks were ordered to be recorded on the minutes to Bro. Poore P.M. 720, for occupying the chair, and also to the working brethren for their kindness in assisting. All Masonic business being ended, Lodge was closed in due form.

West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1612.—The usual weekly meeting was held on Thursday evening, the 24th ult., at the Feathers Hotel, Ealing. Present—Bros. Kingston W.M., Fisher S.W., Coop J.W., Barr Sec., Tucker Treasurer, Porter S.D., Seward J.D., Le Grys I.G., and Bros. Wells, Tink Brown, Clark, Wright, Etienne, Nye, Edmeston, Delevante, and several others. The Lodge having been opened in due form and the minutes read, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Wells candidate. Bro. Etienne, of the Mother Lodge, was unanimously elected a member. The question has again been raised of securing a more suitable "home" than that now now used by the Mother Lodge, and some of the brethren have inspected premises which are considered to be suitable. A Committee has been appointed to look into the question in all its bearings, and to report at an early meeting the result of their inquiries. On the whole, there is a prospect of the Lodge either securing some existing premises, or erecting a suitable Masonic Hall. There is no doubt that, in a growing and fashionable resort such as Ealing, as a speculation, either plan would be remunerative; further, it is believed that many Lodges and Chapters would be induced to migrate to Ealing, particularly during the summer months.

Lodge of Progress, 1758.—This Lodge, which was consecrated on the 17th ult., held its first regular meeting, at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday last, under the presidency of the Worshipful Master Bro. W. Alfred Dawson, supported by Bro. Richards P.M. &c., an honorary member of the Lodge, as I.P.M., Bro. F. R. Spaul S.W., A. C. Spaul J.W., E. Legg Treasurer, E. Hornblower Secretary, Tattershall S.D., Duret J.D., T. W. Ockenden I.G., J. E. Hunt, Kentish, J. R. Jones 113, W. G. Weber 873, J. Marshall 538, &c. A ballot was taken on behalf of the last three named brethren as joining members, and declared unanimous. Another ballot resulted in equal success for the admission of Mr. James William Gaze, a candidate for initiation, who was duly and solemnly admitted to the benefit of Masonic light. Bro. Weber presided at the organ. The bye-laws were read and approved. Amongst the visitors present were Bro. William Hammond P.M. 201, 1326, 1512, and W.M. 1656, Bro. Danlop, &c. The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, 27th November, at 7 o'clock.

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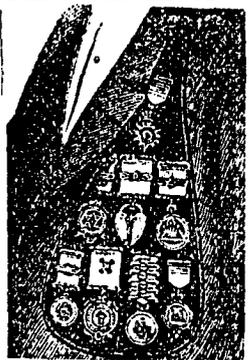
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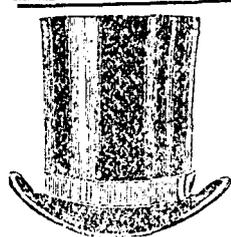
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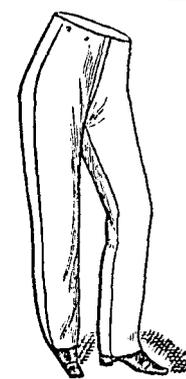
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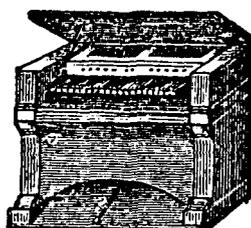
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