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ROYAL ARCH MASONRY IN PENNSYLVANIA.

WE have received, and fraternally acknowledge the receipt of copy of the Proceedings of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania during the year 1877, and we rejoice that this section of Freemasonry is in so exceedingly prosperous a condition. The Quarterly Convocations were held in the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, on the 1st February, 3rd May, 2nd August, and 1st November respectively, and the Annual Convocation on the 27th December. At each of these meetings Comp. Alfred P. Potter, Grand High Priest presided, and was well supported by his Grand Officers, and the representatives of very many of the subordinate Chapters. At the May Convocation a communication from the Grand Chapter of Quebec, requesting recognition by the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania, was referred to the Committee on Correspondence. At the Convocation in August, a full and exhaustive report as to the state of Royal Arch Masonry in the jurisdiction was presented, and from this we glean the following interesting particulars. There are, or rather were at the time the Report was submitted, exactly one hundred Royal Arch Chapters in the jurisdiction, three of which were constituted in 1876, and three Mark Lodges. The number of Companions in the former on the 27th December 1876 was 10,457, there having been 684 admissions, &c. in the course of that year, and 548 resigned, suspended, expelled, or died. The members of the three Mark Lodges mustered together 2,044, as against 2,114 at the corresponding date in 1875, two only having been marked in 1876, while seven resigned, nineteen died, and forty-six were suspended or expelled, or together seventy-two. At the November Convocation the Committee on Finance presented their Report, and the Resolutions attached thereto were adopted. From this we learn that for the year ended 29th October 1877, the receipts, including a balance from previous year of 1,510 dollars 35 cents, amounted to a little over 7,992 dollars. The expenditure reached over 5,481 dollars, leaving a balance of not quite 2,511 dollars. But of this close on 1,300 dollars were needed to pay balances due on appropriations to 27th December 1877, so that the balance was reduced to 1,011 dollars, and if to this sum the 423 dollars due to Grand Chapter were added, then the surplus of receipts over expenditure and appropriations showed the satisfactory total of 1,434 dollars. The investments of Grand Chapter were stated to be all in the Six per Cent. Redemption Loan of the Grand Lodge, and to have reached 17,000 dollars. The estimated receipts and expenditure for the current year were set down—the former at close on 8,731 dollars, and the latter as under 6,750 dollars, leaving a surplus of about 1,981 dollars. The Committee on Correspondence then delivered their report on the request for recognition by the Grand Chapter of Quebec, which report, for reasons which must commend themselves to all, was to the effect that the said Grand Chapter should not be recognised. The other business having been disposed of, the election of principal Grand Officers for the ensuing year was proceeded with, and resulted as follows:—M.E. Comps. Alfred R. Potter Grand High Priest, William C. Hamilton, M.D., Grand King, Hibbert P. John Grand Scribe, Thomas R. Patton Grand Treasurer, and John Thompson Grand Secretary. These companions were formally installed into their respec-

tive offices at the Annual Communication on the 27th December, on which occasion the other Grand Officers were appointed and invested, thus bringing the proceedings of the year to a satisfactory conclusion. The Appendix contains a mass of very interesting information, from which, if we had time and space, we should have great pleasure in making several excerpts. As it is, we must content ourselves with only a few remarks. Thus from that portion of it which treats of Canada we learn that the position of Arch Masonry in the Dominion is eminently satisfactory as to the number of its members, while the finances show a cash Balance in hand, and in 5 per cent. Dominion Stocks amounting to over 6,082 dollars. The number of Chapters at date is set down as seventy, and the number of Royal Arch Companions at 3,115. The Report on Maine contains an excellent *résumé* of the history of Mark Masonry in England, and the remarkable progress it has made since the establishment in 1856 of our Mark Grand Lodge. Under the head of New Jersey is a long and instructive address by Comp. the Rev. James Murray, Grand Chaplain, on the occasion of the annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of that State, the subject being "The Effects of the Captivity and the Second Temple." The treatment is very able, and our reverend Companion has displayed much erudition in the course of his remarks. We may add that we trust the next Report of Royal Arch Freemasonry in Pennsylvania will be as interesting and as satisfactory as the one we have just been commenting upon.

"IT IS EASY TO PROMULGATE AN ERROR,
BUT VERY HARD TO ERADICATE IT."

BY BRO. JACOB NORTON.

WHENEVER an error originated, from an ignorant or learned man, when once it was accepted as an article of faith, additions were generally made to it, and learned men in the course of time did not disdain to aid and defend its perpetuation. No one, for instance knows who, or when, originated the notion of witchcraft; and that itself was a strong argument for perpetuating that notion. In 1736, Parliament abolished the law of burning witches, and the repeal of that law horrified the then pious ones, including John Wesley, just as much as Grand Lodges were horrified at the G.O. of France for having erased from its constitution a certain law. The history of Masonry furnishes several facts to illustrate the truth of the heading of this paper; thus, in the fifteenth century the author of the Halliwell MS. introduced (as he alleges), from hearsay, the story of King Athelstan and his son Edwin having called an assembly of Masons, to whom Prince Edwin gave a charter. The MSS. says neither *where* nor *when* the said assembly was held. Matthew Cooke's MS., written in the sixteenth century, is also silent as to the *where* and *when* the said assembly was held. "Hughan's Old Charges," written in the seventeenth century, gave a location to the Athelstan assembly, viz., "York," and in 1738, Dr. Anderson added the year when that assembly was held, viz., 926. Everybody received the story with the additions as a fact, and Dermott began each Lodge Charter with the article of faith, that he derived his authority from Prince Edwin of 926. Dr. Oliver asserted that the Athelstan charter was still preserved at York. At last Bro. Findel exploded the Athelstan story. Since then, all the efforts of the legend defenders, including Bro. Paton's pamphlet, have failed to resuscitate the *old* faith in the Athelstan legend. This story is, however, not entirely abandoned; and it is curious to see to what expedients our legend sticklers resort to, in order to prop up a legend. The old story being no longer tenable, our Bro. Woodford brought forward Dr. Drake's discovery, that a Prince Edwin was baptized in 627 at York, who afterwards built a stone church. Now remember, that our earliest MSS. make no reference to York, but they do affirm that Prince Edwin was the son, or as some say, the brother of King Athelstan.

The Edwin of 627 was neither son nor brother to a King Athelstan, but because he was baptized at York, and his name was Edwin, and he built a church, therefore Bro. Woodford wants us to believe that the legend is mainly true, but that it refers to the said Prince Edwin of 627.

Dr. Oliver was not only a supporter and defender of old errors, but was also a promulgator of new errors; thus, in his "Revelations of a Square," he says, that D.G.M. Dr. Manningham was very much offended at learning that some W. Masters, to please Jewish Masons, omitted the name of Jesus from the prayers; thereupon, the D.G.M. consulted Dr. Anderson, and the two Doctors conjointly composed a prayer ending with Jesus; and the G.L. (between 1752 and 1754) approved of the said prayer, and the prayer was printed in the Pocket Companion of 1754. This story has been repeated many times by our American advocates of Christianized Masonry, and Dr. Mackey even embalmed it—prayer and all—in his Masonic Cyclopaedia. At last, I wrote to the R.W. Bro. Hervey for information as to whether there was any evidence to sustain the story. Bro. Hervey answered most decidedly in the negative. In the meantime I found in the *Gentleman's Magazine* of 1739, that our Dr. Anderson died 28th May of that year; this settles the question about Anderson's composing a prayer in 1754, or fifteen years after he died. The truth is, with the exception that such a prayer was printed in 1754, all the rest of the story is a pure fiction—the invention of Dr. Oliver. But as Dr. Mackey repeated the story that Dr. Manningham "was the author of the prayer . . . which was presented by him to the Grand Lodge and adopted as a form of prayer to be used at initiation of candidates,"* the defenders of our Christianized ritual, may yet again and again quote the Oliver fiction, backed by Mackey, and palm it off on their uninformed audience as a historic fact.

The antiquity of our ritual, is another error believed by our "bright Masons." Some believe that King Solomon composed it. The late Dr. Winslow Lewis ever used to say, "they believe that King Solomon worked in the English language." Others suppose that the ritual has come down to us from the Lodge of the holy St. John at Jerusalem. This Masonic *St. John's Superstition*, is still rampant in our midst, for instance, ask an American Mason "Whence come you?" and he will answer "From the Lodge of the holy St. John at Jerusalem." To be sure, everybody knows that it is not true; nay, he himself knows it is not true, because he was never near Jerusalem, and, perhaps, never outside of his State. But it is still more ludicrous when you put the above question to one who has been to Jerusalem—such for instance as the famous Bro. Rob Morris, who knows no such a Masonic Lodge in Jerusalem exists, and who is not so foolish as to believe that there ever was such a holy Lodge of St. John at Jerusalem. But yet, when Bro. Morris is asked "Whence come you?" he answers, with a most serious, reverential, and sanctimonious face, "From the Lodge of the holy St. John at Jerusalem." This *St. John's nonsense*, was very justly ridiculed in a poem in 1751. The poem begins as follows:—

"Freemasons, as the story goes,
Have two saints for their patrons chose,
And both SAINT JOHNS—one the Baptist,
The other the Evangelist.
The Baptist had a Lodge which stood,
Of old, by Jordan's ancient flood,
But for what secret cause the other
Has been adopted for a Brother,
They cannot, and I will not say.†

In 1851, I petitioned the G.L. of Massachusetts to discard sectarianism and the St. John's from the ritual, the petition was referred to a learned Rev. D.D., who reported in 1852. Among other matter, he quoted Dr. Oliver's statement, that the earliest ritual contained the following question and answer, viz. :—Q. "Whence come you?" A. "From the holy lodge of St. John." (The word "Jerusalem" has evidently been added since). The Rev. Brother's report satisfied the G.L. that it was "sound on the goose" as far as "ancient landmarks" were concerned, and therefore, Massachusetts Masons still continue to come from the Lodge of the holy St. John at Jerusalem.

The writings of Bros. Findel, Lyon, Hughan and others, disabused the minds of some brethren; the majority, however, are still groveling in Egyptian darkness; and it is no wonder they are so, for, first, not more than four per cent. (if as many) subscribe for a Masonic publication; second, as a rule, American editors are averse to publish truth whenever it conflicts with their prejudices or vanity; and, third, there is a want of candour combined with courage on the part of those who know the truth to make it known in the Lodges and Grand Lodges; and hence, as long as the present ritual continues to be repeated in our Lodges, the ninety-six per cent. of our Masons

* Dr. Mackey says that Anderson died in 1746, which is incorrect. He also says, "Before that period [1754] no prayer was used on such occasion" [at initiation]. Invocations are found in all the pre 1717 rituals, but it seems that no prayers were used at initiation after 1717, for I have before me a reprint from a pamphlet published originally in 1750 (the preface does not indicate that any additions were made to the reprint), wherein I found the following:—"The ancients made use of a prayer, inserted in the apprentice lecture, but the moderns leave it out when they make a Brother." So Dr. Mackey may be right in this case; and the moderns may have borrowed the custom of praying from the ancients.

† I have read about sixty or more Masonic sermons, addresses, &c., ranging between 1725 and 1808, and not a solitary one refers to the Evangelist being made G.M. when upwards of ninety, or of his having been a Mason. This nonsense about the Evangelist's Masonry was not invented before this century, and it was not known to the oldest Masons in America before C. W. Moore, in Boston, began to print Masonic matter, that is, after 1824; hence, in 1751, the brethren could "not say."

who never trouble themselves with reading anything but newspapers, will continue to believe in the ritual as "gospel truth."

But with all these drawbacks, the dawn of reason is gradually looming up; a visible change has come over the scene in quarters where it was least expected; for instance, our learned Dr. Mackey, who has promulgated and defended more Masonic moonshine than any other writer, except Dr. Oliver, has become sceptical about the Solomonic origin of Masonry, and about the Templar legends. His change of opinion is plainly indicated in two articles printed in the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, 31st August. The article on page 148 is from Dr. Mackey's pen.

Again, in his Lexicon, printed some twenty years ago, Dr. Mackey asserted that the Saints John were "eminent Masons," but in his Masonic Cyclopaedia, the Masonry of the Saints is ignored. True, our Doctor halts half-way, he still hankers after legends, he pats Bro. Woodford on the shoulder for bolstering up a legend, he still believes ancient landmarks, and he still pretends to come from the Lodge of the holy St. John at Jerusalem; the truth is, it is hard to part with long cherished errors. We cannot, therefore, expect more from Dr. Mackey; he did, however, make some progress, and we ought to be thankful for a little.

The change of opinion for the better among a few prominent Masons has, for reasons already given, produced no corresponding change in the rank and file of the brotherhood. As an illustration of this, I was amused to read in the *Masonic Review*, Cincinnati, the sarcastic remarks of Bro. E. T. Carson, who probably owns one of the largest, if not the largest, Masonic library in the world. Bro. Carson refers to the Cincinnati ritual worshippers as "conscientious Masonic mules," who are discussing in the Lodge of Instruction as to whether, according to the "Preston-Webb work," it is more proper to say, "Come out here, Pat Marooney," or "Pat Marooney, come out here!"

Another instance of gross ignorance may be seen in the criticism of the Editor of the *Canada Craftsman* (see FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, 31st August, p 147). Dr. Mackey dared to state, in the *Voice of Masonry*, that "the Templar Order of the present day is not identical with the old Order of the Crusades." There is no doubt that Dr. Mackey was, within a few years, a firm believer in the Templar legends, but he has changed his mind, and dares to come out with the truth; and thereupon the editor of the *Craftsman* pitches into poor Bro. Mackey right and left. Of course, our readers of the *Craftsman* are persuaded that its editor is far more profoundly learned in Templar and other historic lore than Dr. Mackey. But the fact is, our Canadian Knight Templar editor knows no more of the history of the Templars than what he heard on the night when he was invested with the cocked hat, or what the vain-glorious Grand Priors and Grand Praters have palmed off on him; and this he calls history!

It is a curious fact, that while Dr. Mackey was groping in darkness, such writers as our Canadian editor used to look up to him as a Masonic oracle. But since our Doctor began to manifest some common sense in his writings, he lost caste among the orthodox. And this experience itself of Dr. Mackey furnishes an additional illustration to the truth of my text at the head of this paper, viz. : "It is easy to promulgate error, but very hard to eradicate it."

THE LADY FREEMASON.*

(HONOURABLE MRS. ALDWORTH).

THE Hon. Elizabeth St. Leger claims a place in the annals of noted Irishwomen, from the strange circumstances which have concurred to hand down her name to posterity. In the only portrait of her ever known to have been taken, she is represented as wearing her Masonic jewels and apron. The face is that of a woman of about five-and-thirty, with a pleasing Madonna-like cast of countenance. Benevolence and strength of character are striking features in what—considering the details we have of her life—must be a faithful likeness.

The subject of this memoir was the youngest child and only daughter of the Right Honourable Arthur St. Leger, created first Viscount Doneraile, 23rd June 1703, and of his wife Elizabeth, the daughter and heiress of John Hayes, Esq., of Winchelsea. She was married to Richard Aldworth, Esq., of Newmarket, County Cork, who was the son of Sir Richard Aldworth, Provost Mareschal of Munster; but the date of the marriage is uncertain.

Lord Doneraile, the father of the Hon. Elizabeth St. Leger, was a zealous Freemason. He held a warrant, which empowered him occasionally to open Lodge at his own residence, Doneraile House, where, it is recorded, the duties of Freemasonry were never more rigidly performed than by the Masonic brethren of Lodge 150—the number of the warrant.† In the performance of these rites, Lord Doneraile was usually assisted by his son and by some intimate friends. The meetings were sometimes held in the town of Doneraile, but more frequently at Doneraile House, as in the instance about to be related.

Either in the year 1732 or 1733, when Elizabeth St. Leger was about nineteen or twenty years of age, the Lodge was held one night at her father's residence. Whether by design or accident cannot be confidently affirmed, but the fact remains that she certainly was in the room adjoining the one where the Lodge was being held on this particular occasion. This room was at the time undergoing some alterations. Amongst other things, the wall had been considerably

* From "Illustrious Irishwomen," by E. Owen Blackburne. London: Tinsley Brothers, 8 Catherine-street, Strand.

† Another account says the number of the warrant was "44."

reduced in one part, for the purpose of making a saloon. The young lady, having heard the voices of the Freemasons, and being giddy and thoughtless, felt a most intense desire to gratify her curiosity, and to witness this mystery so long, so faithfully, and so secretly looked up from public view. She made her arrangements accordingly, and, with a pair of scissors, removed a portion of a brick from the thin part of the wall, placing herself so as to command a full view of everything that passed in the next room. So situated, she witnessed the two first steps in Masonry, which was the extent of the proceedings of the Lodge for that night. Curiosity satisfied, fear now took possession of her mind; for, from what she heard, she concluded that the brethren were about to separate. For the first time she became tremblingly aware of the awkwardness and danger of her situation, and hastily began to consider how she could retire without observation.

There was no mode of escape except through the very room where the concluding portion of the second step was being performed. The apartment was a very large one; the ceremony was being performed at the very far end of it, and the brethren were all deeply engaged. Quick as thought, Miss St. Leger had resolution enough to attempt to escape. She glided along unobserved, laid her hand on the handle of the door, and gently opening it, to her dismay saw, standing on the lobby outside, a grim and sarly "tiler," with his long sword unsheathed. With a shriek that pierced through the apartment, the terrified girl fainted, whilst the indignant brethren gathered around her.

Their first care was to resuscitate Miss St. Leger without alarming the house, and then to endeavour to learn from her how much she had witnessed. She confessed the whole truth, and, many of the members being furiously enraged at the transaction, she was placed under guard of the tiler and a member, in the very room where she had lain hidden. The members of the lodge re-assembled, and deliberated as to what, under the circumstances, was to be done. For two long hours the wretched girl listened to the angry discussion, and heard her death deliberately proposed and seconded. It is said that she was only saved from immediate death by the moving and earnest supplication of her younger brother. At length the good sense of some succeeded in calming, in some measure, the irritated feelings of the majority. When, after much more had been said, and many things had been proposed, she was given the option of submitting to the Masonic ordeal to the extent she had witnessed; and, if she refused, the brethren were again to consult. Being waited upon to decide, Miss St. Leger, exhausted and terrified by the storminess and earnestness of the debate, gladly and unhesitatingly accepted the offer.

She was accordingly initiated, and went through the ordeal, without any of the inmates of the house, save those present, being aware of the transaction. Thus vanishes the traditional story that the lady had hidden herself in a clock-case, her presence being betrayed by the whirring of the works, which she had inadvertently set in motion, and was unable to stop.

As Miss St. Leger, and as Mrs. Aldworth, she never made any secret of belonging to the Masonic body. On the contrary, she was rather proud of the distinction, and it is equally certain that the brethren held her in the highest esteem. By her marriage with Mr. Aldworth she had unlimited command of money, and the poor in general—and the Masonic poor in particular—had good reason to record her numerous and unostentatious acts of kindness.

The *Dublin Evening Post* and the *Dublin Weekly Oracle*, the two chief papers of the period, have some quaint advertisements respecting the performances given at the Smock-alley and the Aungier-street Theatres, for the benefit of the Dublin Masonic Orphan Schools. Upon these occasions the brethren walked in procession to the theatres, with Mrs. Aldworth at their head, wearing her apron and other Masonic insignia. Performers such as Mrs. Woffington, George Anne Bellamy, Barrington, Sheridan, or Garrick, usually gave their services for the sake of the charity; but they were scarcely noticed upon these nights, the Lady Freemason seated in front of the stage-box being the chief attraction of the evening. The house was always crowded when it was announced she would attend.

In the annals of the craft there is not a more esteemed name than that of Elizabeth Aldworth. Her conduct was unimpeachable in every relation of life. She was an excellent practical Christian, and most punctual and scrupulous in the performance of her Masonic duties. The brethren generously admit her many admirable qualities, and are unanimous in declaring that far from regretting her admission into their society, they consider her name and good deeds reflect a lustre upon the Masonic body.

We beg to acknowledge receipt of a very admirable photograph of sundry relics of the Grand Lodge of all England, held in the ancient City of York, during last century, and defunct about 1792. These, which were recently exhibited in the Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611, on the occasion of the visit of the American brethren from Philadelphia, United States, consist of a Bible with:—"This Bible belongs to the Freemasons' Lodge at Mr. Howard's, 1761," inscribed on the fly-leaf; a gauge about eighteen inches in length, bearing the names "John Drake," "William Baron of Yorke," and "John Baron," with the date "1663," and two emblems—interlaced triangles; a square of modern manufacture, and a cup—a very antique piece of silver work, which, though having nothing to identify it with its former possessors, came into the hands of its present owner, Mrs. Newstead of Selby, from an ancestor, who was a member of the old Grand Lodge at York, and set a high value on it, as the "Loving Cup" of that body.

MARK MASONRY.

THE annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of the County Palatine of Lancaster was held on Monday, the 4th November 1878, in the Town Hall, Bury, the M.W. Grand Master Lord Skolmersdale presiding. R.W. Deputy Colonel Starkie, R.W. Bro. G. P. Brockbank Past Grand Warden Prov. S.G.W., E. S. Heywood Prov. J.G.W., and a large number of Present and Past Officers; also R.W. Thos. Entwisle Past Prov. G.M.M. Lancashire, C. F. Matier P.G.W. and Past. Prov. D.G.M.M. Lancashire. The Prov. Grand Lodge having been opened in ample form, at 3 o'clock, the Roll of Lodges was called over by the Prov. Grand Secretary, and also the Roll of the Prov. Grand Officers. Apologies were read from the absent Officers, which were deemed satisfactory. The minutes of the proceedings of the Prov. Grand Lodge meeting held at Bolton, 22nd October 1877, were read and confirmed. Bros. Brockbank and Newton, Auditors, presented their report on the Treasurer's accounts for the past year, announcing a balance to the credit of the Prov. Grand Lodge of £118. Bro. Brockbank, on behalf of himself and colleague, drew attention to the fact that the Prov. Grand Secretary had discharged the arduous duties of his office for seven years without any remuneration, and recommended that some step should be taken to rectify this omission. Bro. Woodall (of Manchester) was then elected Provincial Grand Treasurer. The Officers for the ensuing year were then duly invested. Bro. Matier Past Grand Junior Warden moved, and it was seconded by Bro. John Duffield Prov. S.G.W., and resolved unanimously, that the P.G. Secretary's salary be £25 per annum, and that this resolution date retrospectively for one year. On the motion of Bro. G. P. Brockbank Past Grand Warden, seconded by Bro. Thomas Entwisle P. Prov. G.M. Lancashire, it was resolved, that the sum of £52 10s (fifty guineas) be voted from the funds of this Prov. G. Lodge in the name of the Provincial Grand Master for the time being to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, in equal proportions, Old Men and Women. Applications were made from Wigan and Ashton-under-Lyne respectively as suitable places for holding the next Provincial meeting. All business being concluded, the Prov. G. Lodge was closed at 5 p.m., and the Prov. G. Officers retired.

MASONIC HALL AT CANTERBURY.

ANOTHER "Red Letter Day" has to be recorded in the annals of Freemasonry in Canterbury, inasmuch as the long cherished wish of the brethren to have a building of their own in which to hold their meetings has at length been realised. A joint committee of the three Canterbury Lodges—31, 972, 1449—have secured the lease of a suitable house (No. 38 St. Peter's-street), it has been readily adapted to the requirements of the Craft (which has rapidly increased of late years), and with the ready co-operation of the several Lodges and Royal Arch Chapter, and the generous liberality of various brethren, a very suitable Lodge room, &c., has been provided. The premises were inaugurated as a Masonic Hall on Thursday, 14th November, the occasion being the installation of Bro. John F. Cozens as W.M. of Lodge St. Augustine, No. 972. The ceremony took place at three o'clock, in the presence of about fifty brethren, including Visitors from several Lodges in the Province. The newly-installed W.M. then appointed his Officers as follow:—Bros. Vile S.W., E. Beer J.W., Pilcher P.M. P.G.S. Treasurer, Blake P.M. P.P.G.A.D.C. Sec., Pierce P.M. D. of C., Miskin S.D., S. F. Pringuer J.D., Higgins Organist, Rossiter I.G., Adsett and Crump Stewards, Harnett Tyler. The Installing Master was Bro. Welsh P.M., who went through the impressive ceremony in a very able manner, and received a unanimous vote of thanks. Bro. Secra I.P.M. having been elected as delegate to the Charity Committee, the Lodge was duly closed, when the brethren adjourned to Bro. Shaxby's, Guildhall Hotel, where a sumptuous banquet awaited them, and to which ample justice was done. Amongst the other brethren who were present at the installation, or who supported the W.M. at the banquet, may be mentioned:—Bros. Dean W.M. 31, Plant I.P.M. 31, Dr. Longhurst J.W. 31, Holtam P.M. 31 P.P.G.S. of W., A. J. Beer P.M. 972 P.P.G.J.W., E. Beer W.M. 1449, Naylor P.M. 1449 P.G.S., Greenwood P.M. 1449 P.P.G.P., Higham P.M. 31 P.G.J.W., Taylor W.M. 1110, Head I.P.M. 1110, Sutton S.W. 1110, Eve W.M. 1209, Clarkson W.M. 1089, &c., &c. The usual toasts were duly honoured and responded to, the proceedings being enlivened by some excellent songs and glees, well rendered by Bros. Plant, Moulding, and Higgins, of the Cathedral choir, accompanied by Bro. Dr. Longhurst.

MEETING OF THE LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

THE Lodge of Benevolence met on Wednesday evening in the Board-room, Freemasons' Hall. Bros. J. M. Clabon President, Joshua Nunn Senior Vice President, and James Brett Junior Vice President, held the three chairs, there was a crowded attendance of brethren, among others, Bros. John Hervey G.S., H. G. Buss Assist. G.S., S. Rawson P. Dist. G.M. China, James Glaisher P.G.D., Thos. Fenn P.G.D., Dr. Rhys Williams P. Assist. G.D.C., Thomas Cubitt P.G.P., C. A. Cottebrune P.G.P., E. P. Albert P.G.P., W. T. Howe G.P., John Constable, A. A. Pendlebury, A. Middlemas, Chas. Atkins, H. Garrod, H. Bartlett, Griffiths Smith, J. W. M. Dosell, George Phythian, C. F. Hogard, the Rev. Dr. Ernest Brette, Geo. Plucknett jun., and C. B. Payne G. Tyler, were present. After the Board of Masters had disposed of the business before them, the Lodge confirmed the grants of last Lodge of Benevolence, and then took up thirty new cases. After sitting three hours, the brethren made grants to twenty-five of these cases, of a total sum of £582, and then closed the Lodge.

CORRESPONDENCE.

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

We cannot undertake to return rejected communications.

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

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"CHARITY;" IS IT "GIVING?"

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Bro. Binckes in his haste to demolish your series of correspondents has not given himself time to read my letter of the 4th November in an intelligent manner, or he would not have accused me of a "recognition of every claim except that of Masonic Charity." In that letter I said that no one in my Province experienced greater pleasure than myself in subscribing his annual mite to the Masonic Charities. But I contend that to give one's contribution to the list of one's Lodge Steward, and to serve as a Steward oneself are two very different things. It is all very well for Bro. Binckes and his friends in town, who at the cost of a sixpenny 'bus can attend a Festival, and simply have to pay the fees; but I, like many other brethren, live at such a distance from London that the expenses of the journey and a night in town make a big hole in a £5 note, which, when added to Steward's fees and qualification as L.S. or L.G., is an important consideration to most men of limited means. Charity, let me remind Bro. Binckes, begins at home, and I do not regard it in the light of Charity at all to give what one cannot afford.

I have not unfrequently seen in the statements of particulars of cases of candidates for the Schools that the applicant's father was a Life Governor or Subscriber, or had served so many Stewardships to one or other of the Institutions, and I have thought, and shall continue to think, that it would have been much better and more Masonic if those brethren had made provision for their families, before giving away their small means in such a manner. I know of one case in which a brother enjoying a comfortable life income of over £1000 per annum, and possessing more than one charity jewel, left his family at his death almost wholly unprovided for, and they have been compelled to seek Masonic assistance. I call this "bad form," and an infraction of our elemental teachings, in which we are told that we should assist our brethren, "the same not being detrimental to ourselves or connections."

It certainly never *did* occur to me, as Bro. Binckes suggests, to make the claims of my church or other local calls "subserving in some one given year" to my serving a Stewardship or making myself a Life Governor of the Charities. Neither do I think such a course would be consistent with any character I have assumed, or even with common-sense justice.

At the dire peril of again being called Pharisical I will venture even to say that I wish sincerely I were (as Bro. Binckes says) "a type of a large class of members of our Order," because in such case Masonry in the provinces could claim a very much larger number of effective workers than it does at present.

I do not quite understand what Bro. Binckes is driving at in his letter, save that he has been possessed by an uncontrollable impulse to have a shot at us all round. The principal object of my former letter was to combat the suggestion made by a doubtless very worthy brother, with whom I regret to say I am personally unacquainted, that a kind of money standard should be fixed to be attained by every brother before he should be suffered to receive any Masonic honours. This notion I urged was utterly wrong, and opposed to all Masonic teaching, to say nothing of common-sense fairness, and I still maintain this. It is not clear to me whether or not Bro. Binckes wishes for the "money qualification," but I repeat my former assertion, that the five shillings, half-sovereign, or sovereign contributed by a brother of narrow means to the list of his own Lodge Steward is as valuable and acceptable in the sight of the G.A.O.T.U., and probably as great a personal sacrifice, as the hundred guineas of the brother of large wealth, and that the poor Brother is much better discharging his duties as a faithful Craftsman by laying by in store for his family than by covering his breast with charity jewels and leaving his wife and children as a heavy legacy for the Craft to provide for.

When I wrote my former letter I had not the slightest intention or expectation of "drawing" Bro. Binckes, and I hope he will not misunderstand me if I suggest that I scarcely think him qualified to discuss impartially the question at issue, his own point of view being necessarily very different from nearly all the rest of the Craft, and whilst I receive as an article of faith the dictum of our ancient Bro. S. Paul, that "Dominus ordinavit iis, qui Evangelium annuntiant, de Evangelio vivere," yet I must submit that we are not all Secretaries of Masonic Schools, and are not prepared to go the length of "Fiat a Big Steward's list, ruat cælum," which appears just now to be the dominant idea amongst a few energetic Metropolitan brethren.

I am, yours fraternally,

18th November 1878.

A MASONIC ENTHUSIAST.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I think Bro. Godtschalk is wrong in assuming that Bro. Radclyffe has suggested every Mason should be compelled to give a certain amount to each of our Institutions. This would not be Charity, but a kind of poll-tax, which I for one, and I assume every other Mason, would resent. Bro. Radclyffe—as I read his letters—I understand to have suggested that, considering

brethren rarely experience any difficulty in finding guineas for subscriptions, joining fees, banquets, &c., &c., they ought to experience no difficulty in contributing a guinea to each of our Charities. This is far from being an unreasonable proposition, but it has nothing of compulsion in it. It is painfully suggestive of a lack of charitable consideration on the part of large numbers of brethren, but it does not lay it down to each Craftsman, "You must give something," instead of "It is your duty to give something if it is in your power to do so." It is quite true that large sums are raised annually for our Charities. This has come to be a necessity, and reflects the highest credit on those who contribute and help to raise the amounts, but as was once said by the Marquis of Ripon, when Grand Master of our Fraternity—not in so many words, but in effect—those who do not contribute have no share in the credit. His Lordship suggested that many brethren failed in their duty in regard to our Charities, and that it would be far better if the subscriptions consisted of a number of small sums, contributed by a vast majority of the Craft, than of a number of large sums—the contributions of a small minority. This it strikes me is the gist of the whole matter, and is, in another form, exactly the same kind of suggestion as Bro. Radclyffe and those who are of his way of thinking advocate.

As for the number of unworthy cases which find their way into the lists, and ultimately perhaps into the School, this is a serious allegation which Bro. Godtschalk has brought against the General Committee, to which all applications are submitted, and by which they are approved or rejected on their merits. I must leave him and them to discuss this matter.

Fraternally yours,

OLD FILE.

CHARITY STEWARDS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I am doubtless chargeable with the deliverance, both in speech and writing, of more than a fair average of nonsense, but let me be judged by what I do say or write, rather than by what I am often made to say and write. Pray correct in your next the following errors in my letter in your number of this date, for which perhaps my calligraphy may be to blame:—

- Line 24, for "cannot" read "care not to."
- " 27, for "ostentatiously" read "voluntarily."
- " 28, for "prompter" read "promptings."
- " 67, for "annually" read "actually."

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

FREDERICK BINCKES.

London, 16th November 1878.

WARRANTS OF "ANCIENT" LODGES.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In reply to your correspondent "Q.," I may state that his surmise as to my time being fully occupied is the cause which has prevented my continuing the preparation of the Old Warrants for your pages. I am gratified at this evidence that my endeavours to supply a missing link in our records has met some approval, and hope ere long to continue the series. I may add that I am still in want of transcripts of Warrants from the following Lodges, and hope that some of your readers will be able to supply same:—

LONDON.

No. 1 Grand Masters, 3 Fidelity, 143 Middlesex, 193 Confidence, 222 St. Andrew.

PROVINCIAL.

Essex:—214 Hope and Unity, Romford.

Lancashire West:—220 Harmony, Garston.

South Wales, Eastern Division: 36 Glamorgan, Cardiff; 110 Loyal Cambrian, Merthyr Tydvil.

Districts, &c.:—115 St. John's, Gibraltar; 153 Inhabitants, Gibraltar; 196 Albion, Barbadoes; 218 True and Friendship, Calcutta; 224 Atlantic, Bermuda; 229 Humanity, Calcutta; 232 Marine, Calcutta; 233 Prince Alfred, Bermuda; 234 Anchor and Hope, Calcutta.

Yours fraternally,

JOHN CONSTABLE.

OLD LODGES.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In continuance of my former letters on this subject, I note the following Lodge, which is still in existence under another jurisdiction, and must be regarded therefore as another among the yet remaining links which connect Freemasonry in other countries with the Grand Lodge of England, the Mother Grand Lodge of the whole world.

"No. 272, S. John's Lodge, Ann-street, New York, 2d & 4th Wednesd. Dec. 27, 1757." The Lodge thus described in Cole's List for 1763 still exists, and is No. 1 on the roll of the Grand Lodge of New York. In the introductory Chapter of the recently published "Early History and Transactions of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York, 1781-1815," we learn that this Lodge was constituted 7th December 1757, by R.W. Bro. Geo. Harison, who received his deputation as Prov. Grand Master of New York in 1753, from Grand Master Lord Carysfort, and con-

tinued to preside over the district for eighteen years, during which period he consecrated several Lodges. On the cover of the Washington Bible in possession of the Lodge is the inscription: "St. John's Lodge Constituted 5757; burnt down March 8, 5770; rebuilt and opened Nov. 28, 5770; officers then present, Jonathan Hampton Master, William Butler Senior Warden, Isaac Heron Junior Warden." At the close of the war in 1783, that part of the Lodge which had left in 1776 returned. In that year the Worshipful Master announced that a Lodge calling itself St. John's (No. 4) had become possessed, during the war, of the properties of the Lodge, and refused to restore them. An attempt was made to bring about a coalition between the two, and succeeded, in spite of the opposition of Senior Warden Frean, who had got hold of the warrant and retained it. Meanwhile a Grand Lodge had been constituted under the authority of our Grand Lodge Ancients (by warrant of Grand Master the Duke of Athol, dated 5th September 1781), and in 1784 the St. John's Lodge surrendered its warrant and was placed on the roll of Lodges. In 1789, when a committee, consisting of one member from each of the Lodges in New York City, was appointed for the purpose of determining the order and precedence of the different Lodges, St. John's Lodge (No. 2 Provincial) was assigned the premier place on the roll, and this rank it still holds.

Yours fraternally,

"Q."

ROYAL ARK MARINERS.

A Warrant of Confirmation having been granted by Lord Skelmersdale R.W.G.M. to the Mount Horeb Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners attached to the St. Johns Lodge of Mark Masters (Time Immemorial) Bolton, this Lodge was consecrated by Bro. C. F. Matier (who had been specially appointed for the purpose), on Saturday, the 9th November. The brethren assembled at the Commercial Hotel, Bolton, at 4 o'clock, when Bro. Matier, assisted by Bros. Brockbank, Entwisle, Harwood, Morris, Boggett, Preston, Hine, Horrocks and others, proceeded with the usual ceremonial to consecrate the Lodge in form, and afterwards admitted the following brethren into the Order:—Bros. J. H. Greenhalgh, N. Nicholson, J. Heywood, J. W. Roiley, Arthur Middleton, W. H. Alcock, H. Greenwood, John Barrett. The brethren named in the Warrant, viz.—Bros. G. P. Brockbank, Entwisle, and Thomas Morris, having been duly invested, and Bro. Newton appointed Secretary, the further appointment of Officers was postponed, with a view to an entire change on the occasion of next meeting. A vote of thanks was accorded to Bros. Matier, Boggett, and Preston, for their attendance and support, and they were elected honorary members. The Lodge closed in peace and harmony at 5 p.m.

Royal Order of Scotland.—The Provincial Grand Lodge and Chapter of the Counties Palatine of Lancashire and Cheshire was held at Freemasons' Hall, Manchester, on Friday, the 8th November, R.W. Bro. Rob. H. Hutchinson Prov. Grand Master presiding. Bros. C. F. Matier Deputy Prov. G.M., G. P. Brockbank P. Prov. S.G.W. as S.G.W., and John Gibb Smith Prov. J.G.W., John Chadwick Prov. G. Sec., John Duffield Prov. G. Treasurer, J. F. Hoffmann Organist, S. Spratley, J. Hall, Thos. Chorlton, S. B. Ellis, W. H. Prince Taylor, being also present. Several brethren were balloted for and approved. Bro. Geo. Lamb Campbell, of Wigan, having presented himself, was inducted into the Order with the usual ceremonial. The office of T. was filled by Bro. Matier, the Wardens being Bros. Brockbank and Gibb Smith; Conductor Bro. Hall; and Warden of the T. Bro. Spratley. The full ceremonial was recited, and the lectures worked in ample form. It was resolved that ten guineas be voted to the Royal Benevolent Institution, the same to be placed on the list of Bro. Matier, in name of the Prov. G. Master. The brethren subsequently dined at the Hall, and several complimentary toasts were given and responded to.

Cryptic Rite.—The St. John's Council of Royal and Select Masters, No. 8, was consecrated by authority of the W.P.G.M. Rev. G. R. Portal, on Saturday, 9th November, at the Commercial Hotel, Bolton, by R.W. Bro. C. F. Matier P.G.W., assisted by R.W. Bro. G. P. Brockbank, P.G.W. and R.W. Br. Thomas Entwisle, P. Prov. G.M.M. Lancashire, and Bro. Rob. Harwood P. Prov. G.D. The customary solemnities having been observed, the Council was declared duly constituted, and Bro. G. P. Brockbank installed Thrice Illustrious Master, Bro. Thomas Entwisle Deputy Master, Brother Rob. Harwood Conductor of Works. Bro. James Newton was appointed Recorder to the Council. The beautiful ceremonials of the Order were carefully and correctly rendered by Bro. Matier, with his accustomed ability, and the following brethren were admitted members of the Council, in addition to the brethren previously named: Bros. Thomas Morris, George Ferguson, Richard Boggett (Hull), Arthur Middleton, J. W. Roiley, H. Preston (Hull). Bro. Matier was elected an honorary member, and the thanks of the Council duly accorded to him for his services on the occasion. At the conclusion of business the brethren partook of refreshment, and the proceedings closed at an early hour, several of the members having to travel a considerable distance.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Limb and Life.—Not many years ago some ulcerations and diseases in the joints placed in peril the affected limb, and the loss was recommended to spare the risk of life—now the discovery of these noble remedies has made the cure of the worst maladies no longer a matter of doubt. Holloway's treatment preserves the condemned limb, and its course of cure improves the general health and vigor of the frame. Holloway's Ointment and Pills heal all sores and ulcerations, and extirpate scrofulous sores. Ulcers, bad legs, scrofulous discharges, swollen or gathered glands, contracted sinews, enlarged joints, rheumatic and gouty concretions, are readily remediable by the proper and persevering application of these cooling, healing, and purifying preparations, which are as powerful as they are harmless.

THE GAIETY RESTAURANT.

THOSE who can call to mind the few facilities which existed in London some five-and-twenty years ago for obtaining refreshment at reasonable cost and in anything like comfort, will appreciate the enterprising conduct of Messrs. Spiers and Pond in adding one more, and on the most magnificent scale, to their already formidable array of establishments, where men and women may lunch or dine like civilised beings. Once a restaurant was a dingy lane of boxes, which would have evoked the maledictions of a bullock had he been placed in one of them to have his feed, and had it been in his power to utter maledictions after the manner of an infuriated human being. These boxes were narrow, far too narrow indeed for the number they were intended to accommodate. Then the sitting accommodation was the very reverse of satisfactory—a hard and narrow bench, while a long-legged individual must have experienced no small difficulty in disposing of his nether limbs. The intermediate table being, like the benches aforesaid, a fixture, could neither be pushed further away if it seemed too close, nor brought nearer if it were too far removed. The room was dimly lighted, the floor sanded, the pervading odour by no means satisfactory and deprivative—if there be such a word—rather than promotive of appetite. The waiters generally were a seedy-looking lot, with an oiliness of facial surface suggestive of rare ablutionary exercise, and a look which, when not conveying a certain insolence of tone and manner, was invariably expressive of a hankering after the customary fee. The table-linen and cutlery well matched the general appearance of the place, the former being of a dull yellowish white, freely dotted with patches of spilt gravy and sauces, &c., &c. The plates were ordinarily of the commonest ware, and the tankards of dirty looking pewter, which all the waters in all the rivers in the world could never have made to look clean and pleasant. The viands were, with the exception of a few well-known houses, remarkable rather for their quantity than quality. Chops and steaks were the principal items on the bill of fare, but if a joint of roast or boiled beef or mutton were served, it was presented to the hungry visitor in uninviting slabs instead of slices, with a mass of vegetables crowded on the plate, the whole lying in a tepid liquid which the guest was expected to look upon as gravy, but which, if it were not the washings of the dripping pan, was mostly coloured water. The cheese that followed was hard, stale, and generally unprofitable as a digester of what had been swallowed before, and if the cost was not outrageous, it was unquestionably excessive, considering the roughness and crudeness of the entertainment generally. Such, reader, is a description, by no means highly coloured, of a chop house five-and-twenty years since, and such were the only houses then existent where the London men of business, professional men, and clerks, were able to obtain the necessary refreshment during the day. But "other times, other manners;" and now we rejoice to say we have changed all this, most decidedly for the better. Then a man was served as we have described, now he may lunch or dine comfortably, and even daintily and delicately, if he is so minded. Then a lady, who felt faint during her shopping expeditions, had but one resort which she could visit—the pastrycook's—where, always excepting such well-known restaurateurs as Verry in the West, and Birch in the East, her choice of viands was limited to meat patties—mostly crust, lined thinly with a suspicion of veal or beef—puffs, buns, and similar dyspeptic delicacies, while the liquids comprised the inevitable lemonade or ginger beer, fragrant tea and muddily-looking coffee, or cherry brandy. Now she may, indeed, frequent the pastrycook's as of old, and have her chop and a glass of sherry or bitter ale; and besides, she may, without the slightest fear of being thought singular, adjourn to one of the many elegantly appointed buffets or restaurants with which the metropolis is now furnished. What these are like, our readers know full well already, for are not Messrs. Spiers and Pond an institution of the age? Are not their establishments all over the metropolis? and is it not a well-known fact that a well-served lunch or ordinary can be had in any one of them at moderate charges. The surroundings are comfortable, and often elegant. The tables are neatly furnished with clean linen, and with plate and glass of excellent quality. The attendance is good, the waiters civil without being servile, and not regulating their attentions by the extent of the fee you are likely to "tip" them. To these inestimable benefits we are indebted to the energy and enterprise of Messrs. Spiers and Pond, and among the chief monuments heretofore erected to their fame are unquestionably the Holborn Viaduct Hotel and the Criterion, Piccadilly. But recently they have surpassed themselves, and the latest addition to our London restaurants is also the most magnificent. Be not frightened, reader, at the use of this word magnificent, for we naturally associate it with what is costly. This is not the case, however, with the Gaiety Restaurant, which was opened on Monday to the London public. Costly the building has been, it is true, and costly must have been the appurtenances thereof. Richly, and, at the same time, artistically decorated walls can only be built and fitted after a large outlay of money; but thus far the cost falls on the proprietors. The thousands and thousands they must have expended in making the Gaiety Restaurant what it is are solely their venture. At the same time, it will be the duty of the London public to show they are not unworthy of the conspicuous public service which Messrs. Spiers and Pond have just rendered. Men may say what they will about this kind of speculation, but it is a public service which any firm renders when it opens a grand establishment where ladies and gentlemen may lunch or dine in comfort from a well-served table at moderate charges. We claim to speak with some authority on this subject, as we were present at the private view on Thursday last of this new restaurant, and it is beyond question that a finer establishment does not exist in London. The grand entrance is from the Strand by a vestibule, in which is the grand staircase, the walls of which are splendidly decorated. To the right are the Grand Luncheon Buffets, in a noble apartment one hundred feet long and thirty-three feet wide, and proportionately high. The walls and ceiling are beautifully painted, the designs being most artistic, while all the appoint-

ments—the buffets themselves and their fittings, the marble tables, the morocco settees, &c., &c., are excellent. On the floor below is the Grill room, not so lofty, but otherwise of the same dimensions as the Buffet room, and less elaborately decorated; below this again are the cellars and other offices, on a scale which may be better imagined than described: for example, the large beer cellar alone contains two hundred hogsheds. Above the Buffet room is the Gaiety Table d'Hôte, furnished like an ordinary dining room, in good taste and well carpeted. Here the public may dine at the same rate as at the famous Criterion Table d'Hôte, that is, for three and sixpence, the *menu* including soups, fish, *entrées*, joints, sweets, &c., &c. Ladies' cloak rooms are within convenient reach, and hats, umbrellas, &c., &c., are taken in charge by the attendant in the lobby provided for their reception. Above is the Smoking and Coffee room, both this and the Table d'Hôte being of the same superficial area—one hundred feet by thirty-three feet—as the Buffet room, and therefore capable of accommodating a very large gathering of people. Above them, on the top floor of all, are the kitchens and other offices required in the culinary department. In short the arrangements of the Gaiety Restaurant must be pronounced as being as perfect as modern skill and science, backed by enterprise and money, can make them. That such an establishment, in such a thoroughfare as the Strand and under such management, will prove an inestimable benefit to the public is certain. That Messrs. Spiers and Pond may reap the full reward of their generous energy is the smallest of the good wishes we feel called upon to offer them!

PYRAMID MASONRY.

FROM THE "KEYSTONE."

THE received traditions of Freemasonry place the origin of the Fraternity at the building of King Solomon's Temple, and notwithstanding the fact that literal archæologists and iconoclasts deride this as pure fiction, others have not been deterred from finding even an earlier origin for the Craft, viz: at the building of the Great Pyramid of Egypt. Not a few modern savants would persuade us, that this wonderful structure was erected for divers weighty reasons, such as, for example, to monument a divine standard of weights and measures. Bro. William Rowbottom is the latest interpreter of the meaning of the Pyramid, and he finds it to be a chronological monument, indicating events both past and future, and erected by the first organized Fraternity of Freemasons. He has stated his views, somewhat briefly, in a well-written work just published, entitled "The Mystery of the Bible Dates solved by the Great Pyramid."*

According to Sir John Herschel, and other received authorities, the Great Pyramid was built four thousand and forty-eight years ago, in other words in B.C. 2170. Bro. Rowbottom accepts this date, and alleges that the architect and builder of the pyramid was no other than Melchizedec, King of Salem, whom he identifies with Shem as an inspired architect, the great work of whose life was intended to be a prophecy in stone of the world's history.

We will state Bro. Rowbottom's theory:

The Pyramid dates are obtained by measuring backwards from commencement of the Grand Gallery, which is assumed to represent the year 1 of the present dispensation—in other words, the birth of Christ. The first ascending passage from its junction with the entrance passage to the commencement of the Grand Gallery, measures 1542 inches, and since a Pyramid inch is taken to represent a year, this distance signifies 1542 years. Now 1542 years B.C., Moses was born—hence this measurement, we are told, monuments that historical fact. But the first descending passage is 986 inches from the entrance to the commencement of the first ascending passage. This being added to the previous 1542 inches, makes 2528 inches, or years, and therefore represents the B.C. 2528, which was the date of the Flood. Other measurements give the year B.C. 2170, the date of the birth of Abraham, and also of the erection of the Great Pyramid; and the year A.D. 1882, which we are led to believe may be the year of the consummation of all things.

We confess we should be more inclined to place some confidence in this scheme of chronology if we saw any basis for the assumption of its starting point. Bro. Rowbottom does not enlighten us as to how he arrives at this corner-stone of his assumption; we suppose, however, that he fixes it solely on the hypothesis that it falls in, in the line of the other coincidences, with the dates of leading Biblical events.

Bro. Rowbottom next considers the evidence of Freemasonry's identification with the building of the Great Pyramid. We will quote a few passages from his book in this connection:

"It is not necessary that Freemasonry shall have always existed as at present constituted, nor that in all ages and climes that it shall have presented identical features. It rather appears to me that the claims of the Order to antiquity should rest on the preservation of certain knowledge from remote periods, and that if it has any real connection with Sacred History, that it should have retained the power of securing its record from loss or irreparable mutilation; in fact, that it should possess the means of keeping the records *square*. Some might call it a fancy, and yet to me it is a belief as certain as knowledge, that Freemasonry has some such or equally important mission, for I do not think it credible that such an institution could have retained its influence over men of keen intellect, and oftentimes of great piety, had it been nothing more than a cunningly devised fable. Genuine Freemasonry would thus consist in every age

of the preservation of knowledge among the faithful, and this view would explain its original title of 'Light.'

That Masonry cannot be opposed to, or detract from, the authority of the Scriptures, is evident from the fact that their study is inculcated as the duty of every true Mason, and that the open Bible occupies a prominent place in every properly furnished Lodge.

Among Masons true Art found its original home, and to them we owe our noble Gothic Cathedrals, whose harmonious proportions are so pleasing to the eye. In those days, as in the days of ancient Rome and Greece, artists carved and built to certain well known—though secretly preserved—laws of proportion. This has led some to regard Masonry as purely operative in its origin, but the weight of evidence is decidedly in favour of the equal antiquity of speculative Masonry, and that the laws governing the ancient guilds of skilled workman are not the foundation, but the outcome of the principles of true Masonic government. The building of Solomon's Temple is evidenced as the first occasion on which operative and speculative Masonry were united in a common object; but many and mighty reasons may, and have been, adduced in favor of a much earlier event, viz: the building of the Great Pyramid.

If then Masonry had its origin at the building of the Great Pyramid, and also had a contemporary existence with the sacred annals: and if the record of these two witnesses is in truth inspired, then it will follow that Masonry should be in agreement with both. I trust that I have shown that it is so in historic import and philosophic teaching."

Bro. Rowbottom concludes his volume with the statement, that the English nation—the Anglo Saxon people, are the descendants of the Lost Ten Tribes of Israel, and hence to them are all the promises of Scripture vouchsafed. Others have stated and ably argued this case, and we must confess there appears to be strength in the argument.

This volume will interest Freemasons, and all students of the Bible. The coincidences to which it invites attention are certainly remarkable, and if they are only fancies, they are philosophic fancies, which lend a charm to the most remarkable edifice in the world, and one which is now attracting anew the attention of scientists, scholars, and Freemasons.

THE BROTHERHOOD OF MAN.

FREEMASONRY has lately had a singular ally in teaching the doctrine of the brotherhood of man—no less a one than the fearful scourge that is now devastating large sections of our national territory. For once men ignore their politics, their religion, their prejudices and prejudgments of all kinds, and unite in liberally contributing of their means for the relief of the sick, the dying, the bereaved, and the helpless, in the fever cities of the South. All Americans appear to be learning Freemasonry, and to be exemplifying in their actions the noble doctrine of the brotherhood of man.

We have often thought that if the State, the Church, and society had done their *whole duty* to the individuals composing them, there would have been little, if any, room for Freemasonry, and possibly the Fraternity might never have existed, or might even now come to an end. The State *should* labour for the welfare of all its citizens; the Church likewise for all of its members; and society for the smaller circle of which it, in various localities, is composed—but they *each and all do not*. The State is not a unit, but, owing to the existence of divers parties in it, is ruled in turn by factions, as one or the other for the time predominates. The church has grown rich and eminently respectable, and while still accomplishing great good, and acting as a civilizer and over the world, it has practically sadly neglected the doctrine of fraternity or brotherhood, and its members are often as far apart as the poles. Society is segregated into "sets," as the Church is into denominations, and the State is into parties. Thus all degree in ignoring the brotherhood of man. It requires something akin to an earthquake's shock to awaken them to a sense of their responsibilities. Such a shock they are now receiving, and the result is, an unqualified acknowledgment that they are their "brother's keeper." Man is linked anew to man all over our land. The North and the South, the East and the West, are one. The political hatchet is buried, sectarian animosities are ignored, and the "hard times" are even lost sight of, in view of the terribly harder times of our stricken fellow-countrymen. These are now truly the United States of America, and may they continue so, long after the cementing cause has ceased to be the death-blood of the disease-stricken thousands who now fill the grave-yards of the South!

Freemasonry has always exemplified the doctrine of the brotherhood of man, for it is the very corner-stone of our Fraternity. Nowhere, however, does the Freemason feel the full force of this glorious doctrine so fully, as when he is associated, either in the Lodge or elsewhere, with his Brother Masons. He is then with those who, with him, have learned all of its meaning, and are continually exhibiting its teachings in practice. We unhesitatingly affirm that Freemasonry often puts the Church, the State, and society, to the blush, by its whole-souled and universal exemplification of the noble truth of brotherhood. We are our "brother's keeper," and we glory in the thought and the fact. We admit our responsibility most unqualifiedly—it requires no earthquake shock to wake us to it. No Freemason in good standing need suffer long from sorrow, need, sickness or any other infirmity. We care for our members, and not by any specified stint or measure of obligation, but as we have ability, from a full heart and a ready purse.

The American people may do well to ask themselves, whether one of the purposes of the Almighty in sending, or permitting, the Yellow Fever scourge to devastate our cities and towns, is not to awaken us as individuals to a fuller apprehension of the high and holy truth of human brotherhood. It cannot be an accident; it must be a teacher. Its methods are novel, radical and terrifying, but we would fain

* The Mystery of the Bible Dates solved by the Great Pyramid. By Wm. Rowbottom, author of "The Chosen People; Israel and England." London: W. H. Guest, 29 Paternoster Row. Alfreton: S. Rowbottom & Son; Journal Office.

believe that there is a silver lining to even this leaden cloud. At all events men everywhere may become scholars, with benefit to themselves and also to their fellows, in the great school of the Almighty that teaches brotherly love. Their field is the world, and school never closes. There is suffering, death, bereavement and sorrow on earth, everywhere and always. Man is ushered into the world with a cry, and tears are his companions until after he passes through death's dark valley. He needs a brother—he must have a brother, or else he is often left comfortless. Brotherhood is the world's want, universal Brotherhood. Freemasonry supplies it as far as it may. We set the world an example—let it be followed. We cannot, we would not, make all men, such as they are, Freemasons, but we would have them educated up to the capacity for eligibility to the Fraternity. A man must have all of the elements of Freemasonry in his nature, must be a Mason at heart, before he is made a Brother, or else it is useless for the Craft to endeavour to mould him after its model. It is not every Mason in name who is a Mason indeed. Hence we do not look for the speedy Masonization of the world—unless it should be converted to Masonry by some such radical method as a Yellow Fellow scourge! Such an event would inaugurate the millennium. Imagine, if you can, a world of Brethren—all linked together by the Mystic Tie, all forming one loving family, all acknowledging the brotherhood of man! Where then would be differences or strife? where the need for criminal laws or penitentiaries? The Grand Lodge above would surely open below, and the Great Grand Master might preside in it in the presence of a united world, all acknowledging the brotherhood of man and the fatherhood of God! We do not expect to live to see that day, but it may arrive, and that sooner than we think. The winnowing processes are in operation; the Great Schoolmaster of the Universe is abroad, teaching mankind lessons of charity and brotherhood; and the happy day may speedily dawn when all men, from the least to the greatest, shall love their neighbours as themselves, and worship in spirit and in truth the Father of all.—*Repository*.

THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS

Will be worked as under :

At the Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45, Old Rodney's Head, Old-street, Goswell-road, on Monday 25th November. Bros. R. G. Tolmie W.M., R. Percy S.W., A. Wing J.W. FIRST LECTURE—Bros. W. H. Brand, H. Cleverley, J. Millington, R. Percy, Hallam jun., C. K. Killick, and E. Legg. SECOND LECTURE—Bros. R. H. Halford, J. A. Powell, Hallam sen., Sadler, and A. W. Fenner. THIRD LECTURE—Bros. A. Wing, Synous, and A. Trewinnard. Lodge will be opened at seven o'clock.

At the Tredegar Lodge of Instruction, No. 1625, Royal Hotel, corner of Burdett-road, Bow-road, E., on Monday, 25th Nov., at 7 o'clock precisely. Bros. J. Berry P.M. 554 W.M., T. J. Barnes P.M. 554 and 933 S.W., I. P. Cohen 205 J.W., Cundick P.M. 1421 I.P.M.. FIRST LECTURE—Bros. Anderson, Franckel, Andrews, Harvey, R. Durell, Cundick, Yetton. SECOND LECTURE—Bros. Campbell, Masto, Myers, Hoag, Barnes. THIRD LECTURE—Bros. Cohen, C. H. Webb, and Ellis. Bro. G. Hollington W.M. 1421 Hon. Sec.

At the Great Northern Lodge of Instruction, No. 1287, Bernwick Arms, Berners-street, W., on Thursday 5th December, at seven o'clock.

THE Saturday morning performances of the *Two Orphans* at the Olympic have been discontinued for the present, in favour of a new play entitled *Marie de Courcelles; or, a Republican Marriage*, the leading characters being played by Mr. Henry Neville and Miss Marian Terry. The revival of the *Two Orphans* at this theatre has turned out an immense success, and the policy of its withdrawal when produced a few years ago is questionable, for it was the most successful piece the Olympic ever produced, and there is no reason why it should not have even surpassed the run of *Our Boys* at the Vaudeville (over 1,200 nights), which is still playing. Mr. Neville has been fortunate in being able to secure some of the originals of the principal characters, and filling the others with equal talent.

ONE of the nuisances of the age arises from the use of rank and inferior tobacco. Go where we may, we are liable to meet with the nauseous fumes generated in the pipe of some inexperienced or palateless smoker. In the streets, the air is redolent of the foul exhalations, and the sweet atmosphere of the country and seaside is too often tainted by the unsavoury whiffs of inconsiderate or ignorant smokers. But in railway carriages especially is the nuisance prevalent, and it appears strange to us that so many persons are still to be found, willing not only to vitiate, and render the air offensive to themselves and others, but who are ignorant or careless enough also to undermine their constitutions by the consumption of a coarse and unpalatable article. It is true that difficulty may have been experienced hitherto, in obtaining good tobacco, but at the present time this article—fresh and wholesome—may be readily obtained. We would recommend to the favourable notice of our brethren of the Craft the "Mellow Smoking Mixture" manufactured by Murray, Sons and Co., of Belfast, which has become so deservedly popular among all classes of smokers as to be readily obtainable from almost any respectable tobacconist. It is sold in neat, sealed packets bearing the name and trade mark (a pipe) of the firm; is uniform in quality, and, unlike other mixed tobaccos, is popular among smokers who usually eschew "mixtures." The popularity of the pipe at our social gatherings is so great that our readers will doubtless appreciate our drawing attention to the high class character of the "Mellow Mixture."

REVIEWS.

All Books intended for Review should be addressed to the Editor of The Freemason's Chronicle, 67 Barbican, E. C.

After the Turtle. Thirty-one Years' Ministerial Policy as set forth at Lord Mayor's Day Banquets, from 1848 to 1878. Collected by Richard Seyd, F.S.S. London: Houlston and Sons, Paternoster-square; J. and W. Rider, 14 Bartholomew-close. Manchester: J. Heywood, 141 Deansgate. 1878.

Those who take an interest in the political changes which have taken place in England during the last thirty years, will find this a most instructive compilation. As our readers are aware, Lord Mayor's Day of late years is looked forward to by people of all classes, not so much on account of the show and the feast as for the political utterances of the chief Minister of the Crown for the time being, or his representative. This is owing to the fact that Lord Mayor's Day is about midway between the close of the previous session and the opening of the next. Ministers have, as a rule, enjoyed complete rest from their arduous duties, and are on the eve of meeting in council together for the purpose of arranging the Parliamentary programme for the coming year. But in times of great excitement, such as we have witnessed for the past three years the anxiety to hear what Ministers have to say is intensified. Thus, the speech on Lord Mayor's Day, in response to the time-honoured toast of "Her Majesty's Ministers," is always looked forward to, and Mr. Seyd has done no slight service in collecting those which have been delivered in the course of the last thirty-one years. He might, perhaps, have added a few words where necessary or desirable, but the collection itself is well worth the shilling charged, and we trust *After the Turtle* will have a large and remunerative sale. It is worthy of note that these thirty-one speeches have been delivered by nine statesmen, of whom only three are still living. These nine are the late Marquis of Lansdowne, who replied to the toast in 1848, in the absence of his chief Lord John Russell; the late Lord John Russell, who has spoken four times, in 1849, 1850, and 1851, and again as Earl Russell in 1865; the late Earl of Derby (three times), in 1852, 1858, and 1866; the late Earl of Aberdeen twice, in 1852 and 1853; the late Lord Palmerston eight times, in 1855-6-7 and 1860-1-2-3-4; the late Sir G. C. Lewis, in the absence of his chief Lord Palmerston, in 1859; Mr. Disraeli, now Earl of Beaconsfield, seven times, namely: in 1867-8 and 1874-5 as plain Mr. Disraeli, and in 1876-7-8, as Earl of Beaconsfield; Mr. Gladstone four times, in 1869-70-1-3; and Earl Granville, in the absence of his chief (Mr. Gladstone) in 1872. It is likewise to be noted that the names of the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs are given for each year, and the names of the principal guests.

Practical Rules of English Syntax. Interspersed with Critical Notes and Explanatory Observations. Intended for the use of Schools, Private Teaching, and Self Instruction. London: E. Martin and Co., 3 Paradise-road, Clapham, S.W.

We have seen in our time many works on English Grammar or its constituent parts, but we can honestly say that we have rarely seen one which for clearness, excellence of arrangement, and soundness of teaching has surpassed this most useful little book. That we are not alone in our estimate of its merits is shown by the fact that this is already the third issue or edition to which it has attained—proof undoubted that these *Practical Rules of Syntax* fully answer the description which the author claims for them. It is a book which should find its way into all schools, and likewise into those families in which attention is paid to the instruction of the children in English grammar.

We have great pleasure in noting two entertainments, at Lower Sydenham and Upper Norwood respectively, the former of which took place on the 19th inst., while the latter is fixed for Friday next, the 29th inst. In both, the burden of the entertainment is borne by Bro. Magnus Ohren and his family, assisted by the Misses Mahood. That which was held on Tuesday passed off most satisfactorily, and we should say must have resulted in a very handsome addition to the funds of the Choir Fund, to which the proceeds were to be devoted. The programme commenced with a well-played duet for pianoforte by Mrs. Charles M. Ohren, and Miss A. Mahood. Mr. Aubrey M. Ohren followed with a song, "When the Birds have gone to Rest," in the chorus of which the audience joined. A reading "An Heirloom," by Bro. Magnus Ohren came next, and then songs "The old Cottage Clock," by Miss Mahood, "Fair is my Love," by Bro. Charles M. Ohren, a duet—"The Elphin Call"—by Mrs. Hunter and Miss Mahood, a piano solo by Miss Adelaide Hunter, another reading by Bro. M. Ohren, and then songs, duets (instrumental and vocal), a third reading by Bro. M. Ohren, and lastly a recitative song by him, "Try, try again," which injunctive, by the way, will be fulfilled next week. All who took part in the entertainment not only evinced a deep interest in what they did, and for that reason alone would have commanded the applause of the audience, but they likewise displayed artistic ability of a very high order, and the commendations of those present must be taken as indicative of their appreciation of the talent displayed, as well as of the sacrifice of time, &c. for the purpose of benefiting a local institution. The entertainment which is fixed for Friday next will be held in behalf of the Royal Normal College and Academy of Music for the Blind, at the College, Upper Norwood, and is given by Bro. Magnus Ohren and family, and the Misses Mahood. With the exception of a few items, the programme is the same as that of last Tuesday. We shall certainly make every effort to be present, as we are aware that a good treat is in store for us.

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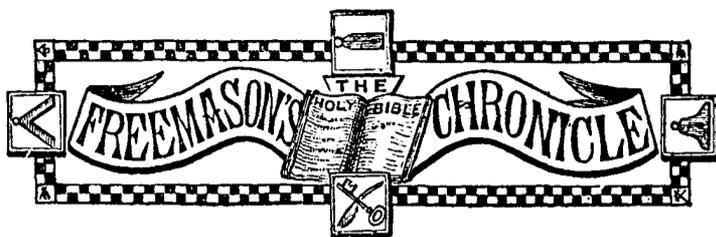
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Has kindly consented to preside.

The Lodge will be opened at Six o'clock precisely.

Programmes and Tickets for the Banquet, price 4s each, may be obtained of
the Stewards, or of the Hon. Secretary,**BRO. W. SMALLPEICE.**

6 GRAYS INN PLACE.

THE THEATRES, &c.**HER MAJESTY'S.**—This morning at 2, **FAUST.** This evening and
Tuesday, **CARMEN.** On Monday, **LUCIA DI LAMMERMOOR.** On
Wednesday, **IL FLAUTO MAGICO.** On Thursday, **FAUST.** At 7.30
each evening.**THEATRE ROYAL, DRURY LANE.**—At 6.50, **THE PLANTATION.**
At 7.20, **THE JEALOUS WIFE.** At 8.30, **BELPHEGOR, THE**
MOUNTBANK.**GLOBE.**—At 7.15, **DELICATE GROUND.** At 8.5, **LES CLOCHES DE**
CORNEVILLE.**HAYMARKET.**—At 8, **THE RIVALS.****STRAND.**—At 7, **OUR CLUB.** At 9.15, **NEMESIS.****GAIETY.**—At 7, **HAPPY FAMILY.** At 7.45, **PAUL PRY.** At 9.15, **YOUNG**
FRA DIAVOLO.**VAUDEVILLE.**—At 7.30, **A WHIRLIGIG.** At 8.0, **OUR BOYS,** and
A FEARFUL FOG.**PRINCE OF WALES'S.**—At 8.0, **DIPLOMACY.****ADELPHI.**—At 7.0, **SARAH'S YOUNG MAN.** At 7.45, **PROOF, &c.****OLYMPIC.**—At 7, **THE RENDEZVOUS.** At 7.30, **THE TWO ORPHANS.****ROYALTY.**—At 7.30, **CHECKMATE.** At 9, **OVERPROOF.** At 10.30,
FARCE.**STANDARD.**—At 7, **JANE SHORE, FAMILY JARS, &c.****DUKES.**—At 7.15, **AN AWKWARD AFFAIR.** At 7.45, **THE OCTOORON.****OPERA COMIQUE.**—At 7.45, **CUPS AND SAUCERS.** At 8.30, **H.M.S.**
FLAFORE. At 10.30, **BEAUTIES ON THE BEACH.****CRITERION.**—At 7.30, **THE PORTER'S KNOT** and **THE PINK DOMI-**
NOES.**ALHAMBRA.**—At 7.30, **FARCE.** At 8.10, **LA PERICHOLE.** At 10.15,
BALLET.**CRYSTAL PALACE.**—This day, **CONCERT,** Presentation of Prizes to
the London Rifle Brigade, &c. Open daily, Aquarium, Circus, &c.**ALEXANDRA PALACE.**—This Day, **OPERA, &c.** On Monday and
Tuesday, **TROTTLING MEETING.** Open daily. Hippodrome, Zoo, &c.**EGYPTIAN (LARGE HALL).**—**MASKELYNE AND COOKE.** Daily
at 3 and 8 o'clock.**HENGLER'S CIRQUE.**—Daily at 7.30, Wednesday and Saturday, at
2.30 and 7.30.**ROYAL POLYTECHNIC.**—**ZITELLA,** given by Mr. Seymour Smith,
THE PARIS EXHIBITION.—CABUL AND THE AFGHANS.—
PROFESSOR PEPPER ON FOOD AND ITS PREPARATION.—
PEKIN and A VISIT TO ICHAN.—THE JABLOCHKOFF CANDLE.—
THE MICROPHONE and TELEPHONE, &c.—STOKES ON MEMORY,
&c., &c.—Admission, 1s; Open 12 till 5, and 7 till 10.

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OUR WEEKLY BUDGET.

HER Majesty the Queen and Princess Beatrice were expected to reach Windsor Castle from Balmoral on Friday evening. Intelligence was received on Saturday of the death of one of Her Majesty's grandchildren, the Princess Mary of Hesse, youngest daughter of Princess Alice.

The London School Board, at their weekly meeting, resolved to establish classes at certain centres for the instruction of the blind. Under the presidency of the High Sheriff of Lancashire, a meeting has been held to promote the formation of a national fund for the relief of sufferers from disasters in mines.

The Lord Mayor presided on Monday at a meeting of the Council of the Hospital Sunday Fund. Wishing to remove the feeling which seemed to prevail that he was not favourable to the movement, he expressed his approval of the Fund. As Lord Mayor, however, he was bound to consider the feelings of all parties connected with approved charitable agencies, and he thought the Mansion House was not the place where such an office should be established for a longer period than twelve months.

From various parts of the Provinces reports have been received that the late heavy storms have caused several of the rivers to overflow their banks, and thereby flood the neighbouring country.

The Locked-out Agricultural Labourers of Kent and Sussex assembled on Wednesday night at Exeter Hall to the number of between five and six hundred, with the view of enlisting the sympathies of the London working classes by making known their grounds of complaint against the farmers. The hall was densely crowded from platform to gallery; Mr. Auberon Herbert occupied the chair. Resolutions condemnatory of the action of the farmers and of the existing land laws, and expressing a determination to support the men in their endeavour to uphold the Union were passed.

Upwards of a quarter of a million sterling has been received on behalf of the shareholders of the City of Glasgow Bank.

At an inquiry into the death of a youth of eighteen, named Nolan, which occurred while he was serving a term of three months' imprisonment in the House of Correction, it was shown that for eleven days he was supplied with bread and water only—the bread consisting of sixteen ounces, supplied once in twenty-four hours. After some further evidence the inquiry was adjourned.

The indictment which Mrs. Rousby, the actress, had preferred against Herr Bandmann, for assaulting her on the stage of the Queen's Theatre in April, has been tried before the Lord Chief Justice. The defence was a denial of the assault, and the case resulted in a verdict of not guilty.

On Sunday an attempt was made on the life of the King of Italy, who at the time was entering the city of Naples. A man, who it is stated gives as his reason for the attempted crime that he was poor, and therefore entertained feelings of hatred towards the king, approached the Royal carriage, and attempted to stab His Majesty. The Prime Minister, Signor Cairoli, was wounded in the thigh, and the King received a slight scratch. The man has since undergone some examination. Letters written by Internationalists were found at his house, in consequence of which some arrests have been made. This event has caused a profound sensation throughout France and Germany. At Florence, during a meeting of workmen to demonstrate their loyalty, a bomb was thrown from a window into their midst, and two men were killed. It is said that the king had received two letters, warning him that an attempt would be made on his life.

The Indian Government has learnt from a Cabul merchant that the suspicion they entertained that for some

years past secret agents have been sent from Russia to the Ameer is substantially correct. As no satisfactory answer was expected from the Ameer, the Indian Government prepared a Proclamation declaring that the Ameer had left them no resource but to assert the power of England. Orders to advance have been issued, and the British troops have crossed the frontier. The enemy, who were in possession of Fort Kapion, retired on the approach of the English, and it was found on reaching Kapatyanga Fort that it had been evacuated. Both were at once taken possession of by our troops. Count Schouvaloff, after several days' stay at Pesth and interviews with the Emperor of Austria and Count Andrassy, left for Paris, whence he is expected to return immediately to London. It is generally believed that he has not succeeded in obtaining support to the proposition for another Congress to revise the stipulations of the Berlin Treaty. Prince Dondoukoff, the Russian Governor of Bulgaria, has been summoned to Livadia, where the Czar is staying. An agitation is going on in Bulgaria for the election of Prince Dondoukoff as the future head of that State. The insurgents in Macedonia are still active, and reports are received daily at Constantinople of Mussulman villages burnt and their inhabitants driven away. The object of these attacks is assumed to be to expel the Mahomedan population, and to occupy the province with Bulgarian immigrants. The communications between the British and United States Governments upon the Fisheries question are believed to be closed in a satisfactory manner. The amount of compensation awarded by the Commissioners will be paid this week. From Canada we learn that great preparations are being made to accord a fitting reception to the Marquis of Lorne and the Princess Louise on their arrival there.

INSTALLATION MEETING OF THE LODGE OF ISRAEL, No. 1502.

THE regular monthly meeting of this influential and prosperous Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Liverpool, on Monday the 18th inst. Present:—Bro. Alex. Jones W.M. in the chair; Bros. S. Schönstadt S.W., Rev. H. D. Marks J.W., H. A. Tobias as S.D., S. J. Henochsberg J.D., Maurice Hart P.M. Secretary, J. Defrece Treasurer, Ralph Robinson P.M. P.G.R. D.C., A. J. Henochsberg P.M., Alpass P.G. Secretary, Bowes P.M. 118 P.P.G.S.D. West Lancashire, P.P.G.J.W. Westmoreland and Cumberland, P. Macmoldrow P.M. 1299 P.P.G.S.D., G. Broadbridge P.M. 241 P.P.G.D.C., D. Lavenstein W.M. Lodge of Israel, Birmingham, 1474, J. Windsor W.M. 241, F. Barnett W.M. 249, Evans W.M. 1350, Rev. T. W. Richardson P.M. 1380, Dr. Bailey S.W. 786, H. Gabriel 241, Mackenzie S.W. 1609, &c. &c. The W.M. opened the Lodge in the usual form. The minutes being read and confirmed, the ballot was taken on behalf of Messrs. Phillips, Mamelock and Robell; it proved favourable in each case. This being the evening for the installation of the W.M. elect, the Lodge was then opened in the second degree, when Bro. S. Schönstadt was introduced to receive the benefit of installation; the necessary questions being put to him and answered, he was duly obligated. The Lodge was then opened in the Masters' Degree, when all those present below the rank of Installed Officer, were requested to withdraw. The W.M., who acted as Installing Master, then opened the board of Installed Masters, and inducted the new W.M. into the chair, after which the brethren were re-admitted and saluted their W.M. The following brethren were invested as Officers of the Lodge:—Bros. Alex. Jones I.P.M., M. Hart P.M. D.C., Rev. Prag Prov. G.C. Chaplain, Rev. H. D. Marks S.W., H. A. Tobias J.W., Isaac Defrece Treasurer re-elected, S. J. Henochsberg Secretary, Maurice Aronsberg S.D., M. P. Tneski J.D., Veale Organist, Joseph Saber I.G. by proxy, H. W. Wright S.S., D. Gabrielsen J.S., W. Ball Tyler re-elected. After which the W.M. initiated Messrs. Phillips, Mamelock and Robell into the mystic Order in a manner that reflected great credit on him. The brethren were then called from labour to refreshments and partook of an excellent and recherché banquet. Grace having been said by the Chaplain, Bro. Prag, the W.M. proposed the toasts. The first on the list is one which is at all times received by Masons with enthusiasm; I need not further commend it to your notice, I ask you to drink to the health of H.M. the Queen. This toast was received with eclat, and God save the Queen was ably given by Bro. Solomon Jacobs. The second toast the W.M. felt sure would be equally well received; the ability of our sovereign head of the Craft H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M. of England, as a Mason, is well known. The G.M. has often proved, by the interest he takes in Masonry, that he has it at heart, he is consequently entitled to our truest regard and esteem. He would therefore ask them to respond to the toast, with which he would associate the Princess of Wales and the rest of the Royal Family. This toast was heartily responded to by the brethren, and God Bless the Prince of Wales ably given by Brother Veale the Organist. The next toast comprised the Earl of Carnarvon Prov. G.M., Lord Skelmersdale D.G.M. R.W.P.G.M. of Lancashire, and Prov. Grand Officers, all of whom were esteemed in proportion to the important duties they discharged. In Lord Skelmersdale, as Prov. G.M., as man, and as Mason, we have no superior, if any equal; this must be the opinion of all who have witnessed the excellent way he discharges the business of Grand Lodge; more particularly at the Grand Lodge meeting recently held at the Philharmonie Hall, the

largest and most successful ever held in this Province. The great interest he takes in Masonry fully entitles him to the esteem in which he is held by the Craft in general. We have the honour of having present here this evening various P.G. Officers, amongst others the P.G. Secretary Bro. Alpass, who has fulfilled that important office in this Province for a number of years, and he (the W.M.) well knew he had discharged his duty with zeal and assiduity, and is therefore held in the highest respect, not only by those with whom he comes in close connection, but by all the Masonic brethren in the Province. The next P.G. Officer it afforded him particular pleasure to mention on this occasion was one from our midst, who had lately had the distinguished honour of being appointed P.G.R., an honour which he had justly earned. By this appointment, the members of the Lodge of Israel feel highly favoured. The brother referred to is P.M. Robinson. He need not here eulogise the excellent qualities he possesses, they are well known to all. He—as the first Master of this Lodge (to whom the members owe a debt of gratitude, and to whose exertions the success of the Lodge is mainly due)—set such an admirable example by his well ruling, that it could not fail to have the desired effect. His conduct has been emulated by all those brethren who have succeeded him. He hoped that Bro. Robinson might be spared many years to afford Masonry in general and the Lodge of Israel in particular that support and assistance which at all times he is so willing to give. Without further remarks, he would ask them to drink to the Officers of Grand Lodge, supreme and subordinate, coupling with the toast the names of Bro. Alpass and Bro. Robinson. Bro. Alpass P.G.S. in responding to this toast complimented the W.M. and members on the successful and prosperous condition of their Lodge, also on its admirable administration and working since its formation four years ago. He doubted not that under the leadership of the present W.M. it would not lose its lustre. Bro. Robinson P.M. P.G.R. also acknowledged the toast at considerable length; he felt himself highly flattered by the eulogium passed upon him; he also intimated that he had been appointed President of the Hamer Benevolent Fund, and trusted that the brethren, who were never behind others in charity, would give their hearty support to this Fund. The next toast was that of the newly installed W.M., very ably proposed by the I.P.M. Bro. Jones, the Installing Master, who congratulated the members of the Lodge on the selection they had made in placing such an excellent and worthy brother at their head. He had known Bro. Schönstadt for many years, and proposed him as candidate for Masonry in his mother Lodge, the Pembroke 1299, some five years ago; ever since they had followed each other step by step; therefore he was more than pleased at having had the honour and pleasure of installing him. He felt sure that the Lodge would be managed by Bro. Schönstadt as well as by any of the preceding Masters, more particularly as he had been for three years the chairman of a most influential body. Bro. Schönstadt on rising was received with acclamation. In returning thanks for the hearty and cordial manner in which his health had been proposed and responded to, he begged to express his deep sense of gratitude to the members of the Lodge of Israel for having elected and placed him by their unanimous vote, in the high and exalted position of W.M. for the ensuing year, an honor which he much appreciated, and of which he felt proud. He was fully sensible of the difficulties under which he had to labour in the discharge of his important duties, but he would endeavour, as far as his humble and earnest exertions would permit, to do his best to gain the approbation of the members, uphold the dignity of the Lodge, and further its interests and prosperity. When the time came that he had to vacate the chair, he would hand the warrant over to his successor in the same pure and unsullied condition he had received it. In the discharge of the important duties devolving on him, he required the support of the members of the Lodge, and trusted they would afford him that kindness which they had so readily shown his predecessors. In the Officers appointed he placed every confidence; they would faithfully discharge their respective duties, and render the necessary assistance that he required of them in the well ruling and governing of the Lodge. He hoped and trusted that, under the blessing of the Great Architect of the Universe, his year of office would be a pleasant and prosperous one. The W.M. next proposed the health of the I.P.M., Installing Master Bro. Alex. Jones, who he complimented on the energy with which he had brought to a satisfactory close his year of office; also upon his crowning effort of so successfully installing him in his stead; it gave him great pleasure to place upon his breast a handsome P.M.'s jewel, which the Lodge had voted him in recognition of his merits, and as a memento of the respect in which he is held by the members. He wished him many years of health to wear it, and to continue his valuable services to the Lodge of which he was now a P.M. and honoured member. Bro. A. Jones in responding thanked the brethren for the great kindness and forbearance shown him during his year of office, also for the handsome jewel with which they had presented him. He would look upon it as an incentive to further efforts. In giving the health of the Visitors the W.M. remarked this toast was one that required little comment; it recommends itself at all times. In the Lodge of Israel it is received on all occasions with pleasure and cordiality. He could assure the visiting brethren, one and all, that the members were happy to see them, and were ever ready to welcome them. He hoped and trusted the Lodge might never be without Visitors. Around were many distinguished brethren, amongst others the W.M. of their namesake the Lodge of Israel, Birmingham; this worthy friend and brother came from a distance to do him honour, for which he felt deeply thankful. He assured the guests that the brethren were delighted to see him. We have also the W.M. of the Merchants, and the W.M. of the Mariners Lodges; both these brethren bear the highest reputation as Masons, and for their ability as Masters; to the W.M. of the Merchants Lodge, Bro. Windsor, he felt deeply indebted for his kindness and courtesy, also for his having at all times given him (the speaker) valuable assistance in his Masonic career. He hoped that the other visiting brethren would forgive him if he did not

mention their names, as time was much advanced. He called on the members to honour the toast of the visiting brethren, coupling with it the names of Bros. Windsor, Lavenstein, and Barnett. Bro. Lavenstein W.M. Lodge of Israel, Birmingham, acknowledged the compliment paid him, and expressed himself highly gratified with his visit. The brethren of his Lodge looked with considerable interest on the doings of No. 1502; he had come from a distance to witness the installation of his friend and brother the W.M., in whose hands he felt sure the Lodge was safe, and would be conducted with dignity. He wished Bro. Schönstadt a hearty, happy, and prosperous year. Bro. Windsor W.M. 241 and Bro. Barnett W.M. 249 also returned thanks, expressing their high opinion of the Lodge, and the hearty reception they had received from one and all of the members. Bro. P.M. Robinson P.G.R. very ably proposed the Benevolent Fund in connection with the Lodge; he appealed to the members for their continued support of this excellent charity. Afterwards the handsome amount of £10 was collected, and this was thankfully acknowledged by Bro. B. Levy, President of the Fund, who informed the brethren that the aggregate amount now in the possession of this charity was £200. The next toast was that of the newly initiated brethren, ably proposed by Bro. P.M. A. J. Henochsberg, who congratulated the W.M. and members on the choice they had made in the admittance into the Craft of such worthy members as Bros. Philips, Mamelock, and Robell, who he felt sure would prove worthy members of the Craft. This toast was briefly acknowledged by the newly initiated brethren. The toast of the P.M.'s of the Lodge was given by the S.W., who remarked, in a few well chosen words, that the P.M.'s of the Lodge would ever stand high in the opinion of the members, for the zeal each had displayed during his year of office. Bro. B. Levy proposed the Officers of the Lodge, whom he eulogised for the zeal and ability with which they discharged their respective duties; he also congratulated the W.M. on having appointed such a worthy brother as H. A. Tobias J.W., who he felt sure would prove an ornament to the Lodge, and would in due time ably fill the position of W.M. The Senior and Junior Wardens thanked the brethren for their kindness. The Tyler's toast closed the meeting.

Sincerity Lodge, No. 174.—A regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday, at the Guildhall Hotel, Gresham-street, City. The Lodge was opened by Bro. John Appleby, who was supported by Bros. G. T. H. Seddon S.W., C. H. Webb as J.W., John Newton P.M. Secretary, Jones J.D., F. Brown I.G., Verry Tyler. After the minutes had been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Mr. William George Cane, and Mr. William Cecil. In each case the result was satisfactory. Bro. W. Giller, of the Loyalty Lodge, No. 1607, a candidate for the third degree, was then examined. He exhibited sufficient knowledge of what was required of him to warrant his claim for preferment, and the W.M. worked the ceremony of raising, in the candidate's behalf, in an eminently satisfactory way, deriving much assistance by the competency displayed by the Officers of the Lodge. The agenda paper bore the names of three brethren as candidates for the second degree—Bros. Bellman, Mustart and Marshall; in addition to these the W.M. of the Loyalty Lodge, which our readers will remember is an offshoot of the Lodge of Sincerity, had requested Bro. Appleby to pass two candidates for him, as the Loyalty Lodge would not meet again till April next. These candidates—Bros. Garden and Burton—with the three named above, were then examined, entrusted, and in due course passed to the degree of F.C. The ceremonial portion of the day's proceedings was then brought to a close by the initiation of Mr. William Cecil. Routine business now commenced, and this proved to be as heavy as the previous work, that had been transacted. Bro. Newton earnestly pleaded the claims of the son of a deceased member—Bro. Arthur—who is desirous of being placed on the list of candidates for the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. Several members supported Bro. Newton, and the Lodge pledged itself to adopt the case. A letter was read from the members of a Colonial Lodge, soliciting funds for building a Masonic Hall; this was discussed, and the consideration of the letter was—we think wisely—postponed *sine die*. The next feature requiring notice was a petition that had been presented by a brother who urged he was in distressed circumstances, and a most exhaustive discussion resulted; in the end, however, it was decided that the Lodge could not take action in this case. £10 was then voted from the Benevolent Fund for the assistance of a brother who needed temporary help. Bro. Seddon S. Warden pressed the claims of the Benevolent Institution, for which he has accepted a Stewardship; and Bro. C. J. Perceval intimated that he would act as Steward at the next Festival of the Girls' School. Lodge was then closed. There was no banquet, but some of the members spent an hour most pleasantly together. The following were the Visitors:—C. V. Falkner 41, W. W. Morgan 211, R. Shephard 861; Bros. Giller, John S. Burton, and John J. Garden, of 1607. We regretted to find that the Lodge was in mourning,—in consequence of the lamented death of Bro. J. W. Dunstan Junior Warden.

Palatine Chapter Rose Croix, Manchester.—A meeting of this Chapter was held on Wednesday, the 6th November, at the Palatine Hotel, Manchester. Present—S. P. Thomas Rose 30° M.W.S., supported by Illus. Bros. Stephen Smith 31°, G. P. Brockbank 31°, John Duffield 31°, Geo. Higgin 31°, Jas. A. Birch P.M. W.S., J. Gibb Smith 30°, R. H. Hutchinson 30°, R. McD. Smith 30°, J. F. Heffernan 30°, B. S. John Joule 30°, P. Royle M.D. 30°. John Chadwick 18°, W. Gibb 18°, and others. Four candidates were balloted for and approved, three of whom presented themselves for perfection, which ceremony was performed by S.P. James A. Birch, S.P. Coates acting as Raphael. Col. Le Gendre Starkie, Prov. G. Master East Lancashire, was balloted for and elected at this meeting, and it is expected he will shortly present himself for perfection. At the conclusion of the business the S.P.'s adjourned to banquet, which as usual was of a most *récherché* character.

Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, No. 65.—The Annual Supper took place on Tuesday, at Bro. Maidwell's, the Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C. The chair was taken by Bro. Brown W.M., of the Mother Lodge, who was supported by his I.P.M. Bro. Daniel; the Secretary of the Lodge of Instruction Bro. Hollands the Preceptor Bro. Sparrow, and the following members and Visitors:—Bros. Kearney, Lewis, Coe, Strode, James, Brown, Pattison, King, Richards, Biddle, Sayer, Moss, Hamilton, Wall, Terry, Maidwell, Main, Quincey, Morgan, &c. The Lodge having been formally opened and closed, the brethren adjourned for the purpose of enjoying the repast, which had been capitally prepared, and was so liberally served by host Maidwell. On the removal of the cloth the customary toasts were given and replied to, the general tone of the remarks testifying to the happy feeling which exists between the Mother Lodge and the Lodge of Instruction. In the course of the evening a presentation was made to Bro. Hollands, of some articles for table use, also of a pair of glasses; and Bro. Brown, who handed the testimonial to the worthy Secretary, happily remarked that he trusted Bro. Hollands would thereby the better be enabled to see the faces of the members who entertained for him such deep feelings of esteem.

King's Cross Lodge, No. 1732.—This Lodge held its regular meeting on Saturday last, at the Metropolitan Club, 269 Pentonville-road. Bro. J. J. Michael W.M. presided, and was supported by Bros. W. M. Stiles S.W., J. T. Briggs J.W., H. Stiles S.D., H. Higgins P.M. J.D., F. Saintsbury Secretary, L. Solomon I.G., and Daley Tyler, as well as by several members, and the following Visitors, namely—Bros. J. N. Thompson J.D. 1695, T. Gilbert 1507, T. C. Edmonds 1507, Louis Bamberger S.W. 1366, and W. W. Morgan Sec. 211. The Lodge was opened as usual, and in the course of the business Bros. H. Cashmore, J. Patterson, and F. Fletcher were raised to the sublime degree of M.M., while Bros. A. Hubbard and W. Pope were passed. When the duties of the evening were concluded, the brethren sat down to a modest dinner. The bill of fare included two sorts of fish, joint, vegetables, cheese, and celery—well-dressed and admirably served, at a charge of half-a-crown. On the removal of the cloth, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed from the chair. Bro. Knight, acting I.P.M., gave the health of the W.M., and in doing so spoke in terms of well-merited eulogy of the manner in which their president had worked the ceremonies that afternoon. The W.M. acknowledged the toast in suitable terms, thanking both Bro. Knight for the handsome manner in which he had proposed the toast, and the brethren present for the cordial manner in which they had greeted the proposition. Bro. Michael added that he was desirous of fulfilling his duty to the satisfaction of the Lodge, and he should leave no stone unturned in order to achieve a success. The toast of the Visitors having been duly acknowledged, that of the I.P.M. Bro. Knight was proposed and most cordially received. Other toasts, such as are customarily given on these occasions, followed, and in due time the meeting came to an end, the brethren separating with a sense of pleasure at the very agreeable evening they had spent together. This is a young Lodge, but it is a promising one. It has no debts; its officers work well together; perfect harmony reigns among the members, and though it is by no means strong in numbers, King's Cross, No. 1732, is one of the nicest and most genial to visit that we have been privileged to make acquaintance with. During the evening Bro. Stiles exerted himself to induce the members to contribute towards his list for the next Festival of the R.M.B.I., and from what we know of the charitable proclivities of the brethren present, we doubt not his appeal will be freely responded to.

Crusaders Lodge, No. 1677.—This Lodge held its regular meeting on Wednesday 13th, at the St. John of Jerusalem. Present—Bros. W. J. Hunter W.M., Simmons S.W., T. Goode J.W., P.M. J. Maples Treasurer, P.M. Defriez Secretary, Rushton Organist, Rothschild S.D., Millward J.D., Calderwood I.G., Verry Tyler; also Bros. J. Knight P.M., W. B. Kidder, Gilbert, Farr, Mackie, Carnly, Chandler, Taylor, A. Goode, W. Jackson, P. Jackson, F. Goode, W. Goode, W. Gay, Moorhouse, Garrod, W. Cook P.G.S. Herts, T. Hyland, J. Callegari, Cummings, Farr, and others. The Visitors were Bros. C. Renter P.M. Cornwallis 1107 P.P.G.D.C. Kent, T. H. Simmonds J.W. Cornwallis 1107, A. W. Fenner S.D. Upton Lodge 1227, W. Hopekirk P.M. 179, J. E. Carpenter P.M. Urban Lodge 1196. All preliminaries having been observed, Bros. Gilbert, Farr, Mackie, and Carnaby were examined, entrusted, and duly passed to the second degree. On the Lodge being resumed, a ballot was taken for the following gentlemen, who were initiated into the mysteries of the Craft:—Messrs H. Parry, Charles Hayward, and Edwin Creed. The ceremonies were performed by the W.M. in a very efficient manner. In pursuance of notice of motion by Bro. Secretary, the No. 3 Bre-law of the Lodge was altered, to the effect that the subscription be paid annually, in October, instead of half-yearly as hitherto. After which Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to supper, which was admirably served by Bro. Gay. The loyal and patriotic toasts were ably given; that of the W.M. receiving a most hearty greeting. On the health of the visitors being drunk, Bro. Carpenter responded, congratulating the brethren on their having such an efficient W.M. to preside over them. The initiates also responded. The brethren were highly pleased with the singing of Bros. Millward, Parry, Carpenter, and Callegari. Bro. P. Jackson favoured the brethren with a recitation—"Little Jim." The Tyler's toast brought the evening's duties to a close.

Mrs. Dion Bonicault has commenced an engagement at the Dublin Theatre Royal, and will produce a new play written for her by Edmund Falconer, entitled *The Banshee*. At the termination of her Dublin season, Mrs. Bonicault sails for New York, and starts on her farewell tour of the United States, Canada, and Australia.

DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges throughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Days of Meeting, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

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SATURDAY, 23rd NOVEMBER.

- 108—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1464—Erasmus Wilson, Prior Hotel, Greenhiths.
R. A. 308—Affability, Station House Hotel, Bottoms, Stansfield.

MONDAY, 25th NOVEMBER.

- 4—Royal Somerset House and Inverness, Freemasons' Hall.
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.)
1615—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square.
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.)
1632—Stuart, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell.
London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-street, E.C., at 6.
49—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead.
62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester.
143—Lights, Masonic Hall, Warrington.
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
990—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
1177—Tenby, Royal Assembly Rooms, Tenby, Pembroke.
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8 p.m. (Instruction.)
1611—Eboracum, Queen's Hotel, York, at 5.30. (Installation Banquet.)
R. A. 241—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
M.M. 146—Moore, Masonic Rooms, Atherton, Lancaster.

TUESDAY, 26th NOVEMBER.

- 14—Tuscan, 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.)
92—Moir, Criterion, Piccadilly, W.
141—Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
145—Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
186—Industry, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
205—Israel, Cannon-street Hotel.
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney. (Instruction.)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1196—Urban, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, E.C.
1441—Ivy, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1446—Mount Edgcombe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1471—Islington, Three Bucks, 23 Gresham-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1607—Metropolitan, 269 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-street-rd. at 8. (In.)
1744—Royal Savoy, Ashley's Hotel, Covent Garden.
24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle, 7.30. (In.)
117—Wynstay, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8. (Instruction.)
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30. (Instruction.)
253—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby.
299—Emulation, Bull Hotel, Dartford.
310—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle.
357—Apollo University, Masonic Hall, Oxford.
573—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen.
1016—Elkington, Masonic Rooms, New-street, Birmingham.
1356—Torbay, Town Hall, Paignton.
1609—Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1675—Antient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
R. A. 158—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness.
R. A. 721—Grosvenor, Eastgate-row-north, Chester.
R. A. 1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, 27th NOVEMBER.

- 193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7. (Instruction.)
201—Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
212—Euphrates, Masons' Hall, Basinghall-street, E.C.
228—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., Camden-town at 9. (In.)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
538—La Tolerance, Horse and Groom, Winsley-stre t, 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.)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8. (Instruction.)
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7. (Instruction.)
1196—Urban, The Three Bucks, Gresham-street, at 6.30. (Instruction.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8.30. (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Finsbury Pk. Tav., Seven Sisters-rd., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1558—Duke of Connaught, Faunce Arms, Kennington Park, at 8. (Instruction.)
1707—Eleanor, Angel Hotel, Edmonton, at 8. (Instruction.)
1769—Progress, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
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.)
32—St. George, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool.
117—Salopian of Charity, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury.
163—Integrity, Freemasons Hall, Manchester.
220—Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, Lancashire.
304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, St. George-street, Leeds.
439—Scientific, Private Room, Biggley.
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction.)
996—Soudes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk.
1039—St. John, George Hotel, Lichfield.
1033—Townley Parker, Mosley Hotel, Beswick, near Manchester.
1119—St. Bede, Mechanic's Institute, Jarrow.
1219—Strangeways, Empire Hotel, Strangeways, Manchester.
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction.)
1283—Ryburn, Private Rooms, Town Hall-street, Sowerby Bridge.
1392—Egerton, Stanley Arms Hotel, Stanley-street, Bury, Lancashire.
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, at 7. (Instruction.)
1566—Elkington, Bell Hotel, Maidenhead.
1633—Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
1723—St. George, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall-square, Bolton.
R. A. 42—Unity, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire.
R. A. 503—Beviere, Star Hotel, Maidstone.
R. A. 1593—Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham.
M.M.—Northumberland and Berwick, Masonic Hall, Maple-st., Newcastle.
R.C.—Phillips, Masonic Rooms, Atherton, Lancaster.

THURSDAY, 28th NOVEMBER.

- General Committee, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 7. (Instruction.)
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction.)
65—Prosperity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8. (Instruction.)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
720—Panmure Gen. L. of Inst., Antelope Tavern, Lorn-road, Brixton, at 8.
766—William Preston, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C.
227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1349—Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, E.C. at 6.30. (Instruction.)
1624—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-road, Dalston.
1563—City of Westminster, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, Regent-street, W.
1658—Skelmersdale, 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.)
R.A. 1615—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square.
78—Imperial George, Assheaton Arms Hotel, Middleton, Lancashire.
100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor Hotel, Quay, Great Yarmouth.
111—Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Archer-street, Darlington.
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
286—Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Bacup.
348—St. John, Bulls Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton.
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
781—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal.
807—Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich.
904—Phoenix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham.
935—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford.
966—St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek, Stafford.
1313—Permor, Masonic Hall, Southport.
1325—Stanley, 214 Gt. Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
1459—Ashbury, Justice Birch Hotel, Hyde-road, West Gorton, near Manchester
1505—Emulation, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1626—Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Maple street, Newcastle.
R.A. 292—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
R. A. 360—Northampton, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton.
R. A. 1086—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.
M.M. 32—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
K. T.—Albert, Masonic Rooms, 23 Ann-treet, Rochdale.
K. T.—Plains of Mamre, Bull Hotel, Burnley.

FRIDAY, 29th 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, 165 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.)
1289—Finsbury Park Master Masons' Lodge of Inst. Finsbury Park Tavern, at 8.
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1642—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 7.30. (Inst.)
R. A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8. (Inst.)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton.
1385—Gladsmuir, Red Lion, Barnet.
R. A. 61—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax.
R. A. 242—Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster.

SATURDAY, 30th NOVEMBER.

- House Committee, Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Croydon, at 3.
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.
R. C.—St. Andrew, Cafe Royal, Regent-street, W.
920—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1462—Wharnciffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone.
R. A. 178—Harmony, Royal Hotel, Wigan.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

To Secretaries of Craft Lodges, Scribes of Chapters, Preceptories, Conclaves, &c.

BROTHER M. MILLINGTON, 25 Colliergate, York, S.D. of Eboracum Lodge 1611, is making a collection of Lodge Circulars, Toast Lists, Menu Cards, &c., and would feel grateful to the officers above named if they would forward him copies of the same.

York Mark Lodge (Time Immemorial).—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held at York, on Tuesday last. Present—Bros. T. B. Whythead W.M., T. Cooper P.M. as S.W., G. Balmford P.M. as J.W., J. Hollis M.O., J. Tissiman S.O., W. P. Husband as J.O., Rev. W. C. Lukis Chaplain, G. Garbutt Secretary, T. G. Hodgson as S.D., M. Millington J.D., A. T. B. Turner I.G., T. Camidge Organist. Amongst the visitors were Bros. Major Shaw-Hellier, Captain Hauly, and Lieut. Richey, R.A., Quarter-master Sergt. Somerset, &c. A successful ballot was taken for Bro. G. H. Hebblethwaite Eboracum Lodge, George Ayre W.M. Falcon Lodge, and C. L. Foster Mariners Lodge 249, and these three brethren being in attendance were duly advanced to the honourable degree. Bro. Millington presented to the Lodge a set of candidate's aprons; two candidates were proposed; Bros. Hollins and Husband were appointed Auditors; and the Lodge was closed. The brethren afterwards met at an excellent supper, for the skillful serving of which the Stewards, Bros. J. F. Taylor and T. Humphries, received great praise. An exceedingly pleasant evening ended harmoniously.

Robert Burns Lodge of Instruction, No. 25.—Held at the Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, on Friday, 15th November. Present—Bros. F. G. Baker P.M. as W.M., C. A. Woods P.M. S.W., Belfrage J.W., D. Haslett W.M., Wood I.G., and a large number of other brethren, this being the evening appointed for working the Fifteen Sections, the W.M. gave an introductory address, and the sections were worked by the following brethren. **FIRST LECTURE**—

Bros. Boulton, Waugh, Green, J. Boyd P.G.P., Belfrage J.W., C. A Woods S.W., J. Holden. SECOND LECTURE—Bros. Hunt P.M. Haslett P.M., Collins, Coulton P.M., Docker. THIRD LECTURE—Bros. Wynne, Wood I.G., Smallpeice P.M. A vote of thanks to the W.M. was ordered to be recorded on the minutes for the able and efficient manner in which he had discharged the duties of the chair. The W.M. thanked the brethren for having supported him on the occasion, and congratulated the brethren who had assisted, on the excellent manner in which each section was worked. The W.M. then gave a very impressive address on the general duties of Freemasonry. The Lodge was closed in perfect harmony.

Egyptian Lodge of Instruction, No. 27.—This Lodge held its weekly meeting at Bro. Maidwell's, 119 Leadenhall-street, on Thursday evening. Present—Bros. Biddle W.M., Norden S.W., Chapman J.W., Grammer (Hon. Sec.) S.D., Nemo J.D., Ellis I.G., Webb Preceptor, and other brethren. The ceremony of the third degree was rehearsed, Bro. Phillips as candidate. The Lodge having been resumed to the second degree, the first three sections of the lecture were worked by Bro. Ellis, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Phillips of the Israel Lodge, No. 205, was elected a member.

Constitutional Lodge of Instruction, No. 55.—On Tuesday, 19th instant, at the Bedford Hotel, Southampton-buildings. Bros. Tate W.M., J. H. Dodson S.W., Tranter J.W., Sanders S.D., Abell J.D., Linscott I.G., Bingham P.M. Preceptor, Cornu, Dickins, Sandle, Richards, Gilrath, and others. Lodge was opened in the three degrees, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. T. B. Dodson being the candidate. The three sections appertaining to the lecture were worked by the W.M. The Lodge was then closed down, and Bro. J. H. Dodson unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing Tuesday week; Tuesday 26th November being set apart for the Installation Ceremony to be worked by Bro. T. J. Maidwell, W.M. of the Egyptian Lodge, No. 27.

Elias Ashmole Chapter, No. 148.—The regular convocation of this Chapter was held at the Masonic Chambers, Warrington, on Monday, the 11th inst. Present—Comps. R. Brierley M.E.Z., P. J. Edleston P.Z. as H., T. Tunstall J., J. H. Galloway Treas., W. H. Robinson P.S., J. H. Galloway S.E., W. Richardson P.Z. as S.N., T. Donville Janitor, and Comps. D. W. Finney P.Z., S. Wallhead, John Knight, T. Hutchinson. The Chapter was opened in ancient form at 6.30, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ballot having proved favourable for Bro. C. E. Hindley, he received the benefit of exaltation to the supreme degree of the Holy Royal Arch, from the most Excellent Chief, assisted by E. Comp. Edleston. In consequence of the unfavourable state of the weather there were fewer Comps. present on this occasion than usual. The business of the evening being ended, Chapter was closed in harmony, and the Companions dispersed at an early hour.

Tranquillity Lodge, No. 185.—This Lodge met on Monday, the 18th inst., at the Guildhall Coffee House, Gresham-street, E.C., under the presidency of Bro. David Posener W.M. There were also present Bros. Geo. Pare S.W., Bailey J.W., J. D. Barnett I.P.M., P. Levy Sec., F. Croaker S.D., Bush I.G.; Past Masters M. Harris, Bloomfield, N. Moss, J. Constable, J. H. Ross, N. Gluckstein, Gottheil, and a most unusually small number of brethren. In the course of the evening Bro. B. S. Woolf was passed to the second degree. The brethren then adjourned to partake of supper, the frugality of which—could they have witnessed it—would have rejoiced the hearts of Bro. Dick Radelyffe, "Union Jack," "Old File," and the rest, who hold that the Masonic Charities would best be served and supported by impracticable self-denial, and a policy in Lodge arrangements calculated to hinder Masonic human nature from being occasionally made glad by the enjoyment of the good things which a gracious Providence, in His goodness and mercy, has deemed fit to bestow upon his but too frail and erring creatures. Even Sir Wilfrid Lawson himself might have sat at the board and gazed with complacency on the abstemious assembly of Craftsmen, among whom there was nevertheless no lack of sociability and merriment, but, on the contrary, great good humour prevailed, lively chat being interspersed with pleasant songs, given, by some, with remarkable taste and skill. The brethren who favoured with their vocal efforts were Constable, Ross, Woolf, Barnett, Bailey, and Smith. Just as the assembly was about to separate, at the early hour of 9.45, the Worshipful Master in feeling terms informed the brethren that the genial and very highly esteemed Bro. John Peartree P.M. and Treasurer had met with a rather serious accident, and although no bones were broken, it is yet likely to materially affect a not over robust constitution. He fervently hoped and trusted that at the next meeting of the Lodge Bro. Peartree might be so far recovered as to be able to be among them, in something like his former health and strength. Most sincere and heartfelt regret was expressed by all present, and if wishes could produce the effect, Bro. Peartree's restoration would be swift and sure.

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193.—This Lodge held its meeting on Wednesday, the 20th of November, at the Railway Tavern, Railway-place, Fenchurch-street. Present—Bros. T. B. Biddle W.M., Harris S.W., Bush J.W., J. K. Pitt Sec., E. Gottheil P.M. Treas., Butcher S.D., Moreau J.D., Metcalf I.G.; also Bros. Moss, Gardiner, Smith, Simmons, Walker, Parker, Christopher, Woodward. Visitors—Bros. Geo. A. Milne 182 Montrose, Thomas R. Meyrick 5 Leith and Canongate. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. James candidate. The first section of the lecture was worked by Bro. Gottheil, assisted by the brethren. Lodge closed

down in the third and second degrees. Bro. Harris was elected W.M. for the ensuing Wednesday. A distressed brother was relieved, the sum of one guinea being voted.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—On Saturday last. Present—Bros. Halford W.M., J. Lorkin S.W., Brand J.W., Brasted, S.D., Gibb J.D., J. Millington I.G., Fenner Act. Sec., R. Pearcy, Prec.; also Bros. C. Lorkin, G. W. Millington, Stock, Bidwell, Dallas, Parkes, Mackey, Ross, H. Hall, Hallam sen., Simpson, Calderwood, Adams, McDowell, Killick sen., &c. Lodge opened to second degree, Bro. Stock was entrusted and raised. Bro. Pearcy worked the first section of the Lecture, assisted by Bro. Bidwell; Bro. Stock the second, assisted by Bro. Pearcy, and Bro. Pearcy the third, assisted by the brethren. Bros. Simpson, of Jordan Lodge, No. 201, and Bro. Dallas, of Dalhousie Lodge, No. 860, were elected members; Bro. J. Lorkin was appointed W.M. for the next meeting. The sum of £5 5s was voted to be placed on Bro. Stock's list as Steward for the Old People. Lodge was then closed and adjourned.

St. John's Lodge, No. 221.—A meeting was held on Wednesday, 20th November, at Commercial Hotel, Bolton. Present—Bros. James Richardson W.M., Thos. Whitaker S.W., Henry Stead J.W., Jno. Mitchell Prov. G. Tyler Sec., G. P. Brookbank P. Prov. S.G.D. Treas., John L. Aldred S.D., Wm. Sparling J.D., James Smith and E. Melrose Stewards, J. Boothroyd I.G., Thos. Higson Tyler; P.M.'s Bros. Thos. Eutwisle P. Prov. G.S. of W., J. Martin Rutter, Thos. Morris, W. H. J. Jones. Visitor—Bro. C. S. Jones 483, Brooklyn, New York; and Bros. Bradburn, Isherwood, Nicholson, Jno. Mitchell, Booth, Wadson, Roiley, J. Seel, Court, Sugden, Hall and Staton. Opened at 7 p.m. Confirmed minutes of last Lodge. Passed Bro. Walter K. Booth to second degree. Read circular from Bro. Terry, announcing date of Festival of the R.M.B.I.; also from Prov. G. Sec., announcing that the next meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge will be held in Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester, on Friday, the 29th November, at four o'clock in the afternoon prompt. Bro. Thomas Eutwisle P. Prov. G.S. of W. announced that he had agreed to act as Steward at the Festival of the R.M.B.I.

St. Patrick's Lodge, No. 295 (I.C.)—At the regular meeting of this Lodge, attached to the 4th Dragoon Guards Regiment, at York, on Wednesday. The S.W. Capt. J. Hanly was unanimously elected W.M. Capt. Murphy was elected S.W. and Capt. Tynte J.W.

Hertford Lodge, No. 403.—The Fiftieth Installation Meeting was held on 12th inst., at the Town Hall, Hertford. Among the brethren present were:—Bros. S. Austin P.M. P.P.G. Supt. of Works W.M. Elect, J. Terry P.M. Prov. G.J. Warden, J. R. Cocks P.M. P.P.G.J. Warden, R. T. Andrews P.M. P.P.G.J. Warden, C. Drummond P.M. P.P.G. Supt. of Works, E. A. Simson P.M. P.P.G. Supt. of Works, J. D. Medcalf P.M. P.P.G.J. Deacon, T. S. Carter P.M. P.P.G.S. Deacon, H. Campkin P.M. P.P.G.S. Deacon, W. P. Willson P.M. P.P.G.A.D.C., W. Warrenner M.D., C.C. Dick P.M. P.G. D. Devon S.W., J. E. Cussans P.M. J.W. Visitors—Bros. J. Waller P.M. 449 P.P.G.D., R. Freer Austin, &c. This being the Fiftieth Installation meeting the brethren of the Lodge thought it advisable to place the oldest P.M. (Bro. Austin) in the chair of K.S. Bro. Terry installed the W.M. in his usual effective manner, and intimated to the brethren assembled that Bro. Austin had been nearly fifty years a member of the Lodge, having been initiated in October 1829, a fact unparalleled in the history of Freemasonry; it is proposed to celebrate the jubilee about October next, when a large gathering is expected. The W.M. appointed as his Officers Bros. the Rev. Lewis Deedes P.P.G. Chap. S.W., The Hon. Baron Dimsdale J.W., R. B. Croft S.D., J. Harrington J.D., J. R. Cocks Treas., R. T. Andrews Sec., J. E. Burnard I.G., F. Taylor and R. Harrison Stewards, T. Wright Tyler. The brethren afterwards partook of a capital banquet at the Shire Hall, supplied by Mr. E. M. Davis of the Salisbury Arms Hotel, and which gave great satisfaction; the W.M., who is in his seventy-fourth year, presided. The usual Masonic toasts followed. Bro. G. T. Carter P.M. undertook the musical arrangements.

Devonshire Lodge No. 625.—This Lodge held its annual meeting on Wednesday the 13th of November at the Norfolk Hotel, Glossop. Present—Bros. Thos. Dearnaley W.M., J. Collier S.W., D. A. Davis J.W., G. E. Cox P.M. P.P.G.S.D., W. Thorpe Treas., W. Booth S.D., J. Hadfield J.D., J. Garlick I.G., W. Fielden Tyler; Past Masters Jas. D. Calder P.P.G.S.D., R. A. Grundy P.P.G.S.D., J. Hardman P.P.G. Supt. of Works, Josh. Stafford P.P.G.R., Wm. Dawson P.P.G.D.C., John da P.P.G.S.B., Dr. Rhodes, Merry, and about 60 members and visitors, amongst whom we noticed Provincial Officers of neighbouring Provinces. The minutes of last regular meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in second degree, and Bro. Collier W.M. Elect. was presented to the Installing Master, Bro. Benton P.M. for Installation. A Board of Installing Masters was formed, and Bro. Collier 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 the Officers—Bro. T. Dearnaley I.P.M., D. A. Davis S.W., W. Booth J.W., J. Hadfield S.D., J. Garlick J.D., W. H. Hodgson I.G., W. Fielden Tyler, S. Collier Secretary, W. Thorpe Treasurer (re-elected). Bro. Benton performed the Installation ceremony in a most efficient manner. The sum of ten guineas was voted for the Girls' School; and after some other business the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to their new Lodge-room for the banquet, to which about 70 sat down. On the removal of the cloth the usual loyal and

Masonic toasts were proposed; these were interspersed with a choice selection of glees, songs, recitations, &c., and a very pleasant evening was brought to a close with the Tyler's toast.

Wentworth Lodge, No. 737.—A meeting was held on Monday, at the Hind Hotel, Wellingborough. Present—Bros. John Hy. Hale W.M., N. S. Hewens S.W., John Perrin J.W., L. C. Knight Sec., E. Hemsted S.D., W. Renshaw J.D., P. Dainty D.C., J. Wallis Steward, C. Matthews I.G., W. Matthews Tyler; P.M.'s Bros. B. B. Aris, Rev. Bro. Hall Chaplain. Visitor—Bro. T. Brown, of La Tolerance. The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was successful for Bros. Jos. Ackroyd, of Witham Lodge, No. 297, and J. Bailie, of Pemfret Lodge, No. 360, as joining members; and for Mr. William Brown Oldham, as a candidate for our mysteries. Mr. W. B. Oldham was present, and was initiated by the W.M. Bro. John H. Hale. The Lodge was then closed. The brethren afterwards supped together, and spent a jovial evening.

New Concord Lodge of Instruction, No. 813.—Held at Bro. Fysh's, Jolly Farmer's, Southgate-road, on Wednesday the 20th inst. Present:—Bros. S. George W.M., Cogan S.W., Trewinnard J.W., Cusworth Preceptor. Spruain S.D., Elliston J.D., Main I.G.; also Bros. Fenner, Stock, Whale, Powell, &c. After the usual preliminaries had been observed the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. Bro. Whale as candidate. Bro. Fenner gave proof of his proficiency and was entrusted. Lodge being advanced, the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Fenner candidate; both ceremonies were ably rehearsed by the W.M. Bro. Stock worked the first section of the second lecture, assisted by the brethren. On the proposition of Bro. Fenner, seconded by Bro. Stock, a sum of five guineas was voted out of the Lodge funds to be placed on the list of Bro. Trewinnard, W.M. of the Kingsland Lodge No. 1693, who will act as a Steward on behalf of the Benevolent Institution. Bro. Trewinnard returned thanks. Bro. Cogan was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, after which Lodge was closed, and the meeting adjourned until Wednesday at 8.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—On Tuesday, 19th inst., a great number of brethren, admirers of our beautiful lectures, assembled at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, to hear the rendering of the Fifteen Sections. An invitation had been given to the Percy Lodge of Instruction to send the requisite number of brethren—which invitation was cordially accepted, and the following selected as representatives:—Bros. Tolmie W.M., Percy S.W., Killick J.W. The first lecture was worked by the following brethren:—Bros. Gibbs, Brand, Millington, Hallam sen., Stock, Killick, and Byng. Second lecture—Bros. Brasted, C. Lorkin, Hallam jun., Hallam sen., and Fenner. Third lecture—J. Lorkin, Percy, and Trewinnard. It need hardly be said the working was good, the names of those who assisted being sufficient guarantee. Bro. P.M. Wallington Preceptor, in moving a vote of thanks to the Percy brethren for their attendance, made a few pertinent remarks as to the desirability of these friendly visits to Lodges; social good feeling amongst the brethren was thereby cultivated. These remarks were afterwards endorsed by Bro. Tolmie and the worthy Secretary Bro. Dallas. After a hint had been given by Bro. Percy that a return visit would shortly be expected—a hint he may rest assured will be promptly taken—Lodge was closed in due form, and adjourned until Tuesday next, at eight o'clock, when Bro. Gilham will preside.

Whittington Lodge of Instruction, No. 862.—On Wednesday, 20th November, at Bro. Hyde's, Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet-street. Present—Bros. R. P. Tate W.M., J. S. Brown S.W., Welsford J.W., Vzzard S.D., Drury J.D., Knill, Abell I.G., Long P.M. Preceptor, and others. Lodge was opened to the second degree. Bro. Tompsett having offered himself as a candidate for the third, was examined and entrusted. Lodge was opened up, and the ceremony of raising completed by the W.M. in his usual impressive manner. The sections were then worked by the W.M., who afterwards closed the Lodge down. Bro. J. S. Brown was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and the Lodge was closed.

St. Barnabas Lodge, No. 948.—A meeting was held on 5th November, at the Masonic-rooms, Linsdale, Leighton Buzzard. Present—Bros. Daniel Forbes W.M., Holland S.W., P.M. McCubbin as J.W., P.M. Poynter Secretary, Fountaine Treasurer, Willis S.D., McDowall J.D., Yates I.G., Gibbs Tyler; Past Masters McCubbin, Fountaine, King, Poynter, Forbes; Bros. Bashell, Bradshaw, Nelson, Eames, Smith, Knight; Visitors—Bros. Sills and Gotto P.M. Business—Lodge opened. Minutes read and confirmed. A letter was read respecting a testimonial to the widow of the late Bro. Wentworth Little; also a letter soliciting a Steward for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Messrs Smith and Knight were balloted for, and the result was unanimous in their favour. These gentlemen were then admitted, initiated, and invested. The tools were presented, and their uses, operative and speculative, explained. Lodge opened up, and Bros. Poynter Prov. Grand Reg. Berks and Bucks explained the third tracing board to Bros. Bushell and Eames. Lodge closed down. It was proposed by Bro. Nelson, and seconded by Bro. Eames, that Bro. Sills become a joining member of this Lodge. After which Lodge was closed.

Wandsworth Lodge No. 1044.—A meeting of this Lodge was held at the Spread Eagle Hotel, Wandsworth, on Wednesday, the 20th inst., Bro. J. G. Carter P.M. in the absence of the W.M. Bro. W. A. Morgan being in the chair. There were also present:—Bros. Boddy S.W., A. B. Walker J.W., H. Francis S.D., F. Wardroper J.D.,

J. J. Holland I.G., H. R. Jones P.M., P. V. Denham, J. Tucker, F. Reed, H. Wilson, J. Frost, H. F. Goodchild, W. Marshall, Field, A. D. Newens, W. A. Blackmore Industry 1485, and M. Chamberlain Corinth 1122, Nagpore, Bombay. Bro. Tucker was raised to the sublime degree of M.M., and Bros. Marshall and Field were passed. Bro. J. Frost the Secretary, was presented with a jewel and a purse of five guineas, for his past services.

Hartington Lodge, No. 1085, Derby.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday, the 6th inst., at the Derbyshire Masonic Hall. Present—Bros. G. Pipes W.M., J. O. Manton Sec. as S.W., W. B. Hextall J.W., M. H. Bobart P.M. Past Prov. Senior Grand Warden Treas. as Sec., S. Steele S.D., G. Arnold as J.D., W. L. Dodd as Organist, W. Butterfield I.G., J. Worsnop P.M., &c.; Bros. Hart, Wallis, Coulthurst, Popplewell, Walters, Lane, Carr, Belfield; and visitor Bro. Hudson. The ballot was taken in favour of Bros. Richardson of the Philanthropy Lodge, Stockton-on-Tees, Cadman of the Callender Lodge, Rnscholme Manchester, Wagstaff of the Unanimity Lodge, Penrith, and Chas. Osborne, a London resident but frequent visitor to Derby. Bros. Belfield and Carr were respectively advanced to the second and third degrees, the able work of the W.M. being excellently supported by his Officers. A supplementary grant from the Lodge funds was voted to the nearly exhausted funds of the Town Almoners. Sundry communications were read, and other business disposed of. After which the brethren adjourned to the banquet-room; there, in the "fourth degree," to promote the genuine good fellowship which exists among them, and to welcome a contingent of visiting brethren to the mysteries of the "advanced step."

Lord Warden Lodge, No. 1096.—A meeting was held on Friday, 15th November, at the Lodge-room, St. Georges Hall, Deal. Present:—Bros. John Laggett S.W., H. R. L. Botting J.W. T. J. Usher Sec., F. Haslip S.D. pro tem, W. Carterfield J.D., F. England Steward, S. Willey I.G., S. Holgate Tyler; Past Masters Bros. A. H. Des Barres, Thos. J. Usher P.P.G.R. Visitors—Bros. John Arnold and Jas. Corps, of No. 784, Wellington, J. Miles, C. J. Harst, H. Webb, G. Rivers. In the absence of the W.M. the Lodge was opened by the Immediate Past Master Bro. A. H. Des Barres. The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and unanimously confirmed. Messrs. H. Abram and H. V. Shaw, being candidates, and having at a previous meeting been duly balloted for and approved, were then duly and regularly initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry. The charge was given by Bro. J.W., and the Lodge closed. The whole of the work was satisfactorily performed. The meeting was adjourned until the first Friday in December. The brethren afterwards spent an hour socially; the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts being duly honoured.

Anglesea Lodge, No. 1113.—The annual Installation took place on Tuesday, the 12th inst., at the Bull Hotel, Llangefni, and the following brethren were present—Bros. John Peters P.M. 597 P.P.G.S.W., W. L. Banks P.M. P.P.G.S.W. and P.G.M.C.; T. H. Warrington W.M., Thos. Pritchard S.W., George Jones Hughes J.W., Dr. Wm. Evans P.M., Evan Williams I.P.M., Hy. Lloyd I.P.M. 1482, James Treweek W.M. 1488, John Ellis P.M. 597, Owen Rowlands 1488, Joseph Crewdson 1113, C. S. Dyer 1488, Th. Evans I.G. 1488, Wm. H. Jones 1113, B. Roose P.M. 1488, Wm. Jones J.W. 1488, Wm. Pritchard 591, Sharp 597, Wood 597, W. P. Elliott S.W. 597, Jas. Smith S.W. 1488, D. Wynne Williams W.M. 384, W. Price 755, Cross 914 Phoenix Lodge, Jamaica, Thos. Owen 332 Union Lodge, Glasgow, Bodgchen, Sparrow, Williams, Fred Jones 1113, Owen Roberts Tyler. The Lodge was opened at 1.30 by the W.M.; as no business excepting that of Installation was to be transacted, the Lodge was opened to the second degree, and the chair taken by Bro. John Peters, who acted as Installing Master, and Bro. Thomas Pritchard the W.M. Elect was introduced by Bro. Evans P.M. and obligated. The usual ceremony of installation was impressively performed by Bro. Peters, assisted by Bros. Dr. Evans, Hy. Lloyd, and all the above-named Masters. The following were the Officers appointed:—Bros. Thomas Pritchard W.M., George J. Hughes S.W., Wm. Tregevin Hughes J.W., Dr. William Evans P.M. Treas., Dr. E. Williams P.M. Sec., Fred. Jones S.D., W. H. Jones J.D., O. E. Owen I.G., R. H. Williams P.M. Chaplain, James Treweek Org., Crewdson Steward, Owen Roberts Tyler. At 4.30 an excellent banquet was served by Bro. Crewdson. The usual loyal and other toasts on these occasions having been gone through, the brethren dispersed at an early hour.

Gilbert Greenall Lodge, No. 1250.—The regular monthly meeting was held at the Masonic Rooms, Warrington, on Tuesday, the 12th inst. Present—Bros. D. W. Finney W.M., J. Armstrong I.P.M., T. Auckland S.W., T. Sutton J.W., Spencer Wallberd Sec., J. H. Galloway Treasurer, G. Mackey as S.D., G. O. Brian as J.D., J. Galloway as I.G., T. Domville Tyler. P.M.'s W. Wood, P. Edelsten, W. Richards, and Bros. Wm. Reid, Wm. Taylor, Jas. Farrington, T. Speakman, R. Heaton, Wm. Bolton, &c. Visitors—A Harries 318, Scotland, &c. The Lodge was opened at 7 p.m., the minutes of last meeting were read, found correct, and ratified. This Lodge, under the able Mastership of Bro. Finney, is very happy and prosperous, and the brethren are working up a musical service, for which there is plenty of talent in the Lodge. There was work anticipated, but through unforeseen circumstances, it was postponed. It is to be regretted that the Senior and Junior Deacons, as well as the I.G., were absent. It looks unfavourable to have three Officers of a Lodge away; each night they miss they lose much beneficial instruction. The brethren of Warrington are very desirous of building for their Lodges a Temple, and there can be no doubt

that they will do this; and when completed they will wonder why it had not been done long ago. The Lodge was closed in harmony, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

St. John of Wapping Lodge of Instruction, Ho. 1308

—A meeting was held at Bro. Mortlock's, the Gun Hotel, High-street, Wapping, on Monday, 18th Nov. Present—Bros. Veal W.M., Banks S.W., Moss J.W., Mortlock P.M., Greely J.D., Goldstein. Brame Sec., and several others. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was worked by the W.M., Bro. Goldstein candidate. Bro. Goldstein answered the usual questions, Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed by the W.M. Bro. Banks was elected W.M. for ensuing week. Lodge closed in due form and adjourned.

Bagshaw Lodge No. 1457.—A meeting was held on Thursday,

14th inst., at the Princes Hall, Princes road, Buckhurst hill, Essex. Present—Bros. W. Holloway W.M., C. J. Edwards S.W., J. H. Crowther J.W., J. Tanner P.M. Sec., J. Clarkson P.M. Treas., S. Fuller S.D., J. H. Challis J., W. H. Mestin I.G., R. W. Goddard Tyler. Past Masters Bros. Reed, Nicholson; Whitehead, Smith, D'Oyley, Dr. Roberts. Visitor—Bro. Egan P.M. 453. Lodge was opened in due form; after the minutes were read the W.M. proceeded to pass Bros. Whitehead, Smith and D'Oyley, which ceremony was performed in a satisfactory manner. Several motions as to joining members and other business was then gone through, and the Lodge was closed. A supper was afterwards served in the Banqueting Hall, and the customary toasts followed, bringing the evening to a close. The inclemency of the weather induced but a small attendance.

Bootle Lodge, No. 1473.—A meeting was held on Thursday,

7th November, at the Town Hall, Bootle. Bros. J. P. McArthur W.M., W. H. Clemmey S.W., J. C. Paterson J.W., R. A. Hough Secretary, S. E. Ibbs P.M. P.P.G.S.B. Treasurer, F. J. Mortleman S.D., Dr. Young J.D., R. Harley I.G., and W. Blake Tyler; Past Master Bro. Ibbs. On Lodge being opened to the third degree, Bro. Richd. Roberts I.P.M. took the chair, and raised Bros. Henry Howe, Arthur Beale, and James Smith.

Metropolitan Lodge, No. 1507.—The regular meeting of

this Lodge was held on Wednesday, the 20th inst., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. Lodge was opened by Bro. John Douglass W.M., supported by the following Officers:—C. J. Scales S.W., W. Side J.W., J. Willing P.M. Treas., W. M. Stiles Sec., H. Stiles I.G., G. Clark D. of C., H. Lovegrove W.S., R. T. Kingham I.P.M. The ballot was taken for three gentlemen for initiation, after which Lodge was advanced, and Bro. W. F. Bates was duly raised. Lodge resumed, and Bros. A. Mellon, J. Markie, L. Hollingsworth, D. Morgan, G. F. Hall, and J. Detraz were passed, the latter brother, who was initiated in the Prudent Brethren Lodge, No. 145, receiving the second degree in this Lodge by request of the W.M. of No. 145. Messrs. G. W. Pauley, J. Sheppard, Charles Sheath, Arthur John Thompson, and W. Parker were now introduced, and duly initiated into Freemasonry by the W.M. Bro. Kingham announced his intention to act as Steward for the Boys' School. One proposition for initiation, and one for joining were handed in, and the business of the evening being thus completed, the W.M. closed the Lodge.

Hemming Lodge, No. 1512, Hampton.—The regular

monthly meeting of this Lodge took place at the Red Lion Hotel on Thursday last, 21st inst. In the unavoidable absence of the W.M. Bro. C. W. Fox, the chair was taken by Bro. John Hammond P.M. 201, 1512, Provincial Grand Steward Middlesex. The I.P.M.'s chair was ably filled by Bro. D. B. Raw P.M., late Treasurer of the Lodge, Bros. J. C. Jessett and T. W. Ockenden were at their respective posts as Wardens, Bros. E. Hopwood P.M. P.P.G.S.B. Middlesex Treasurer, William Hammond P.M. and W.M. 1656 Secretary, T. C. Walls Deacon, T. Moody I.G. and W. J. Day Steward, W. C. Davey, D. Papworth, F. J. Prime, W. Kay, T. C. Murphy S. Hanlon, W. Bartlett, E. Russell, R. M. Axford, and Visitors Bros. Scott and Handel, both of the Wolsey Lodge 1656. The minutes of the installation meeting, 17th October, and emergency meeting 12th November were read and confirmed. Brothers Bartlett, Russell and Axford were advanced to the second degree, and Brother Hanlon was raised to the sublime degree. The ceremonies were excellently rendered by Bro. J. Hammond. The important question of a representative for one of the Metropolitan Charities was brought under the notice of the Lodge, and it was gratifying to find there were several brethren willing to serve as Stewards. The appointment, however, will be definitely made at the next meeting. Apologies for absence were read from the R.W. Prov. G.M. Bro. Colonel Burdett, the W.M., Bros. Hurst, J. W. Hiscox, Kent, and others; the further business of the summons being completed, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment. A well supplied supper, carefully prepared by the host (Bro. Murphy), met with ample justice, and the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, the intervals being considerably enlivened by vocal contributions from Bros. Raw, Walls, and W. Hammond. The next meeting will take place on Thursday, 16th January 1879.

Duke of Connaught Lodge of Instruction, No. 1524.

—A meeting was held on Wednesday, 20th inst., at the Havelock Tavern, Albion-road, Dalston. Present—Bros. Weige W.M., J. Lorkin S.W., McDowell J.W., E. Dietrich Sec., G. Ferrar Treas., Jones S.D., Woolley J.D., R. Olley I.G.; Bros. W. Ferrar, J. Williams,

Dignam, McMillan, H. Myer, McCann, C. Lorkin. Lodge opened to the second degree, and Bro. H. Meyer was entrusted. Lodge advanced, and Bro. Meyer was raised. The three sections of the lecture were worked by Bro. C. Lorkin, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was closed down, and Bro. J. Lorkin was appointed W.M. for the next meeting. An invitation was sent to the Royal Standard Lodge, to work the Fifteen Sections on the second Wednesday in December.

Sir Hugh Myddelton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1602.

—On Tuesday, at the Crown and Woolpack, St. John-street-road. Present—Bros. E. G. Sim W.M., Read S.W., Hirst J.W., J. Osborn Sec., Cook S.D., Godolphin J.D., Green I.G. Past Master Bro. Wood; Elliott, Goode, Pelican, Hollidge, Holt, and others. All requirements complied with, Bro. Hollidge was passed. Bro. Hollidge answered the questions leading to the third degree and retired. The Lodge opened in the third degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Godolphin acting as candidate. Bro. Godolphin, of the Friars 1349, and Hollidge, of the mother Lodge, were elected members. Bro. Read will preside at next meeting.

West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1612.—At

the weekly meeting of this Lodge on the 14th inst., at the Feathers Hotel, Ealing, Present:—Bros. Le Grys W.M., Kasner S.W., Day J.W., Tacker Treas., Burr Sec., Rickwood S.D., Clarke J.D., Johnson I.G., Beas'ey P.M., Stephens, Tink Brown, Dyer, Gasson, &c. &c. The usual preliminaries having been satisfactorily gone through, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Gasson being candidate. The Lodge was then called off for refreshment, no smoking or drinking during the ceremonies being now permitted. On resuming, the Treasurer referred to the discussion at the previous meeting in regard to the formation of a Benevolent Fund, and after some conversation a Committee was appointed to prepare Bye-Laws and submit them to the next meeting, when it is hoped there will be a numerous gathering to consider the rules, and to farther discuss the question of erecting a Masonic Hall. The Lodge was closed in due form.

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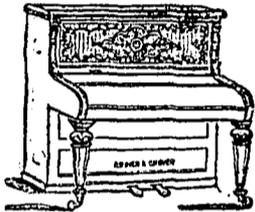
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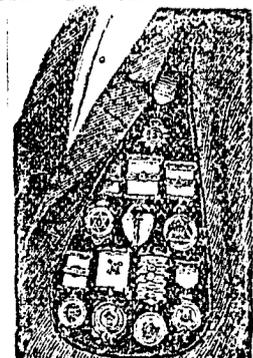
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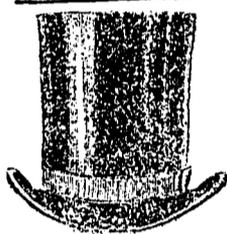
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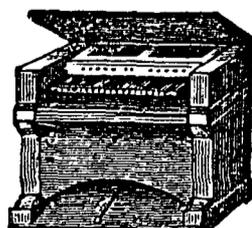
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