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### MASONIC MYSTERIES REVEALED.

THERE never has been a period in the history of modern Freemasonry in which some pretended revelations of our secret mysteries has not been palmed off upon a credulous public. The books and pamphlets containing these supposed revelations have been eagerly purchased, and a good many honest souls have forthwith imagined themselves thoroughly well posted in our secrets. We do not know if any of these worthy people have presented themselves at our Lodge doors with the view of testing the true worth of the knowledge they are supposed to have acquired. Dr. Oliver, in his entertaining *Revelations of a Square*, relates that on one occasion a cowan actually found his way into a Lodge, but though he momentarily succeeded in deluding the Tyler, he had not had time to turn himself round when the ominous cry "It Rains!" was heard, and the culprit stood before the brethren a declared and admitted impostor. What followed has been recorded in these pages from the story as originally told, and need not therefore concern us further. The moral we deduce from the tale—which if untrue, is yet a capital fiction—is simple enough. We will picture to ourselves a man who has acquired a complete knowledge of our mysteries as they are declared to be by those who are at the pains of publishing these so-called revelations, yet does this knowledge avail him nothing. If the Tyler is thrown off his guard, he is certain of immediate detection in the Lodge. It is in the power of no man to proclaim aloud our secrets. He may be a perjured brother, and, unmindful of the solemn obligations he has voluntarily contracted, may endeavour to communicate what knowledge he may have acquired of our art, but though he may let slip something he was bound to keep secret, he will never succeed in enlightening the outside public as to our real mysteries. A wink, a nod, a peculiar shake of the hand, this or that word; in short, anything that may have about it an air of reality may be proclaimed aloud from the housetops, and yet the man who has acquired a knowledge of these signs and words—we will assume, for the sake of argument, that he has been truly informed, though the chances are ten thousand to one that he has been imposed upon—will be just as far off as he was before from the true knowledge of what constitutes Freemasonry. And this not because—as our enemies are pleased to declare—there is any mystery of mysteries which is never related to those outside a certain sacred circle, but because it is, humanly speaking, impossible to communicate them to outsiders in such a manner that they shall be able to evade detection at the hands of a true brother. Does any one imagine that if the secrecy of Freemasonry depended on the knowledge of a few signs and words, and it were known that these signs and words had been made public, they would not have been changed the moment the fact of such publication was established? What is the first act of the commandant of a military post, if he has reason to fear treachery on the part of any under his command, and that some one among them has revealed the "pass word?" Well, he immediately changes it, and so renders the treacherous revelation of none effect. Is the world so fatuous as to believe that if Freemasonry had any cause to fear these supposed unveilings of its mysteries with which the public is occasionally entertained, it would not long ago have followed the prudent course of the military commandant? Whatever else we may be, those who compose the bulk of our society are not arrant fools—our enemies fear us too much and misrepresent us

too often for them to think so; and yet the citadel of Freemasonry is as impregnable now as it was in the days gone by, when a man appeared before some magistrate and made oath that what he was then about to reveal was "the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth" as to the mysteries of our Craft. The number of books which are supposed to have laid bare our secrets is legion, and the world is still none the wiser. Many an attempt has been made by outside people to enter our Lodges, but there is no authentic instance of the attempt having been successful. Indeed, it may seem a bold thing to say so, but we are fully persuaded that if all our signs and words, our ritual and our ceremonies were made public to-morrow, it would in nowise help the non-Mason to master our secrets. He might perhaps be sufficiently clever not to betray himself over the first word or two, but he would very quickly be detected, as in the story we have already alluded to. No written description could prevent this happening, so that the readers of these "Masonic Mysteries Unveiled," or whatever else such works may be entitled, need not flatter themselves they have acquired a true knowledge of the Masonic Art. This, we are persuaded, is the opinion of our readers, who know as well as we do, what, if any, degree of truth there is in these pretended revelations. Let us now turn to the particular article which has elicited these remarks, and which was published by us in these columns last week. It was taken from a Liverpool paper, and emanated from the pen of one who signed himself "A NON-MASONIC CONTRIBUTOR." He need not have been at the pains of so subscribing himself, as he betrays himself as a non-Mason in the first sentence. He proclaims that he is not a Mason, and he has no intention of becoming one, "no matter how the brethren may press me to join the body." The book he has got hold of has not, at all events, told him this much, that brethren are not in the habit of inviting, indeed they are strictly forbidden to invite, any non-Masons to join the ranks of the Society. Therefore, if he were an admirer of our Fraternity, instead of being, as we are justified in believing he is, one of our most strenuous opponents, he certainly would never be initiated into our mysteries if he waited until he was asked to join us. People become members of our Society voluntarily, and without motives of self-interest, so that "A NON-MASONIC CONTRIBUTOR" need not have been at such pains to announce his true character. Our Liverpudlian brethren who are readers of the journal in which "The Secrets of Freemasonry" are presumably made public have not, we believe, been in any way disconcerted by the publication. We do not anticipate that any of their Lodges will be invaded, even should those who present themselves, not being true and genuine Masons, utter any or all of the words on the supposed magical efficacy of which the writer in our contemporary lays so much stress. But to proceed with our criticism of this writer's contribution. In these hard times we, as a representative organ of Freemasonry, must be thankful for any small mercies which may be vouchsafed to the Craft, and, accordingly, we are thankful that in the past, at all events, he has regarded the Society of Freemasons as a harmless, albeit a genial body of men. Similarly and commensurately we must regret that he should have shown any inclination to accept as a revelation of our secrets the contents of this work, which "has an air of truth about it," nor do we despair of being able to point out that, owing to the circumstances by which it is surrounded it is totally unworthy of acceptance by him or any other decent personage. We shall not concern ourselves about its precious contents. We have seen it—it was only

a week or two since it caught our eye as we passed along Paternoster Row. We have read it, and those among our readers who have done the same are sufficiently well posted as to the truth, if any, of its revelations. What we are anxious to point out is, that the writer is one of a class of persons whose word is utterly unworthy of acceptance, and those who have employed him to compile the book are in the same position. Does it not occur to "A NON-MASONIC CONTRIBUTOR," to our Liverpool contemporary, that the word of a man who violates a solemn obligation, voluntarily contracted, is not to be trusted, and that any such person appearing in a Court of Law to give evidence would injure instead of promoting the success of the suitor in whose behalf he was subpoenaed. No righteous judge or jury would place the slightest faith in what he said. He stands out clearly before the world either as a perjurer, if what he reveals is the truth, or as an impostor, if it is not, and a person who figures in either of these characters will not be believed even on oath. There is yet another reason why the word of this particular perjurer should be rejected off-hand, and without the slightest degree of ceremony or hesitation. It is proudly admitted by "A NON-MASONIC CONTRIBUTOR" that he (the author of the book) "boils over in his hatred of the body." Here, then, we have the case of a most violent partisan tendering evidence against a society which he finds it impossible to denounce too strongly. Moreover, he is a Roman Catholic—we are told so, at least—and the Church of Rome has never missed an opportunity of excommunicating Freemasonry. Thus the author in question is doubly a partisan and a perjurer or impostor to boot. Will "A NON-MASONIC CONTRIBUTOR" forgive us if we point out that his acceptance of the evidence of such a person is a sign of one of two things, namely, of his own partisanship, or of a certain amount of mental imbecility, or it may be obliquity on his part. If we assume that our Liverpool contemporary's correspondent is a man of sense, we are justified in imagining that any ideas he may have of the character of Freemasonry and its tendencies are unfavourable to our Society. At all events, there must be something more than "an air of truth" about what a perjurer or impostor says for any one to write as though he accepted it unreservedly. Or if he recognises that a person who divulges what he has sworn to keep secret is a perjurer, and, therefore, unworthy of credence, it follows that a man who accepts the revelations of such a person is, in common parlance, if not exactly in the politest language, a fool. These are considerations which, it occurs to us, should have presented themselves to the mind of a thoroughly impartial and well-principled man. It is sufficient reason for questioning the truth of a statement when we know that it is uttered by one who, as we have pointed out, is either a perjurer or an impostor, and whose word, even when it is solemnly pledged in open court on the Holy Book, would be at once rejected by every judge and jury in the United Kingdom. There is yet another point to be considered. We are given to understand that these supposed revelations of our mysteries are made by a Roman Catholic. Now, the hatred evinced by the Roman Catholic priesthood towards Freemasonry is well known of all men, and it occurs to us that it is a very pertinent question to ask, How came these revelations to be made? Were they made under threats of eternal damnation which that priesthood claims to be in a position to award to unruly members of that section of the Christian Church? Did the supposed revelations take place under the seal of confession?—and if so, how comes it that a member of the Roman Catholic priesthood—whose boast it is that nothing so revealed is ever made known to the public—has been false to his Church? Where is this amazing perjurer or impostor who has written this wonderful book; or, at all events, is supposed to have supplied the information on which it has been written? He need have no fear of coming forward and announcing himself as the author, or the author's informant. There is no Mason who would think of injuring even a single hair of his head. We can promise that he will not be subjected to any of the supposed penalties of his faithlessness. He will, perhaps, be closely scrutinized, he and his antecedents and belongings. That is only natural, and no more than is done every day by naturalists, when a curious but offensive natural phenomenon, or some vile member of the animal kingdom is brought under their notice. We should like to see what manner of man it is who has betrayed his Order, just as it would have been a very natural but pardonable curiosity on our part

f, in the event of our having lived contemporaneously with Judas Iscariot, we had been anxious to glean all we possibly could of that arch-traitor's antecedents and belongings. Among the members of the animal kingdom which an All-wise Providence has seen fit to create, are the skunk and the polecat, and other vermin. They have their uses, though it may not be in the power of man to appreciate such uses, and therefore the student of natural history looks inquiringly into their habits and mode of life. And for a like reason we should desire to make the acquaintance of a perjured Freemason. He must be a curious, not to say, unique order of being, and we should like to hear all about his habits and mode of life. Let the supposed revealer of our mysteries reveal himself, that we may be in a position to identify him with a former member of a certain Lodge, who was initiated, passed, and raised, and who took the degrees of Mark, Arch, and Templar Masonry on certain days. We, as an organ of the maligned society, have a right to demand that our accuser shall be brought face to face with us, so that the world may judge as between him and us. Is he some degraded, some vicious member of the Roman Catholic priesthood, who had no scruples about entering our society in order that he might palm off on the public a parcel of lies as the mysteries of Freemasonry. What reward was held out to him for undertaking the nasty office? Was it absolution for his past, and indulgence for all future sins he might be guilty of? Or did he receive, like his prototype, Judas Iscariot, something tangible in the way of reward for his presumed treachery? All these, and much else that we might add, are part and parcel of the inquiries which it is lawful for us to institute respecting this perjurer or impostor. However, we have written even more than we had intended on this unsavory subject, and it strikes us that what must mostly annoy this author of "The Secrets of Freemasonry," is the supreme indifference with which the Masonic body regards these astounding revelations. For him and his friends to find that after all his treachery—or imposture, as the case may be—Freemasonry still flourishes like a green bay tree, that its ramifications are extending daily in new directions, and that we are gradually being regarded with more favour the more people understand the nature of our Society—this must be gall, indeed, to the foul-minded miscreant who has tried to ruin us. That the consequences of all his treachery and imposture should affect him and him alone, and the clique that supports him, is the greatest proof the world could possibly have that he and his so-called revelations are a wilful and gross misrepresentation or distortion of the truth.

## SO-CALLED "COMPACT" OF THE FOUR OLD LODGES.

BY BRO. JACOB NORTON.

I HAVE read with care the first two or three articles by Bro. Gould, upon "The Four Old Lodges," likewise the letter on page 294 (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, 2nd November), and promise to read the remainder as soon as time permits. While, therefore, I candidly confess that I am not prepared to judge as to the soundness or unsoundness of the respective views of Bros. Gould or Hagan, yet I cannot refrain noticing with regret that so able a writer and investigator as Bro. Gould is, should labour under the common Masonic delusion, to lament and bewail the violation of so-called ancient landmarks.

The Lodge List of 1738 (Anderson's Constitution) gives us a hint (quoted by Bro. Gould in a previous paper) that Lodge No. 10 was one of the four original Lodges, but for some reason the Grand Lodge in 1723 made the said Lodge take out a Warrant, and placed it on the Lodge List as No. 10, and hence Bro. Gould, on page 294, finds fault with the Grand Lodge. The following are his reasons:—

"The acceptance of a Warrant [by the said Lodge] in 1723 was followed by no penal consequence until 1729." Our brother further informs us that, "immediately after the publication of the engraved list for 1729, when, for the first time, Lodges were shown in order of seniority, a protest was registered by the original No. 3, against their misplacement in the printed book, whereby they lost their rank."

Our Bro. Gould thereupon vents his indignation against the Grand Lodge as follows:—

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

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

The above paragraph our author took for granted to be a verbatim copy of his claimed compact. But with due respect to Bro. Gould, I doubt its being so. If our brother went to a lawyer to engage him to defend him in a suit of breach of contract, the lawyer would want to see the original contract. If Bro. Gould had no original document he would have to produce an authentic copy thereof, or evidence that such a contract was once in existence. If he was unprepared with either of these evidences, no respectable lawyer would undertake to defend his claim. Bro. Gould did not produce either the original copy of the compact, nor an authentic copy of the original, nor any contemporary evidence, that such compact was ever agreed to between the Grand Lodge and the four old Lodges. The above quotation was copied from Preston's book. Bro. Preston was not born until twenty-one years after the alleged time of the compact; he was not made a Mason until twenty-one years after he was born, and his book was not published before 1772 (that is, fifty-one years after 1721). The probability is, that in 1772 no one was alive who took an active part in the formation of the Grand Lodge. Preston gives no authority whatever whence he got hold of the copy of the compact. Moreover, Preston was strongly tinctured with the fault peculiar to Masonic luminaries; he was credulous, and was also a Masonic partisan; his history of the Grand Lodge of York is certainly a tissue of perversions and misstatements. Even Dr. Mackey (whom no one can accuse of iconoclasm) placed Bro. Preston among the unreliable historians. Preston's evidence is, therefore, insufficient to prove the compact, and it would be rejected in any court of justice.

But suppose the original compact of 1721 was produced, what then? A law can be perpetuated, providing it was based on immutable justice, and consistent with common sense. Now, a legislative assembly which presumes to lay down irrepealable laws, must necessarily be void both of justice and common sense; for no just man can presume to possess a right to impose irrepealable laws upon posterity; and no sensible man can believe that posterity will care a button for his dictum; and whenever and wherever wiseacres attempted to bind posterity, the effort invariably proved futile.

"Even gods must yield—religions take their turn."

This may easily be proved from biblical and profane history.

Every Mason is enjoined to believe that "the Bible is the Word of God." Now the Bible lays down both religious and civil laws; for instance, it commands us to keep the seventh day holy, but I know a great many English and American brother Masons who do not care a button for the seventh day. True, they observe the first day in the week, but even that day they do not observe in accordance with the command in the Bible.

Again, Moses ordained a law, permitting the husband to divorce his wife when he got tired of her; but he provided no law to empower the wife to divorce her husband. Jesus, following the decisions laid down by Rabi Shammah, confined the right of divorcing a wife only in case of adultery. But even Jesus did not go in for "woman's rights," for she still continued debarred from the privilege of divorcing her husband. But now there is scarcely a country in Christendom wherein laws do not exist of the right of claiming a divorce by either husband or wife, either on account of desertion, ill-use, drunkenness, &c., without any necessity of proving committal of adultery. And what is more, American Jews of the liberal school have decided in a Convention, held at Philadelphia, that a divorce granted by the State (no matter for what reason) is thenceforth to be held as legal by the Synagogue, and either of the divorced couple may marry again according to Jewish rites. We thus see that even the Bible laws and some of the ten commandments are set aside with impunity. It seems, therefore, strange that Masons who kiss the Bible with so much fervour, and who believe it to be "the word of God," should show such indifference to the removal of so many of its laws and commandments, and at the same time should work themselves up into a rage because the Grand Lodge had abolished a law made by Anderson in 1721.

Ancient, as well as Modern history is full of instances, illustrating the absurdity of irremovable laws. But I shall here refer only to American and English history. Every one knows that the North American States made a compact when they formed the Union not to interfere with the institution of slavery in the slave States. But nevertheless, slavery was abolished by a proclamation of President Lincoln. I have nothing to do here with the why and wherefore, because everybody is acquainted with the reason thereof, but I have only to remind the reader of the fact that a compact was made, and the same compact was disregarded and broken by the U.S.

And second, and very analogous to the above case, is the fact that the Union of England and Scotland in 1707 would never have taken place if England had not agreed in the articles of the Union to abstain from interfering with the old established form of government in the Scotch Highlands. The Highlander was as much a slave to his chief as the American negro was in the Southern States, but there was this difference, the negro hated his condition, but the Highlander was proud of his slavery; if the chief willed him to fight for King James, he would fight for James; if for King George, he would fight for George. So, before the Union could be formed, the following stipulation had to be inserted into the articles of Union, viz.:—

"That heritable offices, superiorities, heritable jurisdiction, and offices for life, should be reserved to the owners thereof, as rights of property, in the same manner as they were then enjoyed."

After the rebellion of 1745-6, Lord Chancellor Hardwick brought a bill into the House of Lords to abolish the above clause. Of course, being a lawyer, Lord Hardwick could not avoid mixing

sophistry with logic. But any how, I shall give the proceedings of that interesting event in the words of Lord Chancellor Campbell. (Lifes of the Lord Chancellors, Vol. V.)

"Lord Hardwick's chief difficulty was to combat the argument arising from the treaty of Union. After some sophistical criticisms upon the language of the different articles, he assumed a manly tone, and boldly contended that the Parliament of the United Kingdom had in it all the powers which belonged to the Parliament of Scotland, and could now legislate upon the subject, as that Parliament might have done—insisting that if the measure was clearly required by existing circumstances, and must be for the general good of Scotland, it ought to be adopted were it forbidden by the articles of the Union in terms the most express and peremptory. He showed that an attempt to fetter the supreme legislative power in any state is a contradiction in terms. In all countries the legislative power must, to a general intent be absolute, and therefore, upon treaties of this nature, strict and rigid construction ought not to be made, for they may prove dangerous. If they should too easily be given way to, incorporating Unions would become impractical or mischievous."

Admitting, thou, that the compact between the Grand Lodge and the four Lodges was an undisputed fact, I ask, in the name of common sense, why Masons should be more bound to adhere to an unjust compact than the English Parliament or the American Congress were in the cases above cited? True, the slave system is more unjust than the exemption of a Lodge from taking out a Warrant from a Grand Lodge, but it is really immaterial which is more or which is less unjust, as long as the principle is unjust. The "four Lodges" had no moral right to claim privileges denied to the rest of the Lodges, or to set up aristocratic pretensions. The assumption of aristocratic superiority by the Lodge of Antiquity, based on the supposed compact, actually encouraged that Lodge at one time to secede from the Grand Lodge of England under the leadership of the very same Bro. Preston. Suppose then the Grand Lodge had thought proper (after the attempted secession) to abolish the compact in 1721, why might not the argument of Lord Hardwick (above cited) have been equally applicable to the power of the Grand Lodge, as it was to that of the Parliament of Great Britain?

Again, at the Union of the two Grand Lodges in 1813, it was agreed that the Lodge lists of the two bodies should be fused into one list, and in order to impress the notion that the Nos. 1, 2, 3, &c., of the Ancients were as old as the Nos. 1, 2, 3, &c. of the Moderns; it was agreed to dove-tail them, that is, the No. 1 of one body should be placed after the No. 1 of the other, which should be made No. 2 of the United Grand Lodge; and in tossing up for precedence the Ancients were lucky enough to have their No. 1 placed at the head of the list, while the Lodge of Antiquity was lowered to No. 2. The question now is, Why could the Grand Lodge in 1813 break the compact with the Lodge of Antiquity with perfect impunity, and why could it not have done the same in 1723, by lowering the then No. 3 to No. 10? True, it might be argued that while the Grand Lodge of 1813 discarded the compact made in a former generation, the Grand Lodge of 1723 discarded its own compact. This comparison holds good, providing we were sure that a compact was made in 1721. But such is not the case; there is really no evidence whatever in all the publications authorised by the Grand Lodge, from the Constitution of 1721 till the Constitution of 1784, that such a compact was made in 1721. And the very fact that the Grand Lodge in 1723 compelled one of the four Lodges to submit to the new order of things without exciting any disturbance is itself conclusive evidence that no such a compact as Bro. Preston furnished could then have been in existence. The said compact is either a pure invention of Preston or a gross exaggeration of some conditional concession. For to all intents and purposes the old Lodges were as much bound to obey the new Constitution as the new Lodges were, and the 39th article of the said Constitution gave ample power to the Grand Lodge to repeal or alter existing laws. Viewing, therefore, the question from either point, I believe that it is high time for Masons to cease lamenting and bewailing the so-called "violation of landmarks," and the sooner the *landmark nonsense* is discarded from our nomenclature the better it will be for Masonry.

We learn from the *Echo* that a sum of £400 or £500 is likely to come into the possession of a Greenock Lodge of Freemasons, under singular circumstances. More than a hundred years ago the Lodge contributed £40 towards the cost of erecting a new Town House; and in return a clause was inserted in the feu charter giving to the Lodge a perpetual right to hold meetings in the house for the transaction of their ordinary business. The Town House having been recently converted into the Town Clerk's Office, it is no longer practicable to use it for Masonic purposes, and the Lodge has asked £500 for the renunciation of its rights. The Greenock Town Council has offered £400, which will probably be accepted by the lucky Masons.

The Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction and the Finsbury Park Master Masons Lodge of Instruction No. 1288, will in future hold their meetings at the Earl Russell Tavern, Isledon-road, Holloway, at eight p.m., the first-named on Wednesday, and the latter on Friday every week throughout the year. Bro. P.M. Walker, of Egyptian Lodge No. 27, will work the Ceremony of Installation on Friday evening next at the Master Masons Lodge.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

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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## THE NEW SOUTH WALES SCHISMATIC GRAND LODGE.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Your very able and sensible article on this unfortunate subject is well timed, and deserves universal thanks. You have hit the right nail on the head when you say that the occasion of this schism is the "selfish greed for the tinsel of Freemasonry" of a mere handful of brethren in that Colony. We have been in the habit of priding ourselves as Englishmen on our self-reliant habits, and have often commended our fellow countrymen at the Antipodes for the spirit of independent enterprise exhibited by them when occasion demanded, but it would seem that this spirit may degenerate into a want of true honest principle, and result in something very like disaster. A somewhat parallel instance of Masonic, or rather un-Masonic, misdemeanour was exhibited in New Zealand a short time ago, when a spurious Supreme Grand Council 33° was formed there, and had a brief though unrecognised existence; but I sincerely hope that our New Zealand brethren will avoid falling into the same error as some of their brethren in Australia, although I notice a paragraph in one of the New Zealand papers to the effect that some New Zealand brethren in Sydney had been making inquiries with a view to establishing a Grand Lodge for New Zealand. As a New Zealand Mason I may perhaps be allowed to express an opinion on this subject. I have always believed that the establishment of a Grand Lodge of New Zealand in a proper and legal manner, and with the hearty and unanimous desire of the brethren of all three Constitutions in that Colony would prove beneficial to the progress of Masonry in those islands. But at present opinion is divided on this point, and only by the last mail I had a letter from one of the most prominent Masons in the North Island, in which he alludes to the matter, and says that he does not think the time is yet ripe for the movement. Many Masons under the English Constitution in New Zealand consider that the status of the Lodges holding under the Grand Lodge of England is much higher than it would be if they were governed by a "mushroom" Grand Lodge of New Zealand, and there is also, they think, the great difficulty experienced in new countries of obtaining rulers for the Craft, who are by education, position and surrounding circumstances, perfectly free from local and deteriorating influences. There are also the difficulties of locomotion and inter-communication, which would probably have the effect of making the offices in Grand Lodge a monopoly amongst the brethren of the locality where the Grand Master resided. Another New Zealand Mason, a rising Craftsman, writes me—"The dignity of any office in our District Grand Lodge holding under England I should esteem far greater than that of the Independent Grand Master of New Zealand." As far as I can see, the advantages of the possession of an Independent Grand Lodge would be found in obtaining a uniformity of working and of Constitutions, and a narrower inspection of the manner in which Lodges are conducted. However, it is perfectly evident that at present the brethren in New Zealand are not agreed on the question, and I am sure that those under the English Constitution, at any rate, are far too loyal and true to take part in any movement for the formation of an illicit Grand Lodge. I am informed, and I trust the information is correct, that no Lodge under the English Constitution has joined in this illegal New South Wales schism, and it is to be hoped that those Lodges which have sinned, perhaps from lack of knowledge and proper thoughtful consideration, may see the error of their ways, and make the *amende honorable* without delay. To Masonry at large, as you very truly observe, the vagaries of a small section can make little or no difference. The good old Craft has suffered far worse buffettings in our father's days and in the old time before them than it is suffering or likely to suffer now, and has come forth from her furnace of affliction pure and unsullied as we shall hand her down to our sons.

I am, yours fraternally,

T. B. WHYTEHEAD, P.M. 1611,

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York, 7th January 1879.

## THINGS ONE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I am obliged to Brother Smallpeice and to your other correspondents who have replied to my queries relative to the status and privileges of an honorary member of a Lodge. I thank Brother Smallpeice especially for the extracts he gave from the Book of Constitutions, confirmatory of his view of an honorary member's status, his views regarding the privileges attached to the compliment paid to a Brother being evidently incorrect, at least I gather as much from the information given by your other correspondents. The upshot is this, that unless Lodges are prepared to free their honorary members from charges when attending their Lodge banquets the members should be chary of conferring the honour.

I should indeed be glad to be favoured with replies to my former que-

ries:—(1) Whether a Master can compel his Wardens to stand whenever he (the Master) rises to address the Lodge, whatever may be the occasion, or howsoever frequently he may do so? (2) Whether a P.M. or Officer of one Lodge when visiting another Lodge is justified in wearing his collar of office? I have known instances at installation meetings where the practice of doing so has led to some inconvenience.

Yours fraternally,

FORTE.

7th January 1879.

## THE ROYAL ARCH DEGREE.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Your correspondent, a R.A.M., surely cannot be a constant reader of your "Chronicle," or he must have been made fully aware of an attempt to form a Royal Arch Chapter of Instruction during the past year in the South London District, and in conjunction with both the Craft and Mark Degrees, under the title of the Panmure General Lodge of Instruction, No. 720.

Your "Diary for the Week" has for many months past contained the announcement of its meeting on "Thursdays at the Antelope Tavern, Lorn-road, Brixton at 8," although I regret to say that if your correspondent had relied upon that announcement since August last he would have met with disappointment; and I'll tell you why—

Early in June of last year our worthy Brother Thomas Poore, a P.M. Craft and Mark, and a Principal in Royal Arch, than whom a more able and thoroughly qualified Preceptor is not to be found in the ranks of Masonry, associated himself with me in the endeavour to supply the want expressed by your correspondent, and the desire of numerous Brethren and Companions who promised earnest support and attendance. "They were so anxious to learn, and would be so thankful to be taught!" The Lodge and Chapter of Instruction above named was therefore formed, and for the first few weeks appeared likely to succeed. But, alas, for Masonic promises! The enthusiasm was but short lived, and before three months had elapsed those who had so earnestly asked for tuition could not make the necessary sacrifice of other engagements, and it was found impossible to secure the attendance of a sufficient number to work either Lodge or Chapter. There was no help for it but to accept the result and submit to failure, and therefore the attempt was altogether abandoned. The fault is with the Brethren and Companions who solicited instruction, and not with the Preceptor, who regularly attended to afford tuition, and that at considerable expenditure of both time and money. What encouragement can there be for persevering in the good work of communicating instruction to others when such earnest and unselfish efforts are so ungenerously treated?

Nevertheless, if your correspondent means what he writes, and can influence some dozen others to pledge themselves to constant attendance, the opportunity is still open for carrying out his object, and neither he nor his Masonic friends need be at a loss for the assistance of a skilled instructor. He can learn whom to address on application to you for that purpose, and I can answer for the renewed endeavours of our Brother Poore towards the end he has in view.

Royal Arch Masonry has sustained a severe blow by the recent lamented decease of our greatly esteemed Companion John Boyd, one of the principal exponents, if not in fact the chief Preceptor, of the degree, and it behoves all those who seek the prosperity and progress of the Order to use every effort to supply the want which will now be felt in consequence of his sudden demise. It would therefore be a most appropriate moment for the inauguration of a thoroughly sound and practical means for continuing that course of instruction for which he was so justly celebrated, and no better testimony of our appreciation of the labours of our deceased Companion could probably be evinced than by promoting the establishment of such a Chapter of Instruction as would effectually promote the dissemination of that knowledge he was ever so ready to afford us. As I have before written, the opportunity is at hand; will R.A.M. and his friends avail themselves of it?

With my best wishes for your prosperity in the new year, believe me,

Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours very truly and fraternally,

P.M., P.Z.

Clapham, 4th January 1872.

## ORDER OF ST. LAWRENCE THE MARTYR.

A meeting of the Ebor Lodge of this Order was held at York, on Thursday night, the R.W.M. Bro. T. B. Whytehead in the chair, when the election of R.W.M. for the ensuing year took place, the choice of the members falling upon Bro. G. Simpson J.W. Bro. A. T. B. Turner was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. J. Ward Tyler. A guinea from the funds of the Lodge was voted to the Steward's list for the Benevolent Institution of Bro. T. Cooper. Bro. T. Humphries (keeper of the G.) presented to the Lodge a beautiful emblem of the Order, on which the Volume of the Sacred Law rests, of solid silver, enclosed in a velvet-lined oak case, and bearing a suitable inscription, for which Bro. Humphries received a hearty vote of thanks. Heartily good wishes from the Paragon Lodge of St. Lawrence, at Hull, were given by Bro. R. Boggett P.M., and the Lodge was then closed, the R.W.M. announcing that the installation would take place on the 15th inst.

## Old Warrants.

### No. 123.

No. 15 ("Ancients") No. 26 at the "Union" of Dec. 1813,  
No. 24 from A.D. 1832 to the present time.

ATHOLL, GRAND MASTER.

TH. HARPER D.G.M.

ARCHIBALD HERON S.G.W. JEREMIAH CRANFIELD J.G.W.

To all whom it may concern.

We, the Grand Lodge of the most Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons (according to the Old Constitutions granted by His Royal Highness Prince EDWARD, at York, Auno Domini Nine hundred and twenty-six, and in the year of Masonry Four thousand Nine hundred and twenty-six), in ample form assembled, viz., The Right Worshipful the Most Noble Prince John, Duke, Marquis and Earl of Atholl, Marquis and Earl of Tullibardine, Earl of Strathtay and Strathardle, Viscount of Balquider, Glenalmond and Gleulyou, Lord Murray, Balveny and Gask, Constable of the Castle of Kincleaven, Lord of Man and the Isles, and Earl Strange and Baron Murray of Stanley in the county of Gloucester, &c., &c., &c. GRAND MASTER OF MASONs, The Right Worshipful Thomas Harper, Esq., Deputy Grand Master, The Right Worshipful Archibald Herron, Esq., Senior Grand Warden, and the Right Worshipful Jeremiah Craufield, Esq., Junior Grand Warden (with the approbation and consent of the Warranted Lodges held within the Cities and Suburbs of London and Westminster), Do hereby authorize and empower our Trusty and Well-beloved Brethren, viz., The Worshipful Brother Robert Thompson, one of our Master

No. 15 Masons, the Worshipful Alexander Kilby, his Senior Warden, and the Worshipful Thomas Small, his Junior Warden, to form and hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons at the Ancient Masonic Hall, Bell's Court, Newgate Street, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, on the first and third Monday in every Month, on all seasonable times and lawful occasions. And in the same Lodge (when duly congregated) to admit and make Freemasons, according to the most Ancient and Honourable Custom of the Royal Craft, in all Ages and Nations throughout the known world. And we do hereby further authorize and empower our said Trusty and Well-beloved Brethren, Robert Thompson, Alexander Kilby, and Thomas Small (with the consent of the Members of the Lodge), to nominate, choose, and install their Successors, to whom they shall deliver this Warrant, and invest them with their Powers and Dignities as Freemasons, &c., &c., &c. And such Successors shall in like manner nominate, choose, and install their Successors, &c., &c., &c. Such installations to be upon (or near) every St. JOHN'S DAY, during the continuance of this Lodge, for ever. Providing the above named Brethren, and all their Successors, always pay due respect to this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, otherwise the Warrant to be of no Force or Virtue.

Given under our Hands and the Seal of our Grand Lodge in London, this second day of April, in the year of our Lord 1813, and in the year of Masonry five thousand eight hundred and thirteen.

ROBERT LESLIE, Grand Secretary.

NOTE.—This Warrant is Registered  
in the Grand Lodge, Vol. 2, } EDWARD HARPER.  
Letter B. April 2, 1755.

This Warrant was regularly . . . . .  
installed April 3, 1813.

(Seal) Grand Lodge opened . . . . . (Seal)  
Letter of Dispensation.

THOMAS HARPER, Esq., D.G.M.

NOTE.—The "Grand Lodge according to the old Constitutions" (or "Ancients") in consideration of the respectability of the "Atholl" Lodge, No. 131, held at Newcastle-upon-Tyne, and warranted on the 24th September 1805, and in appreciation of the donations of the members to the "Benevolent Institution," exchanged the Warrant for that of No. 15 on the 2nd day of April 1813, thereby placing the "Atholl" Lodge at the head of all Country Lodges, "as a mark of the esteem" in which their services were held by the "Ancient" Grand Lodge. The first Grand Master of the "Ancients" was W.M. of No. 15 whilst it was held in London. The transfer to Newcastle was made without the usual sum "payable to Charity."

J. CONSTABLE.

The present title, number, &c., are The Newcastle-upon-Tyne Lodge, No. 24, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

### No. 124.

No. 31 ("Moderna") before the Union, No. 48 A.D. 1814, No. 41  
A.D. 1832, and No. 35 from A.D. 1863.

To all and every our Right Worshipful, Worshipful and Loving Brethren.

PRINCE AUGUSTUS FREDERICK OF BRUNSWICK LUNENBURGH  
(DUKE OF SUSSEX),  
Earl of Inverness, Baron of Arklow, Knight of the Most Noble Order of the Garter, &c., &c., &c.

GRAND MASTER

Of the Most Antient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of England.

SEND GREETING.

WHEREAS, it appears by the Records of our Grand Lodge, that a Warrant, bearing date the seventeenth of February One thousand Seven hundred and thirty-two, was issued under the Seal of Masonry,

enabling certain brethren therein named to open and hold a Lodge of Free Masons at the "Theatre Tavern," Goodmans Fields, in the City of London, and which Lodge was then No. 111, and in the year One thousand Seven hundred and thirty-eight removed to the Fleeces Tavern, Goodmans Fields. At the time of alteration of numbers in One thousand Seven hundred and forty, became No. 99. In One thousand Seven hundred and forty-one removed to the Angel and Crown, Whitechapel. In One thousand Seven hundred and fifty removed to the City of Norwich, Wentworth-street, Spitalfields. By the alteration of numbers in One thousand Seven hundred and fifty-six became No. 57. In One thousand Seven hundred and fifty-eight removed to Queenhithe Coffee House, Queenhithe. In One thousand Seven hundred and sixty-one removed to West Cowes, Isle of Wight. By the alteration of numbers in One thousand Seven hundred and seventy became No. 39. In One thousand Seven hundred and seventy-eight it took the name or title of the Medina Lodge. By the alteration of numbers in One thousand Seven hundred and eighty-one became No. 33. By the alteration of numbers in One thousand Seven hundred and ninety-two became No. 31, and which Lodge in consequence of the Union of the two Fraternities of Masons on the 27th December One thousand Eight hundred and thirteen became and is now registered No. 48. And Whereas the brethren composing the said Lodge have, by their Memorial, represented to us that their said Warrant hath by some accident been lost or destroyed, and they have therefore prayed us to grant them a WARRANT OF CONFIRMATION. Now, know ye, that we, being satisfied of the reasonableness of the said request, do hereby grant our WARRANT OF CONFIRMATION unto our right trusty and well-beloved brethren, Thomas Osborn, Charles Miller, Richard Kendall, Richard Pinhorn, George Woodyear, George Cook jun., William Edmunds and others, composing the said Lodge, authorising and empowering them and their successors to assemble and hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons at Cowes, in the Isle of Wight aforesaid, under the denomination of the Medina Lodge, at such times as to the brethren thereof may appear necessary and then and there, when duly congregated, to make, pass and raise Freemasons, according to the Ancient custom of the Craft in all ages and nations throughout the known world. And further, as the petition of the said brethren, we do appoint the said Thomas Osborn to be the Master, the said Charles Miller to be Senior Warden, and the said Richard Kendall to be the Junior Warden, for opening and holding the said Lodge, and until such time as another Master shall be regularly elected and installed, strictly charging, that every Master who shall be elected to preside over the said Lodge shall be installed in ancient form, and according to the Laws of the Grand Lodge, that he may thereby be fully invested with the dignities and powers of his office, the said Lodge to be upon the General Register of our Grand Lodge, No. 48, and We do require you, Thomas Osborn, and your successors, to take special care that all and every the said brethren are or have been regularly made Masons, and that you and they and all other the members of the said Lodge do observe, perform and keep the Laws, Rules, and Orders contained in the Book of Constitutions, and all others which may from time to time be made by our Grand Lodge or transmitted by us or our successors, Grand Masters, or our Deputy Grand Master for the time being, and We do require you to make such Bye-Laws for the Government of your Lodge, as shall, to the majority of the Members, appear proper and necessary, the same not being contrary or inconsistent with the general Laws and Regulations of the Craft, and a copy whereof you are to transmit to us. And We do require you to cause all such Bye-Laws and Regulations, and also an account of the proceedings in your Lodge to be entered in a book to be kept for that purpose. And you are in nowise to omit to send to us, or our successors Grand Master, or to General Sir John Doyle, Bart., G.C.B., our Deputy Grand Master, or to the Deputy Grand Master for the time being, and at least once in every year, a List of the Members of your Lodge, and the Names and Descriptions of all Masons initiated therein, and Brethren who shall have joined the same, together with the Fees and Monies payable thereon. It being our Will and Intention that this our Warrant of Confirmation shall be in force so long only as you shall conform to the Laws and Regulations of our said Grand Lodge. And you, the said Thomas Osborn, are further required, as soon as convenient may be, to send an account in writing of what may be done by virtue of these Presents.

Given under our Hand and Seal of the Grand Lodge, this 24th April 1824, A.L. 5824.

By command of our Grand Master,

J. DOYLE, D.G.M.

William J. White } G.S.  
Edw. Harper }

The present title, number, &c., are The Medina Lodge, No. 35, Masonic Hall, West Cowes, Isle of Wight.

Skelmersdale Lodge, No. 1380.—A meeting was held on the 6th January 1879, at the Queen's Hotel, Waterloo. Present—Bros. E. W. Ford jun. W.M., John Cobham S.W., R. H. Exton J.W., F. W. Barnes Sec., John Brown S.D., R. W. Hickson J.D., Geo. Broadbridge P.M. D.C., John Almond Org., Henry A. Tobias as I.G., W. H. Ball Tyler. Past Masters T. W. Richardson I.P.M., Mawdsley. Bros. Chamberlain, Lamb, Watt, &c., &c. Visitor—Bro. C. Ekkert 148, &c. Business—Bro. H. F. Betts was elected a joining member. This being the night for the annual election, a ballot was taken for W.M., which resulted in the unanimous selection of Bro. John Cobham S.W. P.M. 241 as W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. Richard Brown P.M. was re-elected Treasurer. Bros. Hickson, Skellorn and Gittins were appointed auditors. The sum of £1 1s was voted to the Masonic Board of Relief at Liverpool, and Bros. Broadbridge, Barnes and Tobias were appointed to represent the Lodge at that Board.

## LODGE OF LIGHTS, No. 148, WARRINGTON.

## INSTALLATION OF W.M. AND 232ND ANNUAL BANQUET

THE annual meeting of this ancient and flourishing Lodge was held on the last day of the old year at the Masonic Rooms, Sankey-street, at three o'clock in the afternoon. The W.M. Bro. Joseph Pickthall was supported by Bros. J. Rymer Young S.W. W.M. elect, C. E. Hindley J.W., Thos. Grime J.D., Arthur Peake I.G., Jno. Armstrong P.M. Treasurer, John Bowes P.M. P.P.G.J.W. Cumberland and Westmoreland, Hon. Sec., John Harding P.M., S. E. Johnson, Charles Skinner, F. Walter, Thos. Jones, Dr. Mackie, Dr. Joseph, Thos. Morris, Christopher Ekkert, R. W. Francomb, W. Burn, Domville Tyler. Among the visitors we noticed Bros. J. S. Crapper P.M. Prov. G.A.O.C. Staffordshire, D. W. Finney W.M. 1250 Prov. G. Steward, Jas. Kenworthy J.D. 1565, D. Gabrielson 1502, Morris Flatau 1502, Charles Petty 477, J. H. Evans W.M. 1565, J. H. Wilson 384, J. H. Galloway Treas. 1250, &c. The Lodge was opened in due form with prayer, when the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. then announced the receipt of a letter of request from Bro. S. Schonstadt W.M. of the Lodge of Israel, No. 1502, to pass Bro. M. Flatau, of Hamburg, to the degree of F.C. Bro. Sec. having read the communications from the W.M. and Sec. of 1502, and Bro. Flatau having proved his claim to preferment, was entrusted and retired. The Lodge was then opened in the second degree, Bro. Flatau admitted and passed by the W.M., assisted by Bro. D. W. Finney W.M. 1250. The chair of K.S. was then assumed by Bro. Bowes, at the request of the W.M., when he presented his successor, Bro. John Rymer Young S.W. W.M. elect, for the benefit of installation. The presentation was duly attended to, and, the first part of the ceremony being completed, the Lodge was opened in the third degree, when Bros. Past Masters Armstrong and Finney were placed respectively in the West and South. All below the degree of Installed Masters having retired, the W.M. elect was entrusted and retired. A Board of Installed Masters was then opened in ample form, not "declared," as the manner of some is, the W.M. elect admitted and placed in the chair of K.S., according to ancient custom. Having been saluted, proclaimed, and greeted in the usual form, the W.M. requested the Installing Master to call off for a brief space, and during this interval the "cement" was judiciously applied, and then labour was resumed. The Board having been closed, the brethren in the several degrees were re-admitted, and the W.M. saluted, proclaimed and greeted in each degree. The Installing Master requested Bro. Crapper to deliver and explain the respective working tools, which he did in a most able manner. The W.M. invested the following brethren as Officers for the ensuing year, viz:—Bro. Joseph Pickthall I.P.M., C. E. Hindley S.W., A. H. Young J.W., Jno. Armstrong P.M. Treas., John Bowes P.M. Sec., James Paterson S.D., Thos. Grime J.D., Thos. M. Pattison Org., Arthur Peake I.G., and Thos. Domville Tyler. Bro. Bowes having addressed each of the Officers with respect to the teaching of their emblems of office, situation, and duty, then delivered the ancient charges to the W.M., Wardens, and Brethren. The Auditors' report was then read, which showed that after a very expensive year there was in the hands of the Treasurer a balance of nearly £70. The W.M. now said he had a very pleasing duty to perform, namely, to present to Bro. Joseph Pickthall I.P.M. a handsome gold Past Master's jewel, on behalf of the Lodge. The inscription on the back of the jewel so fully expressed the feelings that prompted the presentation, that he would add nothing to it, and concluded by placing the jewel on Bro. Pickthall's breast. Bro. Pickthall, who was evidently much moved by this token of esteem, said—Worshipful Master, Past Masters, Officers and Brethren all,—The presentation of this beautiful jewel, which has been awarded to me by you, conveys along with it a value of far greater worth than any words of mine can express. You must bear with me if words fail to express all I feel at the present moment, as nothing is more embarrassing than to return thanks in suitable terms. This much I must say, that in accepting this jewel, I bear with me into the future a trophy of brotherly love. I never can forget your kind regard, and never can I look upon this jewel without the happy feeling again springing up which now well-nigh overpowers me. The "esteem" which you say it conveys, specially merits my warmest thanks. I am proud of such regard, and to my dying day the association with the brethren of the Lodge of Lights, No. 148, will be remembered by me as among the happiest days of my existence. With regard to any worth of mine, as late Worshipful Master of this Lodge, I cannot lay any claim to it, for whatever responsibilities are attached to that high office—and they are manifold—such responsibilities have been shared in by my Wardens and other Officers; by them my year of office has been rendered pleasant, and the duties of Worshipful Master considerably lightened by their knowledge of the ritual, their general urbanity of manner, and strictly regular attendance at Lodge. Allow me here to tender my best thanks to each of them, and also to each of you, my Brethren, for the respect you ever manifest to the Worshipful Master of our Lodge. Without unnecessarily trespassing on your time, allow me a further indulgence in expressing a hope that the same harmony which characterised my year of office may be extended to you, Sir, our worthy brother, and now Worshipful Master of this Lodge—John Rymer Young. With my precious jewel I now retire, and join the rank of Past Masters, where with them I trust I may be more useful than the limited period of my office experience. To be associated with Masonry, we all know, is a privilege only appreciated by Masons. The sacred tie which binds us all in one common brotherhood, is but a type of the Grand Lodge above, and to be gathered there as one family with the G.A.O.T.U., is the inspiration of every true and loyal Mason. Brethren, I thank you all again and again, and may the Lodge of Lights ever continue to be united, prosperous, and happy, and God be with us all. A gentleman having been proposed as a fit and proper person, and some routine business having been transacted, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to

the Lion Hotel for the banquet. This was served in excellent style by mine host, Bro. Speakman. Grace after meat having been said, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and a most enjoyable evening was greatly enlivened by the musical talent of Bros. Crapper, Petty, Francomb, Skinner and Ekkert.

## YARBOROUGH LODGE, No. 554.

THE Installation Meeting of this Lodge was held on the 2nd inst., at the Green Dragon, Stepney. The Lodge was in mourning for the late esteemed Bro. T. Walter. The brethren present were Bros. Hugh Cotter W.M., F. J. Middleton P.M., J. Hood P.M., T. J. Barnes P.M., J. Kindred P.M., Wynne P.M., J. Hansen Thorn S.W. and W.M. elect, J. G. Stevens P.M. Treas., G. W. Verry P.M. Sec., T. W. Tait S.D., W. Cross J.D., J. Taylor D.C., J. Lincker I.G., T. R. Shingfield Steward, G. Seddon Org.; F. Baylis, D. W. Peacock, P. Heitmann, G. Wade, G. Etheridge, W. Marrin, E. Walter, E. A. Walter, P. Gulley, W. H. Bell, T. S. Taylor, W. C. Livermore, W. Kent, C. Warman, T. Battes, C. G. Fardell, J. L. Anderson, H. E. Swaffer, G. J. Jennings, J. Fordham, W. Britton, H. Horner, H. Read, G. Maggs, H. Forss, &c. Lodge was opened in due form at 4 p.m., and the minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. The report of the auditors was presented and adopted. It is very gratifying to find the brethren of this Lodge so active in benevolence, nearly £100 has been devoted in the past year in grants to cases of distress. The ballot was taken for a candidate and proved unanimously in favour, Mr. William March was initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry, in a very impressive manner. After which Lodge was opened up, and Bro. J. Hansen Thorn W.M. elect was presented for the benefit of installation by Bro. J. G. Stevens P.M., who performed the duties of Director of Ceremonies, most ably rendering every assistance to W. Master Bro. Hugh Cotter in his important duties. A board of Installed Masters was then formed, Bros. P.M.'s Wynne and Kindred occupying the S. and J. Wardens chairs respectively, and the W.M. elect was duly installed into the chair of K.S. The brethren having saluted their new ruler in ancient form, the W.M. proceeded to invest his Officers as follow:—Bros. T. Taylor S.W., E. Walter J.W., J. G. Stevens P.M. Treas., G. W. Verry P.M. Sec., T. W. Tait S.D., W. Cross J.D., J. Lincker I.G., J. Taylor D.C., T. R. Shingfield Steward, and C. T. Speight Tyler; the W.M. addressing each Officer in brief and appropriate terms. The charges were then delivered by the Installing Master (who also explained all the working tool at length) in a very able manner, after which Bros. Peacock, Etheridge and Gulley were elected Auditors. The W.M. having presented a jewel to I.P.M. Hugh Cotter, Lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to banquet, nicely served by the host, Bro. Walter. After grace had been said by Rev. Bro. D. Shaboe, the W.M. proposed the toast of the Queen and Craft. He said we must all condole with Her Majesty in the great affliction recently fallen upon her, and no section of her subjects did so with deeper sympathy than Freemasons. "God Save the Queen" was sung. The W.M. next gave the toast of H.R.H. the Most Worshipful Grand Master, and spoke of the great interest taken by H.R.H. in Freemasonry. "God Bless the Prince of Wales" was here sung. The next toast was the P.G.M. and other Grand Lodge Officers. Bro. P.M. Wynne then rose and said: He was placed in an unexpected position this evening, through absence from the table of their I.P.M. Hence it was his privilege to propose the health of the W.M., which Bro. Cotter would have done had he not been unwell. In looking round the Lodge he, as an old P.M., missed many a friendly face. During the last year they had lost several respected brethren; yet he felt that they had commenced the new year well, in prospect of the Mastership of Bro. Thorn, who, he was sure, would do credit to the Lodge. He would ask them to drink the health of the W.M. Bro. Thorn in reply said he had no intention of making a long speech, but would be brief, for two reasons—1st. He feared he could not make one if he tried. 2nd. He did not know what to say, except to thank them for drinking his health, and for having elected him to the high position; he trusted his conduct in the coming year would give them cause to say they were satisfied with him. In reply to the toast of the P.M.'s, Bro. Wynne said he thanked the brethren once more, on behalf of the P.M.'s; the brethren could rely upon them fulfilling their duty to the Lodge as far as ability would allow. He regretted Bro. Cotter's absence, but they might be sure their I.P.M. would appreciate the toast. He thanked the brethren for their cordiality to-night, and hoped the new year would prove a happy one, and that they would meet here again and again. In proposing the Masonic Charities the W.M. said he would call upon those two hard-working brethren, Bros. Past Master Barnes and Stevens, to acquaint the brethren with what good work was being done by our admirable Institutions. Bro. T. J. Barnes P.M. said that as the W.M. had ordered the response to come from Messrs. Barnes and Stevens, would he allow him to go further, and add, and Co. He would then have Bro. Barnes collecting, Bro. Stevens explaining the claims of our Charities, and the Co. responding by giving him subscriptions as he went round the table. Bro. J. G. Stevens P.M. said the W.M. had coupled his name with the toast of Masonic Charities, and it devolved upon him to make some explanation of them. At first, he feared he should not do justice to the subject, but would endeavour to furnish facts, showing what they were doing. First, then, let him say that there should be no finality to our support of the three Institutions connected with the Order—viz., the Institution for Aged Freemasons; that for Girls, and that for Boys. He would read an extract, giving an account of Masonic Benevolence in 1878:—"During the year 1878 the income of the three Masonic charitable institutions from donations, subscriptions, and all other sources, amounted to £40,312 4s 3d. Out of this sum the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution obtained the largest amount, viz., £14,880 2s 7d, for the second year in succession heading the list; the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls took the second

place with £12,866 1s 8d; while the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys took the third place with £12,566. The Benevolent Institution has between three and four hundred annuitants on its books; the Boys' School clothes, maintains, and educates about 220 boys; and the Gir's School over 200 girls. In the year 1878 the Lodge of Benevolence, connected with the Grand Lodge, contributed £4,984 to distressed Freemasons and the widows and orphans of deceased Freemasons. This Lodge meets every month." These facts were stubborn things—as men of business he asked them to reflect what a sum of money was required to support these 750 people, and he was sure they would agree with him that there should be no finality in their contributing to these Institutions. Bro. Barnes was going up to the Festival of the R.M.B.I. in February next. Speaking as he did to large-hearted men, men having pockets, he asked them to give to Bro. Barnes, who was going round the table, something worthy the Yarborough Lodge 554, whilom \$12. Why, in connection with the Doric Lodge 933 they held 600 votes, and when a member applied from those two Lodges for support, the very names suggested recognition. At the last meeting of the Lodge of Benevolence, a brother of that Lodge was granted £10, while three or four members were receiving £10 per annum. Then, brethren, give liberally. Place your hands in your pockets, and give what you can afford, thereby enabling Bro. Barnes to take up a large list, and sustain the high character of your Lodge in the cause of charity. The Visitors was next given, the W.M. expressing himself proud to welcome so many at the social board. He trusted Yarborough Lodge would never be without visitors. Bro. Rev. D. Shaboe replied for the visitors, expressing the great pleasure afforded them that evening, and thanking the brethren for drinking their health. The initiate was also cordially received. The W.M. next gave the Officers in appropriate terms, and each of the Officers in reply expressed a wish for the prosperity of the Lodge, and promised support to that end. The W.M. next said he had great pleasure in proposing the toast of the Masonic Press. He was happy to say they had a brother present who represented an important Masonic paper. He was sure the brethren would give him a hearty reception, and respond to the toast of the Masonic Press, coupled with the name of Bro. G. H. Stephens. Bro. Stephens, in reply, thanked the brethren for the manner in which they had received the toast, and alluded to the services rendered to the Craft by the organ named. In connection with the able appeal made that evening, by Bros. Barnes and Stevens, on behalf of the Masonic Charities, he claimed for the Press a very foremost place as an advocate for the Charities, carrying far and near such able appeals for support as they had heard that evening, and enlisting valuable support to our noble institutions. The Tyler's toast brought a pleasant evening to a close. Among the Visitors were Bros. E. J. Hamilton J.D. 857, H. J. Walter 890, G. Brooks P.M. 902, J. S. Watts P.M. 916, W. Crouch 917, A. J. Tucker W.M. 933, A. Calver 933, C. J. Harnsworth P.M. 956, J. Cammack 1269, W. R. Brooks 1287, A. W. Coleman W.M. 1306, G. Hollington P.M. 1421, H. N. Taylor S.W. 1421, J. Hunt 1421, R. W. Biggs 1421, G. H. Stephens 1623, H. W. Clarke 1625, and Bro. Rev. D. Shaboe.

#### COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

The General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys met on Saturday, the 4th instant, at Freemasons' Hall. There were present—Bros. W. Roebuck (in the chair), Don. M. Dewar, H. Dearsley, H. Muzzelidge, A. Tisley, H. Massey, Rev. Dr. Morris, (Head Master of the Institution), F. Adlard, D. R. Still, W. Mann, C. F. Matier, J. M. Dosell, S. Rothenthal, H. W. Hunt, W. F. C. Moutrie, H. Young, H. T. Thompson, J. H. Cox, J. G. Chancellor, and F. Binckes (Secretary). Bro. Binckes read a letter which he had received from Bro. John Symonds, who lately resigned his office of Trustee of the Institution, acknowledging the vote of thanks passed at the last Quarterly Court for his great services at all times to the Institution. A list of nineteen candidates for being placed on the list for election in April was afterwards taken up and examined, Fourteen were accepted unconditionally, and three conditionally. The list, when settled, showed 46 cases brought forward, and 22 new cases, with a possible addition of three more—making 68, and possibly 71 candidates; out of these there will be vacancies in the school for sixteen.

#### COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The Committee of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution met on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall, when there were present—Bros. Col. Craxton (in the chair), C. J. Perceval, C. A. Cottebrune, John M. Stedwell, William Hale, Hyde Pallen, Wm. Hilton, Jas. Brett, John G. Stevens, W. Clarke, Thos. Cubitt, Jas. Willing jun., G. Ward Terry, Jabez Hogg, L. Stean, S. Rawson, Erasmus Wilson, Raynham W. Stewart, and James Terry (Secretary). Bro. Terry reported the death of Bro. Benjamin Head, whereupon a vote of condolence with the late brother's family was passed. Bro. Terry also reported the deaths of two male and one female annuitant. The Reports of the Warden and of the Finance Committee were also read. The petitions of twelve males and eleven widows were afterwards scrutinised and passed, and the names of the petitioners placed on the list for the May election, for which there are now forty-three male and thirty-five female candidates. The Committee adjourned till the 13th February, the Festival being appointed for the usual Committee day.

#### JAMAICA.

**Friendly Lodge, Kingston.**—At their ordinary meeting, held on 9th December, at their rooms, presided over by the R.W. J. J. G. Lewis, Master, Bro. G. de Mercado S.W., Bro. Moses Delgado J.W., &c. The following Past Masters were present, also a goodly number of brethren:—R.W. Langley P.G.S.W. of the Royal, O. S. Delgado sen. of the Phoenix; Asheimie, B. Stines jun., M. Ross, E. Brandon, G. J. De Cordova of the Friendly, R.W. S. E. Piertz P.G.S.W., A. De Cordova G.S.W., G. C. H. Lewis P.G. Sec., Rev. Nieto P.G.C. of the Friendly. According to bye-laws, this was the night for the election of Master, Treasurer, and Tyler. The W.M. proposed his Junior Warden Bro. Moses Delgado; B. Stines jun. proposed M. Ross Past Master. On the vote being taken, it resulted in the election of Bro. Moses Delgado as Master, Bro. M. Alexander was unanimously elected Treasurer, and Bro. G. Magnus re-elected Tyler. After some other business was done, the Lodge was brought to a close, all wishing success to the newly-elected Master, hoping that he will have a good, prosperous, and peaceable year. This Lodge numbers nearly 100 members.

**Phoenix Mark Masons' Lodge, Port Royal.**—A petition, signed by J. W. Whitbourne Sussex, G. J. De Cordova, O. Delgado sen., O. Delgado jun. Clifton Mount, J. J. G. Lewis, G. C. H. Lewis Old Kent, London, G. J. Peynado, S. E. Piertz Sussex, praying for a warrant to be granted to the Phoenix to hold a Mark Lodge, the P.G.M.M.M. for Jamaica recommended the same. The Prov. Grand Master of Mark Masons for Jamaica granted a dispensation, and on the 27th November the Wor. G. J. De Cordova was installed as Master by the P.G.M. of Mark Masons, assisted by Wors. J. W. Whitebourne, J. J. G. Lewis, B. M. Dias, and the W.M. installed Bro. O. Delgado sen. as S.W., and O. Delgado jun. as J.W. On the 15th December 1878, at 10 a.m., a meeting of the Phoenix Mark Masons Lodge was held at Port Royal, under a dispensation from the P.G.M., presided over by G. J. De Cordova W.M. late Clifton Mount, Bros. R. Langley S.W. Royal Keystone, L. C. Hollar J.W. Glenlyon, B. M. Dias M.O. Sussex, C. W. Tait S.O. Sussex, A. H. Jones J.O. Sussex, G. Fryer Secretary and Registrar of Marks Glenlyon, W. E. Chapman Treas. Mount Vernon, U.S., E. X. Leon S.D. Royal, W. D. Smedmore J.D. Glenlyon, H. D. Mercado I.G. Glenlyon, J. Hayes Tyler Glenlyon. Nine candidates were balloted for, elect d, and advanced. Five joining members were balloted for, elected, and enrolled. The Prov. G.M.M.M. for Jamaica, Hon. Dr. Hamilton, and the Rt. Wor. J. W. Whitbourne, were elected as honorary members. The following Officers were then installed:—Bros. D. Barned M.O., L. C. Hollar S.O., G. P. Myers J.O., W. J. S. Rutherford Sec., J. S. Campbell Treas., M. D. Smedmore S.D., E. De Pass sen. J.D., Hiram Barned Registrar of Marks, J. Hall I.G., F. W. Hollar Tyler, H. D. Campbell M.C. After some routine business was completed, the Lodge closed. The brethren then partook of a lunch, and wishing the W.M. and his Officers every success, returned to their several places of residence. There was a goodly number of visitors present. We are glad to see this Lodge so well appreciated by the Army and Navy, and, having now added another link of a Mark Lodge, that they may be prosperous.

**Royal Keystone of Mark Master Masons at Kingston, Jamaica.**—A petition, signed by several brethren of Registered Mark Lodges in this Island, praying for a Warrant to be granted to the Royal Keystone to hold a Mark Lodge, the P.G.M.M. Mason for Jamaica recommended the same, also granted a Dispensation, and on the 27th November 1878, the Wor. R. Langley was installed as Master by the P.G.M. of M. Masons, assisted by several other Masters of Mark Lodges, and the W.M. installed Bro. G. J. Sargent as first Senior Warden, having Bro. E. X. Leon as first Junior Warden.

On the 16th December 1878, at seven p.m., a meeting was held at the Friendly Hall, presided over by Wor. R. Langley Master, Bro. G. J. Sargent S.W., Bro. E. X. Leon J.W., Wor. G. J. De Cordova M.O. Phoenix, Wor. B. M. Dias S.O. Sussex, Bros. A. H. Jones J.O. Sussex, W. J. L. Rutherford Secretary Phoenix, Demetries Treas. Glenlyon Registrar of Marks, B. Stories jun. S.D., J. Hoyes J.D. Phoenix, A. Lyon I.G. Glenlyon, G. Magnns Tyler Clifton Mount. Twelve candidates were ballotted for and elected; seven being present, were advanced. Four joining members were ballotted for, and elected and enrolled. The Prov. G.M. of Mark Masons and the Right Wor. J.W. Whitebourne were elected honorary members; also Wor. J. J. G. Lewis Master of the Clifton Mount, Wor. S. E. Piertz P.M. Sussex, Bro. J. L. Asheimie Clifton Mount, who signed the petition, were enrolled as honorary members. The W.M. then installed his Officers:—Bros. G. A. Campbell M.O., B. Stines jun. S.O., T. Aguilar J.O., Therwell Secretary, Demetries Treas. A. P. Alberga S.D., G. Fryer J.D., Simpson Registrar of Marks, McPherson I.G., Hoyes Tyler, H. Ryde M.C. The Prov. Grand Master of Mark Masons for Jamaica, Hon. Dr. Hamilton, was present, and a goodly number of visitors of sister Lodges. Some other routine business was done, and the Lodge closed.

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A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT of the Governors and Subscribers will be held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's-inn-fields, London, on Monday, the 13th day of January 1879, for the transaction of the ordinary business of the Institution. To receive for approval a list of 68 or 71 candidates (as may be determined) on the recommendation of the General Committee, from which 16 Boys shall be elected at the Quarterly General Court to be held on Monday, 14th April 1879:—To elect an Hon. Surgeon-Dentist in the room of Peter Matthews Esq. resigned. To receive the report of the special Sub-Committee appointed to revise the Laws of the Institution, and to consider, and if approved, to adopt the amendments suggested therein. The Chair will be taken at Twelve o'clock at noon precisely.

By order,

FREDERICK BINCKES,

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**OUR WEEKLY BUDGET.**

THE Duke of Edinburgh and the Duke of Connaught arrived in London from Osborne on Monday. The Duke of Connaught subsequently left town for Berlin, and the Duke of Edinburgh returned to Eastwell-park, Kent. Prince Leopold arrived at Osborne from London on Wednesday.

Lord Beaconsfield has been suffering from gout, but the attack does not appear to have been serious, and it is now subsiding. Mr. Gladstone was prevented by a slight indisposition from attending the rent audit at Hawarden on Tuesday.

Earl Granville distributed the prizes to the successful students of the School of Arts at Hanley on Friday.

General Grant, ex-President of the United States, and received the freedom of the city of Dublin on Friday, was afterwards entertained at a public banquet by the Lord Mayor of that city. The General has since also visited Belfast and Londonderry, where he met with an equally cordial welcome.

Several new strikes have occurred during the past week. The most important, perhaps, is that of the guards and shunters of goods trains on the Midland Railway, against a small reduction of wages and increased hours of labour, together with the introduction of the "trip" system, which the men seem to regard with marked aversion. The strike at first threatened to be serious, but the traffic has undergone little interruption, fresh hands being readily obtained to replace the old ones on the new terms.

Four burglars wearing masks broke into a lonely house near Pill, in Somersetshire, on Friday evening, and besides carrying off a large booty, brutally beat with bludgeons the only inmates, a maiden lady and her housekeeper. The Government have offered a reward for the apprehension of the gang, and several men are already in custody on suspicion of being implicated in the outrage.

By the late catastrophe on board the Thunderer two officers and ten men were killed, and thirty-five injured. The wounded are reported to be doing well, and will shortly

be removed to the hospital at Malta. The Thunderer has been ordered to Malta, where a Court of Inquiry, assisted by experts, will investigate the circumstances of the disaster. The turret was disabled by the bursting of the 38-ton gun, but the ship is otherwise uninjured. There has been much discussion as to the cause of the explosion, some high authorities tracing it to the imperfect loading of the gun.

The Cornish Bank at Truro—an old-established concern, with Branches at Redruth, Falmouth, and Penryn—stopped payment on Saturday. Its total liabilities are given at about a million sterling.

Hitherto Yakoob Khan, who was left in charge at Kabul when Shere Ali left his capital, has made no sign of submission, although his forces are understood to be greatly demoralised and disaffected. Before the Ameer took to flight, all respect for his authority appears to have vanished, the chiefs of the clans refusing him obedience. It is stated that the Ameer fled to seek Russian protection, and also to place his case before a European Congress under the auspices of the Czar. Major Cavagnari reports that Yakoob Khan is preparing to follow Shere Ali, finding himself powerless at Kabul. Most of the Ghilzai chiefs have sent in friendly messages. General Browne's force is now established at Jellalabad, and negotiations are going on with the tribes between the Kabul river and the Hindoo Koosh. The Quetta column is within a short distance of Candahar, which it is daily expected to occupy without serious resistance. General Roberts's flying column has advanced into Khost, the Deputy-Governor of which, with the principal Maleks, went to pay his respects to the British Commander and deliver over the forts and all the records. A party of Mahsud Viziris, a very warlike tribe, have made an irruption across the British frontier, plundering and burning Tank. They were pursued by cavalry in their retreat, and many of them cut off. Reinforcements are being moved up to Dera Ismail Khan and Bunnu, to prevent the repetition of these incursions.

The Porte has consented to the immediate surrender of Podgoritz to Montenegro, and, on the other hand, the Russian Ambassador has intimated the possibility of an earlier withdrawal of the occupying force than the date fixed by the Berlin Treaty. The elections to the French Senate have resulted in a triumphant success for the Republicans. The Government have carried 68 elections, and the Opposition only 16. The Senate now contains 177 supporters of the Ministry against 123 of its opponents, giving a Ministerial majority of 54. It is not expected that there will be any extensive changes in the Cabinet. The St. Petersburg Press admits that the Ameer of Afghanistan has sought refuge in Russian territory, but it derides the idea of his appealing, through the Czar, to a European Congress. A very destructive plague rages in Astrachan and Saratoff, where the dead are said to be lying unburied in the streets. The King of Holland was married on Tuesday to Princess Emma of Waldeck-Pyrmont. The seizure and suppression of Socialist publications continue in Germany, and Prince Bismarck has reiterated the opinion that protection is required for German industry.

#### RED CROSS OF CONSTANTINE.

A regular meeting was held at York, on Thursday evening. Present the following Knight Companions:—Thos. Cooper M.P.S., T. B. Whytehead P.S. as V.E. J. S. Cumberland S.G., W. P. Husband as J.G., A. T. B. Turner Recorder, G. Simpson Treas., M. Millington Prefect, T. Humphries as Herald, H. Jackson Sentinel, &c. Visitor R. Boggett M.P.S. De la Pole Conclave, Hull. The business consisted of the reception and installation of Bro. Capt. L. Murphy, St Patrick's Lodge, No. 295, 4th Dragoon Guards, the ceremony being performed by the M.P.S. The election of M.P.S. for the ensuing year was then held, and Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Zetland, Grand Viceroy of England, was unanimously elected, Bro. T. B Whytehead stating that he had received from his Lordship a most kind letter, expressing his willingness to be nominated for that office. The unanimous choice of the members fell upon Bro. J. S. Cumberland for Viceroy, and on Bro. G. Simpson for Treasurer, an office he has held since the formation of the Conclave, and Bro. H. Jackson was re-elected Sentinel. The Conclave was then closed. The St. Peter's Sanctuary (K.H.S.) and Commandery of the St. John the Evangelist, were then successively opened by Comp. T. B Whytehead, and those grades conferred upon Comp. Murphy, Comp. Millington acting as conductor of the candidate.

#### DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH BURMAH.

A Quarterly Communication was held at the Masonic Temple, Cantonment, Rangoon, on Thursday, the 10th October 1878. Present—R.W. Bros. Krauss D.G.M., Jos. Dawson D.D.G.M., A. M. Buchanan P.D.G.S.W. as D.G.S.W., Rev. J. E. Marks D.G. Chap. as D.G.J.W., Bernet Samuel D.G. Treas., W. H. Woottton D.G.O. as D.G. Sec., G. O. Smith D.G.S.B., G. U. Knox P.D.G. Purs. as D.G. Purst., Charles Preston D.G. Steward, J. H. Clarkson D.G. Tyler, and representatives of Star of Burmah, Victoria in Burmah, Rangoon, and Social Friendship Lodges, &c.

The District Grand Lodge having been opened in ample form at 6.30 p.m., and usual preliminaries disposed of, the Acting District Grand Secretary read a report of the proceedings of a Meeting of the District Grand Lodge Committee held on Wednesday, 9th October 1878, which recorded among other matters that the accounts of the District Grand Lodge had been audited and found correct, exhibiting balances as follow:—

District Grand Lodge Fund ... ... ...	Rs. 373.13-0
District Grand Lodge Fund of Benevolence... „	229.10-0
Total...Rs. 603. 7-0	

The repayment of Rs. 250 from the District Grand Lodge Fund to the Benevolent Fund, voted at the Quarterly Communication of the District Grand Lodge, held on 23rd March 1878, had been made, and the balances stood as under:—

District Grand Lodge Fund ... ... ...	Rs. 123.13-0
District Grand Lodge Fund of Benevolence... „	479.10-0
Total...Rs. 603. 7-0	

The Balance due to District Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund from District Grand Lodge was Rs. 250.0-0.

In consequence of a letter from the Grand Secretary, London, concerning the status of Bro. Marks in Freemasonry, it was recommended that the following paragraphs being those containing the ruling of Grand Lodge, be printed with the report of the proceedings of the Quarterly Communication.

Brother Mark's disqualification was not on account of his irregular attendance at the Lodge. He was adjudged by Grand Lodge to be disqualified for election to the office of W.M. because he had "not served as a Warden of a Warranted Lodge for one year." Brother Marks did not begin to "serve the office of Warden" till within a few months of his being elected W.M. It was on that ground that Grand Lodge came to its decision, in accordance with the Book of Constitutions, Page 62, Art 2.

I apprehend Brother Marks is to all intents and purposes a Past Master in the Craft, and entitled, at all times, to be present at all Installations and other meetings restricted to Past Masters. He would not, however, be entitled to attend Grand Lodge as a Past Master under Art 1, page 18, Book of Constitutions, he not having been "regularly elected." All his acts, however, during the time he officiated as W.M. would be considered to be valid.

The District Grand Master rose and said:—

Worshipful Sirs and Brethren,—The business now before us is to discuss the Report of the District Grand Lodge Committee; but before I, in accordance with my usual custom, comment on the various matters treated of in the report. I have a few remarks to make concerning what has happened and what has been done since we last met within these walls.

I must in the first place express the great regret, which I am sure is shared by you all, we feel at the death of W. Bro. William Ford I P.M. of Lodge Star of Burmah No. 614; and Senior Deacon of this District Grand Lodge. Although an old Mason, he was but just commencing his career as a District G. L. Officer: but he had been with us sufficiently long to enable us to appreciate his sterling worth, and I feel that I am but re-echoing the feelings of every member of this District Grand Lodge, when I say that we deeply deplore and regret his untimely death.

Since we last met I have undertaken and carried out a duty pertaining to the office which I have the honour to fill, namely, the visiting of the Local Lodges, Star of Burmah No. 614, Victoria in Burmah No. 832, and Rangoon No. 1268. I regret that the pressing nature of my private avocations prevented me from visiting the Military Lodge now sojourning among us, Lodge Social Friendship No. 497, attached to H.M.'s 89th P.V. Regiment. As regards these local Lodges, I have not very much to say. I found them well managed. But I regret that I am compelled to place it on record that in each of the Lodges I found that the records, and accounts were not in such complete order as I could have wished to see them. Knowing as I do the characters of those who now rule these Lodges, I have every confidence that I shall find all in perfect order at my next visit.

With these remarks I now proceed to the discussion of the Report of the District Grand Lodge Committee. The state of the accounts is eminently satisfactory, more so than at any former period; and I notice with great pleasure that the debt due to the Benevolent Fund has been in part liquidated. It is equally satisfactory to note that the Returns of Lodges have been submitted with such regularity and punctuality. I have much pleasure in reading the Grand Secretary's letter concerning W. Bro. Mark's status in Freemasonry. It amounts, it appears to me, to a declaration that W. Bro. Marks is entitled to all the privileges of a Past Master, except to a seat in the Grand Lodge of England. This I regret, as W. Bro. Marks has done good service to Masonry; but still we shall, I am sure, all of us be glad to welcome W. Bro. Marks in our District Grand Lodge, and at all Lodges where a Past Master may sit. I cordially re-echo the last paragraph of the R.W. the Grand Secretary's letter, viz:—"the Craft cannot afford to lose such a valuable member."

With these observations, Worshipful Sirs and Brethren, I leave

the Report in your hands, asking for any remarks any Brother wishes to make.

W. Bro. Rev. J. E. Marks briefly alluded to the Grand Secretary's letter, and said that in consequence of the peculiar circumstances of official life in this country it was almost impossible for the occupants of the Wardens' chair to attend every meeting of their Lodges: and said that he should like to be informed whether—

(1) Absence from the Lodge on the night of installation was sufficient to disqualify a Warden for election to the Eastern Chair.

(2) Whether occasional absences through pressure of public or private avocations was sufficient to disqualify.

The Right Worshipful the District Grand Master requested W. Bro. Marks to submit the questions in writing to the District Grand Secretary for discussion at the next meeting of the District Grand Lodge Committee.

The Right Worshipful the District Grand Master then proposed, and Wor. Bro. G. U. Knox seconded:—"That the proceedings of the District Grand Lodge Committee be adopted," which was carried unanimously.

W. Bro. J. E. Marks asked that the District Grand Lodge do make a grant towards the S.P.G. Orphan Fund.

W. Bro. Jos. Dawson proposed, and R.W. the District Grand Master seconded:—"That a grant of Rs. 250 be made to the Greenlaw Masonic Orphan Fund."

W. Bro. Rev. J. E. Marks proposed, and W. Bro. Bernet Samuel seconded, the following amendment:—"That a grant of Rs. 150 be made to the Greenlaw Masonic Orphan Fund, Rs. 100 to the S.P.G. Orphan Fund."

The amendment was put to the vote and carried.

W. Bro. Marks, District Grand Chaplain, then asked concerning the service on St. John's day next, and suggested that, as he should in all probability be absent from the Station, the Bishop of Rangoon be asked to preach.

The Right Worshipful the District Grand Master directed the Acting District Grand Secretary to ascertain the views of the Rangoon Lodges as to the service, where it should be held, and who should be asked, in the absence of the District Grand Chaplain, to preach.

There being no further work before the District Grand Lodge, it was closed in ample form at 7.45 p.m.

#### CITY OF LONDON ORCHESTRAL UNION.

THE Second Concert of the season was given on Wednesday, at the Albion Hall, London Wall. The Union was established in June 1867, and the results achieved by the promoters and supporters since that time may be regarded with great satisfaction. The programme comprised the following items for instrumentalists:—  
1. Overture, "La Sirene," Auber; 2. Liedohne Worte, Mendelssohn, (for Orchestra), with clarinet obligato, Mr. Hobbs. 3. Solo cornet, by Mr. Sanderson, "Seranade," Schubert; 4. Solo euphonium, by Mr. Jones, "Romanza," Clinton; 5. Symphony, No. 7 in C, "Adagio, Allegretto," Haydn. 6. Grand Selection, "Il Trovatore," Verdi, orchestra, with solos for flute, oboe, clarinet, cornet, and euphonium, by Messrs. Toussaint, Shuckard, Hobbs, Sanderson and Jones. 7. Trombone solo, by Mr. F. Kennedy, "Souvenir de Poitou," Legende. 8. Ballet music, "Rosamunde," Schubert, orchestra, with solos for flute, oboe, clarinet, and bassoon, by Messrs. Toussaint, Shuckard, Hobbs, and Hargreaves. 9. Saraband and Gavot, "Olivia," Roeckel. 10. Grand March, "Cornelius," Mendelssohn, orchestra. The vocalists were Bros. Hansen Thorn and Miss Helen Heath, a lady of whom we have spoken in high terms on former occasions. Bro. Thorn, who is the W.M. of the Yarborough Lodge, contributed two items to the programme, "The Vagabond," by Molloy, and "The Stirrup Cup," by Arditi. Miss Heath was in capital voice, and sang most effectively, "When night is darkest," "His hand is on the Latch," "The Ash Grove," an old Welsh Air, and, by special desire, "She wore a wreath of roses." To attempt to select either of these songs for special praise were useless, the audience were charmed by the rendering of all. We congratulate the conductor, Bro. George T. H. Seddon, who, by the way, will be installed W.M. of the Sincerity Lodge, No. 174, on Wednesday next, on the state of efficiency in which he presented his band. The entertainment was a great success.

#### THE LATE BRO. JOHN BOYD.

THE funeral of this justly esteemed member of our Order took place on Saturday last, at the Brompton Cemetery. The following gentlemen took part, as mourners, on the sad occasion:—Messrs. J. Jermyn Boyd son of deceased, Wm. Boyd brother of deceased, T. W. C. Lenty nephew of deceased, A. Glendenning nephew of deceased; Herbert Dicketts, John Hervey, Lieut.-Col. Peters, Henry Venn; C. A. Long, Robt. Douglass, Thos. Bull, H. Dawson; D. Haslett, Hyde Pullen, th. Rev. Bruce Frazer; G. S. States, W. Gelder. On reaching the Cemetery the cortege, which consisted of a hearse and five carriages, was met by about two hundred members of the Craft, amongst whom we may mention—Lieut.-Col. Burdett, F. Rath, W. Paas, H. C. Leverander, E. H. Thiellay, Cox, Venn, Edward Moody, Platt, Woods, De Leliva, Waugh, Kerrall, Cubitt, Cottebrune, Swallow, H. Massey, Hogard, Shand, Reid, Kenning, Dubois, Hunt, Robinson, H. G. Buss, Newman, T. Murhs, W. Stephens, Gulliford, Limebeer, Scott, C. Lacey, F. J. Ebner, J. W. M. Posell, Mann, Pendlebury, Newman, James Brett, F. R. W. Heeges, J. G. Marsh, W. W. Morgan &c. The service was conducted by the Rev. Bruce Frazer, P.G. Chaplain, Ireland, the last exaltee in the Present Brethren Chapter, of which Bro. Boyd was a respected member, and was rendered very impressive by the admirable manner in which it was conducted. The sudden and heavy loss sustained by the Craft in the death of one so highly respected was the universal theme of all assembled.

#### MOUNT EDGECUMBE LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, NO. 1446.—

A meeting was held on the 31st of December 1878, when a numerous assemblage of the brethren attended to hear the ceremony of installation rehearsed by Bro. W. H. Dean W.M. 417 P.P.G.S.B. Dorset. Present—Bros. W. H. Dean W.M., Hemming S.W., Waugh J.W., T. Gardiner Sec., Burrell P.M. Treas., Wynne S.D., Smith J.D., Green I.G. Past Masters Bros. Coulton 382, Smallpeice, Haslett, Swallow P.P.G.D. Middlesex, Beck, Burrell; Bros. J. Docker J.W. 1687, Festa, Green jun., Belfrage, Hardell, &c. Business—The first three sections of the first lecture were worked. Bro. D. M. Belfrage W.M. elect 179 was presented as the W.M. elect, and obligated. For the convenience of the brethren, the Board of Installed Masters was not formed. The ceremony was performed, and the addresses given in a manner reflecting the highest credit on Bro. Dean. After which a cordial vote of thanks was carried unanimously, the same to be recorded on the minutes, to Bro. W. H. Dean for the very able and efficient manner he had worked the ceremony of installation. On the proposition of Bro. Burrell P.M., seconded by Bro. Green, Bro. Dean was unanimously elected an honorary member. Bro. Dean suitably acknowledged the honours conferred upon him.

EZRA CHAPTER, NO. 1489.—A regular convocation was held on Friday, the 3rd instant, at the Metropolitan Hall, Balls Pond-road, Dalston. Present—Comps. J. E. Walford C.C. M.E.Z., Wm. Stephens II., T. Hastings Miller J., John High Scribe N., James Glaskin P. Soj. After the confirmation of the minutes, a ballot was taken for Bro. Elam, of the Fitzroy Lodge, and Bro. Marsh, of the Lebanon Lodge, which proving unanimously in their favour, they were, with due and proper solemnity, exalted to this degree. Companion Dr. John Symous was admitted a joining member. This being the regular meeting for election of Principals and Officers, they were selected as follow:—Comps. William Stephens P.Z. first Principal, Thomas H. Miller second, and John Dixon third. John High Scribe E., James Glaskin Scribe N., W. Grist P. Soj., Gilchrist Janitor. A Past Principal's jewel was voted to the retiring M.E.Z., and Auditors appointed. A dinner followed, and the usual toasts were honoured. Comp. Elam returned thanks to the Companions for exalting him to this sublime degree, the very essence of Freemasonry. Comps. Goddard and Soper responded for the Visitors, and the Janitor's toast concluded the business at ten o'clock.

#### DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, NO. 1524

—Held at the Havelock Tavern, on 8th January. Bros. A. R. Olley W.M., Jones S.W., C. Olley J.W., C. Lorkin S.D., J. Lorkin J.D., W. Ferrar I.G., Fieldwick Preceptor, Geo. Ferrar Treasurer and Secretary *pro tem*, and Bros. McDowell, Kelsey, O. Dietrich, &c. The Lodge was opened in ancient form with solemn prayer, and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Kelsey candidate. Bro. C. Lorkin worked the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th sections of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Jones was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week. Bro. Kelsey 1314 was elected a member.

EARL OF CHESTER LODGE, NO. 1565.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Lynn, on Thursday, the 2nd inst. Present—Bros. J. H. Evans W.M., E. Simpson P.M. as S.W., Geo. Richardson J.W., H. Balshaw Sec., John Ludlow S.D., Jas. Kenworthy J.D., J. Henshall I.G., W. Groves Tyler, P.M.'s Bros. E. Simpson P.P.G.S.D., C. H. Hinde P.G. Registrar; Bro. John Lewis. Visitors—John Rohmer P.M. 633, &c. The Lodge being duly opened, the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The Officers of the Lodge having been recently appointed, and no special business demanding the ample time at their disposal, the W.M., in accordance with previous notice, formed the Lodge into a Lodge of Instruction, when the ceremony of the first degree was rehearsed, Bro. Hinde kindly acting as candidate, and Bro. John Ludlow as S.W. Bro. Richardson J.W. explained the working tools, and Bro. J. Lewis gave the Ancient Charges. Bro. J. Evans W.M. did his task very well indeed, and the working of each and all of the brethren indicates that a few more attendances at Lodges of Instruction will make each and all thoroughly proficient. The brethren of this Lodge are to be congratulated in having secured a private Lodge-room, which is a snug little building, and better furnished than many we have seen. On the conclusion of the business, the Lodge was closed in solemn form, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment, where, in consequence of the lateness of the hour, and the early departure of trains, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and duly honoured with as much heartiness and brevity as possible.

ROYAL SAVOY LODGE NO. 1744.—This Lodge held an emergency meeting on Sunday, the 6th January, at Ashley's Hotel, Covent-garden, W.C. Present—Bros. J. Willing jun. W.M., J. Douglas S.W., F. Clemow J.W., W. M. Stiles Sec., J. L. Jones S.D., T. J. Holland J.D., G. H. Deller D.C., J. W. Smith Steward, W. Cook I.G. Bros. F. W. Sillis, J. Smith, J. C. Smith, W. Hixon, Hurdle, Read, Vaughan, Earl, Dickey, Howcroft, Hammond. Visitors—Bro. W. Knight Vitruvian 87, E. Deakman Sackville 1619, J. M. Stevens St. John's 1306. The business comprised the initiation of Mr. J. W. Earle and Mr. George Collas Dickey; the raising of Bros. C. Hammond and P. Cheek; and the passing of Bro. F. Howcroft.

ROYAL POLYTECHNIC.—RALEIGH'S QUEER DREAM. THE ZOOCEPHALIC ROUPE. THE ELECTRIC LIGHT. REMINISCENCES OF NULIFY LIFE. AFGHANISTAN. CHEMISTRY FOR CHRISTMAS. NOTES ON NOSES. THE INEXHAUSTIBLE TUB.—Manufacturers of Confectionery by Machinery, Fancy Soaps, Card and Circular Printing, Lithography, Glass-working, Carving, Psaligraphy, &c., &c.—Admission, 1s; Open 12 till 6, and 7 till 10.

## DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

## SATURDAY, 11th JANUARY.

- Quarterly General Court, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12.  
 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)  
 1426—The Great City, Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.  
 1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)  
 Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.  
 149—Penca, Private Rooms, Meltham.  
 920—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
 1301—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester.  
 1568—Addiscombe, Surrey Club, West Croydon.

## MONDAY, 13th JANUARY.

- Quarterly Meeting, Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12.  
 45—Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, 12 Old-st., near Goswell-rd., at 8.0. (In.)  
 90—St. John's, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.  
 174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)  
 180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)  
 180—Industry, Bell Tavern, Carter-lane, Doctor's-commons, at 6.30. (Instr.)  
 548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction.)  
 704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8. (Instruction.)  
 1306—St. John of Wapping, Guy Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8. (Instruction.)  
 1368—Highgate, Gate House Hotel, Highgate.  
 1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8. (Instruction.)  
 1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30. (In.)  
 1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8. (Inst.)  
 1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)  
 75—Love and Honour, Royal Hotel, Falmouth.  
 104—St. John, Ashton House, Greek-street, Stockport.  
 151—Albany, Masonic Hall, Newport, I.W.  
 240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields.  
 262—Salopian, Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury.  
 292—Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.  
 296—Royal Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.  
 297—Witham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln.  
 411—Commercial, Flying Horse Hotel, Nottingham.  
 491—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne.  
 502—Rectitude, Town Hall, Rugby.  
 587—Howe, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.  
 589—Druid's Love and Liberality, Masonic Hall, Redruth.  
 665—Montague, Royal Lion, Lyne Regis.  
 721—Independence, Masonic Chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester.  
 724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)  
 797—Hanley, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth.  
 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury.  
 893—Meridian, National School Room, Millbrook, Cornwall.  
 1021—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Hindport-road, Barrow-in-Furness.  
 1069—United Brothers, Castle Hotel, Southsea.  
 1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham.  
 1221—Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds.  
 1253—Travellers, Queen's Hotel, Manchester.  
 1350—Ferny Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.  
 1436—Sandgate, Masonic Hall, Sandgate.  
 1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury.  
 1477—Sir Watkin, Masonic Hall, Mold.  
 1592—Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds.  
 1611—Eboracum, Queen's Hotel, Micklegate, York.  
 1618—Handyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea.  
 R. A. 148—Elias Ashmole, Chapter Rooms, Warrington.  
 R. A. 154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.  
 R. A. 302—Charity, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford.  
 R. A. 306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds.  
 R. A. 495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.  
 R. C. 12—Red Cross, Atheneum, Lancaster.  
 R. C.—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.

## TUESDAY, 14th JANUARY.

- 46—Old Union, Westminster Palace Hotel, Westminster.  
 55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7. (Inst.)  
 65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)  
 141—Faith, 2 Westminster-chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)  
 177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
 180—St. James Union, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 198—Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.  
 211—St. Michael, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.  
 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.)  
 933—Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.  
 1158—Southern Star, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.  
 1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)  
 1471—Islington, Three Bucks, 23 Gresham-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)  
 1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
 1607—Metropolitan, 269 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)  
 1602—Sir Hugh Myddleton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-street-nd. at 8. (In.)  
 1614—Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 1614—Covent Garden, Ashley's Hotel, Henrietta-street, Covent Garden.  
 1635—Canterbury, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square.  
 93—Social, Freemasons' Hall, Norwich.  
 117—Wynnstay, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8. (Instruction.)  
 131—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro.  
 178—Antiquity, Royal Hotel, Wigan.  
 184—United Chatham of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Kent.  
 241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.  
 272—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston.  
 284—Shakespeare, Masonic Room, High-street, Warwick.  
 406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-st., Newcastle-on-Tyne. (Instr.)  
 448—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax.  
 491—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.  
 503—Belvedere, Star Hotel, Maidstone.  
 510—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard.  
 603—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Cleckheaton.  
 626—Lansdowne of Unity, Town Hall, Chippenham.  
 650—Star in the East, Pier Hotel, Harwich.  
 903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport.  
 1120—St. Milburga, Tontine Hotel, Ironbridge.  
 1250—Gilbert Greenhill, Masonic Rooms, Sankey-street, Warrington.  
 1314—Acacia, Beli Hotel, Bromley.  
 1325—Stanley, 214 Gt. Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)  
 1331—Equity, Alford Chambers, Widnes.  
 1465—Ockenden, Talbot Hotel, Cuckfield, Sussex.  
 1509—Maccoc, Queen's Hotel, Portmadoc.  
 1522—Olcana, Crescent Hotel, Ilkley.  
 1515—Baldon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baldon.  
 1593—Royal Naval College, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.  
 1678—Tonbridge, New Public Hall, Tonbridge.  
 1713—Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton, Liverpool.  
 R. A. 265—Judea, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley.  
 R. A. 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds.  
 M. M. 6—Adams, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness.  
 M. M. 152—Dover and Cinque Ports, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover.

## WEDNESDAY, 15th JANUARY.

- General Committee, Grand Chapter, Freemasons' Hall, at 3.  
 Grand S'wards' Lodge, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 174—Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.  
 190—Oak, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7. (Instruction.)  
 201—Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)  
 228—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-nd., Cudmore-green at 8. (In.)  
 538—La Tolerance, Green Dragon, Maddox-street, W., at 7.15. (Inst.)  
 781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
 813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. at 8. (Instruction.)  
 362—Whittington, Red Lion, Pippin'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 Bill, Bethnal Green-road, at 8.30. (Inst.)  
 1283—Finsbury Park, Finsbury Pk. Pav., Seven Sisters'-rd., at 8.0. (Instruction.)  
 1507—Metropolitan, Anlerton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.  
 524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)  
 1553—Duke of Connaught, Faunce Arms, Kennington Park, at 8. (Instruction.)  
 1673—Langton, London Masonic Club, 101 Queen Victoria-street, E.C.  
 1707—Eleanor, Angel Hotel, Edmonton, at 8. (Instruction.)  
 R. A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8.0. (Instruction.)

- 20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham.  
 121—Mount Sinai, Public-buildings, Penzance.  
 140—St. George, Trafalgar Tavern, Greenwich.  
 175—East Medina, Masonic Hall, John-street, Ryde, I.W.  
 200—Old Globe, Private Rooms, Globe-street, Scarborough.  
 221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton.  
 325—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford.  
 363—Keyston, New Inn, Whitworth.  
 537—Zetland, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.  
 581—Faith, Drover's Inn, Openshaw.  
 591—Buckingham, George Hotel, Aylesbury.  
 592—Coteswold, King's Head Hotel, Cirencester.  
 594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction.)  
 633—Yarborough, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.  
 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)  
 683—Isca, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire.  
 750—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton.  
 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.  
 874—Holmesdale, Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells.  
 889—Dobie, Griffin Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames.  
 969—Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Workington.  
 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction.)  
 1019—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.  
 1040—Syke, Masonic Hall, Driffield, Yorks.  
 1086—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.  
 1129—St. Chad's, Roebuck Hotel, Rochdale.  
 1161—De Grey and Ripon, Corporation Hotel, Tipping-st., Ardwick, near Man  
 1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. Germain's, Cornwall.  
 1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich.  
 131—Brighouse, Masonic Room, Bradford-road, Brighouse.  
 1353—Duke of Lancaster, Athenaeum, Lancaster.  
 1356—De Grey and Ripon, 110 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
 1403—West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk.  
 1443—Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon.  
 1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull.  
 1631—Starkie, Railway Hotel, Ramsbottom.  
 R. A. 220—Harmony, Wellington Hotel, Garston, Lancashire.  
 R. A. 240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields.  
 R. A. 387—Moravian, Masonic Hall, Shipley.  
 R. A. 590—Unity, Wheatsheaf, Ormskirk.  
 M. M. 135—Hotspur, Freemasons' Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick.  
 M. M. 181—Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham.

## THURSDAY, 16th JANUARY.

- 3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 7. (Instruction.)  
 15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
 23—Globe, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
 63—St. Marv, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8. (Instruction.)  
 169—Temperance, White Swan, High-street, Deptford.  
 181—Universal, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)  
 813—New Concord, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.  
 1139—South Norwood, Public Hall, South Norwood.  
 1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)  
 1278—Burdett Coutts, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park.  
 1287—Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 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.)  
 1614—Covent Garden, A-hley's Hotel, Henrietta-street, Covent Garden. (Inst.)  
 1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 9. (In.)  
 R. A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)  
 M. M.—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-road, Dalston, at 8.30. (Inst.)  
 42—Relief, Albion Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lanc.  
 56—Howard, High-street, Arundel.  
 203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.  
 268—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, George-street, Ashton-under-Lyne.  
 343—Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Starkie-street, Preston.  
 345—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Church-street, Blackburn.  
 367—Probity and Freedom, Red Lion Inn, Smallbridge.  
 523—John of Gaunt, Freemasons' Hall, Halford-street, Leicester.  
 600—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.  
 1011—Richmond, Crown Hotel, Blackfriars-street, Salford.  
 1042—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds.  
 1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
 1299—Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, near Liverpool.  
 1332—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon.  
 1432—Fitzalan, Wynnstay Arms, Oswestry.  
 1512—Hemming, Lion Hotel, Hampton.  
 1612—West Middlesex, Feathers Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
 R. A. 201—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.  
 R. A. 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.  
 R. A. 275—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, South-parade, Huddersfield.  
 R. A. 913—Pattison, Lord Raglan Tavern, Plumstead.  
 R. A. 1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonia-road, Batley.

## FRIDAY, 17th JANUARY.

- 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-nd. 8. (Inst.)  
 834—Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-road. (Instruction.)  
 902—Burgoyne, Red Cap, Camberwell, at 8. (Instruction.)  
 933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction.)  
 1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)  
 1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)  
 1280—Hervey, Punch's Tavern, 99 Fleet-street, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)  
 1288—Finsbury Park Master Masons' Lodge of Inst. Finsbury Park Tavern, at 8.  
 1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-nd, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)  
 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
 1612—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Gonborne-nd, N. Kensington, at 7.30. (Inst.)  
 London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-street, E.C., at 6.  
 R. A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8. (Inst.)  
 127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate.  
 152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.  
 347—Noah's Ark, Wagon and Horse Hotel, Tipton.  
 616—Phoenix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket.

- 541—De Lorraine, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne.  
 780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
 993—Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Levenshulme.  
 1096—Lord Warden, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal.  
 1311—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Great George street, Leeds.  
 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)  
 R. A. 521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.  
 R. A. 837—Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon.  
 K. T.—De Furnival, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.  
 K. T.—Jacques de Molay, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.

### SATURDAY, 18th JANUARY.

- 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)  
 1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.  
 1364—Farl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney.  
 1621—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)  
 Siuni Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.  
 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30. (Instruction.)

### NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

**Faith Lodge of Instruction, No. 141.**—Held at The Restaurant, 2 Westminster-hambers, Victoria-street, S.W., 7th January. Bros. Bassington W.M., Green S.W., Steel J.W., Hiscox I.G., C. A. Cottebrune Preceptor. Bros. Edwards, Callingham, Armfield, Bull, Swann, &c. Lodge opened in due form. Ceremonies of first and second degree rehearsed. Lodge called off, and afterwards resumed labour. The W.M. then rehearsed formula of the investiture of Officers. Masonic business ended, Lodge was closed and adjourned till next Tuesday, at eight o'clock, when Bro. Cottebrune will rehearse the ceremony of installation.

**Old Concord Lodge, No. 172.**—The installation meeting took place on Tuesday 7th January, at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's-inn-fields. Bro. A. J. Dottridge opened his Lodge at four o'clock, the Wardens, Bros. R. J. Gaubert and Henry Hoadley, and the Officers were in their respective places, while the following Past Masters supported the W.M.:—Geo. Hockley, Thomas Holland, Edwin Dottridge, J. S. Ward. There was a large contingent of visitors, amongst whom we recognised Bros. George Read P.M. 511, G. H. Wrigglesworth W.M. 975, J. W. S. Tomkins W.M. 1669, E. Bénard 869, Alfred Bannister 1632, W. Radcliffe J.W. 211, Jas. Bromwich 1671, A. Whittet 72, R. Lawrence 511, S. Powneby S.W. 55, C. H. Atkinson 1622, William Hamlyn I.G. 1622, W. Pyne 813, Thos. Butt P.M. 700, W. Cowley 1559, A. T. Gladwell W.M. 30, H. Turner 1475, J. R. Jackson W.S. 1624, J. Long P.M. 733, D. H. McLeod P.M. 1624, Egbert Roberts 1623, Thos. Lee 862, M. Petros 72, Robins S.W. 25, G. Corderoy 19, C. G. Corderoy 19, E. M. Lott P.P.G.S.W. Jersey W.M. 1765, J. Sedgwick Lean 1194, W. W. Morgan Sec. 211, &c. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and Bro. Taylor, a candidate for the second, successfully passed his examination, and received the degree of Fellow Craft. The W.M. elect, Bro. Gaubert, was then introduced to Bro. Alfred Dottridge, who, in the capacity of Installing Master, acquitted himself to the satisfaction of all present. On the re-admission of the brethren below the rank of Installed Master, the new W.M. was saluted, and he appointed his Officers:—Henry Hoadley S.W., A. E. Gladwell J.W., J. Hancock P.M. Treas., Geo. King P.M. Sec., Gallant S.D., J. W. Bennett J.D., J. R. Piedne I.G., E. Dottridge P.M. D.C., C. T. Speight Tyler. Bro. Dottridge then most impressively delivered the addresses, and after routine business Lodge was closed. A capital banquet was served in the Crown Room by Bro. Alfred Best, proprietor of the Freemasons' Tavern, who personally superintended, and he was ably assisted by Bro. E. Dawkins. On the removal of the cloth, Bro. Gaubert, who presided throughout most ably, gave the Health of Her Majesty the Queen, with which toast he associated Prosperity to the Craft. After the National Anthem, the solos of which were sung by Miss Alice Parry, the W.M. rose to give the second toast—The Most Worshipful Grand Master of England His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, K.G. We have just demonstrated our loyalty to the Queen. We may now accord the same tribute, with equal sincerity, to her son. The Prince of Wales takes a deep and earnest interest in all that pertains to Freemasonry, and he may be considered one of the brightest ornaments the Craft has ever known. The toast was received with the greatest enthusiasm, and Madame Joyce Mans sang “God Bless the Prince of Wales.” In introducing the third toast—The Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon M.W. Pro Grand Master, the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers past and present—Bro. Gaubert remarked that the illustrious acts of the Grand Officers are well known and appreciated, and the present holders of office are never weary of rendering assistance in the consecration of New Lodges, and in attending installation and important meetings of the Brotherhood. By these kindly acts they endear themselves to the fraternity, and shed a lustre over our proceedings. Without further preface he would offer the toast for their acceptance. Bro. Dottridge in his speech proposed the health of the W.M. All the kind wishes he could say of Bro. Gaubert would be readily endorsed by the members. The way their new W.M. had performed his duties in the several posts he had filled in the Lodge had called forth the praise and commendation of Grand Officers who had visited him. He was popular with all the brethren, and it afforded him (Bro. Dottridge) much gratification in installing him into the chair of the Old Concord Lodge. After a song, the W.M. rose to reply. No task was to him less pleasant and less agreeable than that of speaking of himself, and yet if he were to disclaim the possession of those many virtues which Bro. Dottridge had so kindly attributed to him it might lead to discussion, as that esteemed brother would doubtless press the acceptance by the brethren of the statement he had made, and in any case it would give him an opportunity for reiteration. However, if he (Bro. Gaubert) had won their esteem it was a satis-

faction to know it, and he thanked them from the bottom of his heart for the reception they had given the toast. The W.M. then rose, and with a few pithy and well selected sentences, presented to Bro. Alfred Dotridge a P.M.'s jewel, in token of the appreciation in which he is held by the members of the Old Concord Lodge. In placing the jewel upon his breast he felt its brightness was dimmed by the onrity of the jewel that beat within. He sincerely trusted their esteemed brother might be spared for many years to attend the Lodge, and promote, by his advice and counsel, the interests which were so dear to them all. Bro. Dotridge said he hardly felt he had words to reply to the toast. He had endeavoured to carry out his promise to the brethren when they had elected him. The presentation of a jewel to the retiring Master was a regular thing with the brethren of this Lodge. He should ever wear this jewel with pride and pleasure. Pride, that he had been thought worthy to rule such a body as comprised the Old Concord Lodge; and pleasure, that he had won their esteem and approval. He might in future years win other jewels, but of this he was sure, no jewel he might ever receive would be more highly prized. The health of the Visitors was next given by the W.M. He recounted the names of those with whom he was most intimately acquainted; but he assured all, the members of his Lodge gave them a hearty welcome. Bros. Read, Wrigglesworth, Tomkins, and Lott acknowledged the compliment. At this stage of the proceedings the members of the Lodge were reminded of the wants of the Charities, Bro. John Watson pressing the claims of the Girls' School, and Bro. Alfred Dotridge doing a like service for the Boys. We were pleased to know both Stewards were well supported by the brethren. In proposing the health of the Past Masters the W.M. said this was a duty that was always undertaken with pleasure, at the same time with a certain amount of diffidence. He regretted the absence of Bro. G. Gunton, to whom he (the W.M.) was indebted for his introduction into Freemasonry. He was under obligations to Bro. Edwin Dotridge, who had kindly placed him in office for the first time, and this honour had culminated in his being elevated to the proud position he held as W.M. of this old and honoured Lodge. He would associate with the toast the names of Bro. Alfred Dotridge and J. Sandiland Ward. Bro. Ward responded: It had always been a great honour to be called upon to reply to his health proposed individually, but when he was associated in a toast of such magnitude as that of the Past Masters of so ancient and honourable a Lodge as that of the Old Concord, he felt a still greater pride. He trusted he might be associated with the Lodge for many, many years. The health of the Treasurer and Secretary was next given. The W.M. spoke of the eminent services each so well rendered, and concluded his remarks by urging the brethren to drink the toast with full honours. Bro. Hancock acknowledged gratefully the kindness shown him at all times by the members, and was gratified at the continued confidence they reposed in him. Bro. King was greatly obliged for the kind way in which his health as Secretary had been proposed. He had taken a deep interest in the welfare of the Lodge for the last twenty years. He had been that evening re-appointed, and it was his bounden duty, and it would be his infinite pleasure, to forward and uphold the best interests of the members. The toast of the Press was next given, and acknowledged by Bro. Morgan. The remaining toasts were then briefly introduced, and after replies from Bros. Hoadley, Gladwell, Gallant, Bennett, and Piedne, the Tyler was summoned. The musical arrangements of the evening were entrusted to Bro. J. Stedman, who was ably supported by Miss Alice Parry, Madame Joyce Murray, and Bro. Egbert Roberts. The former lady sang in capital style, “Tell Me, my Heart,” and “Robin Adair;” while Madame Joyce Murray sang, “To the Woods” and “Cleansing Fires.” Bro. Egbert Roberts, who possesses a voice of great power, contributed “My Lodging is the Cellar Here” and “A Warrior Bold.” Bro. Stedman sang with exquisite taste, “Mary of Argyle” and “Sweet Rosabelle.” Altogether the meeting passed off most successfully.

**Lodge of Joppa, No. 188.**—The installation meeting was held on Monday, 6th inst., at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, City. Bros. Miller W.M., M. Spiegel S.W., C. Hymans J.W., L. M. Auerhaan Treas., Sec., E. P. Albert P.G.P. Campion S.D., R. Baker J.D., Benjamin I.G., Blanks D.C. P.M.'s Bros. L. Alexander, H. Berkowitz, H. M. Levy, S. Hickman, M. Alexander, A. Dodson. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. Bro. M. Spiegel S.W. and W.M. elect was presented to the Lodge, and a Board of Installed Masters was opened. He was then duly installed into the chair by Bro. M. Alexander P.M., who performed this task in a very able and impressive manner, and well merited the encomiums passed on him at the conclusion of the ceremony. The brethren having returned to the Lodge-room, and the customary salutations given, the W.M. invested his Officers:—Bros. C. Hymans S.W., Campion J.W., L. M. Auerhaan Treas., E. P. Albert P.G.P. P.M. Sec., R. Baker S.D., L. Myers J.D., Benjamin I.G., Blanks D.C., L. Lazarus P.M. W.S., N. Baum and J. Davis Stewards, P. E. Van Noorden Org., Woodstock P.M. Tyler. Mr. S. Alexander, son of the late P.M. Alexander, of this Lodge, was proposed for initiation, with several others. Bro. H. M. Levy P.M. proposed, and Bro. L. Lazarus seconded, that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes for the able manner in which Bro. Alexander had performed the ceremony of installation. The report of the Audit Committee was read. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren, ninety-seven in number, sat down to a sumptuous banquet and dessert, provided by Bro. W. G. Jennings, and superintended by Bro. Silver. The W.M. very ably presided. The toast of the Queen and the Craft was given, and Miss Pattie Laverne sang; the solo parts of the National Anthem. The toast of the Earl of Carnarvon Pro Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers Past and Present was given, and after songs from Mr. Preston and Miss Burman, Bro. E. P. Albert P.G.P. responded. Bro. Benjamin here sang a very excellent song, and the W.M. gave the toast of the Benevolent Fund, coupling with it the

name of Bro. L. Alexander P.M., who stated that the brethren liberally contributed to the Fund, and it now amounted to nearly £1,300. Miss Pattie Laverne again delighted the brethren with her singing of the "Old Song," which was fully appreciated and deservedly applauded. The toast of the Initiates was responded to by Bro. Hart. Bro. Miller I.P.M. then rose, and proposed the health of the W.M., who had worked well. He was sure under Bro. Spiegel's guidance the ensuing year would be a prosperous one for the Lodge. The W.M. thanked the brethren for their hearty reception of the toast. He stated his entrance into Freemasonry was due to Bro. H. M. Levy, who initiated him; that solemn and impressive ceremony would never be effaced from his memory. To Bro. L. Alexander P.M. his thanks were due for the instruction he had received, and he trusted that the selection of Officers had given the members satisfaction. The W.M. then gave the Visitors, which was responded to by Bros. D. Posener and Captain Bedford Pim, M.P., No. 77. The toasts of the I.P.M., the P.M.'s, Officers, and Tyler, concluded a very agreeable evening. The charming singing of Miss Pattie Laverne, Miss Burman, Bro. Benjamin and Mr. Preston created quite a *furore*. Bro. P. E. Van Noorden very ably accompanied on the piano. Among the visitors were Bros. Capt. Bedford Pim, M.P., No. 77, A. Myers 205, Fletcher 180, S. Andrade 1260, B. Lyons W.M. 1227, Kauffmann 1732, S. M. Lazarus P.M. late 188, Tallerman 474, J. H. Dodson W.M. 55, Ruthven 249, A. M. Cohen W.M. 205, J. Lazarus W.M. 1017, Posener W.M. 185, Voight 1414, E. Massey 1297, E. Lee 185, W. Bordring 715, Klein 1267, W. Skinner 227, S. Jewell 1559, Filing P.M., &c.

**Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193.**—Held at the Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street, on Wednesday, 8th January. Bro. Thos. W. C. Bush W.M., Thos. Wm. Bone S.W., C. Kendall J.W., K. Harris S.D., G. L. Walker J.D., J. Slater I.G., E. Gottheil P.M. and T. J. Barnes P.M., J. K. Pitt Secretary; Bros. Maidwell, Moss, Fells, Sayer, Biddle, Webb, Walker. Lodge opened in due form. Minutes confirmed. Bro. Fells, candidate for passing, answered the questions. Lodge opened in second degree, and Bro. Fells was duly passed. Bro. Barnes P.M. worked the first, and Bro. Gottheil the second and third sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. The brethren present resolved that this Lodge should hold its annual dinner this year at Bro. Maidwell's, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street. Bros. Harris and Moss were deputed to carry out the preliminary arrangements, and to report progress on Wednesday next, at Lodge meeting.

**Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.**—This Lodge held its regular meeting on Saturday, the 4th of January, at the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, Islington, N. Present—Bros. James Garrod W.M., Brand S.W., McDowell J.W., Killick Secretary, Halford Treasurer, McMillan S.D., James Lorkin J.D., Charles Lorkin I.G. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. J. Gibbs acting as candidate. Several sections of the lecture were worked. Bro. J. Kentish, of the Kingsland Lodge 1693, was elected a member. Bro. Brand will preside on Saturday, the 11th instant.

**York Lodge, No. 236.**—At the regular meeting of this Lodge, held at York on Monday, the W.M. Bro. A. Buckle occupied the chair, supported by his Wardens and Officers, there being also present Bros. J. Todd P.M. and Treasurer, Rev. J. E. M. Young P.M. and Chaplain, T. B. Whytehead P.M., J. Hanly W.M. 295 (I.C.) and others. Bro. Wm. Smith was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason. Bro. J. Todd moved, and Bro. T. B. Whytehead seconded a resolution, expressing the sorrow of the Lodge at the death of their late Bro. Bryan Wormald, and condolence with his family. Bro. T. S. Camidge Org. moved a vote of thanks to Bro. W. B. Richardson P.M., for his great liberality in guaranteeing the cost of the enlargement of the organ. Bro. W. H. Simpson presented a Manual of Masonic music.

**Prosperity Chapter, No. 290, Huddersfield.**—The regular meeting of this Chapter falling on Christmas Day, the Chapter was opened at 11.30 a.m., and business adjourned until Monday, 30th December. The business being resumed on that date, the minutes were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for two candidates; one a member of the Huddersfield Lodge 290, and the other a member of the Wharncliffe Lodge 1462, Penistone; the ballot in both cases being favourable, the candidates were very impressively exalted by Comp. J. W. Turner M.E.Z. In consequence of several Companions having to go by train, the lectures were deferred, and will be given at the next regular meeting on January 22nd. We noticed the following Companions present on Christmas Day:—Jno. W. Turner Z., Allen Haigh H., Geo. Sykes J., Wm. Smith P.Z., Wm. Schofield P.Z., John Rhodes P.Z., William Harrop P.Z., William Mitchell P.S., Frank Wilkinson and others. In consequence of business arrangements, Comps. Allen Haigh H., and George Sykes J., were unable to attend on December 30th. The following Comps., amongst others, were present on that date:—Jno. W. Turner Z., William Harrop P.Z. as H., B. Hutchinson P.Z. as J., Wm. Smith P.Z., John Rhodes P.Z., C. Wheawill S.E., Farrer S.N., Wm. Mitchell P.S., Beanland and Brierley A.S., William Dyson D.C., and other members of the Chapter; also two visitors from the Chapter of Perseverance 275. After business was completed, the Chapter was closed, and the Comps. adjourned to the banquet hall, where refreshments were provided, and on the conclusion of which the Comps. separated, each wishing the other a happy and prosperous coming year.

**Lodge of Harmony, No. 298, Rochdale.**—The annual meeting of this Lodge was held at the Masonic Rooms, Ann-street, at three o'clock on New Year's Day. The W.M. Bro. Hudson was

supported by Bros. R. R. Grey S.W. W.M. elect, Dodds J.W., W. Roberts P.M. P. Prov. G.P., Holcroft P.M. P. Prov. G.S.B. West Yorkshire, Butterworth P.M. P. Prov. G.A.P., Green S.D., Turner J.D., Parker I.G., Matley Sec., Taylor and Collingwood Stewards, Hove, Duckworth and Fielden. Visitors—Bros. John Bowes P.M. P. Prov. G.W. Cumberland and Westmoreland, Schofield W.M. 367, Fletcher W.M. 1129, and Schaler. The Lodge was opened in due form with prayer, when the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, when the W.M. invited Bro. John Bowes to take the chair as Installing Master. The W.M. elect was then presented and installed in the usual manner by a Board of Installed Masters duly opened in ample form. Bro. Roberts P.M. &c. acted as D.C. throughout. The W.M. appointed and invested as his Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. Hudson I.P.M., Dodds S.W., Green J.W., Matley Sec., Turner S.D., Parker J.D., Taylor I.G., Collingwood Steward, &c. The addresses to the various Officers, as well as the charges to the W.M., Wardens, and members generally, were all given by the Installing Master. At the conclusion of the interesting ceremony, a cordial vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Bowes for his services that day. In acknowledging the compliment, Bro. Bowes said it had afforded him very great pleasure to come to Rochdale to instal his old friend Bro. R. R. Grey, the esteemed head-master of their grammar school, and if the manner in which he had worked the degree had met with their approval, his pleasure was enhanced, and he was amply repaid for any little trouble and inconvenience he might have experienced in visiting them that day. The remainder of the business having been transacted, the Lodge was closed, and the room transformed into a banqueting hall. In the degree which followed, ample justice was done by all present, and the various Loyal and Masonic toasts were very heartily considered and a pleasant evening spent. We cannot close this brief notice of the Lodge of Harmony, No. 298, without congratulating the members on their possession of such a comfortable, well-furnished and convenient Lodge room, and also on their wisdom in electing a gentleman of position and education to fill the chair of the Lodge. Our ritual always needs consideration at the hands of brethren of Bro. Grey's social position and attainments.

**Lodge of Harmony, No. 309.**—The installation of the newly-elected Worshipful Master (Brother Edgar Goble) took place at the Lodge-room, Red Lion Hotel, Fareham, on 2nd inst., when there was a large attendance, including Bros. Rev. Dr. White, J. Taylor J. B. Goldsmith, H. Cawte and Johnston P.M.'s 309, W. Payne W.M. 342, J. Cornelius-Wheeler P.M. 257, &c. The ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. T. Robinson, who has fulfilled the duties of W.M. during the past year. The W.M. appointed his Officers as follow:—Bros. J. Mason S.W., A. R. Holbrook J.W., J. B. Goldsmith P.M. Treasurer, W. Gilbert Heath Secretary, Rev. Dr. White Chaplain, J. R. Hayman S.D., Rev. A. Headley J.D., J. Taylor P.M. Dir. of Cer., E. Hall I.G. A vote of thanks was unanimously awarded to Bro. T. Robinson, who was warmly complimented on the successful result of his year of office, and it was agreed to present him with a P.M.'s jewel, in recognition of the efficient manner in which he had discharged his duties.

**Royal Sussex Chapter, No. 342.**—At the regular meeting of this Chapter on Wednesday evening, 1st January, the following Officers were elected for the year ensuing:—Companions G. A. Green Z., R. J. Fowney H., W. Payne J., J. W. Willmott Scribe E., J. Arnold N., R. Barnes P. Soj., C. G. Adams First Assist. Soj., J. E. Back Second Assist. Soj.

**Faith and Unanimity Lodge, No. 417, Dorchester.**—The installation of the W.M. elect of this Lodge (Bro. W. E. Brymer) took place on the 1st January. It was a most successful meeting in every way, an unusually large number of the brethren being present on the occasion, besides numerous visitors. Among the latter were Bros. Montague J. Guest P.G. Master for Dorset, G. Burt, and G. R. Crickmay P.P.S.G. Wardens Dorset. The installing Master was the retiring W.M., Bro. W. H. Dean, who performed the whole of the ceremony in the most efficient manner, and to whose eloquence a high, but pre-eminently deserved tribute was paid by the P.G.M. The brethren were greatly edified by W. Bro. W. H. Dean's discharge of this important duty, and they regarded with admiration the facility with which the work was done. Bro. W. E. Brymer W.M. appointed and invested his Officers as follow:—W. Bros. W. H. Dean I.P.M., J. Row S.W., T. M. Dron J.W., the Rev. H. Everett Ch. plain, A. H. Lock Sec., R. D. Thornton S.D., J. Robinson Jan. J.D., J. Robinson P.M. D.C., the Rev. H. P. Raikes Org., J. E. Stroud I.G., C. Parsons P.M. and W. Osmond P.M. Stewards, W. Talbot Tyler. The newly-installed W.M. proposed, and Bro. J. G. J. Gregory Prov. S.G.W. Dorset seconded a motion, that a most cordial vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to the installing Master Bro. W. H. Dean, for the very able and efficient manner he had performed the ceremony. This was carried with acclamation. After the Lodge was closed, the brethren assembled round the banqueting table, where the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured; and a very happy evening was spent.

**Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.**—On 3rd January, at the Star and Garter, Kew Bridge. Present—Bros. Blasby W.M., Gomm S.W., Gunner J.W., Beckett S.W., Talbot J.D., Skinner I.G., Roe Preceptor; Tarling, McGee, &c. Lodge was opened in regular form, and the minutes of last meeting read, confirmed, and signed. Bro. McGee offered himself as a candidate, and was initiated, and the brethren were called to refreshment. On labour being resumed, Lodge was advanced, and Bro. Talbot offered himself as candidate, and was passed. Lodge closed down, and the W.M. (Bro. Gomm) for next meeting was elected.

**St. George's Lodge, No 431.**—On Monday, the 9th ultimo, there was held the installation and annual festival in connection with St. George's Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, No. 431, North Shields. There was a numerous attendance of brethren at the ceremony of installation, held in the Lodge-room, and Bro. Thomas Robson S.W. was installed in the chair of K.S., the ceremony of installation being most effectively performed by Bro. J. Harcus W.M. After the installation the newly installed W.M. appointed and invested the following brethren as Officers for the ensuing year:—Brothers J. Harcus I.P.M., Alex. Mustart S.W., J. Bardess J.W., W. J. Ward P.M. Treasurer, J. Roddam P.M. Secretary, G. J. Place S.D., W. Perkins J.D., J. G. Tulloch P.M. Director of Ceremonies, W. C. Haswell Organist, W. B. M'Leanou I.G., J. Robertson Tyler, G. H. Stansfield S.S., and H. Gibson J.S. After the investiture of Officers the Installing Master charged the W.M., Wardens, and Brethren on their respective duties, and at the conclusion of the installation, Brother J. W. Ward P.M., in the name of the brethren of the Lodge, presented to Bro. Harcus I.P.M. a beautiful and finely chased P.M.'s jewel, containing a suitable inscription, together with a set of Provincial Deacon's clothing and jewel, as a mark of their appreciation of his valuable services during the past two years. Bro. Harcus made a suitable response, after which the Lodge was closed in due form. Subsequently the brethren, to the number of upwards of 60, adjourned to the Northumberland Arms (Brother Redford's), New Quay, to partake of the annual banquet provided by the host and hostess, Bro. and Mrs. Redford, and which elicited the hearty encomiums of the guests. Brother T. Robson W.M., occupied the chair, and Bro. A. Mustart S.W., the vice-chair, and among those present were Bros. J. G. Tulloch P.M. P.P.G.S.W., W. J. Ward P.M. P.P.G.J.W., T. T. Clarko P.M. P.P.G.S.D., J. Harcus I.P.M. P.G.J.D., G. F. Shotton P.M. P.P.G.S. of Works. T. Haswell P.M. P.P.G.O., T. Coulson P.M. 240, J. J. Athey W.M. 240, J. Roddam P.M. P.P.G.P., J. Fishburn P.M. 155. Upon the removal of the cloth the following toasts were given:—The Queen; the M.W. Grand Master of England His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales; the M.W. Pro Grand Master the Earl of Carnarvon; the R.W. D.G. Master Lord Skelmersdale; the M.W. Grand Masters of Scotland and Ireland; the R.W. Provincial Grand Master of Northumberland the Right Hon. Earl Percy M.P.; V.W.D. P.G.M. Brother L. M. Cockerell and Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Northumberland; the R.W. Provincial Grand Master and Officers of Durham, and other toasts having been given, the proceedings—which had been of a successful and interesting character—terminated.

**Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.**—Held its weekly meeting on Tuesday evening, at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston. Bros. J. Lorkin W.M., Christian S.W., Forss J.W., C. Lorkin S.D., Smyth J.D., Polak I.G., Dallas Sec., Smyth Treas., P.M. Wallington Preceptor; Bros. Wardell, Giller, Allen, Brasted, Trewinnard, Webb, Weige and others. The Lodge was formally opened, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, with Bro. Wardell as the candidate. Bro. C. Lorkin worked the first, second, and third sections, assisted by the brethren. Bro. M. Christian was appointed W.M. for next week. The attendance of brethren at this Lodge of Instruction is most regular, and it must be gratifying to the conductors that their efforts seem to be so highly appreciated.

**Wandsworth Lodge of Instruction, No. 1044.**—A meeting was held at the Spread Eagle Hotel, Wandsworth, on Wednesday, the 8th inst. There were present—Bros. J. G. Carter W.M., J. Frost S.W., F. Reed J.W., C. Digby S.D., A. Mason, W. J. Huntley, J. Saunders, P. V. Denham and A. A. Denham, &c. Bro. A. Mason went through the ceremony of initiation, and Bro. Huntley was raised to the third degree. Bro. Frost was afterwards elected as W.M. for the ensuing meeting.

**Stamford Lodge, No. 1045.**—The monthly meeting of this Lodge was held at the Town Hall, Altringham, on Monday, the 6th inst. Present—Bros. W. Agar Renshaw W.M., W. Alcock I.P.M., A. H. Gilbody S.W., A. C. Cook J.W., R. Newhouse P.M. Sec., J. Siddeley P.M. Treas., Jas. Hamilton S.D., S. Thompson J.D., T. H. Kirk P.M. P.P.G.O. Org., J. Ambler I.G., J. Worthington Tyler; and Past Masters Bros. R. Baker P.P.G.D.C., C. H. Hinde P.G. Registrar, H. Kenyon, R. H. Heathcote, Capt. Jas. Watson, and Bros. H. Ballshaw, F. H. B. Lindsell, Jas. Sumner, Jas. Byrom, B. Riley, George Richardson, J. Bott, E. G. Parker, Martin Stone, T. Daine, J. Lewis, Jas. Harvey, S. G. Sturmer. Visitors—Richard Simister P.M. 89 John Woodford Square and Compass 1336, T. Hutchinson, &c. The minutes of last regular meeting were disposed of in due course, after which the Lodge was worked up, and Bro. Lindsell was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. The Lodge was now further worked up in order to confer the sublime degree on Bro. Griffin, who had made diligent progress in his researches. Bro. J. Siddeley P.M. very ably performed the latter ceremony. The Lodge was lowered and closed in harmony, after which the brethren adjourned to refreshment. During the temporary absence of the W.M., Bro. Siddeley presided, and proposed the toasts. The health of the Prov. Grand Master of Cheshire was drunk with Masonic honours. Bro. J. Warthen proposed the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, past and present, uniting with the toast the name of Bro. Kirk P.P.G. Org. Bro. Kirk returned thanks, for the 70th time. He felt it a pleasure still to do so. Bro. Baker also replied. Bro. Alcock I.P.M. proposed in a very pleasing manner the health of the newly-passed brother, and the toast was cordially drunk. Wor. Bro. Simister kindly volunteered a song, and Bro. J. Siddeley rose, with the approbation of the W.M., to propose the health of the newly-raised brother; in doing so he expressed the great pleasure he experienced in seeing Bro. Griffin attain his Master

Mason's degree. Bro. Siddeley hoped that Bro. Griffin would ever remain favourably impressed with the teachings of our glorious Order, and assured him that the Stamford Lodge always welcomed most heartily true and good men among its members. The toast was drunk very cordially. Bro. Griffin returned thanks. The beautiful and impressive ceremonies he had gone through would never be effaced from his mind; the lessons taught and the principles inculcated were of such a nature as to induce him to do all in his power for the good of Freemasonry. He had often contemplated joining the Craft, but had failed to understand the process until he met with a brother who kindly directed him. He felt sure if the principles and teachings of Freemasonry were more known and better understood it would be to the advantage of the Craft. Bro. Griffin brought his very able remarks to a close by again thanking the brethren for the favour conferred on him. Bro. Kirk, by request of the W.M., proposed the health of the Visitors. It was his misfortune not to be more intimately acquainted with them, but to each and all, in the name of the Lodge, he accorded a hearty welcome. The toast was received with full honours. Bros. Simister and Woodford returned thanks, and Bro. Baker favoured the brethren with a song, after which Bro. Simister gave a capital recitation. Bro. Neild had the permission of the W.M. to propose a toast which he knew would be very cordially received. He submitted to the brethren the health of W. Bro. Birch, who, as one of the Fathers of the Lodge, had done a great deal both for it and for the province. The toast was heartily received. Bro. Birch, in responding, intimated that he had asked, as a favour, to be allowed to pass the evening very quietly, but he was gratified at the good feeling which prompted Bro. Neild to propose the toast, and the kindness shown by the brethren in its reception. He was pleased to say that his interest in the Craft had not abated, and he endeavoured to be at Lodge as often as possible. He recognised in Bro. Neild and a few others brethren who saw the light Masonic just about the time he did; he was glad to know his efforts had been productive of good. Bro. Woodford, by permission of the W.M., proposed the health of Bro. Davies, whom he was very pleased to be with on this occasion. Bro. Woodford had heard Bro. Davies advise all Masons to visit as much as possible, and he had followed that advice, to his great advantage. The toast was duly honoured, and Bro. Davies expressed his thanks for the compliment. Bro. Neild kindly favoured the brethren with a song, after which Bro. Kirk proposed the health of the W.M. in his accustomed genial, manner, and W. Bro. Renshaw briefly acknowledged the kind way in which it was received. In due course the Tyler's toast was given, and the brethren dispersed at an early hour.

**Grey Friars Lodge, No. 1101.**—This Lodge held its monthly meeting on Wednesday, the 8th January, at the Masonic Hall, Reading. Present—Bros. William George Flanagan W.M., J. Early Danks S.W., William Ferguson J.W., William P. Ivey P.M. Sec., John T. Stransom Treas., E. J. Blackwell S.D., Richard Dowsett J.D., J. H. Hawkes Steward, the Rev. C. R. Honey I.G., Wm. Hemming Tyler, P.M.'s Bros. Welch I.P.M., Harley, Margrett; Members—Bros. Prickett, Polley, Hammett, Browne, Tezz, Corderoy. Visitor—Bro. Withers Sec. 414. Business—The Lodge was opened, the minutes were read and confirmed; two candidates for initiation were elected. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, Bro. Margrett P.M. gave the lecture on the F.C. tracing board, with his usual correctness. On resuming in the first degree, the Secretary read a letter from the Prov. Grand Secretary, inquiring which of the Charities the P.G.L. vote would be selected for? It was decided that the Widows' Fund of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution be named, and as Bro. Polley would attend the approaching Festival, the amount should be added to his list of contributions. All business being ended, the Lodge was closed according to ancient form.

**Royal Arthur Lodge, No. 1360.**—A meeting was held on 2nd January, at the Village Club Lecture Hall, Wimbledon, S.W. Present—Bros. E. Peacock W.M., Brunker S.W., P.M. Smith acting J.W., P.M. C. Stockman Sec., R. Sumner S.D., E. Standen J.D., J. Oakman D.C., E. Edbrook Steward, F. W. Parsons I.G., J. Woodstock Tyler, P.M.'s Bros. H. Smith, Lawes, Cockerell, Reeves. Business—Minutes of meeting held 7th November were read and unanimously confirmed. Bros. Rees, Biggs, Ayres and Walton passed to second degree. Mr. Trim was initiated in due form.

**Islington Lodge of Instruction, No. 1471.**—A meeting was held on Tuesday, 7th January, at the Three Bucks, Gresham-street. Present—Bros. Fountain W.M., Webb S.W., Shipley J.W., Braine Sec., Holness Treas., Kern S.D., Orme I.G., Mather Preceptor; Bros. Bansor, Lake, Seaman, Hall, Thompson, Cotton, Sheppard, Bird, Crook, Smith, and Petch. The Lodge was opened and the minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Lake candidate. The ceremony of passing was also rehearsed, Bro. Thompson acting as candidate. Bro. Smith S.W. 905 was elected a member. Bro. Webb was appointed W.M. for ensuing week, and a vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Fountain, this being the first occasion of his conducting the duties of the chair.

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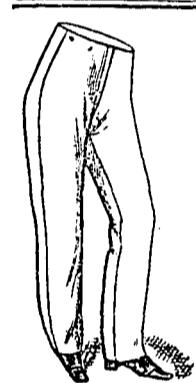
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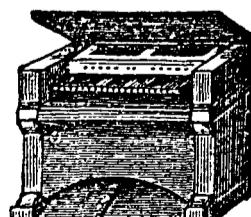
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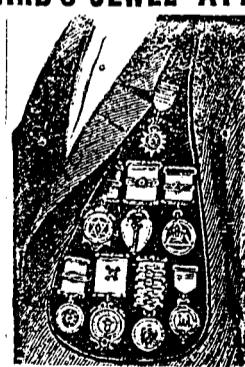
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