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## THE LATE PRINCESS ALICE.

THE Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Ireland, at its last meeting, adopted the following address of sympathy to her Most Gracious Majesty on the death of H.R.H. the Princess Alice, Grand Duchess of Hesse:—

TO THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY,—

We, the Freemasons of Ireland, in Grand Lodge assembled, respectfully approach your Most Gracious Majesty, in this your hour of sore trial, to tender our loyal and heartfelt sympathy for the irreparable loss you have sustained.

The universal sorrow that pervades all classes of your subjects is participated in by none more deeply than the Masonic body. Recognizing the great and noble qualities of our late Royal Princess (brought up to womanhood under the influence of your precepts and the example of your virtues), which added lustre to her high station, and endeared her alike to the countries of her birth and her adoption. We know that these very qualities make your loss the heavier, and your grief the more poignant. We would, however, venture most respectfully to suggest to you the consolation that she was all the meeter for a better world; and that few mothers, who have been blessed with so numerous an offspring as your Majesty, have, like you, been for a period of near forty years exempt from a calamity such as that which has now fallen upon you.

We earnestly pray that God may sanctify this trial to you, and give you strength to bear it.

Signed on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Ireland,

ABERCORN,

GRAND MASTER.

St. John's Day, 27th December 1878.

To which the following reply has been received:—

Osborne, 8th January 1879.

MY DEAR DUKE,

I have laid before the Queen the Address of Condolence transmitted by you. I am commanded by Her Majesty to request that you will assure the Freemasons of Ireland that the Queen heartily appreciates the kind and loyal sentiments contained in their address; and I am to ask you to convey Her Majesty's sincere thanks to those gentlemen for their feeling expressions of sympathy.

Yours very truly,

HENRY F. PONSONBY.

His Grace the Duke of Abercorn, K.G.

## INTEGRITY LODGE, No. 163.

IN an early issue last year we took the opportunity of placing before our readers a short *résumé* of the Balance Sheet of the Integrity Lodge, Manchester, for the year 1877, feeling that so satisfactory an account as we were then able to give could but be gratifying to its members, and would also be an excellent pattern for Brethren in other parts to try and improve upon. It was at that time stated by members of the fault-finding class—a body we have in Masonry as in all other human institutions—that the position was certainly a very creditable one, but it could not last. You will find, they said, that in a year or two the Lodge will cease to interest itself so strenuously on behalf of the Charities, and the members will refer to their labours in the past when their attention is drawn to the fact of their stopping the flow of support. For this reason, among others, we have taken some trouble in watching the progress made by the Lodge during the past twelve

months, and as we consider the time which has elapsed since we last referred to the subject will bear favourable comparison with the past, we append a few particulars, drawn from the Balance Sheet for 1878, as issued by the Lodge.

The first item this year is naturally the last of its predecessor, and as we gave full particulars of how the Balance of £146 4s 7d was made up when we referred to this Lodge last year, we think a repetition is unnecessary. Next we have £347 15s as representing the amount received for Initiation and Joining Fees, Subscriptions, &c., as compared with £306 15s in 1877. This item, shewing an increase of £41, will alone prove that the work of the year has been of a progressive character. The interest on invested moneys exhibits a slight falling off, the amount being £5 16s 11d for 1878, as against £6 15s 5d in 1877. We thus have a total of £499 16s 6d to be accounted for by the Lodge. Of this amount the sum of £135 11s figures for refreshments; £47 14s being set down as Expense of St. John's Festival, and £87 17s for teas, &c. The next item as regards amount is £118 14s 1d, representing the payments made during the year on account of Benevolence, and it is to this Expenditure and to the amounts previously disbursed that we intend to devote especial attention. In 1877, Integrity Lodge voted £50 to each of the funds—male and female—of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and we find that in 1878 they have made similar grants, except that in the latter case the alteration recently made in the subscriptions from pounds to guineas renders it necessary to devote £105 to secure like advantages. The amounts thus paid, which up to the present time total £202 10s to each fund, or £405 in all to the Benevolent Institution, entitle the Lodge to 108 votes at each election. Of this number 60 are vested in the name of the W.M., while the I.P.M., Senior W., Junior W., and Treasurer have 10 each, the 8 others being in the name of the Lodge, in consideration of its annual subscription of one guinea to each fund. The subscriptions to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys up to the present time reach a total of £252, and in return for this the Lodge has 74 votes at its disposal. The W.M. for the time being ranks as a Vice Patron, with 40 votes; the I.P.M. as a Vice President, with 14 votes; and the S.W. and Treasurer Vice Presidents, with 10 votes each; the other 4 votes represent the return for the Annual Subscription of two guineas made by the Lodge to this Charity. We may mention that of the amount contributed to this Institution, £168 has been voted to the General Fund, and £84 to the Building Fund. Last in order comes the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, the total contributions to which reach the handsome sum of £189. The votes to which this amount entitles the Lodge are divided as follows:—23 in the name of the W.M., 10 in that of the I.P.M., and 4 in that of the Lodge. Thus the members have at their command no less than 330 votes for the Central Charities each year, besides being in possession of 100 votes at each election of the East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution, by virtue of their donations to this charity, which reach £100. The Manchester Warehousemen and Clerks' Orphan Institution has also a firm supporter in this Lodge, the members having up to date devoted £57 15s of their funds to that Institution. Two other items besides those mentioned serve to complete the list of Charity Grants. Grand Lodge and Provincial Grand Lodge absorb £34 4s of

the funds, and incidental expenses in connection with the Lodge, including rent, Tyler, &c., amount to £80 4s 8d, leaving a balance in favour of the Lodge of £131 2s 9d, which amount is duly carried forward. In conclusion, we cannot do better than point out to younger Lodges that the satisfactory condition of the Integrity with regard to the Charities, must have had a beginning—most likely a very small one—and we hope that some of our friends will bring the matter before their Lodges in such a way as to lead in a few years to like results. Of course we cannot expect comparatively young Lodges to clear themselves from debt and make themselves prominent in the Charities all at once, but we do think that much more might be done by Lodges collectively than is done, and that without any sacrifice, unless a little cutting down of refreshment expenses is to be taken into consideration as a hardship.

### MEETING OF PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

ON Wednesday the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire Freemasons held its quarterly gathering at Barnsley, under the banner of the Lodge Friendly, No. 1513. Notwithstanding that there was a good attendance of brethren from various parts of the province, the number of Lodges which were unrepresented was somewhat larger than usual, attributable, probably, to the place of meeting not being sufficiently central.

Lt.-Col. Sir Henry Edwards, Bart., Provincial Grand Master, presided, assisted by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Brother T. W. Tew.

Having been saluted by the Brethren according to the ancient custom,

Sir Henry Edwards said—Brethren of this Provincial Grand Lodge—In opening this Provincial Grand Lodge to-day, for the first time in Barnsley since my installation as your Provincial Grand Master, I feel I do so under sentiments of repression. It is not my wish to trespass upon your time with an inaugural address, although upon the subject of Masonic affairs there is not a little to which I might wish to advert. When we met at Probitry Lodge in October, I thought my usual addresses to the Craft were being accepted by the Brethren in that frank spirit which, up to that time, it was not thought right to dispense with. Fifty-six years of the existence of this Provincial Grand Lodge had, I thought, established this as a duty of this chair, addressing you quarterly as an unavoidable necessity. And pardon me if I feel a little disappointment of repression to have to advert to the elementary questions of two of the prerogatives of this chair—the propriety of remarking on Masonic matters since each interval of last assembly, and of the government of the province for the next three months, and the appearance of these observations in the West Yorkshire journals. For what purpose, may I ask, are we to meet? I look upon Provincial Grand Lodge at its gatherings as an illustration of the advantages of free conference, to keep alive the interest of Masonry in my province, to co-operate in beneficent efforts of charity, to promote a good fraternal understanding with the brethren and the Lodges, and to find practical solutions to differences which from time to time as they arise require remedial considerations—such for example as the Grand Orient question, which so shocked the feelings of the brethren of the United Kingdom. It has been intimated to my Deputy to suggest to Provincial Grand Lodge to dispense with the address; and that there is a feeling abroad that these addresses are given with a view to publication. I could not fail to observe the silent support our October gathering gave to the proposition of the brother from the Aire and Calder Lodge. He appeared to act alone, and no one knew until he had spoken on what subject he was going to address this Provincial Grand Lodge, for no intimation of his intention having appeared on the agenda paper, Provincial Grand Lodge was totally unprepared to give to this very important question any previous consideration or due deliberation. I must in consequence refer you to articles 3 and 4, page 80, in the Book of Constitutions, for I am not aware when these addresses have found their way to the public they have contained any improper Masonic matter or language as declared in our Provincial Grand Bye-laws or Book of Constitutions. (Applause.) I and my Deputy are striving to shorten these meetings, and to curtail expenditure. After the labours of this Provincial Grand Lodge the refreshment is to be a luncheon, and not a dinner, and the price reduced. We wish this to be a precedent on all occasions, except the annual gathering in April.

Considering also the depression in trade, and the straightened circumstances of commerce, permit me to mention to you that I shall consider whether or not it is expedient to convene “an intermediate quarterly meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge on the first Wednesday in the month of July.” (Article 14, p 11, Provincial Grand Bye-laws). Our Provincial Grand Lodge Fund would be saved about £10 in expenses, and possibly £60 to the brethren in travelling expenses to the particular Lodge that otherwise would have the honour of inviting this Provincial Grand Lodge to such Midsummer meeting. As our expenditure in 1877 was only £5 10s 6d less than the total receipts, and the proposal to augment our Provincial Grand Lodge funds by one shilling per annum from the Lodge funds of every subscribing member of a Lodge was lost at Leeds in April last, I trust these suggestions may compensate and meet the requirements of our Masonic situation in some small measure. I must briefly acknowledge the obligations of the province to the Worshipful Master, Officers and

Brethren of the “Friendly” Lodge in this town to meet under their banner. This is an old Lodge. Its working had lapsed, but has been resuscitated. When my Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Thomas William Tew, visited it in 1875, he reported it to me in good working order, under the mastership of Bro. R. Carter, of Cockerham Hall; and according to the returns it has now 50 active members. We wish this Lodge every prosperity; and we have no doubt under the fostering influence of the Masonic community here, mining science will press onward with giant strides. The triumphs of engineering science will be in proportion to the acquisition of the teachings of the second degree. The marvels of science have always been unravelled from the webs of geometric knowledge in which they are enshrouded, and the solution of the reconstruction of British mining prosperity lies in true Masonic labours of that degree—to bring to the market that mineral wealth, deep down in the bowels of the earth, by the application of pneumatic or electric principles, so as to utilise your riches without the aid of much manual labour, and the recurring arbitrary interference of adamant controversy respecting wages. (Applause.) Since this Provincial Grand Lodge last met my Deputy has dedicated two new Lodges in this province, viz., that of “Ivanhoe” at Sheffield, and that of “Albert Edward” at Huddersfield. I welcome with satisfaction their number to-day on the roll-call of the Lodges of this province. My Deputy reports to me how much he was struck with the excellence of the various arrangements of the establishment of these Lodges, and the large number of brethren who attended the proceedings. Your presence on these occasions was a compliment to myself and to the Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge; and I am grateful to you for the manner in which the spirit of my remarks made at Ripon in 1877 are being developed. The total subscription to the Masonic Charities amounted to £10,500 from all parts of the world for 1878. Allow me to mention the very singular character of the October charitable elections. The polling was very wild; no one could have had any anticipation of such high figures. Your Charity Committee decided to lend as many votes as they could at a profit, and so endeavour to become rich in votes for the April elections. Between now and April this voting power claims your attention. Our money contributions last year were £2,119. Brother Henry Smith, our Provincial Grand Secretary, has opened the usual new lists of voluntary donations, and I hope they may show at the end of 1879 equally satisfactory returns. The Bentley Shaw Fund somewhat lags, £160 being promised towards £1050. Her Gracious Majesty the Queen, the Patroness of our Order, and our Royal Grand Master the Prince of Wales have lost, in the death of the Princess Alice of Hesse, the one a daughter, the other a sister. As loyal Masons it is our duty to record our sorrow towards these royal personages for the sudden and great grief which has fallen upon them. I feel that it is impossible for me to use any language which can express the consolation which we wish we could extend to our Sovereign Lady the Queen and our Royal Grand Master; but, brethren, we feel they must be sustained by the consciousness that they possess the sympathy of the whole body of Freemasons, and of the British nation and empire. Their grief is deep beyond words; but we pray for the restoration to happiness of Her Majesty and her beloved family. (Loud Applause.) And now let me thank you for the reception you have given me, and for your salutation. In return I offer you my true and genuine wishes, so that if hitherto any brother has been prosperous he may continue to be so in the new year; or if, on the other hand, the reverse has happened, that the season of adversity may come to an end, and give place to a long and uninterrupted course of prosperity. I wish every brother of the Craft all the congratulations of the new year. (Applause.)

The Deputy Provincial Grand Master, in responding to his salutation, made suitable reference to the returns of the various Lodges required to the end of the year just passed, impressing upon W.M.'s to urge their Secretaries to prepare them as speedily as possible.

In the course of the meeting a resolution granting the sum of £100 to the Bentley-Shaw Memorial Fund was unanimously passed.

Sir Henry Edwards also supplemented his previous gift of £50 to that fund by an addition of £10.

The meeting having been closed, many of the brethren partook of a repast at the King's Head Hotel.

For the past four years it has been the custom of the Finsbury Park Lodge to have an annual ball, and the gatherings on former occasions have been most successful. This year, with the view of adding to the enjoyment, the Finsbury Park have decided to act in conjunction with the Crusaders and the New Finsbury Park Lodges, and so by uniting the efforts of the members of the three Lodges to ensure a pleasant meeting. The Committee, which, as may be supposed, is an influential one, announce that the Ball will take place at Freemasons' Tavern, on Wednesday next, the 22nd inst. The tickets, which include supper and refreshment during the evening, are 8s 6d each for ladies, and 12s 6d for gentlemen; they may be obtained either from Bro. T. Goode, Treasurer, 62 Halton Road, Canonbury; or F. S. Rothschild, Secretary, 8 Bull and Mouth Street, E.C.

The Installation Meeting of the Lodge of Sincerity, No. 174, took place on Wednesday. The proceedings were in the highest degree satisfactory, and Bro. George T. H. Seddon, as the new W.M., may be congratulated on the happy inauguration of his year. A full report shall appear in our next issue.

## ZETLAND LODGE, No. 537:

THE regular monthly meeting was held at the Masonic chambers, Argyle-street, Birkenhead, on Wednesday, the 15th instant. Present—Bros. W. Milner W.M., W. S. Sutton P.G.J.W. I.P.M., N. Bannantyne S.W., W. A. Clayton J.W., F. K. Stevenson P.P.S.B. Sec., J. P. Platt P.P.J.G.W. Treas., G. Robertson S.D., W. Marquis J.D., Francis Henry I.G., Jas. H. Holloway P.G.T. Tyler; Past Masters J. Lambert, Henry Bailey P.G.S.B. England P.P.J.G.W., and Bros. T. Marples, C. J. Clover, J. F. Goldney, Rev. T. E. Monkhouse, T. W. Crowther, A. Hickson, &c. Visitors—W. Bennett W.M. 477, F. A. Dickson W.M. 425, W. Price W.M. 1276, Thos. Chesworth P.G.D.C. P.M. 1576, John Jones W.M. 1576, L. Kretschman 1505, Rev. M. Kaufman 570, Henry Monson 1350, S. M. Davies FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, &c. The Lodge opened at 4.30, and the minutes of last meeting were read and ratified. This being the installation meeting the W.M. elect, Bro. N. Bannantyne, was introduced to the Installing Master, W. Bro. Sutton, by Bros. Platt and Stevenson, who having addressed him in the usual sublime charge, instructed that the customary questions be submitted. Bro. Bannantyne was then solemnly obligated, invested, and installed as the Worshipful Master for the ensuing twelvemonths, and received the salutations of the brethren, Bro. Sutton, who conducted the ceremony, proclaimed W. Bro. Bannantyne in the East, West, and South, and with his assistance the Worshipful Master invested his Officers for the next year as follow:—Walter Milner I.P.M., W. Clayton S.W., G. Robertson J.W., F. K. Stevenson P.P.G.S.B. Sec., J. P. Platt P.P.J.G.W. Treas., W. Marquis S.D., Francis Henry J.D., Rev. T. E. Monkhouse Chaplain, A. T. Hickson I.G., T. W. Crowther Org., J. F. Goldney and C. J. Clover Stewards, J. H. Holtaway P.G.T. Tyler. Bro. Sutton, under pressure of time, delivered the exhortations to Master, Wardens, and brethren, after which the Treasurer's report was read. It showed that the Zetland had done well during the year, and after devoting £26 to the Charities there was a balance in hand. The Installing Master now had the pleasing duty of presenting in the name of the Lodge a P.M.'s jewel to the I.P.M. and, in placing it on his breast, expressed a wish, which he knew was the sentiment of the Lodge, that he might live long to wear it, to which Bro. Milner very appropriately replied. The W.M. received hearty good wishes from the visiting brethren, and the Lodge was closed in harmony, to adjourn, by command of Bro. Bannantyne, to banquet. The menu was very choice, and the viands were well supplied by Bro. Fairhurst. On the removal of the cloth, the W.M. gave the first toast—the Queen, which was duly honoured, the brethren singing the National Anthem. In proposing the health of the Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the W.M. bore testimony to the great impetus given to the Craft by His Royal Highness being at its head, and so admirably filling the duties of Grand Master. He united with the toast the name of the august Consort of the Prince, and the rest of the Royal Family, which was heartily responded to. The next toast proposed was that of the Prov. G. Master Lord De Tabley, and in submitting this toast Bro. Bannantyne said he had great pleasure in informing them that not only as a Mason and Prov. G. Master of Cheshire was Lord De Tabley appreciated, but as a gentleman endearing himself to all with whom he came in contact. It was needless to add anything by way of praise to ensure a hearty reception of his lordship's name. He wished to unite with the toast, the health of Bros. Sutton P.G.J.W., and Brother Chesworth P.G.D.C. The toast was drunk with enthusiasm and Masonic honours. Bro. Kretschman kindly favoured the brethren with a song. Bro. Sutton, in reply to the last toast, did so with great pleasure on his own behalf, but more especially as there had been a just tribute paid to the Prov. G. Master, for under his benign rule the Craft in this Province had greatly prospered. As regards the duties devolving upon him as a Prov. G. Officer he would do his utmost for the Craft, without distinction of Lodge or district, and he looked forward to a very prosperous and happy year. Bro. Chesworth said that after the exhaustive remarks of Bro. Sutton, he need not dwell upon the details which would arise from so worthy a toast, but he must add his testimony to the sterling qualities of their Prov. G. Master, who is not only honoured in his Province, but throughout England as an exemplar in the high position he occupies, and he felt it an honour to be numbered among the Officers of Cheshire. This toast, that had been so cordially received in the Zetland Lodge, indicated fully the esteem in which his Lordship was held, and it was gratifying to find it so, considering the Lodge had such influence in the province, while its good deeds of Charity were an example to others. The I.P.M., on assuming the gavel, said he had much pleasure in proposing the health of the W.M. All had known him in the various offices he had filled for years past, and now they were glad to see him occupy the exalted position of Worshipful Master. He felt sure at the expiration of the year the Lodge would not suffer under his rule. He now asked them to join in drinking to the very good health of W. Bro. Bannantyne. The toast was heartily responded to, with full Masonic honours. The W. Master, on rising, said he could scarcely find words to express his thanks for the very kind manner in which his name had been received. He felt deeply the honour of being elected to the high position of Master of this Lodge, a position which had been so ably filled by his predecessors, but, knowing their many good qualities, he would endeavour to follow in the path marked out by them, and discharge his high duties to the utmost of his ability. With regard to the future, that remained to be tried, but with the aid of the Past Masters, the hearty co-operation of the brethren, and the skill of the Officers he had selected to assist him in working the Lodge, he felt sanguine as to results. Before sitting down he had great pleasure in proposing the health of the Officers of the Lodge, uniting with the same the name of Bro. S. Warden. The toast was cordially received, and drunk with Masonic Honours. Bro. Clayton returned thanks; he intimated that as an old Past Master of another Lodge he had rendered the desired aid to the Zetland by accepting office, but as there was plenty of young aspirants for office, and every indication of coming

talent, he had no wish to go into the Chair. He was glad to see so much zeal and capacity on the part of the members. Bro. S. Steward also returned thanks for the honour conferred in proposing the health of the Officers. The W.M. next proposed the health of the Installing Master, and in doing so bestowed high eulogiums on Bro. Sutton for the manner in which he had performed the ceremony. He wished, at the same time, to propose the health of Bro. Milner as a Past Master, and expressed a wish that he would respond. Bro. Sutton, on behalf of the Past Masters of the Zetland Lodge, and as Installing Master, thanked the W.M. and brethren for the very cordial reception given the toast. He felt happy to know that his efforts had met with the approbation of all. He alluded to the valuable services rendered by the P.M.'s of the Lodge, whom he characterised as genuine books of reference. Bro. Milner said that little remained for him to add to what Bro. Sutton had said, except that he felt very much impressed with the truly fraternal kindness of the brethren towards himself, and he would ever esteem their gift of a Past Master's jewel as a dear memento of their regard. The W.M. on rising to propose the next toast said, Now comes a toast which is always received in this Lodge with true fraternal greeting. We are ever foremost in doing honour to our guests, whom we consider it a credit to entertain, and the enthusiasm which we at all times evince at their presence is not diminished to-day. He was pleased to see Bro. Dixon of the "Cestrian," Bro. Bennett of the "Mersey," Bro. Price of the "Warren," Bro. Jones of the "Dee," Bro. Davies of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, the Rev. Bro. Kaufman, and indeed every visiting brother who had done them the honour of being present. He would only add that he was delighted to see them all, and should be glad to hear from each visiting brother. The toast was received with enthusiasm. Bro. Jones replied on behalf of the Dee Lodge, Bro. Dixon, on behalf of the Cestrian, Bro. Bennett, for the Mersey. The Rev. Bro. Kaufman, in the course of an admirable speech, in fact, the speech of the evening, offered the following remarks: He represented Humanity—the world—a large constituency, but he must not make a speech commensurably long. His connection with a N. China Lodge, his being a Continental Mason though now an English clergyman and present among them, was a symbol of the interlacing, wide-spread network of Masonry, and in combining all nationalities, the great principle underlying the Institution—*Fraternity*. He represented an Institution never before there represented, a Theological College, and therefore *prima facie* not over-friendly to Masonry, for religious bodies—Popery on the one hand and Puritanism on the other—were unfriendly on religious grounds. Had they representatives at these meetings as on the present occasion, and could see the good done by the society of Masons, its high principles, &c., they would be taught better things. Church and World would be more united. It had been said by a lady of his acquaintance that in the teaching staff, consisting of three, in his College, he represented the world because of his broad sympathies. He was glad of this. For he should not like to represent either the flesh or the devil. His acquaintance with Masonry had taught him that religious bodies might learn from it the great lesson which they so often forgot in their religious antagonisms—*charity*. To conclude. We heard much about Religion of Humanity, and Enthusiasm of Humanity now as if it were something quite new. The Masonic bodies in their mysteries, which were connected with those of the Antients, again in their confraternities during the Middle Ages and in the attitude they occupied in some Mediæval states, had all along vindicated the rights of Humanity and the great principles of Liberty, Equality, and Fraternity. Bro. Davies, for the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, Bro. Kretschman, &c., also replied to the toast, so ably put from the chair and so warmly received by the brethren. The W.M. kindly favoured the company with a capital song, after which Bro. Stevenson drew the attention of the brethren to the Cheshire Educational Institution, and the Tyler's toast ushered in the hour for separation, after each brother had thoroughly enjoyed a very happy and pleasant evening.

## KINGSTON, JAMAICA.

It is expected that the Provincial Grand Master for Mark Masons for Jamaica will shortly inaugurate a Grand Mark Lodge, as every Lodge under English Constitution in this city (Kingston) have now been properly set to work.

The following are the Mark Lodges:—Sussex, Bro. J. W. Whitbourne; Clifton Mount, Bro. J. J. S. Lewis; Royal Keystone, Bro. R. Langley.

PORT ROYAL.—Phoenix, Bro. G. J. De Cordova.

No Grand Royal Arch Chapter has been formed as yet, it is likely that the same will now be taken in hand, as the District Grand Master for Jamaica will remain in the city for some months.

Caledonian Lodge, No. 554 S.C., Port Maria.—The following were the Officers installed on 12th December 1878:—J. J. Lyon W.M., A. Levy I.P.M., T. Broughton S.W., G. F. Coward J.W., D. N. Benrich Sec., J. Neilson Treas., A. A. Lindo S.D., H. F. Hill I.G. The J.D. and Tyler could not be installed, on account of being absent through the severe rains.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Nervous Debility.—No part of the human machine requires more watching than the nervous system—upon it hangs health and life itself. These Pills are the best regulators and strengtheners of the nerves, and the safest general purifiers. Nausea, headache, giddiness, numbness, and mental apathy yield to them. They despatch in a summary manner those distressing dyspeptic symptoms, stomachic pains, fulness at the pit of the stomach, abdominal distension, and overcome both capricious appetites and confined bowels—the commonly accompanying signs of defective or deranged nervous power. Holloway's Pills are particularly recommended to persons of studious and sedentary habits, who gradually sink into a nervous and debilitated state, unless some such restorative be occasionally taken.



## MEMOIR OF BRO. EMRA HOLMES.

By G. M. TWADDELL, F.R.S.N.A.

*The following extracts are taken from "AMABEL VAUGHAN."*

IN my Biographical Sketch of Bro. Emra Holmes, prefixed to his *Tales, Poems, and Masonic Papers*, issued last year, I noticed his remarkable parentage, as well as "the even tenor of his way" through life, from his birth to his appointment to the Collectorship of Customs at Fowey, in Cornwall (which office he still holds), remarking towards the close, that "Mr. Emra Holmes happened to be a resident in South Durham at the time when I was collecting materials for biographical notices of the poets and prose writers of the district, I could not but notice his promising contributions to the press of the Northern Counties; and since then we have been for years fellow-labourers in journalism. In the *Second Series*, I hope to trace his Masonic career from his initiation to his highest honours." I, therefore, now proceed to redeem my promise.

Bro. Emra Holmes was initiated into Freemasonry on the 2nd of May 1861, in the St. Helen's Lodge, No. 531, Hartlepool, and was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on the 5th of September following. He soon after became Secretary of the Lodge, was next appointed to one of the Warden's chairs, and in due course elected Worshipful Master. On the 16th of February 1865, he was admitted and exalted as a Royal Arch Mason, in the Chapter of Strict Benevolence, Sunderland, but held no office in that Chapter. On the 14th of April 1865, he was dubbed a Knight Templar and a Knight of Malta, in the Royal Kent Encampment, Newcastle-on-Tyne (founded in 1812), and subsequently held some minor offices in that Encampment; being also appointed Provincial Grand Almoner of Northumberland. On the 15th of January 1867, he was advanced to the degree of Mark Master, in the Eclectic Lodge, No. 39, West Hartlepool, and subsequently held the office of J.W. On the 10th of January 1866, he was "duly installed a Knight of the Sword of Jerusalem, and of the East and West, and was received and admitted and constituted"—so runs the parchment—"an Excellent and Perfect Knight Rose Croix of H.R.D.M.," in the Royal Kent Chapter, at Newcastle-on-Tyne. On the 27th of May 1867, he was made a Knight Companion of the Royal Order of Scotland (asserted to have been founded by King Robert the Bruce) at the Provincial Grand Chapter for Lanark, Renfrew, and Dumbarton, held in Glasgow; and when a Provincial Grand Lodge of that Order was consecrated in London by the Earl of Rosslyn, then Grand Master of Scotland, he was appointed Provincial Grand Banner Bearer. On the 9th of October, of the same year, he was duly installed a Grand Elected Knight K.H., 30°, at a meeting of the Grand Metropolitan Chapter, held at Freemasons' Hall, London; and on the 10th of December 1868, he was received into the degree of Grand Inspector Inquisitor Commander, 31°.

I have been more particular in noticing the advancement of Bro. Holmes in the so-called "higher degrees," because Father Suffield (then a Romish emissary, but since, I am told, become a Unitarian minister), in lecturing in the County of Durham on "The Wrongs of Ireland," went out of his way to publicly attack Freemasonry, and, I felt it a duty I owed to the Craft which I so dearly love, to enter into a "paper war" with the reverend (and I must say courteous) gentleman, whose erroneous ideas of Freemasonry were evidently derived from such writers as Professor Robison, supported by the fulminations from the Vatican. The Jesuit Priest, or Dominican Friar, I must say treated me most fairly throughout the whole controversy; but, unable to answer the truthful and common-sense arguments which I adduced, to prove that we English Masons, at least, could not be irreligious and seditious conspirators against all religion, good government, and social order and well-being, as he had declared us to be, he took refuge in the assertion, that as I probably did not belong to the "higher degrees," I was kept in blissful ignorance of the direful danger he was exposing, being, like the majority of my brother Masons, a deluded dupe; whereupon a new combatant appeared in the arena, for our good Brother Emra Holmes, as a "High Degree Mason," rushed manfully to the rescue with a letter to the Editor of *The South Durham and Cleveland Mercury*, the paper in which the controversy took place, and was continued until stopped by the Editor.

As Father Suffield, during the ten years which have elapsed since the friendly controversy just alluded to, has apparently seen through most of the errors of Popery, it would be interesting to know if he is still weak enough to retain his old prejudices against any of the degrees called Masonic; for though I, for one, like many other ardent lovers of "the mystic tie," could not conscientiously acknowledge any degree, however beautiful its ritual, which so narrows its portals as to exclude from admittance any "good men and true," whatever their sect and party, who believe in the fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of man, I cannot be blind to the fact that many of our most intelligent and charitable Masons belong, like Bro. Emra Holmes, to the chivalric degrees. Let them, like true knights-errant, wage war against every species of wrong, and though we may never be able to see with the same eyes, we can agree to differ. There is work for us all, in trying to leave the world better than we found it, both by our precepts and our example.

Being appointed to Ipswich in August 1869, Bro. Holmes soon afterwards there joined the Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 959, and the British Union Lodge, No. 114, and for some time held the office of Director of Ceremonies in the latter Lodge. He then joined the Albert Victor Mark Lodge, of which he ultimately became Master. He also joined the Plantagenet Encampment of Knights Templar, and the Prudence Encampment (which dates from 1810), of which latter he became Eminent Commander or Preceptor, and also held for some time the office of Registrar. In the Provincial Grand Encampment of Suffolk and Cambridge, he was appointed Provincial Grand Registrar in May 1870, and afterwards Provincial

Grand Second Captain, by Captain N. G. Philips (an officer of the Queen's Body Guard of Gentlemen at Arms, now Groom in Waiting to Her Majesty), the very popular and courteous Grand Commander. Joining the Victoria Chapter of Rose Croix, also holding its meetings in Ipswich, he became Recorder, and ultimately succeeded to the chair as M.W.S. He also became a member of the Alexandra and St. Luke's Royal Arch Chapters, at Ipswich, filling all the principal offices in the latter up to that of first Principal M.E.Z.

Bro. Holmes was selected by Lord Waveney, Provincial Grand Master of Suffolk, to fill the office of Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies, in which capacity he acted for some years. He was also appointed Provincial Grand Registrar. During the time of his residence at Ipswich, he was made a member of the Great Prior's Council at the Great Conclave of Knights Templar in London, by the Earl of Limerick, the then head of the Order, and was appointed Second Grand Captain of Lines, and afterwards Grand Provost of the Order. In April 1873, he was appointed a member of the Ritual Commission in conjunction with the Hon. Judge Townsend, Arch Chancellor of the Order; Sir Patrick Colquhoun, Q.C., Arch Registrar of the Temple, and others: the object of the Commission being to assimilate the Rituals in use in England, Ireland, and Scotland, amongst the various bodies of Knights Templar, whilst carefully preserving the ancient landmarks of the Order, and forming a new one based upon what was considered the ancient Ritual of the original Knights.

The latest proof that I am aware of, showing the high estimation in which Bro. Holmes is held amongst his brethren, especially the Knights Templar, of which he is a most enthusiastic member, is contained in the following extract from a letter of Col. McLeod Moore G.C.T., Great Prior of Canada:—

"*La Prairie, Prov. of Quebec, Canada, 28th Oct. 1878.*

"DEAR SIR AND EMT. BRO. KNIGHT,—I did myself the pleasure of forwarding you my Report, read at the Great Priory of Canada on the 11th inst., which will give you a pretty good idea of the views entertained by the Order in Canada. At that Convocation you were proposed by me, and duly elected, as one of the Grand Master's Council for the Great Priory; your colleagues being Colonel Shadwell Clerke and Bro. Knt. Preceptor T. B. Whytehead, of York; and you were also appointed Representative of the Great Priory of Canada, near that of England, with honorary rank as a Member. I trust these appointments will be acceptable to you, and will be glad to learn so from yourself before the Proceedings are published. I am well acquainted with the interest you take in the Order, and have read with much interest your several published communications on the subject."

Bro. Holmes, like Bro. Whytehead, of York, is an able writer and an enthusiastic member of various Masonic and Chivalrous Degrees, and naturally felt it a high honour to be elected to the Grand Master's Council as above; but to be selected from amongst the three thousand Knights Templar in England as the chosen Representative of the Canadian Branch of the Order at the English National Great Priory, especially after having been proposed by so eminent and erudite a member of the Order as the Great Prior of Canada, is admitted to be, is a dignity of which he may well be proud. Had he inherited the Barony of Holmes of Kilmallock, in the peerage of Ireland, of which his father is said to have been the rightful heir, one might have suspected that his aristocratical rank had influenced the choice; as it is, no one can regard it otherwise than as a well-merited compliment to his energetic labours for the Chivalrous Degrees.

Being now stationed at Fowey, in Cornwall, where he holds the official position of Collector of Her Majesty's Customs (the rank which a writer in *The Civilian* terms "the blue ribbon of the Civil Service"),\* he has naturally transferred his interest to the local branches of the Masonic and Chivalrous Orders, and is a member of the Fowey Lodge, the Unity Royal Arch Chapter, and Restormel Preceptory of Knights Templar, at Tywardreath, and holds the office of Provincial Grand Standard Bearer in the Provincial Grand Chapter of Cornwall, having been appointed to that office by the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, Provincial Grand Superintendent.

To the outside world Bro. Holmes is perhaps best known by his lectures and public readings, always given for the aid of some educational or charitable institution. Whilst residing in the North of England he became popular as a public reader, both in the county of Durham and in Yorkshire; as he now is, both as a reader and lecturer, in the counties of Suffolk, Essex, Cornwall, &c., where there is scarcely a town of any importance which has not availed itself of his eloquence, wit, and humour.

He first appeared as a Lecturer at Ipswich, in 1870, when he delivered his "Lecture on Public Speaking." These were followed by others on "Charles Dickens," "Tom Hood," and "Odds and Ends of Wit and Humour."

Gifted so eminently with what Shakspeare calls "the power of speech to stir men's blood," I wish our good Brother could visit every Lodge in the United Kingdom, and stir the stagnant minds of that numerous class of men who believe themselves to be good Freemasons simply because they have passed through certain ceremonies, for which they were never prepared in their hearts—can give a few signs and passwords, without caring for the high moral obligations they should remind them of—subscribe to a Lodge which eats and drinks the funds that ought to be kept sacred for Masonic purposes, and are the first to strut, in public or private parade, bedecked with the jewels of the Order, the fine symbolic teaching of which they con-

\* "PROFESSOR PLAYFAIR, M.P., the blue ribbon of your entire establishment is the office of Collector?" Mr. GOULBURN, C.B., Chairman Board of Customs—Yes.—*Civil Service Inquiry Commission. Third Report.*

stantly ignore in their daily lives; who care neither for Masonic Literature nor our noble Charities; men in whom we fail to observe that they are made wiser or better by their admission to our mysteries; who cannot divest themselves of each selfish consideration and narrow prejudice; who never reflected that we are united by a strict and endearing relation, as creatures of the same God, children of the same first parents, and brethren of the same solid tie. If the warmly-benevolent heart and cultivated intellect of Bro. Emra Holmes, speaking through his eloquent tongue, could not break up the hard fallow-ground and sow good seed, likely in time to bear an abundant harvest amongst those now unmasonic Masons, we must wait patiently till they pass through the dark Valley of the Shadow of Death—dark and dreary, indeed, to them—and watch with Faith, and Hope, and Charity, for the dawning of that better day when every Mason's Lodge will be, as it ought now, the centre of true civilisation for the vicinage in which it is placed; when every Freemason shall not only be a man who has made some elevating branch of Literature, or of Science, or of Art, his special study, but who also lives in Brotherly Love to all the human race, relieves all manner of distress within the compass of his cable-tow, and ever studies Truth (wisely called by Rousseau "the eye of Reason"), both in profession and practice; to whom the over-burdened heart feels that it can at once lay bare its sorrows, with the certainty of receiving sympathy; and when the simple white lambskin apron, the distinguishing badge of a Mason (with or without its tinsel), will indeed be honoured by all men as more ancient than the Golden Fleece or the Roman Eagle, more honourable than the Star and Garter, or any other Order in existence, being the badge of Innocence and the bond of Friendship.

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### FREEMASONRY IN SHROPSHIRE.

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

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In a recent number you observe, in an article on Freemasonry in Shropshire, that any Royal Arch Mason in the province of North Wales and Shropshire wishing to attend a Chapter must go to Shrewsbury or Welchpool, the Fitzalan Chapter at Oswestry having not yet met, though warranted three years ago. I write to remind you that there is a flourishing R.A. Chapter attached to the Lodge of St. John, No. 601, in this town. It was established in 1855, and is now regularly held. There are about 25 members, the present M.E.Z. being Comp. R. Anslow (P.M. 1120, S.W. 601) who is supported by Comp. R. J. Acton (P.M. 601) and Comp. Roff King (P.M. 601) as H. and J. The meetings are held on the second Friday in January, April, July and October, at the Wrekin Hotel.

It may be of interest to Royal Arch Masons to know that Sir W. Wynne, M.P., Prov. Grand Supt. for Shropshire and North Wales has announced his intention of convening Prov. Grand Chapter for the first time at an early date.

Yours fraternally,

SALOPIENSIS.

Wellington, Salop, 11th January 1878.

### HONORARY MEMBERS.

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

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Brother Smallpeice, in a late number of the "CHRONICLE," says, in reference to the above, *Honorary Members of Lodges have no legal existence whatever*, giving copious extracts from the Book of Constitutions in support of this statement.

Has he not been "straining at a gnat and swallowing a camel?"

Bye-laws cannot in any way over-ride the "Constitutions" but, when sanctioned by the Grand Master, are, to all intents and purposes, as binding on the Lodge as the "Constitutions" themselves. Hence, if Bye-laws fix a status for honorary members—and define their privileges—the "Order" of "Honorary Membership" is perfectly valid and substantial, that is, in the Lodge to which they refer; and outside the particular Lodge it is perfectly immaterial what may be thought of the "degree."

My own Lodge has a special rule upon this subject, and its Bye-laws having been duly sanctioned, no question can possibly arise in it as to their existence or non-existence.

Yours faithfully,

A CONSTITUTIONALIST.

14th January 1879.

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

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Help me out of a fix. I have been the Hon. Sec. of a Lodge of Instruction for over five years, during which time I have had free use of my privileges as a free and accepted Mason to propose and to second, and to vote upon any question which to me seemed advisable, until last evening. I ventured to propose in open Lodge, at proper time, that our Treasurer should be enrolled an hon.

member of our Lodge, as it is customary in our Lodge that all its Officers should be honorary.

I was immediately informed that as an honorary member I was out of place; that I could not vote even; that my vote could not be counted. This pleasing particular of Grand Lodge ruling having been forced upon me, I withdrew my proposition that peace and joy might still reign supreme, as it hitherto had done. Kindly say in your valuable paper how far the law relates to Instruction Lodges, or to my case in particular.

I am, Dear Sir, yours fraternally,

J. K. P.

### MASONIC BALL AT LIVERPOOL.

THE cordial support of its charities, which embody care for the education of the young and anxiety for the comfort and shelter of the aged, is one of the distinguishing features of Freemasonry in this and other provinces; and that which stands highest in the estimation of the thousands of brethren in this Masonic division of the kingdom is the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution—a model charity in its way, and not excelled in its position by any in the provinces. During its twenty-eight years' existence it has increased in popularity year by year, until it now occupies a position which is eminently satisfactory to those having the charge of its management, as it is highly creditable to its numerous friends and supporters. The invested capital, according to the last published report, amounted to £13,886, and there are now upwards of 100 children educated by means of the annual subscriptions of the brethren and the interest from this capital, without touching any portion of the invested money. The amounts paid for education and advancement in life of the children of distressed and deceased Masons in the year 1877 amounted to £580 17s 3d; but as a great number of little ones have been admitted to the privileges of the scheme since that time, a largely increased expenditure will necessarily be the result of last year's working. The great charm of the charity is its unsectarian character (thus resembling the Order which gave it being and active life), and another most remarkable feature of its working is the fact that the little ones who are thus educated and advanced in life know nothing about the source from whence the money comes which thus helps them. Mothers or guardians are allowed to select the schools to which the children are to be sent, and the committee of the institution, who carry out this part of the work in pure charity, make it their business to see that the education is of an effective kind. Trusting to the continued and even increased support of the brethren connected with the eighty Lodges in the province of West Lancashire, the committee of the institution (of which Bro. Lord Skelmersdale P.G.M. is president, and Bro. Colonel Stanley, M.P., D.P.G.M. one of the vice-presidents) have under consideration the broadening of the basis of the charity by clothing as well as educating the children who stand in need of this further help. Already the matter has been mooted, and from the enthusiasm shown in connection with the extended scheme there is little doubt that it will be crowned with success.

The annual ball in aid of the "West Lancashire," which invariably gives substantial help to its funds, took place last Monday at the Town Hall, being the 30th of the series, and additional interest was given to what invariably proves a pleasant and agreeable gathering to the brethren and ladies, as well as to the public generally, was the fact that it will probably be the last at the headquarters of the mayoralty, owing to the recent action of the council. Last Monday's festive gathering was under the distinguished patronage of the Mayor and Mayoress (Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Royden), the Countess Bective, Lady Constance Stanley, Lady Skelmersdale, Lady Greenall, Bros. the Earl of Carnarvon Pro G.M., Lord Skelmersdale D.G.M. P.G.M. (who was also President of the Ball Committee), Major Starkie P.G.M. East Lancashire, Lord de Tabley P.G.M. Cheshire, Colonel F. Stanley D.P.G.M., Sir Gilbert Greenall, M.P., Past G.S.W., Lieut.-Colonel Bonsfield, M.P., Colonel Steble, Sir J. Ramsden, Earl Bective P.G.M. Cumberland and Westmoreland, Sir W. W. Wynn, Bart., M.P., P.G.M., Sir A. B. Walker, and the borough and county members. Considering the bad times, the attendance was exceedingly good, and the financial result will probably be such as to add considerably to the funds of the noble institution. The arrangements were of the most complete and satisfactory character, thanks to the indefatigable efforts of the committee, the principal members of which were Bro. R. Wylie P.P.G.S.D. (chairman), Bro. J. McKune P.M. 216 (vice-chairman), and Bro. R. Martin jun. P.M. 1182 (treasurer). The onerous duties of ball secretary were admirably filled by Bro. Thomas Salter J.W. of the Merchant's Lodge, No. 216, to whose untiring efforts the success attending the ball for 1879 is greatly due. As usual, the duties of master of ceremonies were fulfilled with great tact and courtesy by Bro. H. M. Molyneux P.M. 823, who has for a great number of years given his assistance in this way. There were between six hundred and 700 brethren and ladies present, and amongst the former were Bros. Councillors Peet, Sheen, Lunt, and Ball; T. McCracken, A. Tobias, &c. The members of the various orders appeared in full dress Masonic clothing, with the jewels and insignia of their rank and office, and these added considerably to the fine effect of the gathering. Bro. John Houlding P.M. 823 was the excellent captain of a band of stewards, about 50 in number, to whose efforts the general comfort of the visitors was largely attributable. The supper and refreshments were supplied by Bro. Fairhurst (Messrs. Fisk and Fairhurst, Castle-street), and the general excellence of his catering gave the greatest satisfaction in both departments. The supper tables were laid out with the greatest taste, and amongst the conspicuous features of the "creature comforts" was a large baron of beef. Bro. G. A. W. Philipps' band furnished the music, and the following was the list of dances:—1 polka, 2 quadrille, 3 galop, 4 lancers, 5 waltz, 6 quadrille, 7 schottische, 8 lancers, 9 waltz, 10 quadrille, 11 polka, 12 lancers, 13 galop, 14 quadrille, 15 schottische, 16 lancers, 17 waltz, 18 quadrille, 19 galop, 20 polka, 21 lancers, 22 schottische, 23 waltz, 24 galop.

### QUARTERLY COURT OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

THE Quarterly Court of the Governors and Subscribers to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was held on Saturday last, at Freemasons' Hall. There were present Bros. Col. Creton (in the chair), A. H. Tattershall, A. E. Gladwell, T. F. Peacock, R. B. Webster, Griffiths Smith, J. E. Le Fenve, H. Massey, James E. Peters, H. Dicketts, W. Roebuck, A. F. A. Woodford, Thos. W. White, A. Tisley, A. Hopwood, C. Harcourt, Thomas Massa, Raynham W. Stewart, S. Rawson, C. J. Perceval, Tyerman, F. W. Ramsay, John Faulkner, C. F. Matier, L. Ruf, J. Terry, P. de L. Long, D. D. Berry, H. Potter, F. Binckes, J. G. Stevens, H. T. Thompson, Hugh H. Riach, G. J. Row, T. Kingston, W. Marne, W. R. Woodman, Robert Berridge, and F. R. W. Hedges Secretary. The list of candidates for the April election was declared, by which it appeared there were 48 candidates, and 13 vacancies for children to be elected. On the motion of Bro. Peacock, seconded by Bro. Griffiths Smith, Bro. John Faulkner was appointed honorary dental surgeon to the Institution. The brethren then considered the new laws of the Institution as drawn by the Special Sub-Committee. The discussion on these laws occupied about two hours. The brethren struck out that portion of the new Law 55 which proposed that a candidate's father should have subscribed to one of the Masonic Institutions. Bro. Woodford submitted that such a law would be making Freemasonry a benefit society, and this was entirely contrary to the spirit of Masonry. Bro. R. B. Webster, as one of the sub-committee, explained that the suggestion that there should be such a condition of candidature emanated from one or two members of the sub-committee, and that it had been put in only for the purpose of ascertaining the opinion of the Court, and not in any belief that it would be carried. The sub-committee would be perfectly satisfied by the proposition being negatived. The Court closed with a vote of thanks to the chairman.

### QUARTERLY MEETING OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

THE Quarterly Meeting of the Subscribers and Governors of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was held on Monday last at the Freemasons' Hall. There were present Col. Creton (chairman), S. Rawson, W. Roebuck, F. W. Ramsay, H. Massey, W. H. Perryman, Geo. Bolton, Don. M. Dewar, C. F. Matier, J. Terry, A. F. A. Woodford, H. A. Dubois, J. W. Baldwin, Rev. Richard Morris, Head Master, J. H. Cox, Raynham W. Stewart, John Mason, Arthur E. Gladwell, C. F. Hogard, W. R. Applebee, A. Tisley, L. Ruf, C. Pulman, and F. Binckes Secretary. Bro. Hedges, Secretary of the Girls' School, also attended. After the minutes had been read and confirmed, the brethren resolved that the letter from Bro. John Symonds, thanking them for the vote of last Quarterly Court, in which they acknowledged his numerous services to the Institution, was ordered to be entered on the minutes. Bro. W. H. Lovejoy was appointed honorary dental surgeon to the Institution. Sixty-eight candidates for election in April were then declared to be the number, and the vacancies in the School to be then supplied were declared to be sixteen. The brethren then passed the new laws sent up to the Court by the Sub-Committee, and in a discussion of nearly two hours made various alterations in them, and afterwards adjourned.

### THERE IS NO MIDDLE PATH.

From the VOICE OF MASONRY.

THE recent action of the Grand Lodge of Illinois in declining any longer to recognise the Grand Lodge of Scotland as a legitimate Masonic organisation, or its members as worthy of being received as brethren so long as they are false to that jurisprudence which declares that no Grand Lodge shall dare to infringe the jurisdiction of a sister Grand Lodge by establishing Lodges within its territory, is right. This law is almost considered a landmark by American Grand Lodges, and although the *Masonic Magazine*, of London, England, may insinuate that our legislation is hasty, and influenced by surrounding circumstances, which is false; and notwithstanding Bro. Woodford, of *The Freemason*, also of London, may write essays to the same effect, I defy him even to say that the Grand Lodge of Scotland acted with courtesy or common decency towards a Grand Body, which only a few months previously it had declared to be the Supreme Masonic governing organisation over the Province of Quebec.

The Grand Lodge of Illinois saw the matter in its true light, and did not attempt to sneak out of the responsibility of dealing with it as did the Grand Lodge of Canada, by laying it over for another year. No, the Grand Lodge of Illinois, having recognised the Grand Lodge of Quebec, threw policy to the winds, and supported justice and honour by at once upholding the hands of her sister Grand Lodge in the hour of her peril, and by one sharp incision laying open the foul ulcer, and then severing all further intercourse with a Grand Lodge so void of honour as that of Scotland.

It was far easier to act in the sneaking, roundabout way suggested in the non-committal policy advanced by the timid Grand Master of Canada, but Illinois declared, "*There is no middle path*," and without hesitation nobly supported the doctrine, universally held on this Continent, of exclusive Grand Lodge Sovereignty, and declared all intercourse between itself and the Grand Lodge of Scotland at an end till such time as that Grand Body acknowledges its error and withdraws its spurious charters from the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Quebec.

There is no middle path in Freemasonry. It has certain fixed laws and standing regulations that are acknowledged as binding upon all legitimate Grand Lodges, and if any one of the great sisterhood of Grand Lodges dares to break these laws and infringe upon this

Masonic comity it must reap the just punishment it so richly deserves, and the older that Grand Lodge is the more condign and universal must the necessity be of at once protesting against and denouncing its acts and edicts. If we permit the weaker sister to be pushed to the wall by the arrogance of a stronger sister we are untrue to ourselves and false to those professions of honour and justice that we, as Freemasons, hold to be so dear to our hearts. We cannot permit the weak to be trampled upon because they are weak, nor can we allow the strong to triumph because they are strong, venerable, and powerful.

An insult offered to a Grand Lodge with which we are on friendly terms must be accepted as an insult to ourselves, or otherwise what use is there of our fraternal relations, our constant correspondence, our mutual expressions of esteem, and our exchange of Grand Representatives. There is either a something in our acceptance of a newly organised Grand Lodge into our common sisterhood of Grand Lodges or there is nothing. Which is it? In ordinary life if a man attacked the character and injured the reputation of our friend and brother, we would resent the insult and avoid or denounce the creature that dared to do so; how much more necessary is it for us to do so in our collective, executive, or legislative capacity as Craftsmen in Grand Lodge assembled, when we see the rights and privileges of our allies infringed upon by those from whom we should expect friendship, advice, and support.

Our boasted system of Grand Lodge Sovereignty is a farce if we do not support each other in upholding it. If we remain on friendly terms and greet as brethren those who knowingly violate it, we expose ourselves justly to the taunts and sneers of our opponents. We drag our flag in the dust, and soil our aprons not with the cement of friendship and brotherly love, but with the dirt of meanness and the filth of cowardice.

To proclaim a doctrine and join an alliance, as it were, in support of that doctrine, and then permit a Grand Lodge upholding that dogma, and with which we are on friendly terms and have exchanged Grand Representatives, to have its jurisdiction infringed and spurious Lodges established in its midst, and finally, as if to add insult to injury, a so-called illegal Provincial Grand Lodge organised in its commercial metropolis, without protesting and at once hurling back the menace, by severing all Masonic connection with it and its subordinates till such time as it retracts, is to act the part of the coward and the poltroon. As I before observed, "there is no middle path," and the Grand Lodge of Illinois by making a stand at once has merited the praise and just approval of the six hundred thousand Masons on this Continent.

It is easy to say, "Let time heal the wound." Does the surgeon say, when he sees gangrene assuming its fatal form, let nature take its course, or does he use the cautery and the knife? Does the law allow the culprit to escape because it is a first offence, or does it punish him for the deed? Does the clergyman tell the fallen one, "*never mind, you have only committed the sin a few times*," or does he not protest and censure, in the name of his Master, and explain that unless he or she repents and returns to the right path a just and awful punishment awaits him or her? Likewise with our Masonic organisation, we must warn, protest, and sever connection with those who defy our laws and act without feeling or care for those whom we acknowledge as friends and brothers.

The do-nothing policy does not answer in Masonry any more than it does in politics, medicine, surgery, law, or religion. It proclaims, in the first place, a laxity of moral stamina, and in the second place, it shows a cowardly spirit that would shirk a trial and shun a difficulty. There is no middle path in Freemasonry, and those brethren who think there is will find themselves mistaken, and when the hour of their trial arrives will perceive that their former lukewarmness and indifference to the rights and welfare of their neighbours and allies will recoil with interest upon themselves.

Experience teaches us that a straightforward and honourable course will tell in the long run far better than duplicity and deceit, and consequently I argue that it doubly behoves the Freemason to act the part of an honourable and upright man, and our governing bodies must conduct their proceedings in an equally straightforward manner. If a wrong has been done to the Craft Universal, they must denounce it with no uncertain sound. Mealy-mouthed utterances and smooth-tongued platitudes are out of place on such an occasion. What has a Grand Lodge to fear when she proclaims the right and acts with justice? Absolutely nothing. Why, then, in this particular instance are the Grand Lodges of this Continent to hesitate, when a flagrant outrage has been committed on the Grand Lodge of Quebec by the Grand Lodge of Scotland—an outrage so contemptible that *The Scottish Freemason*, the organ of the Craft itself in that country, has beseeched its ruling members to wait, to stop, before it committed an outrage so absolutely without principle that no Masonic jurisconsult on this Continent, or writer of eminence, has dared, through the columns of the press to even excuse, leave alone defend it. All honour then to the Grand Lodge of Illinois in the noble stand it has taken in support of the rights, titles and privileges of the Grand Lodge of Quebec.

The Grand Lodge of New Brunswick touched the keynote at its recent Annual Communication, and now the Grand Lodge of Illinois has blown a clarion blast, which will be taken up by every American Grand Lodge from the Atlantic to the Pacific, from the frozen lakes of the north to the sweet smelling forests of the south. We rejoice at the sound of it. It is clear, pure and loud, and all that is good and true in Freemasonry will answer to that call, which says, "Our Sister, the Grand Lodge of Quebec has been insulted, her territory has been invaded, her rights having been ignored, her jurisdiction has been infringed upon and the invader must be driven forth, his followers no longer received in our Lodge rooms, and his adherents no more acknowledged as Masons and Brethren." This is what the Grand Lodge of Illinois declares, and her noble stand will never be forgotten by the friends, allies and members of the Grand Lodge of Quebec. Truly there is no middle path in Freemasonry. *Justitia Semper Regit Imperia.*



## NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

**Hundred of Elloe Lodge, No. 469.**—Thursday, 9th inst., was a "high day" with the brethren connected with the Hundred of Elloe Lodge in Spalding, the Annual Festival of St. John being celebrated on that day. At 2.30 business commenced, and the labours of the day were protracted until half-past six in the evening. The ceremonies of raising and installation were performed by the W.M. Bro. G. F. Barrell, in a manner seldom witnessed in a provincial Lodge—indeed the D.G.M. of Lincolnshire, who was present, testified his unqualified admiration at the manner in which these onerous ceremonies had been carried through. Necessarily impressive and solemn, they were performed with the most perfect good taste, and elicited the universal congratulations of the brethren. Bro. Woodrow P.M. also performed the ceremony of initiation in his customary able manner. Bro. Bonner P.M., having been duly installed into the chair, briefly addressed the brethren, thanking them for the honour they had conferred upon him, and testifying his intention to carry out the duties of his office to the best of his ability. He then appointed the following Officers:—Bros. Symes S.W., J. Laming J.W., Fountain P.M. Treas., Barrell P.M. Sec., E. Cammack Org., Benner S.D., A. Harrison J.D., S. E. K. Capps I.G., Woodrow D.C. One of the most pleasing ceremonies of the day was the presentation by Bro. Woodward P.M., on behalf of Bros. Barrell, Benner, and himself, of a magnificent banner, to be used on "state occasions." Bro. Woodward expressed a very sincere wish that this might be accepted as a token of their sincere regard for the principles of the Craft, and hoped that instead of a cold formality all the members might evince attention to the principles of the Order. The brethren then adjourned to the White Hart Hotel (the Commissioners refusing to let their board room for the purpose, as has been done for many years), where a most sumptuous and *recherché* banquet was provided by Bro. Harper. The W.M. presided, supported by the D.P.G.M. of Lincolnshire (Captain Locock), the I.P.M. (Bro. Barrell P.G.A.D.C. of Lincolnshire), Bros. Perry, Lowe P.G.C. of Lincolnshire and W.M. 272, Dr. Wood W.M. 838, Hodgings W.M. 935, Hart 466, Shepherd and Ferguson 838, with numerous other visitors, and most of the members of the Hundred of Elloe Lodge. After the banquet the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and duly acknowledged, some very useful and interesting conversation took place, which obviously cannot be recorded here, and several brethren enlivened the evening with songs and recitations. Bro. Cammack and Dr. Wood ably presided at the piano. We cannot refrain from noting the splendid way in which Bro. Hayes rendered those exquisite songs, "Maid of Athens," and the "Blue Alsatian Mountains," while Bros. Abbott and Woodrow's truly Masonic songs "struck home" to every one present. Bro. Hart also took part in the harmony, and Bro. Symes gave a recitation on "The Patience of Job," with admirable effect, and after a most pleasant evening the brethren retired, well pleased with each other and the treat they had enjoyed. We understand that the Provincial Grand Lodge of Lincolnshire will be held at Spalding early in the summer of this year.

**Brecknock Lodge, No. 651.**—On Tuesday the 7th inst., the Brethren held their annual installation meeting at the Masonic rooms, Castle Hotel, when Bro. Thomas Butcher was installed as Worshipful Master for the year 1879; and the following Officers were appointed for the same period:—Thos. Jones S.W., Frank Grundy J.W., David Evans Treasurer, Wm. Webb S.D., John Morgan J.D., Duncan Guilding I.G., Anstin Phipps D.C., T. L. Lewis Organist, Bargrave Watkins, H. O. Aveline Maybery, and Wm. Games Stewards, and J. A. Whittle Secretary. At the banquet a handsome jewel was presented to Bro. Richard Webb, the retiring Worshipful Master. The jewel bore this inscription:

Presented to Bro. P.M. RICHARD WEBB,  
(P.J.G.W.)  
For unremitting attention to the Craft, during  
two years of Mastership.  
1877-1878.

**Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.**—At the Star and Garter, Kew-bridge, on 10th inst. Bros. Gomm W.M., Gunner S.W., Talbot J.W., Goss S.D., Skinner J.D., McGee I.G., Roo Preceptor, Gow, &c. Lodge opened in due form and advanced to third degree. On being resumed to the first, Bro. Goss offered himself as candidate, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. The Lodge was called off, and again resumed to the third, and then regularly closed down.

**New Concord Chapter, No. 813.**—A convocation was held at Guildhall Tavern on Thursday, 9th January, Comps. Crawford M.E.Z., J. Wright H., Cusworth J., J. Terry P.Z., Gallant P.Z., W. H. Main S.E., Tiddeman S.N., H. J. Gabb P.S., Chicken Second Assistant, Speight Janitor. Visitors—Comps. Soper and Smith. Bros. Atkins P.M. 813, Stephens 813, Musto 813, Allardye 813, and Sharman 1158, were duly exalted. The report of the auditors was received and adopted, and the Chapter, which has only been in existence little over a year, may be congratulated upon its prosperous condition. The Comps. then adjourned to a very excellent banquet, when the usual Loyal and Royal Ark toasts were honoured.

**Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.**—Held its weekly meeting on Tuesday evening last at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston. Bro. M. Christian W.M., Wardell S.W., Smyth J.W., Polak S.D., Williams J.D., Carr I.G., Dallas Sec., Smyth Treas., P.M. Wallington Preceptor. Bros. Brasted, C. Lorkin, Giller, and others. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes of

the last meeting read and confirmed. Bro. J. Lorkin answered the necessary questions; the Lodge was opened in the second degree, and ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. J. Lorkin as candidate. The Lodge was resumed to the first degree, when Bro. Lorkin worked the first, second, third, and fourth sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Wardell will preside next Tuesday evening.

**Wandsworth Lodge, No. 1044.**—A meeting of this Lodge was held at the Spread Eagle Hotel, Wandsworth, on Wednesday evening, the 15th inst. There were present Bros. W. A. Morgan W.M., E. H. Boddy S.W., F. Reed J.W., W. F. Wardrop S.D., J. Carter (visitor) J.D., S. E. Francis, George Howick, H. R. Jones P.M., S. W. Field, J. W. Marshall, H. F. Goodchild, G. W. Smith, P. V. Denham, A. J. Duck, J. Stirk, W. Springett, H. J. Newens, and A. A. Denham. Bros. Field and Marshall were impressively raised to the degree of M.M. by Bro. J. G. Carter, the W.M. (Bro. W. A. Morgan) being prevented from attending until a late hour. Three gentlemen were proposed as initiates, and the ballot will be taken for them at the next meeting. Bro. G. Howick proposed, Bro. E. H. Boddy seconded, and it was carried unanimously, "That a letter be sent to Bro. H. Wilson, Treasurer, announcing the regret of the Lodge at his illness," he being prevented from attending on account of indisposition. After the labour of the evening, the refreshment was very acceptable, Bro. Host Dougherty had provided a capital dinner. The cloth having been removed, Bro. Morgan, the W.M. gave the usual Masonic toasts, which were heartily received. He regretted the absence of the elected Officers, and was sure it was only through urgent business on their part. Bro. H. E. Jones P.M., in proposing the W.M.'s health, which was received with very hearty "firing," referred to his Masonic efficiency, and to his geniality to visitors. The Tyler's toast brought the close of a happy evening.

**Capper Lodge, No. 1076.**—A meeting was held on Thursday, 9th inst., at the Marine Hotel, Tidal Basin, Victoria Docks, E. Bros. Francis Brion W.M., P. McCarthy S.W., J. Gaskell P.M. J.W. pro tem, James Mitchell Hon. Sec., B. B. Brayshaw P.M. Treasurer, J. T. K. Job S.D., Wm. Dorton J.D., A. Mason D.C., R. Brown and W. Harris Stewards, W. Nevins I.G., B. Norman Tyler. Past Masters Bros. White I.P.M., John Dorton, H. B. Holliday, T. G. Day. Visitors, Bros. Lacey, Nelson Lodge, 700. The Lodge was opened punctually at 6 o'clock, and after the minutes had been confirmed Bro. Johnson, who was a candidate for passing, was examined, entrusted and retired. The Lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Brother Johnson was duly passed. After the Lodge was resumed, Brother Day brought forward a motion, of which he had given notice, viz.: "That an investigation committee be formed to enquire into the character of the proposed candidates." This was seconded by Bro. Holliday P.M., and after considerable discussion was eventually carried by a majority of one. The W.M. then presented Bro. White the I.P.M. with an inscription on vellum, which had been voted by the Lodge for the admirable manner in which he had performed the installation ceremony. Bro. P.M. White briefly returned thanks in a few appropriate remarks. The Lodge was closed in due form, and the Brethren enjoyed a capital evening, which was enlivened by some good singing.

**Anchor Lodge, No. 1337.**—The Installation meeting of this Lodge took place in the Masonic Rooms, Northallerton, Yorkshire, on Tuesday last, when Bro. M. Wainisley S.W. and W.M. elect was placed in the chair of K.S., Bro. A. Knowles P.M. and P.P.G.D. performing the ceremony. The W.M. invested his Officers as follows:—Bros. H. Rymer I.P.M., Hardy S.W., Palliser J.W., Rev. H. Jones Chaplain, Oxendale Treas., Stead Sec., Wheldon S.D., Stanning J.D., Walton P.M. D.C., Sootheran I.G., Wilkinson Tyler, Wheldon and Russell Stewards. There was a good muster of brethren from the town and neighbourhood, and amongst the P.M.'s and Visitors present were Bros. G. W. Elliott P.M. P.P.G.S.W., C. Palliser P.M., Waistell P.M., Fairburn P.M., Rev. W. C. Lukis W.M. 837, G. Anderson P.M. 1416, T. B. Whythead P.M. 1611, G. C. Lee 1611, G. Simpson 1611, W. P. Husband 1611, &c. A banquet was afterwards held at the Golden Lion Hotel, at which about thirty brethren sat down.

**The Sir Hugh Myddelton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1602.**—Held at the Crown and Woolpack, St. John-street-road, on Tuesday last. Present—Bro. Hallam jun. W.M., Hyland S.W., Pelikan J.W., Greene J.D., Godolphin I.G., Somers P.M., Osborn Secretary; also Bros. Norris, Patmore, Hallam sen., Wood, Herst, and several other brethren. The Lodge was opened in ancient form with solemn prayer. The minutes of the preceding Lodge meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Hallam sen., acting as candidate. The 1st, 2nd, and 4th sections of the lecture were worked by the W.M., assisted by the brethren. Bro. Norris made an earnest appeal to the Lodge to assist him as Steward at the next Festival of the R.M.B.L., and received subscriptions from several of the brethren. Bro. Hyland was elected W.M. for next meeting. The Lodge was closed in perfect harmony, with solemn prayer, and adjourned to Tuesday next.

**York Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners.**—A meeting of this Lodge, attached to the York Mark Lodge (T.I.), was held at York on Wednesday evening. Present—Bros. T. B. Whythead N., W. P. Husband as J., G. Simpson as S., M. Millington Sec., A. T. B. Turner Conductor, and several other members. There were six candidates for elevation, who were all safely received and entrusted. The sum of half-a-guinea was voted to the Steward's list of Bro. T. Cooper for the Benevolent Festival. The members afterwards met at supper, and passed a very pleasant evening, enlivened by songs, &c.

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will take place on Wednesday, the 12th February 1879, at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, London, upon which occasion,**LIEUT.-COLONEL LE GENDRE N. STARKIE,**  
R.W. PROV. G.M. FOR EAST LANCASHIRE,

Has been pleased to signify his intention of presiding.

Brethren desiring of accepting the office of Steward upon this occasion, will greatly oblige by forwarding their names and Masonic rank, as soon as convenient, to the Secretary, who will gladly give any information required.

JAMES TERRY, Prov. G.J.W. Herts,

4 Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.

Secretary.

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**IN THE TOWN HALL, CONGLETON**  
**On Wednesday, 29th January 1879.**

UNDER THE BANNER OF THE EATON LODGE, No. 533.

A SUM equal to the total proceeds of the Ball will be given to the Poor of Congleton, and a sum equal to half the total proceeds will be given to the Cheshire Educational Masonic Institution.

TICKETS—Gentlemen 10s, Ladies 7s 6d each; to be had from Mr. A. E. Cokayne, Congleton.

It is requested that the name of the holder of each Ticket be written on the back thereof.

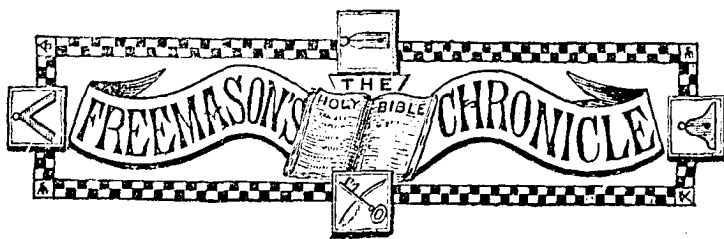
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**OUR WEEKLY BUDGET.**

THE Queen remains in the Isle of Wight. Her Majesty was present on Sunday at Divine worship at Osborne House.

The Grand Cross of the Bath has been conferred upon the Marquis of Hertford. The vacant riband of the Order of St. Patrick has been conferred upon the Earl of Portarlington. The Turkish Ambassador, M. Musurus, returned to London on Monday from Constantinople.

An announcement appeared in the *Gazette* on Tuesday of the notice by the French Government to terminate the Commercial Treaties with this country on 1st January 1880.

The deaths are reported this week of Mr. McCarthy Downing, M.P. for Cork County, who died rather suddenly

on Friday last; also of Mr. E. M. Ward, the Royal Academician, who died on Thursday, aged 63.

The residence of the Earl of Faversham, at Duncombe-park, in Yorkshire, was entirely destroyed by fire on Saturday morning. Many valuable paintings and statues were, unfortunately, lost. A fire also occurred on Saturday at the Free Reference Library attached to the Birmingham and Midland Institute; the building was entirely destroyed, and several extremely valuable collections of books were sacrificed. A subscription has been opened at Birmingham to raise £10,000 to restore the library, and nearly one-half of that amount has been promised.

Mary Donovan, the charwoman, who has undergone several examinations upon suspicion of having murdered Mrs. Rachael Samuel, of Burton-crescent, was discharged on Friday by the magistrate, the police having failed to obtain direct evidence to connect her with the crime. A Treasury reward of £100 has since been offered for the conviction of the murderer. Edward Byrne Madden was tried on Monday, at the Central Criminal Court, for sending letters to the Home Office threatening the life of the Queen, but the jury found that he was of unsound mind, and he was ordered to be detained during Her Majesty's pleasure.

Late on Monday night an explosion occurred in the Dinas Colliery, situate in the Rhondda Valley, South Wales, and it is feared that 60 men who were at work in the mine have perished; but none of the bodies have yet been recovered.

Heavy gales, with thick fogs, have caused many shipping disasters upon the British coasts during the last few days. The bark Schiehallion, from New Zealand, ran on the rocks near St. Catherine's, Isle of Wight, and one man and a boy were drowned. The American ship T. B. Read was wrecked near Milford, and three of the crew were drowned.

The strike of the good guards and shunters on the Midland Railway has terminated in the general return of the men to work at the reduced rates. The threatened strike of the South Yorkshire coal-miners has been averted, at least for the present, by both parties consenting to arbitration.

General Stewart, after a slight skirmish with Afghan troops, who disbanded after defeat, entered Candahar on the 8th of January, a deputation from the inhabitants having tendered their submission. General Roberts has returned to Kuram, and detachments of his force having inflicted chastisement upon the predatory hill tribes, it is believed that military operations have ceased for the winter. According to the Russian press, Shere Ali has been invited by General Kaufmann to Tashkend; but it is at the same time declared that Russia has no intention of interfering in the dispute between him and the British Government. The extreme Republicans in the French Chambers have held meetings to discuss the propriety of urging a series of measures for adoption by the Government, to which M. Gambetta offers resistance. Since then, however, the *République Française*, which represents M. Gambetta's views, has taken a different course, and an attack upon the existing Cabinet is expected. General Borel, the Minister for War, has resigned, and General Gresley has been appointed to succeed him. The Chambers reassembled on Tuesday, but no business of importance was transacted until Thursday when a Ministerial programme was announced but was received with coldness by the Left, especially in the Chamber of Deputies. The proposed legislation in respect of speeches in Parliament causes great dissatisfaction in Germany, but a semi-official announcement has been made that the Bill has been introduced at the suggestion of the Emperor. In the meantime, the police campaign against Socialist clubs and newspapers is being carried on vigorously. The explanations given by the Danish Government respecting the stay of the Duke of Cumberland at Copenhagen are stated to have been satisfactory to the German Government. Prince Henry, brother of the King of Holland, who a few months since married a daughter of Prince Frederick of Prussia, died on Monday from an attack of measles. A body of Cheyenne Indians under restraint at Fort Robinson, Nebraska, effected their escape, and, refusing to surrender to the United States troops, many, including women and children, were killed. A remnant, after several further encounters with the troops, finally eluded recapture. Accounts have been received from new Caledonia of the massacre of eleven white men by the cannibal natives.



## DEDICATION OF A NEW MASONIC HALL AT TAUNTON.

THE Freemasons of Taunton have hitherto held their meetings at an hotel in the town, but recently a company was formed among members of the Craft for the purpose of purchasing the building in the Crescent, which was originally built for a Roman Catholic Chapel. This was found to be admirably suited for Masonic purposes; and as it was secured on very favourable terms the brethren were able to expend a considerable sum in decorating and beautifying it. The ceremony of dedication was performed on Monday, for which day a Lodge of Emergency was called by the Provincial Grand Lodge of Somerset. The occasion created an interest beyond local Masonic circles, and a gathering of Freemasons was witnessed without equal in the history of the quiet county town. There were brethren present from Bristol, Iwerbridge, Bridgwater, Tiverton, Bath, and other places, from this and the neighbouring provinces, the interest being increased by the fact that the ceremony of dedication was to be performed by the Earl of Carnarvon, Provincial Grand Master of Somerset and Pro Grand Master of England.

The day's proceedings commenced with Divine service at the church of St. Mary Magdalene. The brethren, to the number of 300, met at the school room, near where they clothed themselves in Masonic attire, and then walked in procession, the juniors leading, to the church. Arrived at the church, the junior members opened outwards, allowing the members of provincial lodges to pass through. By arrangement with the Rev. Prebendary Clark, vicar, the Masons occupied the centre aisle of the church, and there was a very numerous congregation of the non-Masonic public. The sermon was preached by the Rev. T. Randall, M.A., P.P.G.C., Chaplain, from the text 1 Thessalonians v. 11, "Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another even as also ye do."

At the close of the rev. gentleman's discourse, the Masons returned in inverted procession to the school room, where they took off their Masonic clothing, a special prohibition having been made against a public procession.

The ceremony of dedication took place at the New Hall at half-past one o'clock. The craft brethren having taken their seats in the Lodge room, received the Provincial Grand Lodge in due form, and the Provincial Grand Lodge was then opened by the Provincial Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, when the ceremony of dedication was performed. During the ceremony a choir composed of members of Lodge 261—Unanimity of Sincerity—sang Weldon's anthem in G, "Praise God in His Holiness," and two suitable hymns, also giving the responses in a very creditable manner. Brothers Baily and T. G. Williams presided at the organs. The ceremony concluded with the singing of the National Anthem. Before proceeding with the dedication, Earl Carnarvon congratulated the Lodge upon the spacious and fine Lodge room. He said it was worthy of the place—worthy of the brethren who called it into existence—worthy of the interest they all had at heart, and worthy of the Craft in that province.

After the ceremony of dedication had been performed, Brother Elie D.P.G.M. proposed a vote of congratulation to the Earl of Carnarvon on his recent marriage, wishing him and Lady Carnarvon all the happiness this world could afford. The motion was seconded by Brother Payne P.G. Treasurer, and carried by acclamation.

The Earl of Carnarvon, in responding, apologised for the inconvenience he might have caused the brethren in not attending on the date first fixed, but they had learnt what the cause of this disappointment was. He knew the kindness and sympathy of his Somersetshire brethren, to which he had never appealed in vain, would find a better excuse for him than any words he could use. He was not surprised at the reception of the resolution, because there was nothing since he had been connected with Somersetshire which had ever occurred to him which had not their kindly feeling of sympathy. He felt completely identified with Somersetshire Masons, and appreciated most deeply this present evidence of their friendship and regard, when they were good enough to congratulate him, he should say he had very good cause to be congratulated. He knew that ladies could not be admitted to any participation in Masonic proceedings, still, as a humble outsider, there was no one who sympathised more with the objects of the Craft, respected the work they had set before them, and, above all, gave more hearty good wishes to the Masons of Somersetshire than did Lady Carnarvon; and he hoped he should not be committing any breach of the secrecy to which he was sworn so many years ago as a Mason, when with every injunction for the most solemn secrecy, he informed her on his return that amongst the objects in which they were engaged to-day, there was one in which her happiness and welfare were bound up. Amongst the many good wishes that he had received none were more sincere than those which he had received that day, and there were none that were appreciated more highly.

The aims collected at the conclusion of the service, amounting to over £7, were devoted to the relief of the distress in Taunton.

The banquet was held at the Victoria Rooms in the evening, the Earl of Carnarvon presiding. In responding to the toast of his health as Provincial Grand Master of Somerset, the Earl of Carnarvon said that no doubt we now lived in a very peculiar stage of Masonry. Within the last few years Masonry had been passing through a period such as their Masonic forefathers knew nothing of, and such as might issue in very great good, but which had also its difficulties and its dangers. When he was initiated Masonry was very prosperous in England apparently, but he was struck with its enormous increase of prosperity. During the last ten or fifteen years Masonry had become much larger in point of numbers, much more important in respect to the wealth which had flowed in from all sides, and it stood in a position perhaps of greater dignity and external ceremonial than it formerly did, but on the other hand there was a reverse side of the picture. All this material well-being had a tendency sometimes to lead Masonry out of the straight road and to set up idols, so to speak,

of false gods, unless it be very carefully watched. They must not fall into the grave error of supposing that the ease and luxuries and mere material welfare was all Masonry had to look to. They were not to suppose that Lodges were to become mere convivial clubs. They must keep before the mind the fact that Masonry had great practical duties, and the code that Masonry had laid down was one of very high and great morality. There was another temptation they had to guard against, the danger of allowing politics to have anything to do with the Craft; a departure from this rule—respecting which all Masons had been educated—would be one of the most fatal blows which could be struck at English Freemasonry. Lastly, he referred to the exclusion of the name of the Deity by the Grand Orient of France, and said that foreign Freemasonry was distinctly contrasted with Masonry in England, inasmuch as here it was a loyal supporter of the Constitution, while on the Continent it was to be found plotting and planning against existing order.—*Daily Chronicle*.

## THE MASON'S WIFE.

" . . . Gentle sharer of his joys and sorrows."

Rude Boreas blew rather ruder than usual,  
Dying and dim was the fire in the grate;  
"Oh, Masons!" she mutter'd, "may Bacchus confuse you all—  
Keeping my husband so terribly late!"

Since eight by the clock I've been sitting and wondering  
When he'd escape from your treacherous snares;  
Expecting each moment to hear him come blundering—  
Tipsily blind—up the second-floor stairs!

But Hope all too vainly his coming has prophesied;  
Still by myself am I left to repine.  
Until this sad night he has straight from his office hied,  
Reaching his home ere the clock announced nine.

And now 'tis eleven! Oh, woe!—the mere thought of it  
Makes my heart flutter with timorous fright,  
For should he keep on, he'll begin to think nought of it,  
Coming home later and later each night.

I, thinking him coming, observed to the maid just now,  
'Mary, your master is not here to sup,  
And therefore the supper-things need not be laid just now—  
Pray do not hurry in bringing them up.'

Bah! fool that I was, to consider and study his  
Comfort by letting the supper await!  
I thought to myself, 'If he cold, wet and muddy is,  
Supper he'll welcome, tho' never so late.'

Later each night! Yes, he is on the brink of it;  
Soon he'd come home at the dawning of day;  
At once I must cure him, and not let him think of it—  
Now must I act towards gaining the sway!

Hark! that is his footstep! Yes, now will I give it him;  
Courage, my heart! we shall victory win!  
Oh, now is the moment to conquer and rivet him!  
Back he shall go, for I won't let him in!"

Quick, seizing a pillow she rush'd to the banisters,  
Hurling her charge at the up-coming form,  
And then—Oh, good gracious!—dish covers and caskets,  
Knives, forks and spoons!—what a metally storm!

Shriek follow'd shriek, and the loud sound of crockery  
Smashing to atoms was heard thro' the night!  
The dame hurried down, with a laugh of grim mockery,  
Finding her maid in a terrible plight!

For there on the landing poor Mary was tarrying,  
Woefully groaning and rubbing her head,  
Surrounded by ev'ry thing she had been carrying—  
Pickles, beer, cutlets, salt, pepper and bread!

And just at that moment, as ill-luck directed it,  
Very sedately the husband walk'd in,  
Amidst the confusion, and slowly inspected it,  
Marvelling much at the harrowing din.

"You wretch!" cried his wife, "you—your villainous gad-about;  
These are your doings, you horrible bear!"  
Oh, roundly she rated him, until she had about  
Used all the breath she could manage to spare,

He listen'd aghast to the epithets numerous,  
Lost as to how he had got in disgrace;  
But his face wore a look that was certainly humorous  
When he arrived at the truth of the case.

"My dear," he remark'd, with a grave jocularity,  
"I am a Mason, Accepted and Free;  
A virtue that Masonry teaches is charity—  
Therefore is charity seemly in me.

And, since you declare reparation I owe to you,—  
Being the innocent cause of your grief,—  
My charity true will I hasten to show to you,  
Taking a step for your speedy relief."

And so, with a will, like the great moral sages,  
He utter'd the word, and then acted upon it,  
For very next day he increased the maid's wages,  
And bought his good lady a beautiful box net!

F. JULIAN CROGER.

5 Islington-green, London, 9th January 1879.

## 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, 18th JANUARY.

- 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)  
 1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.  
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney.  
 1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)  
 1732—King's Cross, Metropolitan Club, King's Cross.  
 Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.  
 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30. (Instruction.)

## MONDAY, 20th JANUARY.

- 1—Grand Master's, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.  
 45—Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, 12 Old-st., near Goswell-rd., at 8.0. (In.)  
 174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)  
 180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)  
 195—Tranquillity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.  
 186—Industry, Bell Tavern, Carter-lane, Doctor's-commons, at 6.30. (Instruction.)  
 518—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction.)  
 704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8. (Instruction.)  
 720—Pannure, Balham Hotel, Balham.  
 1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8. (Instruction.)  
 1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8. (Instruction.)  
 1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30. (In.)  
 1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8. (Inst.)  
 1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)  
 77—Freedom, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend.  
 236—York, Masonic Hall, York.  
 331—Phoenix of Honour and Prudence, Public Rooms, Truro.  
 350—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton.  
 382—Royal Union, Belmont Hall, Uxbridge.  
 424—Borough, Half Moon Hotel, Gateshead.  
 466—Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton.  
 622—St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, Wimborne.  
 725—Stoneleigh, King's Arms Hotel, Kenilworth.  
 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
 934—Merit, Derby Hotel, Whitefield.  
 955—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Holbeach.  
 1030—Egerton, George Hotel, Wellington Road, Heaton Norris, near Stockport.  
 1037—Portland, Royal Breakwater Hotel, Portland.  
 1141—Mid Sussex, Assembly Rooms, Horsham.  
 1170—St. George, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.  
 1199—Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congresbury.  
 1208—Corinthian, Royal Hotel, Dover.  
 1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8 p.m. (Instruction.)  
 1502—Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.  
 R. A. 32—Jerusalem, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool.  
 R. A. 139—Paradise, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.  
 R. A. 210—Faith, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton.  
 K. T.—Prince of Peace, Ball Hotel, Pre-ton.

## TUESDAY, 21st JANUARY.

- Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.  
 30—United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.  
 65—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7. (Inst.)  
 66—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)  
 73—Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark.  
 95—Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.  
 141—Faith, 2 Westminster-chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)  
 177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
 194—St. Paul, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C.  
 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney. (Instruction.)  
 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)  
 857—St. Mark, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.  
 860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)  
 1420—Earl Spencer, Swan Hotel, Battersea Old Bridge, S.W.  
 1446—Mount Edgumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)  
 1471—Islington, Three Bucks, 23 Gresham-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)  
 1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
 1507—Metropolitan, 269 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)  
 1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-street-rd. at 8. (In.)  
 R. A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
 117—Wynstay, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8. (Instruction.)  
 213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich.  
 241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30. (Instruction.)  
 248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon.  
 334—St. David, Masonic Rooms, Bangor.  
 402—Royal Sussex, George the Fourth, Nottingham.  
 414—Union, Masonic Hall, Reading.  
 663—Wiltshire of Fidelity, Town Hall, Devizes.  
 667—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.  
 960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.  
 1006—Tregulow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrier, Cornwall.  
 1052—Callender, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.  
 1089—De Sherland, Fountain Hotel, Sheerness.  
 1113—Anglesea, Bull Hotel, Llangefni.  
 1276—Warren, Stanley Arms Hotel, Seacombe, Cheshire.  
 1325—Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.  
 1427—Percy, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle.  
 1470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable.  
 1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 6.0. (Instruction.)  
 1534—Concord, George Hotel, Prestwich.  
 1670—Prince Arthur, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool.  
 1764—Eleanor Cross, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton.  
 R. A. 268—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne.  
 R. A. 829—High Cross, Bull Inn, Dartford.  
 R. A. 1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham.

## WEDNESDAY, 22nd JANUARY.

- Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, at 6.  
 195—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7. (Instruction.)  
 201—Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)  
 212—Euphrates, Masons' Hall, Basinghall-street, E.C.  
 228—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., Camden-town at 8. (In.)  
 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.  
 534—La Tolerance, Green Dragon, Maddox-street, W., at 7.45. (Inst.)  
 781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
 813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. at 8. (Instruction.)  
 862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8. (Instruction.)  
 1014—Wandsworth, Spread Eagle, Wandsworth. (Instruction.)  
 1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7. (Instruction.)  
 1196—Urban, The Three Bucks, Gresham-street, at 6.30. (Instruction.)  
 1278—Burdett Courts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8.30. (Inst.)  
 1288—Finsbury Park, Finsbury Pk. Tav., Seven Sisters-rd., at 8.0. (Instruction.)  
 1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)  
 1553—Duke of Connaught, Faunce Arms, Kensington Park, at 8. (Instruction.)  
 1707—Eleanor, Angel Hotel, Edmonton, at 8. (Instruction.)  
 R. A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8.0. (Instruction.)  
 R. A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood.

- 32—St. George, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool.  
 117—Salopian of Charity, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury.  
 220—Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, Lancashire.  
 724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.  
 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction.)  
 1039—St. John, George Hotel, Lichfield.  
 1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction.)  
 1392—Egerton, Stanley Arms Hotel, Stanley-street, Bury, Lancashire.  
 1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, at 7.0. (Instruction.)  
 1633—Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.  
 R. A. 258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike.  
 R. A. 290—Prosperity, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield.  
 M.M.—Northumberland and Berwick, Masonic Hall, Maple-st., Newcastle.

## THURSDAY, 23rd JANUARY.

- House Committee, Girls' School, at 4.  
 3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 7. (Instruction.)  
 15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
 27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
 65—Prosperity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.  
 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8. (Instruction.)  
 99—Shakespeare, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.  
 435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)  
 766—William Preston, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C.  
 1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)  
 1349—Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)  
 1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, E.C. at 6.30. (Instruction.)  
 1614—Covent Garden, Ashley's Hotel, Henrietta-street, Covent Garden. (Inst.)  
 1658—Skelmersdale, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.  
 1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 9. (In.)  
 R. A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)  
 78—Imperial George, Asseaton Arms Hotel, Middleton, Lancashire.  
 100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor Hotel, Quay, Great Yarmouth.  
 203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
 214—Hope and Unity, White Hart Hotel, Brentwood, Essex.  
 348—St. John, Bulls Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton.  
 591—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.  
 784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal.  
 935—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford.  
 1325—Stanley, 214 Gt. Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)  
 1459—Ashbury, Justice Birch Hotel, Hyde-road, West Gorton, near Manchester.  
 1505—Emulation, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.  
 1626—Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Maple street, Newcastle.  
 R. A. 292—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.  
 R. A. 424—De Burgh, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead.  
 R. A. 1086—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.  
 K. T.—Plain of Mamre, Bull Hotel, Burnley.

## FRIDAY, 24th JANUARY.

- House Committee, Boys' School, at 4.  
 Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.  
 25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)  
 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
 569—Fitzroy, Head Quarters, Hon. Artillery Company, City-road, E.C.  
 766—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. 8. (Inst.)  
 834—Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-road. (Instruction.)  
 902—Burgoyne, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8. (Instruction.)  
 933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction.)  
 1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction.)  
 1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)  
 1260—Hervey, Punch's Tavern, 99 Fleet-street, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)  
 1288—Finsbury Park Master Masons' Lodge of Inst. Finsbury Park Tavern, at 8.  
 1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)  
 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
 1642—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, 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.)  
 48—Industry, 31 Denmark-street, Gateshead, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
 64—Fortitude, Queen's Hotel, Manchester.  
 780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.  
 1621—Castle, Crown Hotel, Bridgnorth.  
 1712—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle.  
 R. A. 61—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax.  
 R. A. 152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.  
 K. T. 20—Royal Kent, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle.

## SATURDAY, 25th JANUARY.

- 193—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)  
 1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)  
 Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.  
 R. A. 1044—Mid Surrey, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.  
 R. A. 1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.  
 920—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
 1293—Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court.  
 1462—Wharnccliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone.  
 R. A. 308—Affability, Station House Hotel, Bottoms, Stansfield.

## NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

**Constitutional Lodge of Instruction, No. 55.**—Hold its weekly meeting on Tuesday, 14th January, at the Bedford Hotel, Southampton-buildings, Holborn. Bros. T. B. Dodson W.M., J. Soper S.W., J. W. Bramham J.W., T. B. Linscott S.D., Abell J.D., May I.G., Bingemann P.M. Preceptor; also Bros. Panter, Dickens, Gruggen, E. Terry, H. F. Cox, Low, Wooldridge, Blank, and Johnston. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of preceding meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Panter, a candidate for passing, answered the questions, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. The first and fourth sections of the Lecture were worked by Bro. Bingemann, and the second and third by Bro. Dickens. The Lodge was resumed, and Bro. Blank 704 elected a member. Bro. Soper was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week. The Lodge was closed in perfect harmony, and adjourned to Tuesday, 21st January.

**Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, No. 65.**—At the Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, 14th January 1879. Present—Bros. Sayer W.M., Maidwell S.W., King J.W., Chicken S.D., Moss J.D., Roberts I.G., Sparrow Preceptor, Hollands Sec., Swan, Daniel, &c. All preliminary answers given. Bro. Daniel answered the questions leading to the second degree and was entrusted. The Lodge was opened up, and Bro. Daniel was duly passed. The first, second and third sec.

tions of the lecture were worked by Bro. Sparrow, assisted by Bro. Moss and the brethren. Bro. Maidwell was elected W.M. for the ensuing Tuesday, when he intends working the installation ceremony, and hopes to be well supported by the Craft.

**Royal Jubilee Lodge, No. 72.**—The installation meeting of this old and flourishing Lodge was held at Anderton's Hotel, on Monday, 6th inst. There were present Bros. W. Carr W.M., F. Dunn S.W., J. Dunn P.M. as J.W., C. Chesterton S.D., A. Darch J.D., F. Thurston I.G., H. Webb P.M. and Treasurer, J. Nunn P.M. and Sec., E. Dodson P.M. D.C., J. N. Bate W.S.; C. Rhodes, J. Laskoy, T. Durkin, T. Hines P.M.'s; also a large gathering of members. The Lodge being opened, the minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed. Bro. W. Chalk J.W. 1558 was elected a rejoining member. There were five gentlemen for initiation, viz.—Messrs. J. Morris, J. J. James, J. V. Shephard, J. W. Braund and D. Woolf. The ceremony which was ably performed by the W.M., was rendered still more effective by solemn and appropriate music. The Lodge was opened in the second degree by the installing Master Bro. J. Nunn P.M., and Bro. F. Dunn S.W. W.M. elect was presented, and the ceremony of installation was performed. The brethren having been requested to withdraw, a board, consisting of twenty-six installed Masters, was formed, when Bro. F. Dunn was duly and solemnly placed in the chair of K.S. Having been saluted and most cordially greeted by the Past Masters, the brethren were admitted and saluted their W.M. in the several degrees. The installing Master delivered the addresses to the W.M., Wardens and brethren. The Officers were then appointed for the ensuing year. The W.M. in a few appropriate sentences addressing each Officer as he was invested.—Bros. W. Carr I.P.M., C. Chesterton S.W., A. Darch J.W., F. Thurston S.D., J. N. Bate J.D., T. Breveter I.G., E. Dodson P.M. D.C., W. Murrell A.D.C., W. Webb P.M. W.S. and Treasurer, E. Walker A.W.S., and J. Nunn P.M. Secretary. There were over forty visitors present, among whom we observed Bros. J. B. Atkinson P.M. and Sec. Hengist 195 P.P.G.S.D. Hants, D. Forbes 918 P.M. 65, J. W. Cobham P.M. 141, W. Dunn 195, P. Vickery J.W. 1475, J. Ebbelwhite 11, H. Hammond P.M. 1216, J. S. Lean 1119, J. Ellis S.D. 917, G. W. Wrigglesworth W.M. 975, J. Close 463 and P.P.G.D.C. Surrey. W. Canton P.M. 1269-1475, J. Bourdelaine 624, A. P. Fabian P.M. 487, P.P.G.S.W. Hants, J. Greenway 174, W. S. Latham P.M. 1216, J. Garner I.P.M. 1622, J. Biddle W.M. 193, T. Foxall P.M. 742-1349, W. S. Cackett P.M. 1558, C. Hampton P.M. 179. The Lodge being closed in due form, the brethren adjourned to the banquet, presided over by the W.M. After the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and enthusiastically received, the I.P.M. proposed the health of the W.M., wishing him a prosperous and harmonious year of office, to which the W.M. replied in a few appropriate remarks. At the conclusion he gave the health of the I.P.M., and in a feeling manner said what pleasure it gave him to place the splendid jewel on his breast which the Lodge had presented him in recognition of his services. Bro. Carr briefly returned thanks. The W.M. then gave the Initiates, which was responded to by each. The Visitors was responded to by Bros. J. B. Atkinson, D. Forbes, and several others. The enjoyment of the evening was greatly enhanced by excellent songs by several brethren of the Lodge, accompanied by a professional brother.

**Chapter of Elias Ashmole, No. 148, Warrington.**—The regular convocation of this Chapter was held at the Chapter Rooms, Sankey-street, on Monday evening last. The Chapter was opened by ex-Comps. Brierley Z., John Bowes P.Z. Prov. G.S.N. Cumberland and Westmoreland H., Thos. Tunstall J., assisted by Comps. Edelsten P.Z., and Dr. W. Finney P.Z., when the rest of the Comps. were admitted, and the minutes read and confirmed. This being the Convocation for the election of Principals and other Officers for the ensuing year, the ballot was taken respectively, and with the following result:—John Bowes Z., Thos. Tunstall H., James Jackson J., Galloway S.E., Thos. Sutton S.N., Edelsten P.S., Finney Treasurer, and Donville Janitor. Auditors having been appointed, and members selected to act on the New Masonic Hall Committee, it was decided to hold the Annual Festival at the Patten Arms Hotel, on the second Monday in March, after the installation of the Principals and the investiture of the other Officers. No other business presenting itself, the Chapter was closed with the usual solemnities, and the Comps. separated in perfect concord.

**St. Michael's Lodge, No. 211.**—A meeting was held on Tuesday at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C. There were present Bros. Alfred Green W.M., Alfred Withers S.W., William Radcliffe J.W., W. W. Morgan Sec., C. Greenwood P.M. Treas., Dr. Waters S.D., Usher Back J.D., W. E. Young I.G., T. C. Speight P.M. Tyler. Past Masters Bros. Thos. H. Lavers, John Laver, Parsons, &c. &c. Business—Lodge was opened, and the minutes were read and confirmed. There was a candidate for the third degree, Bro. Alexander Henry Hitch; he underwent examination, and proved himself worthy of preferment. The W.M. then advanced the Lodge and performed the ceremony; his working being carried out most impressively. The traditional history was given, and the tracing board of the degree fully explained. The other business of the evening comprised the election of W.M. and Treasurer for the ensuing year; the choice of the members for Master's chair fell on Bro. Alfred Withers, the S.W., while Bro. Charles Greenwood P.M. Prov. G. S. c. Surrey was re-elected Treasurer. Bro. T. C. Speight was re-appointed as Tyler. The bye-laws of the Lodge were read and considered, and after some routine business, Lodge was closed. The brethren partook of light refreshments, and spent an hour most pleasantly together.

**St. John's Lodge, No. 221.**—The Festival of St. John was celebrated in this Lodge on 14th instant, the meeting being held as

usual at Bolton. Present—Bros. James Richardson W.M., T. Whitaker S.W., H. Stead J.W., T. Mitchell Sec., G. P. Brookbank P.P.S.G.D. Treas., J. L. Aldred S.D., W. Sparling J.D., J. W. Taylor P.P.G.O. D.C., E. Melrose and J. Smith Stewards, J. Boothroyd I.G., T. Higson Tyler, Past Masters Bros. C. Stanley, T. Entwistle P.P.S. of W., J. M. Rutter, S. Mitchell, T. Morris; Bros. Cosgrave, Mawson, Wadeson, Peel, Isherwood, Nicholson, Court, Booth, Bradburn, Staton Org., Sugden, J. Mitchell, Bleakley, J. H. Greenhalgh W.M. 1723, J. W. Roiley, &c. Among the Visitors were Bros. W. Forrest 37, E. Brooks W.M. 269, H. Vevers J.W. 1723, J. Heywood S.D. 1723, M. Burgess Sec. 146. After usual formalities had been observed, Bro. T. Whitaker was presented to a Board of Installed Masters, and duly inducted into the chair of K.S., Bro. Thos. Mitchell P.G.T. and Sec. of the Lodge acting as Installing Master. The new W.M. having been proclaimed, proceeded to invest the following brethren as his Officers for the ensuing year:—Bro. H. Stead S.W., J. L. Aldred J.W., Thos. Mitchell Sec., W. Sparling S.D., J. Boothroyd J.D., James Smith I.G., Edwin Melrose and John Mitchell Stewards. Bro. G. P. Brookbank was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Higson Tyler. The sum of twenty guineas was voted to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Hearty good wishes were given from the visiting brethren, and the Lodge was closed at six o'clock p.m.

**Samaritan Lodge, No. 368, Sandbach.**—The annual meeting of this old Lodge was held on Wednesday, 8th January, at the Masonic Rooms, at three o'clock. The Lodge was opened by the W.M. Bro. L. R. Jones, assisted by Bros. Rev. Thos. Lunt S.W. W.M. elect, E. Farnivall J.W., T. Walton S.D., R. Finlow J.D., J. Wakefield jun. I.G., J. C. Hilditch Sec., J. W. McGill P.M. P.P.G. A.D.C., Ll. Makin P.M. Prov. G.D., George W. Latham Past Grand Deacon of England, J. Tomlinson P.M. P. Prov. G.S.D., J. Hulme P.M., T. Arden P.M., S. Carter P.M., P. Jackson P.M., F. Leach, P. Hancock, R. Bebbington, J. Turner, J. Wakefield sen., S. Dickinson Tyler. Visitors—Bros. John Bowes P.M. P.P.G.J.W. Cumberland and Westmoreland, J. Buxton P.M. 1345. The Lodge was opened in due form with prayer, when the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The Lodge being opened in the second degree, the W.M., in the name of the Lodge, asked Bro. John Bowes to take the chair as Installing Master. The W.M. elect, the Rev. Thos. Lunt, was then presented for the benefit of installation, and the first part of the ceremony being completed, the Lodge was opened in the third degree. The Installing Master then requested Bros. McGill and Makin to take the Wardens' chairs, and the collars and jewels being collected, all below the degree of Installed Masters, except the W.M. elect, retired. Bro. Rev. Thomas Lunt being entrusted, retired, and a Board of Installed Masters was opened in ample form, the W.M. elect was admitted and installed in the chair of K.S., according to ancient custom. After the usual greetings, salutation, and proclamation by the W. Brethren, the Lodge was called off, and the cement properly applied. Labour resumed, the Board was closed, and the brethren of the several degrees re-admitted, and the usual greetings, salutations, proclamations, and presentations made. The W.M. then nominated and invested his Officers for the ensuing year, each of whom was addressed by the Installing Master, and subsequently the ancient addresses to the Master, Wardens and brethren were delivered by the same brother. The ceremony being completed, Bro. G. W. Latham said they were deeply indebted to Bro. Bowes for the able manner in which he had worked the ceremony, and the earnest impressiveness in which he had conveyed the great Masonic truths of their ritual. He proposed that the thanks of the Lodge be accorded to him, and begged him to believe that he suggested no empty compliment. The vote was carried by acclamation, and Bro. Bowes having suitably responded, the remainder of the business was completed, the Lodge closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banqueting room, where an abundance of good things awaited them. Grace after meat being said, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. We were much impressed by the earnest dignity with which the W.M. conducted the proceedings, and the clear and intelligent exposition he gave of Masonic principles. In proposing the Installing Master's health, he acknowledged his deep obligations to Bro. Bowes, and paid a high compliment to that brother with respect to his rendering of the beautiful ceremony of installation. In responding to the toast—The Visitors—Bro. Buxton said he did not remember spending a more pleasant day than he had on this occasion. He did not know which most pleased him, whether the installation ceremony or the utterances of the W.M. With both he had been delighted, and felt greatly indebted to Bro. Gilbert for inviting him. The Tyler's toast was proposed about nine, and the brethren separated in harmony, well pleased with the day's proceedings.

**William Preston Lodge of Instruction, No. 766.**—This Lodge held its usual meeting on Friday, the 10th January, at the Feathers Tavern, Upper George-street, Edgware-road. Present—Bros. J. C. Hayes W.M., Adair S.W., Godden J.W., Braun Hon. Sec., Rudderforth Preceptor, Nichols S.D., Hill J.D.; also Brothers Heath, Coop, Cleghorn, Carpenter, Kennard, Maroh, Tribbel, &c. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes were read and confirmed. Bro. Kennard, as candidate for passing, answered the questions, was entrusted; Lodge was opened up and the ceremony rehearsed. The Preceptor worked the sections of the second degree, assisted by Bros. Heath, Hayes, Cleghorn, Rudderforth and Adair. Bro. Adair was elected W.M. for the following Friday, when the third ceremony will be rehearsed, and the sections of that degree worked. It was proposed, seconded, and carried unanimously, that a Masonic carpet should be provided. Lodge was then closed in due form. For the information of the Craft in general, we announce that 15 members of the Hyde Park Lodge of Instruction will work the Fifteen Sections in this Lodge of Instruction on Friday, the 31st of January next, Bro. Read in the chair. Bro. Rudderforth, Preceptor as P.M.



**St. James's Union Lodge, No. 180.**—The installation meeting was held on Tuesday, the 14th January, and was numerously attended by members and visitors. Bros. L. R. Pillin occupied the chair, E. Farwig S.W., Wade J.W., Stollard S.D., Fletcher J.D., Wood I.G., Hart Org. P.M.'s Bros. W. C. Parsons, Stonor, L. Herf, A. L. Annett I.P.M., Cameron. The Lodge was opened and the minutes confirmed. Bro. Hall was raised to the third degree, the ceremony being performed in a very excellent manner by the W.M. The Auditors' report was read and adopted. The Benevolent Fund showed a balance of £135 16s 4d in hand. Bro. E. Farwig S.W. and W.M. elect was presented to the Lodge; a board of installed Masters was opened, and he was duly placed in the chair by Bro. Pillin, the retiring W.M., who perfectly and impressively performed the ceremony, the brethren giving hearty and energetic applause to him on his concluding. The newly-installed W. Master having been saluted in due form, appointed and invested his Officers:—Bros. Stollard S.W., Wade J.W., Pillin I.P.M. Treas., Parsons Sec. (here the W.M. remarked that as Bro. Stacey P.M. had resigned, the choice of the brethren could not have fallen on a more worthy brother), Fletcher S.D., Wood J.D., W. H. Baker I.G., L. Herf P.M. W.S., Bishop Assist. W.S., Cameron P.M. D.C., Gilbert Tyler. A sum of two guineas was voted to Bro. Gilbert, the Tyler of the Lodge, for his services, which had been performed to the satisfaction of the members. Bro. Cameron P.M. said: All, with feelings of regret would learn that he had to inform them of the resignation of Bro. H. A. Stacey, who had been Secretary for twenty years. Personally he deeply regretted the conclusion that Bro. Stacey had come to; however he, with the greatest pleasure would propose, and Bro. Stonor P.M. would second, a resolution that their worthy brother be made an honorary member, with all the rights and privileges of a subscribing member; and that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes for the able manner in which he had discharged his duties for the last 20 years. Bro. A. L. Annett proposed that this resolution, which had been unanimously agreed to, be engrossed, framed and glazed, and be presented to Bro. Stacey, who had done so much service for this Lodge, as also for the Lodge of Instruction. Bro. W. C. Parsons P.M. announced that Bro. A. L. Annett had consented to act as Steward for the R.M.B.I. at the next Festival; the sum of £10 10s was unanimously voted to be placed on his list. Bro. Farwig having consented to act as Steward for the R.M.I. for Girls, a sum of £10 10s was voted to be placed on his list. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren, 91 in number, sat down in the Crown Room to a sumptuous banquet and dessert, provided by Bro. A. Best, and superintended by Bro. E. Dawkins, that gave great satisfaction. Grace having been said, the W.M. in able and genial terms proposed the Loyal and Masonic toasts. The toast of the Queen and the Craft was received with great enthusiasm, and the National Anthem was sung. With the toast of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the health of the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers past and present, were associated. "God Bless the Prince of Wales" was sung by Bro. Ion Cattle, the choruses being enthusiastically taken up by the brethren. Bro. Pillin I.P.M. then rose: The brethren would possibly by this time be tired of his speaking, but he rose with great pleasure to propose a toast which he was sure would be received with enthusiasm. The toast he would offer for their acceptance was the health of the W.M., whose whole heart is devoted to the cause of Freemasonry, especially so to the welfare of this Lodge. He did not wish to take up their time by speaking of his merits, these spoke for themselves. The W.M. was one who can and will carry out each duty required of him in every capacity he occupies in the Lodge and out of it. Bro. W. G. Reynolds here gave "The Charge of the Light Brigade." The W.M. in reply said: he had to thank Bro. Pillin for the manner he had proposed his health; he hoped to make the St. James's Lodge a Lodge of good fellowship and good feeling. He hoped to be able at the expiration of his year of office to hear the brethren express their opinion as they had done that evening. After a song from Bro. L. Fryer, the W.M. proposed the toast of the Visitors; he would couple with it the names of Bros. Swallow, Belfrage, Pare, and H. M. Levy, who would embody the sentiments of the numerous guests, whom they were all pleased to see among them. Bro. Cattle sang, "I Fear no Foe." After which the brethren named by the W.M. acknowledged the compliment paid them. Each gave Bro. Pillin credit for the manner he had performed the ceremonies of raising and installation; also for the admirable manner in which every detail in connection with the Lodge had been carried out. Bro. Kift here sang a humorous song. The W.M. had now an important toast to propose, and that was the health of the I.P.M., who had been called on to take the office of Treasurer. In addition to proposing the toast, he had much pleasure in placing on his breast a jewel, which had been unanimously voted by the brethren. He sincerely trusted that the receiver and those who witnessed this presentation, individually and collectively, might live long to see Bro. Pillin present in the Lodge. After a recitation from Bro. Walter Joyce, Bro. Pillin thanked the brethren for the kind manner they had responded to the toast. They had spoken in high terms of what he had done for the Lodge, and that it was for its benefit; he had worked from the lowest office, and when he was elected to the post of W.M. he had exerted himself, from the day he was installed to the present, when he had installed his successor, which he trusted he had done to some measure to their satisfaction. There was a Lodge where good working was well known and appreciated; he had the valuable assistance of the brethren, and on leaving the chair he could look back with pleasure to his association with the Lodge. The W.M. then proposed the health of Bro. Parsons, who had taken the office of Secretary at so short a notice; of Bros. L. Herf and Bishop the Stewards; and also the Past Masters, Bros. Cameron and Stonor, who were always ready and willing to minister to the comfort of the Lodge. Bro. Parsons said he was pleased to occupy the position of Secretary; he regretted the absence of Bro. H. A. Stacey; he was assured that every one of the Past Masters were able and ready to do all they could for the Lodge. The W.M. in proposing the toast of the Officers, said he was sure each would look after the pros-

perity of the Lodge, and when they should, in the course of events, be elected to the chair, he was sure the Lodge would be proud of them. He would ask Bro. Wade to respond. After this toast had been acknowledged, Bro. Fryer sang "You'll Remember Me," and Bro. Cattle sang "Let us sing the Praise of Wine." The Tyler's toast was then given, and a very agreeable evening's proceedings were brought to a close. Among the Visitors were Bros. D. M. Belfrage S.W. 179, Cræmer 538, Tindell 1351, Churchward 890, Wilkinson 948, Harisson 1681, Morphew 1585, Secker 780, Farley 58, Goodchild 1743, A. W. Burrell P.M. 1446, Forsyth 291 S.C., Hammond 1763, T. Coll Mauder 1201, Garrod 1677, J. H. Dodson W.M. 55, Schwarbacher 1139, J. H. Sadler P.M. 795, Hobson 700, Cattle P.M. 1441, Cope 1491, B. W. Swallow P.M. 1563, Koch 820, Finch W.M. 173, C. Carrington 1343, Randall W.M. 1470, W. Joyce. R. Baker 188, Goodchild 1743, Behenna 1531, and H. M. Levy P.M. 188.

**Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.**—A meeting was held on Saturday, 11th January, at Bro. Fysch's, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, Islington. Present—Bros. Hallam sen. W.M., James Lorkin S.W., Mullord J.W., Killick Sec., Halford Treas., Charles Lorkin S.D., Fenner J.D., Hallam jun. I.G. Business—The Lodge was opened and minutes confirmed. The ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. J. Garrod candidate. The W.M. worked several sections of the second lecture. Bro. J. Lorkin will preside next Saturday.

**Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193.**—On Wednesday. Bros. Thos. B. Bone W.M., T. Slaiter S.W., Medcalf J.W., Thos. B. Biddle S.D., G. L. Walker J.D., D. Moss I.G., W. Sayer P.M. as Preceptor, J. K. Pitt Sec. Visitor—G. Johnson No. 860; Bros. Millhouse, Gardiner, Smith, Sells, Batchelor, &c. After usual preliminaries, Bro. Fells, as candidate for raising, answered questions, and the W.M. performed the ceremony in solemn and ancient form. Bro. Moss worked the first and second sections of the Lecture, with the assistance of the brethren. Lodge having closed down, a few business matters were discussed which will tend to the welfare of the Lodge and Freemasonry in general. The brethren dispersed, fully appreciating the benefit derived by attending this Lodge of Instruction.

**Whittington Lodge of Instruction, No. 862.**—On Wednesday, 15th January, at Bro. Hyde's, Red Lion, Poppins-court, Fleet-street. Bro. J. S. Brown of the mother Lodge occupying the chair of K.S., assisted by Bro. Abell S.W., Knill Abell J.W., Hallam S.D., Pate I.G., Long Preceptor, and others. On the minutes of the previous meeting being confirmed, the Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. Welsford examined as to his proficiency. The Lodge was then opened in the 3rd degree, and after the first section had been worked by the W.M., he rendered the ceremony of raising, in his usual impressive manner. The W.M. then completed the lecture and resumed the Lodge. Bro. Tompkins of the Jordan Lodge was elected a member, and the Lodge was closed.

**Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 1035.**—Thursday 11th inst. was installation day at the Prince of Wales Lodge, and the brethren assembled in strong force at Skelmersdale Hall, Westminster-road, Liverpool. It is now twelve months since the removal of the Lodge from its old home, and the change has been beneficial in every way, resulting in a most prosperous year, under Bro. John W. M'Wear, the retiring W.M., who took the chair. He was supported by Bro. Thos. M'Wear S.W. (W.M. elect), Bro. R. R. Forshaw J.W., Bro. A. Wallis I.P.M., Bro. G. Sculthorpe P.M., Bro. Geo. Morgan P.M. Treasurer, Bro. W. Donkin Secretary, Bro. John Whaites, Assistant Secretary, Brother J. P. Bryan S.D., &c. Many Masons of high standing in the Craft were present as Visitors. The W.M. elect was presented by Bro. A. Willis and Bro. G. Morgan, and the installation ceremony performed in a highly effective manner by Bro. J. W. M'Wear, the retiring W.M., whose working gave entire satisfaction. The usual Masonic salutes having been given, the following Brethren were invested as Officers for the ensuing year:—Bro. R. R. Forshaw S.W., Bro. W. Donkin J.W., Bro. John Whaites Secretary, Bro. J. P. Bryan Assistant Secretary, Bro. Lewis Peake S.D., Bro. John Smith J.D., Bro. G. Sculthorpe P.M. D.C., Bro. Geo. Morgan P.M. Treasurer (re-elected), Bro. R. Seddon I.G., Bro. Wm. Shakespeare S.S., Bro. John Tunstall J.S., Bro. Cruice was re-elected Tyler. After the Lodge business was over, the brethren adjourned to the banquetting-hall, where a substantial dinner was served up by Bro. Casoy (1,086). The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured; that of "The Provincial Grand Master and Officers" was cordially received, and acknowledged by Bro. Archer P.M. 1,086 P.G.S.D. The toast of the evening, that of "The Worthy Master," was proposed by Brother Fozzard P.M., who said he was confident every one would bear him out when he said that their W.M. was worthy of the great trust they had reposed in him. The W.M. thanked the brethren in feeling terms, and assured them that he would do his utmost to deserve the honour they had conferred on him. "The Installing Master" was proposed by Bro. Willis P.M., and the "P.M.'s" by the W.M., who presented Bro. J. W. M'Wear with a handsome P.M.'s jewel on behalf of the Lodge; while Bro. Peake presented him with a handsome silver epergne on behalf of a number of the individual members, accompanying it with some very flattering remarks on the present condition of the Lodge, and the good feeling which had existed during his year of office. The toast was responded to by Bros. Fozzard P.M., and M'Wear P.M. "The West Lancashire Educational Institution" was proposed by Bro. R. R. Forshaw S.W., who coupled with it the name of Bro. George Morgan P.M., who responded. Other toasts followed, and the brethren separated after a most agreeable *réunion*.

**The Great City Lodge, No. 1426.**—A regular meeting was held on Saturday, the 11th instant, at the Cannon-street Hotel. There were present Bros. James Freeman W.M., Jas. Stevens as I.P.M., G. W. Blackie S.W., W. H. Catchpole J.W., N. B. Headon P.M. Treasurer, Edward Moody P.M. Secretary, Thomas Hamer S.D., C. Taylor J.D., W. Kibble I.G., Rev. R. J. Simpson P.G.C. Chaplain, Jenkins Organist, R. Hooker and F. C. Keeble Stewards, W. Steedman P.M. Tyler. The Lodge was well attended by members, and there were present the following Visitors:—Tom William Dodds 1515 Prov. G. Org. Oxon., H. J. Tidsman 813, J. E. Randell 145, C. A. Galpin P.M. 1515, P.G.S.B. Oxon., A. W. Galpin 1515, D. P. Cama P.M. 255, B. C. Ranree 255, R. Cane 1287, H. Medwin 1613, H. J. Ferguson P.M. 177, J. D. Buckwell 139, T. Eastgate 1563, Ledger 1586, W. W. Morgan Sec. 211, &c. The Lodge was opened at 3.15, when the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. There was one candidate for raising, Bro. George Gwyn Parker, who being a personal friend of Bro. Headon P.M., Bro. Freeman notified that that worthy brother desired to work the ceremony on behalf of the candidate. Bro. Past Master Headon thanked the Worshipful Master for his courtesy, and said he would gladly avail himself of the kind permission. Accordingly, Bro. Parker was introduced, and the ceremony of the third degree was most impressively conducted by Bro. Headon. The ballot was now brought into requisition, for two candidates—Mr. Thomas Lawes and Mr. George William Robson. It was unanimous in favour of both gentlemen, and they were separately introduced and initiated by the W.M. Bro. James Freeman. A notice of motion by Bro. P.M. Headon—that Bro. Thomas Fenn P.M. P.G.D. be elected an honorary member of the Lodge, was then brought before the meeting; it was seconded by Bro. S.W., and on being put by the W.M., was carried unanimously. In consequence of the resignation by Bro. Colmer of his post of Almoner to the Lodge, a vacancy had to be supplied, and the choice of the brethren fell on the S.D. Bro. Hamer, who kindly undertook the duties. A sum of five guineas was voted from the Charity Fund of the Lodge to the Robert Wentworth Little Memorial Fund; and the distressed condition of an invalid brother of the Burgoyne Lodge was brought to the notice of the brethren present. After the sad particulars of the case had been fully explained, it was decided that the amount collected in the Charity Box during the evening should be devoted to the assistance of the brother in question. Bro. Moody then directed the attention of the brethren to the fact that members of other Lodges that meet at the Cannon-street Hotel were raising a fund to present a Testimonial to Bro. Chambers, and gave notice that he should move at their next meeting that a sum of Three Guineas be voted by the Lodge towards this Fund. After hearty good wishes had been expressed by the Visiting brethren, Lodge was closed. A capital dinner was served, under the superintendence of Bro. Rand, and on the removal of the cloth Bro. Freeman proceeded with the toasts. He briefly introduced that of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, with which he associated Prosperity to the Craft, and then offered that of the M.W. the Grand Master, remarking that the Prince of Wales was thoroughly appreciated by those who knew him, and with that assurance he would offer the toast for their acceptance. In giving the M.W. the Pro Grand Master, Bro. Freeman said the Earl of Carnarvon was one of those sterling men we seldom meet. He was always ready to aid and assist all deserving cases that were brought under his notice, and those who resided on his estate always regarded him as a kind and considerate gentleman. In offering the next toast for the acceptance of the brethren—the Deputy Grand Master and the rest of the Grand Officers—the President was pleased to be able to state that they had a Past Grand Officer present, a member of The Great City Lodge. He referred in most complimentary terms to the qualities of their esteemed Chaplain, Bro. the Rev. R. J. Simpson P.G.C., with whose name he would associate the toast. After a song by Bro. Bertram—"I love, my love"—Bro. Simpson rose to reply. He thanked them most cordially on behalf of the Deputy Grand Master Lord Skelmersdale, and the other Grand Officers, for the way the toast had been offered and received. He was willing to accept the statement made by the Worshipful Master as to the possession by them of so many estimable qualities, but he would make an assertion;—personally he did not receive them. He felt on this occasion more pleasure in returning thanks as the Chaplain of The Great City Lodge than as a Grand Officer. As an old Mason he had watched with very deep interest the career of the Lodge from its infancy, and he could assure them he felt proud to belong to it; proud that he was a member of a Lodge that had called forth the envy of others older in the Craft. Bro. Simpson then spoke in the highest terms of praise of the way in which Bro. P.M. Headon had conducted the ceremony of the third degree, while all would agree with him that Bro. Freeman's rendering of the ceremony of initiation was all that the members could have wished for. Indeed, when he saw how admirably all who held office in the Lodge were coming forward, he almost felt inclined to desire that he were an initiate himself, that he might receive the benefits to be conferred by such instructors. Our Rev. Brother then referred to the opposition Freemasonry had to encounter, opposition that in too many cases was engendered by self-interest. There was also the opposition brought to bear on us in some few cases by those who had deserted from our standard; those who sought to destroy the Order they ought to cherish, and who never lost an opportunity to injure us by their gibes, their jeers, and malicious jests. However, the good old Craft, like a bleak mountain, had withstood many tempests; it was based on a good foundation, and could withstand the fiercest blast. So long as the true principles of brotherly love, relief and truth were inculcated, and properly enforced, we could bear to expose ourselves to the attacks of such slanderers. Moreover, our glorious Charities are sufficient to cover any bleak spot, and to animate any desert in our midst. That we are able to gather more money than is done for any other kindred institutions is a recognised and well-established fact. Our Boys' School, our Girls' School, and our Benevolent Asylum are glorious Institutions: but it behoves us all to look well

after the link between receipts and expenditure. In conclusion the Rev. speaker urged on all present the proper carrying out of Masonic principles, and exhorted them to exert themselves, first, for the benefit of the Order, next the welfare of their brethren, and last of all for the glory of their God. The health of the W.M. was proposed by Bro. Jas. Stevens. This was the first time the members of the Lodge had met their W.M. this year, and the speaker made some happy allusions to a change that would shortly take place in regard to Bro. Freeman's domestic relationship. Bro. Stevens also testified to the admirable way in which the W.M. was conducting the affairs of the Lodge. The members were in a position now to form an accurate judgment, and had every reason to be satisfied. He then directed the attention of the members to the great advantages their Lodge possessed in having so competent a body of Officers. He warmly eulogised what had been done that evening, and, indeed, at all times by Bro. P.M. Headon, and concluded by reminding the brethren that their W.M. was about to represent the Lodge as Steward at the approaching Festival of the Benevolent Institution, and exhorted them one and all to warmly support him. After a song from Bro. Jenkins, the W.M. rose to reply. He always felt a difficulty in replying for himself. However, he could thank them heartily for the way in which they had received the toast. He was gratified at hearing the high expressions of approval that had been given utterance to as regards the working. He also could speak well of his Officers. He would now touch on matters personal; he thanked them for their kind allusions; he sincerely trusted the step he was about to take would tend to promote his happiness. Bro. Freeman concluded by assuring all he sincerely appreciated their kind expressions. The next toast proposed was the health of the Initiates, who the W.M. trusted would be proved up to the standard of those who had already joined the Lodge, and that neither of them would ever regret the step they had that evening taken. After Bros. Lawes and Robson had briefly replied, the health of the Visitors was given, and responses were made by Bros. Ferguson, Galpin, Rendell and others. The W.M. then gave the P.M.'s, and Bro. James Stevens acknowledged the compliment. Next came the health of the Treasurer and Secretary. Bro. Headon was respected and appreciated by all; the way in which he carried out his duties as Treasurer was in an eminent degree satisfactory. As to Bro. Moody, their worthy Secretary, the Lodge was heavy in its indebtedness to him. He was ever assiduous in promoting its welfare, and the brethren fully appreciated the zeal and energy he at all times displayed. Bros. Bertram and Tom Eastgate here favoured the company with "The moon has raised her lamp on high," which they rendered most exquisitely. Bro. Headon thanked the W.M. for proposing, and the brethren for so cordially responding to the toast. As their Treasurer, he was only too pleased to perform any duty that fell to his lot. He could assure them he did not think he should ever tire in receiving money, and certainly should always have great pleasure in seeing it well spent. To-night they had well disposed of their surplus cash. At the last meeting they had expended 50 guineas by heading their W.M.'s list, who was acting as Steward for the R.M.B.I. As regards the remarks made during the evening about his working, they were gratifying to him; he had not been in the chair for some considerable time, but Bro. Parker was an old friend, and he desired to work a little in his behalf; hence he had preferred the request to be allowed to perform the ceremony. If at any time he could be of service in the chair, they might command him. Bro. Moody said that the brethren gave him credit for some amount of fault-finding when he rose to respond to this toast. He could assure them, however, he never did so in a carping spirit; did he think censure were desirable, he would not be the one to withhold it; he would certainly blame an Officer if he felt blame were necessary. On this occasion the whole of his remarks would be congratulatory. He thought the Lodge might be congratulated upon having an excellent Master; it might also be congratulated on having held a most happy meeting; and if the remarks that had fallen from previous speakers were an index of what had occurred, it might be congratulated on its working. He felt proud in witnessing the skill and ability Bro. Headon had displayed that evening; he (Bro. Moody) had taken his seat as I.P.M. for the occasion, but his post had been a sinecure, Bro. Headon had not required his assistance. The Lodge might be congratulated on the ability displayed by all the Officers. For the dinner, the brethren might be congratulated on the way in which it had been served. There was one regret he would lightly touch upon; that was, that the Lodge had not a better musical instrument; it had on its roll of members many talented musical brethren, and he felt that a time would shortly come when the brethren must provide such an instrument as would reflect credit on the Lodge. Bro. Moody then assured the brethren he felt proud to be Secretary to such a Lodge; additionally proud when he saw around him members of a Lodge that had done him the kindness to elect him an honorary member. Bro. Moody concluded an excellent speech by thanking the members for the way they had received his name. The health of the Officers was now given, and after a capital song by Brother P.M. Stevens, Bro. Blackie S.W. replied, in brief but hearty terms thanking the W. Master for the kind expressions he had made use of in proposing the toast. Our esteemed brother intimated that the Annual Dinner of the Great City Lodge of Instruction would take place on Thursday, the 23rd instant, at the Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, Basinghall Street, and that Bro. Thomas Hamer would preside on the occasion. Bro. Freeman and the Past Masters present here intimated their intention to attend, and support Bro. Hamer, and the conclusion arrived at was that an agreeable evening might be anticipated. After a few remarks from Bros. Catchpole and Hamer, the Tyler was summoned, and he closed the proceedings. During the evening we were pleased to learn that the sum promised on the W.M.'s List for the Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution in February next already amounted to 112 guineas.

**Order of St. Lawrence the Martyr.**—The annual meeting of the Ebor Lodge took place at the Queen's Hotel, York, on Wednesday last, when Bro. Geo. Simpson, the W.M. elect, was duly installed by Bro. T. B. Whytehead, the outgoing R.W. Master. The Prov. Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire being held on the same day, at Barnsley, prevented the attendance both of members and intending candidates from the West Riding, but the meeting was of an exceedingly pleasant character. Bro. Simpson appointed and invested his Officers as follow:—Bros. T. B. Whytehead I.P.M. and D.C., J. S. Cumberland S.W., T. Cooper J.W., Rev. W. C. Lukis Chaplain, A. T. B. Turner Treas. and Recorder, M. Millington S.D., Wm. Paley J.D., C. G. Padel Orgst., T. Humphries I.G., W. P. Husband Keeper of the G. Five candidates presented themselves, and were admitted to the degree. A guinea was paid from the Lodge funds to the Steward's list for the next Benevolent Festival of Bro. T. Cooper.

**Duke of Connaught Lodge of Instruction, No. 1524.**—At Havelock Tavern, Albion-road, Dalston, on 15th inst. Present—Bros. Fieldwick W.M., G. Ferrar S.W., Bonner J.W., Olley S.D., Thomas J.D., W. Ferrar I.G., Ferrar Treasurer, Williams Secretary, and others. The Lodge was opened in ancient form with solemn prayer. The minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. W. Ferrar candidate, and he having answered the usual questions, was raised to the sublime degree of M.M. The Lodge was resumed to the first degree. Bro. Bonner worked the first, Bro. A. R. Olley the second, Bro. Fieldwick third and fourth sections of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Geo. Ferrar was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Nothing further offering, the Lodge was closed and adjourned to Wednesday, 22nd inst.

**Sir Hugh Myddelton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1602.**—Held its weekly meeting at Bro. C. J. G. Wood's, Crown and Woolpack, St. John-street-road, on Tuesday, the 7th instant. Present—Bros. Read W.M., Hallam jun. S.W., Pelikan J.W., A. W. Fenner acting Preceptor, J. Osborne Secretary, Gibbs S.D., Greene J.D., Wood I.G.; also Bros. Cook, Hyland, Norris, F. Goode, &c. The usual formalities were complied with as regards opening, and Lodge was advanced. Bro. Pelikan answered the questions. Bro. Fenner gave proof of his proficiency. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Greene acting as candidate. The ceremony of initiation was ably rehearsed, Bro. Norris being the candidate. Bro. Hallam jun. was appointed to preside at the next meeting, after which Lodge was closed and adjourned.

**Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611.**—There was a full attendance of brethren at the regular meeting of this Lodge on Monday night, at the Queen's Hotel, York. Bro. J. S. Cumberland W.M. presided, and was supported by Bros. T. B. Whytehead I.P.M., G. Balmford P.M. and Treas., C. G. Padel S.W., J. T. Seller J.W., J. Kay Sec., T. Humphries Assist. Sec., M. Millington S.D., T. D. Smith J.D., G. Simpson M.C., A. T. B. Turner Assist. M.C., G. H. Simpson Organist, J. Blenkin I.G., P. Pearson Tyler, G. H. Hebblethwaite Steward, and Bros. H. Jackson, Girling, R. Ware, C. Blackstone, Leah, W. P. Husband, J. Lackenby, G. C. Lee, J. R. Jackson, and Irving. Visitors—Bros. J. Hanly W.M. 287, L. Murphy S.W. 287, J. B. Somerset, W. Harris and S. Russell 287, A. Haffner P.M. Faith 581, &c. After an initiation, excellently worked by the W.M., several matters were disposed of, and the W.M. presented to the Lodge, on behalf of Bro. T. P. Smith, a quarto copy of the Constitutions of 1823, for which valuable gift the warmest thanks of the brethren were accorded. Bro. A. T. B. Turner announced his intention to accompany Bro. T. Cooper P.M. as a Steward at the Festival of the Masonic Benevolent Institution, and a subscription list having been opened, a very handsome sum was subscribed in the room, the W.M. remarking on the pleasure it afforded him to see that their old and valued, true and trusty friend, Bro. Cooper, would take up with him the heaviest list yet contributed by the "Little Eboracum." After the closing of the Lodge, a harmonious evening was spent, enlivened by songs from the W.M., Bro. T. Humphries and others. The health of the W.M. was warmly received, the proposer, Bro. Balmford P.M., remarking on the hearty way in which he had thrown his whole energies into the affairs of the Lodge, and saying that the ceremony of that evening, the first the W.M. had worked, proved him a really good working Master, and from the way the Officers worked, he judged they had one and all determined to discharge their duties with faithfulness and zeal. In the case of the Eboracum Lodge, its history, short as it was, showed that it had only to continue as it had begun, to hold its splendid position amongst the Lodges of the provinces.

**Eleanor Lodge, No. 1707.**—An emergency meeting was held on Wednesday last at the Angel Hotel, Edmonton. Present—Bros. J. H. Thompson W.M., C. Lovebond S.W., C. R. Garnett J.W., J. Tanner P.M. Sec., W. Y. Byers Treas., J. Ramsey S.D., R. J. Leaman J.D., G. S. Symmons D.C., C. Oliver I.G., Church acting Tyler. Bros. Pinder, Watson, G. Perry, Cooper, Gunningham, J. Perry, Taylor, Frith. Visitors—Bros. W. Johnston 766, W. Palmer 913, J. H. Wilkin 1260, J. Garrod D.C. 754, J. A. Turner J.D. 1237, G. Doré 376. After Lodge was opened, the W.M. proceeded with the business, and the ballot being in favour of a candidate for initiation, he was, together with others, namely, Messrs. Wright and Mason, regularly introduced and initiated into the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry, the ceremony being effectively rendered by Bro. Thompson W.M. A sum of money was voted for the Benevolent Institution, to be placed on Bro. Tanner's list, who will represent this Lodge at the forthcoming Festival. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet, and spent the remainder of the evening in good fellowship and brotherly love.

Colonel H. Somerville was raised to the 33rd degree on the 2nd inst. at 33 Golden-square.

Bro. Samuel Rawson, 33°, P. Provincial Grand Master of China, was present at the funeral of Bro. John Boyd on the 4th inst. We regret that our reporter omitted to mention his name.

The Worshipful Company of Poulterers have given a donation of £5 5s in aid of the funds of the Royal Albert Orphan Asylum for Thoroughly Destitute Children, Collingwood-court, Near Bagshot, Surrey. It is gratifying to know that the claims of this deserving charity are receiving recognition.

The fifteen sections will be worked at the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction, No. 1614, Ashley's Hotel, Henrietta-street, W.C., on Thursday 23rd Jan., by the La Tolerance Lodge of Instruction, No. 538, when Bro. E. Farwig W.M. 180 will preside.

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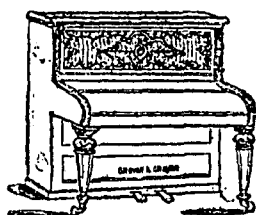
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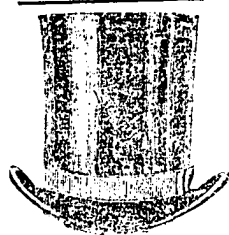
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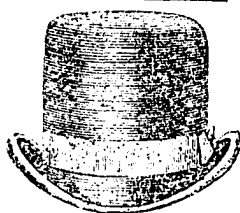
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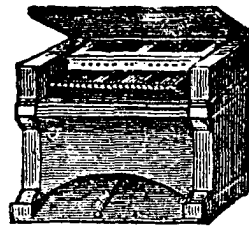
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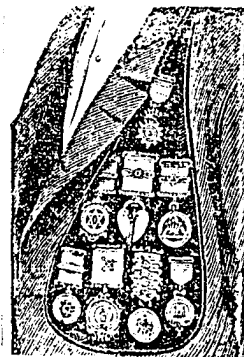
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