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PROVINCE OF DEVON MASONIC EDUCATIONAL FUND.

A MOST important meeting of the Devonshire brethren was held on Tuesday of last week, at the Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth, for the purpose of taking into consideration the requisite steps for establishing a Masonic Educational Fund for the Province, which should be supplementary to the great Central Masonic Schools in London, Bro. L. P. Metham, the Dep. Prov. G. Master, presided, and among those present were Bros. J. E. Curteis, C. Godtschalk, J. B. Gover, I. Latimer, and representatives of most, if not all, of the Lodges in the county. Bro. Metham, having addressed the brethren as to the purpose for which they were assembled, narrated the course of preceding attempts to establish such a fund, and then Bros. Curteis and Godtschalk moved and seconded, respectively, the first resolution: "That in the opinion of this Meeting it is desirable to establish a fund for the education and advancement in life of the children of deceased or distressed Freemasons in this Province." Bro. Curteis candidly avowed that he had formerly been opposed to the establishment of such a fund, but had since seen reason to change his views, and was now firmly impressed with the belief that such a fund was, under the circumstances, not only desirable, but essential. Bro. Godtschalk, in his speech, went at considerable length into figures. He pointed out that, as regards the Schools, the voting power of the Province was 430 Votes—nothing was said of the Votes held by the Province for the Benevolent, which must be looked upon as a part of its voting strength—and that supposing 2000 votes were necessary to carry the election of any given candidate, it would take two-and-a-half to three years to accumulate the required number. He illustrated this by mentioning the arrangements it had been found necessary to make in order to get a recent candidate elected, and he showed how the successful attempt had left the Province indebted to the extent of some 600 votes. Consequently, before they could hope to succeed with a future candidate, they must wait for six half-yearly elections, or three years. At the same time they had no less than ten children whom the Province were anxious to assist. These were the circumstances under which it was thought necessary to create such a fund, so that the local candidates might be assisted in their education at home, while biding their time for admission into the London Schools, or in the event of this proving unsuccessful. Other brethren addressed the meeting, and among them Bro. Gover, who pointed out the exact nature of the scheme, which was to educate the child at the best school in the neighbourhood of his residence, and provide him with clothes; the W. Master of the nearest Lodge being charged with the duty of seeing that the youth attended school, and did not destroy his clothing. The motion was carried unanimously, after which Bro. Rev. W. Whittleby moved, and Bro. Latimer seconded, "That a Committee be appointed to carry out the scheme, and that they have power—first, to frame bye-laws; second, to collect subscriptions and donations; third, to receive applications for candidates; and fourth, to call a meeting of Life Governors and Subscribers within three months, to appoint trustees, and, if practicable, to receive the applications of candidates." This was unanimously agreed to, and the Committee were nominated accordingly. Bro. Metham having announced that they already had seven or eight Life Governors, and at least fifty Subscribers; and Bro. Gover, that St. John's Lodge—whether No. 70 or No. 1247, both

of Plymouth, was not stated—had contributed £100, and Harmony Lodge—presumably No. 156, of Plymouth—had given £50, a vote of thanks to Bro. Metham for presiding was passed with acclamation, and a subscription list opened in the room, to which the majority of those present affixed their names for various amounts.

Such, in substance, is an account of one of the most important Masonic gatherings ever held in the Province of Devon. There can be no doubt whatever that such a scheme was not only desirable, but even necessary. Devon is a large Province. It boasts forty-seven Lodges, and there is a strong probability that it will always have a larger number of candidates than it can ever hope to carry, considering the limits of its voting power. If we include its Benevolent Fund Votes and assume that at each election it can command 600 Votes, it is obvious that, no matter how deserving a case may be, it cannot rely by its own unaided efforts in securing its success in less than two years; and meantime, of course, the boy or girl candidate is left to struggle on as best he can, without receiving any of that educational assistance which is so necessary to his after progress in life. Either the candidate must wait till the Province itself has recorded the requisite number of Votes, or Votes must be borrowed, as they would be in an extremely urgent case; and those Votes, of course, must be paid back again, so that for a time corresponding to the number borrowed, the Province must be powerless to assist its own orphans. Another consideration must also have great weight in the establishment of such a scheme. Those borne on the local fund remain at home under the care of their parents or guardians, and those home associations which are so dear to young children are not severed as they must be in the case of children educated in the London Masonic Schools. This is a decided advantage, especially on the score of religion, for a child may be brought up to follow that form of worship which its guardians may profess, whilst at the London Schools religious education must be as general in its character as possible, so as not to offend the particular scruples of these or those pupils. Thus, a young Jew can attend the synagogue; the son of a Dissenter, the neighbouring chapel; and the son of an Anglican, his parish church. This is certainly a consideration not lightly to be esteemed, and on which in the case of many families very considerable stress is sure to be laid. Again, the Master of the nearest Lodge will have entrusted to him the duty of seeing that the child does benefit by the assistance of the fund, and does not throw away the advantages it derives therefrom. Then the time spent in waiting to be elected into the London School will be profitably employed, instead of being, as it is now, comparatively wasted, or, at all events, not turned to such account as it might be, were there the means available for helping the children. Of course, it is not intended that the Local should supersede the Central Institution. On the contrary, it is intended to supplement it by helping both those who wait and succeed ultimately, and those who fail altogether in being received into our Central Schools. Thus, whether we look upon the Fund as contributing to the work of the London Charity, or as relieving the latter from some portion of the pressure it now has to bear—in short, from whatever point of view we regard the establishment of the proposal, we cannot but come to the conclusion that it will be a valuable adjunct to the existing Masonic Educational Institutions, and we trust the Province will support it in the spirit in which it has been taken up by Bros. Metham, Curteis, Godtschalk, and their coadjutors.

In the course of the discussion especial reference was

made to a similar Institution in Cheshire, and it was noted that this had been in existence for fifteen years, and already had some £4,000 money to the good, advantageously invested, and yielding good interest. Cheshire, we must point out, has only thirty-seven Lodges in existence now, and, when its fund was started in 1863, it had only twenty-seven, or it may be twenty-six. Devon, on the other hand, has the advantage of starting with a roll of forty-seven Lodges, or twenty more than its sister Province in the North. There is thus a far wider field for the Fund to work upon, and once set going there is little doubt whatever that it should be in a position to afford immediate relief to those requiring its assistance, and lay by a handsome store for the morrow, and this not in the first year only, but year by year, so that in less time than it has taken Cheshire to accumulate £4,000, Devon should be able to accumulate nearly twice as much—the liberality of the brethren in the two Provinces being equal. And all this time, Devon, like Cheshire, will still have a wide margin left for helping the Central Charities. However, that our Devonian friends may be able to judge for themselves of the full advantages of such a Fund, we append particulars of the Cheshire Institution beyond what were given at the meeting last week, the particulars being derived from the Fifteenth Report published last spring. The year opened with a balance brought forward of £476 6s, and the receipts from all sources, to the amount of £499 11s 9d, raised the total charge to £975 17s 9d. The expenditure on all accounts reached £511 17s 1d, and there remained a balance in Bank and Treasurer's hands of £464 0s 8d to the credit of the Institution. Examining these figures more in detail, we find the P.G. Master and his lady leading the way with £5 and £2 respectively (the amounts of their annual subscriptions) followed by the Grand Registrar, who was also the Senior Grand Warden of the Province for that year, with a donation of Twenty Guineas, so constituting himself a Vice-President, and £25 15s the proceeds of sundry amateur performances and Masonic balls. The fees from Lodges and Chapters and the Donations and Subscriptions of Lodges, Chapters, and Brethren amount to £328 11s 6d, and the interest on Investments to £117 5s 3d. The expenditure of £511 17s 1d is thus made up: in the purchase of bonds, &c., £355 5s; in the education of sixteen children £97 5s 5d, and the advancement of five children £24 9s 7d, or together £121 15s; expenses of management, printing reports, circulars, &c., &c., expenses of audit, stationery, postage, incidentals, £34 17s 1d. At the close of the account the Institution was possessed of moneys invested, awaiting investment, and in Treasurer's hands together amounting to £3,202 2s 6d. As showing with what rapidity the invested Funds of this Institution have gone on accumulating, we may mention that in the four years to 1877 inclusive the investments average but very little short of £300 per annum, the actual amount for the four years being £1,194 2s 10d—a highly satisfactory state of things, which we trust will be realised in Devonshire some short time hence. A word or two as to the qualifications of Governors and Candidates. An annual Governor subscribes five shillings and receives one vote. A Life Governor gives five guineas or upwards in the course of twelve months and receives a vote for each guinea subscribed. Twenty guineas in one or more payments within two years constitutes the donor a Vice-President. A similar donation in three years by a Lodge or Chapter gives twenty votes per annum during existence. A subscribing Lodge or Chapter is on the same footing as an individual. As to candidates, the father must have been a subscribing member for three years, and the child must be between seven and fifteen years of age—except where both parents are dead, when the inferior limit is six years—to be admitted to the benefits of education, nor can it continue a recipient thereof after sixteen years, while the limits of age for admission to the benefits of advancement are twelve and eighteen years.

We had intended closing our remarks with these details of the Cheshire Institution, but having chanced to light on a report for the year 1866 of the West Lancashire Institution founded in 1850, we have thought it would be a further encouragement to our brethren in Devon to pursue the work they resolved upon so courageously last week if we cited a few particulars from this report, especially as at the time it was made the West Lancashire Institution was only a year older than that of Cheshire at the period of the report from which we have been quoting. Well, at

the close of 1866, when it had completed an existence of sixteen years the invested funds of this West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institute amounted to £5,374 11s 3d. Its total income from all sources including a balance brought forward on 1st January of £454 amounted to £1,182 19s 8d, and its expenditure on all accounts to £793 15s 11d, leaving a balance in hand of £389 3s 9d. The receipts were thus composed: Proceeds of Masonic Ball, £88 3s. Interest on Investments and Bank Interest less Commission, together £234 19s 2d. Fees from Lodges, Donations from Lodges and Chapters, and Members' Subscriptions and Donations £405 17s 6d. The disbursements were for education of 30 children £267 5s 11d, in purchase of a bond £500; printing, stationery, postages, &c., £26 10s. Be it remembered that in 1850, when the Institution was founded, but eighteen of the Lodges now on the roll of the Province were in existence, while in 1866, the year of this Report, there were forty. Devonshire, of course, cannot hope to rival West Lancashire, which now has eighty Lodges on its roll, or double what it had in 1866—Liverpool alone being able to boast of thirty-two—but there is no reason why it should not be relatively as successful, and we sincerely hope it will. It should be added that the qualifications and privileges of Governors are almost the same as we have stated in the case of Cheshire, a Vice-President's donation having to be made in one year instead of two. The qualifications for candidates for admission to Educational Fund were three years' subscription to a Lodge in the Province on the part of the father; limits of age, eight and thirteen—where both parents dead, seven the inferior limit—and not to remain over fourteen; for the Advancement Fund, no one admitted under twelve or over twenty-one, and none to continue receiving the benefits of the fund after attaining the latter age. With energy, perseverance, and economy, we shall find Devon equally well circumstanced, having due regard to its relative strength.

THE FREEMASONS' LIFE BOAT.

SERVICES OF THE "ALBERT EDWARD."

THE Freemasons' Life-boat, the "Albert Edward," belonging to the National Life-boat Institution, and stationed at Clacton-on-Sea, was instrumental on the 24th ult. in rendering most important service to a shipwrecked crew of 14 men. Signals of distress were seen from the vessel in question about seven o'clock in the morning, at which time the wind was blowing very strong from the east, accompanied by a heavy sea. The Life-boat promptly responded to the signals, and on reaching the Swin Middle Sands, she found a large barque ashore there. She proved to be the "Hebe" bound for London, with a cargo of timber. The sea was furiously breaking over the unfortunate ship, bumping her on the sandbank, and threatening every instant to destroy her. The crew were huddled together on the port quarter. They had previously lost four boats, and a steamer had tried to save them, but found it impossible to do so, and now they eagerly watched the efforts of their brave rescuers. The Life-boat had no easy task before it. Three times it was filled with water. Six times the plucky crew strove to get near the wreck and failed. Again they tried, and eleven lives rewarded their perseverance. Then the "Hebe" shifted, and the heavy sea and wreckage made it too dangerous to lie by her; but after much anxious labour and one or two narrow escapes, the rest of the crew (which numbered fourteen in all) were hauled into the boat by means of life lines. A great number of people heartily welcomed the Life-boat and freight when returned. The ship-wrecked Norwegian sailors presented a pitiable sight on landing. Several were unable to walk, from cold and cramp—among them the captain, a man advanced in years, who had to jump overboard with a life line, and in doing so struck heavily against a floating spar. In a room kindly opened to them by the spirited proprietor of the Royal Hotel, the poor fellows received the utmost attention from Dr. Main and many other gentlemen, who are always ready and foremost in rendering help in such matters. After the Life-boat took in the crew, its cable had to be slipped in order to save it and its crew.

Too much cannot be said in praise of this noble and successful effort to save life, under the most trying

circumstances, on the part of the Albert Edward coxswain and crew, who are a willing, able, and disciplined set of men; and we feel sure the Freemasons will be highly gratified by this second proof of the value of their gift, and thankful for such answers to their best wishes.

On Sunday morning, by the invitation of the worthy President of the Branch (the Rev. H. Law, Vicar of St. Paul's) both crews attended Divine service at St. Paul's, when special prayers were offered up; and the Vicar, in most suitable and feeling terms, alluded to the event. The crews walked to and from Church in couples, and in returning, some of the inhabitants fell in. Several of the Local Committee and the Hon. Secretary also were present. In the evening the crews attended the Wesleyan Chapel, a large number of people being present at the service.

The National Life-boat Institution, having conveyed the intelligence of this Life-boat service to the Grand Master the Prince of Wales, through General Sir Dighton Probyn, V.C., H.R.H. directed the following answer to be sent to the Institution:—

Sandringham, Norfolk,
27th January 1879.

SIR,—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 24th inst. In reply to the same, I am directed by the Prince of Wales to beg you will assure the Committee of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution that the information you communicate of the lifeboat Albert Edward, which was presented to the Institution last year by the Freemasons of England, having been instrumental in saving, on the 24th inst., a shipwrecked crew of 14 persons, has caused His Royal Highness much pleasure and satisfaction.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed) D. M. PROBYN, L.C.,
Comptroller.

To Richard Lewis, Esq.

Secretary Royal National Lifeboat Institution.

Though the courtesy of Bro. Lewis we are enabled to place before our readers the following copy of the return furnished to the National Lifeboat Institution in this case by its Clacton-on-Sea Branch.

ROYAL NATIONAL LIFE-BOAT INSTITUTION.

LIFE-BOAT "ALBERT EDWARD," STATIONED AT CLACTON-ON-SEA.

RETURN OF SERVICE ON THE 24th DAY OF JANUARY 1879.

DATES AND CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE CASE.

About seven a.m. on the morning of 24th January, in answer to signals from the "Swin Middle" Light Ship, the "Albert Edward" put to sea, wind blowing hard from the Eastward. Proceeding in a Southerly direction, sighted a ship dismasted on the East end of the Swin Middle Sand, and the Sea making a complete breach over her. On nearing the wreck, saw the crew standing in a group near the port quarter, dropped anchor, and veered down to the ship; about 9.30 a.m. found her masts and yards alongside. After seven attempts to get the crew, the boat having filled three times, succeeded in getting eleven; the ship having altered her position, found it impossible to approach the wreck again on account of the wreckage alongside, the remaining three had to be hauled through the breakers by life-lines. After getting the crew in the boat, found the wreck had fouled Life-boat's cable, which was obliged to be slipped in order to save Life-boat and Crew, then made for the shore, and landed about 2.30 p.m., the Crew very much exhausted, especially the Captain, who had been hurt on his ship before being hauled through the breakers. The Life-boat's Crew had a great deal to encounter, and it was only after much perseverance that they succeeded in saving the lives. On account of its being low water, the boat had to be drawn out into the sea some distance before it could be launched, the heavy seas completely breaking over the horses and men in charge. The Life-boat was the first to render assistance. The Captain of vessel so much exhausted that he had to be carried ashore. The horse hire, as you will observe, is heavy, owing to the horses having to be kept in the stables, and having to be rubbed down all day long (at intervals). It is hoped they have not received any serious injury, their work was exceedingly trying and very risky.

The 20s was paid to the owner of the smack, who picked up the Life-boat's cable, &c., and brought same on to Clacton-on-Sea Pier. The Committee beg respectfully to recommend that the crew of the "Albert Edward" should for this service receive something extra, as they certainly had a most dangerous duty to perform.

QUERIES.

ANSWERS AND REMARKS.

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| 1. Name of Vessel, and where belonging to? | "Hebe." |
| 2. Name of Master, and of Owners? | E. R. Pone. |
| 3. Rig, Tonnage, Number of Crew, and Persons on board the Vessel? | Full rigged ship; 500 tons register; number of crew, 14. |
| 4. Where from? Where bound to? | From Darmstadt; bound for London. |
| 5. What Cargo? or in Ballast? | Cargo of Deals. |

- | 6. Probable Value of Ship and Cargo? | £12,000. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| 7. Wind, Weather, and State of Sea? | Wind from Eastward; Weather clear: Sea rough. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 8. Time of Day? State of Tide? | 5 a.m.; low water. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 9. Exact spot where Wrecked? | On East end of Swin Middle Sand. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 10. Number of Lives Saved by the Life-Boat? | Fourteen. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 11. Number of Lives Lost? | None. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 12. Supposed cause of Wreck? | Captain mistook Lights. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 13. Was it a total Wreck, or Stranded or Sunk? | Stranded. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 14. Time of launching Life-boat? | 7.30 a.m. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 15. Time of reaching Wreck? | About 9.30 a.m. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 16. Time of returning ashore? | 2.30 p.m. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 17. How did the Boat behave? | Well. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 18. By whose authority was she ordered out? | Coxswain's, in answer to Signals. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 19. Was any Damage done to the Boat? Extent of Repairs required? | Yes, damage to rudder, and to anchor stock, boat's fender on stern head, and loss of sweep. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 20. State the Names of the Crew of the Life-boat on this occasion, and number of times these Men have been off in a Life-boat to a Wreck; noting (in the third column) any special case of individual exertion. | <table border="0"> <tr> <th>Names of Crew</th> <th>Number of times afloat in the Life-boat</th> <th>Special Risk, if any</th> </tr> <tr> <td>R. Legerton</td> <td>8</td> <td>Nil.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>J. Cross</td> <td>8</td> <td>"</td> </tr> <tr> <td>R. Osborne</td> <td>8</td> <td>"</td> </tr> <tr> <td>W. Willis</td> <td>7</td> <td>"</td> </tr> <tr> <td>J. Green</td> <td>8</td> <td>"</td> </tr> <tr> <td>M. Nichols</td> <td>7</td> <td>"</td> </tr> <tr> <td>B. Addis</td> <td>8</td> <td>"</td> </tr> <tr> <td>J. Tye</td> <td>8</td> <td>"</td> </tr> <tr> <td>J. Knight</td> <td>3</td> <td>"</td> </tr> <tr> <td>T. Mason</td> <td>4</td> <td>"</td> </tr> <tr> <td>J. Austin</td> <td>5</td> <td>"</td> </tr> <tr> <td>H. Kill</td> <td>6</td> <td>"</td> </tr> </table> | Names of Crew | Number of times afloat in the Life-boat | Special Risk, if any | R. Legerton | 8 | Nil. | J. Cross | 8 | " | R. Osborne | 8 | " | W. Willis | 7 | " | J. Green | 8 | " | M. Nichols | 7 | " | B. Addis | 8 | " | J. Tye | 8 | " | J. Knight | 3 | " | T. Mason | 4 | " | J. Austin | 5 | " | H. Kill | 6 | " |
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| T. Mason | 4 | " | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| J. Austin | 5 | " | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| H. Kill | 6 | " | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 21. Amount, if any, of Reward received locally or from elsewhere. | None. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 22. Amount, if any, of Salvage. | None. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
- (Signed) ROBT. LEGERTON, Coxswain-Supt.
(Certified) FRED. J. NUNN, Honorary Secretary.

Date, 25th January 1879.

CASE OF THE WRECK OF THE "HEBE."

A return of the expenses incurred by the "Albert Edward" Life-boat, on the 24th of January 1879, in rendering assistance to the Crew of the "Hebe," as per annexed Wreck return.

NATURE OF EXPENSE.

	£	s	d
1.—Life-boat's Crew of 13 Men for service on the 24th of January, by saving, in easterly wind, the Lives of 14 persons from the "Hebe," wrecked on Swin Middle Sand, at 10s each man	-	-	6 10 0
Refreshment for Crew	-	-	0 13 0
2.—26 Persons for assisting to launch and haul up the Life-boat, at 2s each person, and extra to man in charge of Boat, 2s 6d, and one half ticket, 1s	-	-	2 15 6
Paid to Smack "Energy," of Colchester, for bringing in Cable, &c.	-	-	1 0 0
3.—The hire of 6 Horses, or other means, for Transport of the Life-boat to site of the Wreck, a distance of — miles, at — shillings each Horse	-	-	3 3 0
Men with Horses, extra for extra work	-	-	0 4 6
Total	£14	6	0

We hereby certify that the Services above stated were actually performed, and that the items specified are correct.

Given under our hands this 25th day of January 1879.

(Signed) FRED. J. NUNN, Honorary Secretary.
GEO. P. BATES, Officer of Coastguard or Customs.
ROBERT LEGERTON, Coxswain of Life-boat.

To the Secretary of the Royal National Life-boat Institution.

MINUTE OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE IN LONDON ONLY.

1879.
Jan. 27th Received and acknowledged.
" 29th Forwarded draft to Hon. Sec. for £14 6s, reserving the question of extra remuneration until the next meeting of the General Committee of the Institution.

Amongst events that are fixed for next week we may remind our readers that the New Concord Ball will take place at Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday. On Friday the members of the Carnarvon and Mizpah Lodges give a Ball at Cannon-street Hotel.

Miss Matilda Roby, a young lady of whose ability as a vocalist we have had occasion to speak on several occasions, announces her First Benefit Concert for Monday, 10th February, at the Vestry Hall, King's Road, Chelsea. Miss Roby will be assisted by Madame Worrell Duval and Miss Martha Harries; Mr. Lester, Mr. Alfred Rudland, Mr. Theodore Distin, Mr. Harry Horscroft, and Signor Jervis Rubini. Solo violin, Mdlle. Vittoria De Bono. Conductors, Mr. J. Turle Lee, Herr Trousselle and Mr. T. S. Puddicombe.

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THE NEW LAWS (?) OF THE SCHOOLS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.—In order to determine what would have been expected from a lawfully constituted Committee to advise on the revision of the Schools' Laws it is desirable to bear in mind the circumstances that brought this necessity prominently before the Subscribers. I think the suggestion of a Committee originated with Bro. Browse, after presiding at a meeting of the Boys' School in June last, when he found himself obliged to sanction an admitted irregularity because the laws did not properly define the mode of election for Committees. At about the same time some of the Governors of the Girls' School complained of "sharp practices"; some of "dishonest elections," others of "packing and nursing Committees;" and a little later, as will be but too well remembered, even the supposed purity of Grand Lodge itself was somewhat sullied by the result of an investigation commanded by the Pro Grand Master.

Supposing, then, a revising Committee to have been legally appointed, what would have been their principal duties? Obviously, to suggest such alterations in the Laws governing these Institutions as would prevent in the future a repetition of the scandals complained of; to frame regulations for the nomination and election of Committees, so as to ensure a fair representation of the Governors in the management; to enquire into the system of audit, which would probably have led business men to recommend the abolition of a cumbersome and costly Audit Committee and the substitution of independent professional auditors; to consider how far plurality of offices could be considered beneficial to the Institutions; and finally to present a well considered report to the General Committee for discussion, preliminary to the preparation by that body of notices of motion to be recommended for adoption by the General Court.

In the place of this, what has been offered? A—so-called—Joint Committee, illegally constituted (or without any constitution whatever), has wasted charity funds in printing a series of frivolous verbal alterations; the only material suggestions have been refused by one or both of the General Courts, which (also illegally) undertook their reception; and the result is, as might have been expected, "confusion worse confounded."

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours truly and fraternally,

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THE APPROACHING ELECTIONS.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.—I trust that you will permit me, through the aid of your valuable columns, to appeal to the London brethren on behalf of two London candidates with their last application, viz., C. F. Frost and F. A. Giles, in order that the same obloquy may not rest on the London subscribers as at the last October election, when with three last applicants only one was returned, and that a half Provincial case. Hoping I shall be in time to secure sufficient votes to ensure their success,

I remain, yours fraternally,

CHARLES JOHN PERCEVAL,

8 Thurloe-place, S.W., 29th January 1879.

THINGS ONE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.—With reference to the last paragraph of "FORTE'S" letter in your issue of the 11th instant, I beg to point out that in respect of the two things therein mentioned respecting which he seeks information, there is no law, nor do I see how there possibly can be any bearing upon the points raised. At least, it would be ridiculous to expect that the laws of a large and important Society like ours should condescend to notice such trivial matters; and, as a matter of fact, they do not notice them. All that Masons can do, therefore, is to fall back on usage or the prescription of those entitled to speak with authority. If these fail to supply us with the requisite information on such questions, then, it strikes me, we have nothing left us but to fall back on common sense. It is this last which, in my opinion, such guide us in attempting an answer to "FORTE'S" first question, namely, "Whether a Master can compel his Wardens to stand whenever he (the Master) rises to address the Lodge, whatever may be the occasion, or howsoever frequently he may do so." We know there are occasions when, as a matter of fact, and very properly, the Wardens do stand when the Master addresses the Lodge, and common sense tells us there must be occasions when there is absolutely no reason why they should stand, and when in fact they do not stand. I will give a case in illustration. A Master may rise to address his Lodge, not in his capacity of Master, that is, officially, but as a member of the Lodge

on some point of general interest, and having nothing whatever to do with the conduct of the Lodge. In such case it would be ridiculous to suppose that a Warden should rise from his seat. The reason why, in my humble judgment, the Wardens stand when the Master addresses the Lodge, is that they and he together govern it, and this triune government is illustrated by the upstanding together of those three Officers.

As to "whether a P.M. or Officer of one Lodge when visiting another Lodge is justified in wearing his collar of office," I say, on the authority of Oliver, decidedly not. He does not so lay it down absolutely, but he speaks clearly and reasonably enough. At p 118 of his *Masonic Jurisprudence*, in speaking of the "Place of Visitors," he remarks in reference to assigning visitors their proper places and the embarrassment this sometimes causes, "it is scarcely *en règle* for any visitor, being an Officer of another Lodge, to wear his collar and jewel, as it might create some degree of confusion." "FORTE'S" experience, and that of many brethren, confirms the reasonableness of this view. In the case of a Past Master, his apron sufficiently indicates his rank without the collar and jewel, so that to wear the latter emblem is a needless display of finery.

Fraternally yours,

"Q."

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.—In answer to "FORTE'S" further query in last week's number of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, permit me to point out that the Constitutions are tolerably explicit as to the clothing which Provincial Grand Officers, both Past and Present, may wear at Masonic meetings. At p 51 it is laid down "that they" (the P. G. Officers) "are not by such appointment members of the grand lodge, nor do they take any rank out of their district, though they are entitled to wear their clothing as provincial grand officers, or past provincial grand officers, at all masonic meetings." This, however, does not apply to provincial grand stewards, who are only "members of their own provincial grand lodge; but when out of office they are no longer members, or entitled to wear crimson aprons and collars, or jewels, nor are provincial grand stewards entitled to wear crimson aprons or collars out of their own province." Thus, Past Provincial Grand Stewards wear no distinctive clothing. Provincial Grand Stewards may wear their crimson aprons and collars only in their own province, and other Provincial Grand Officers, Past or Present, may wear their clothing as such at "all Masonic meetings." At p 121 it is stated that "past provincial grand officers," as well as "past grand officers," "may wear the jewel of their respective offices, on a blue enamelled oval medal." The Provincial Grand Master is a member of Grand Lodge according to Oliver, who, at p 282 of his *Masonic Jurisprudence*, in speaking of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, says, that, "unlike the Provincial Grand Master, he" (the Deputy Provincial Grand Master) "is not a member of Grand Lodge." The same learned writer at pp 279-80 of the same work, with reference to the "clothing of Provincial Grand Officers," remarks that the rest of the P.G. Officers—that is, with the exception of the P.G. Stewards—"are at liberty to appear in their official costume when attending their own Lodge or visiting any other; a privilege which the Masters and Wardens of private Lodges do not legally possess"—"FORTE" doubtless will note this in reference to one of his former questions, and the reason assigned by Oliver—"because it is absolutely necessary to the well-being of a Lodge that its ruling Officers should be broadly distinguished by their collars and jewels, which would be materially obstructed if other Masters and Wardens were in attendance as visitors, decorated in the same manner. The purple brethren have the further immunity of wearing their clothing at other Provincial Grand Lodges, although they cannot attend these *ex officio*, even though they be subscribing members to both provinces; and if they attend another Provincial Grand Lodge as qualified members by reason of being Past Masters within the Province, it would be more decorous to appear in the simple blue clothing of that office, because a provincial office in one district does not convey rank in another. "And a little further on they"—Provincial Grand Officers—"wear their clothing as a matter of courtesy only in the Grand Lodge, because they attend there as Past Masters or Wardens, and consequently must exhibit the proper clothing of those offices over that of their Provincial Mark. They are competent, however, after their official term has expired, to wear their official clothing, so long as they continue their subscription to any Lodge," though as to the legality of this limitation, Dr. Oliver expresses himself as uncertain, whilst he is "sure that it is expedient." As to Past Provincial Grand Officers, while the Constitutions say they "may wear the jewel of their respective offices on a blue enamelled oval medal"—as I have quoted before—thus leaving it optional, Oliver remarks that they "are not, however, allowed to wear the regular official jewel, but must substitute a blue enamelled oval medal, charged with the emblem of their office." For myself, I do not see the reason for converting the optional "may" into the imperative "must." Surely, if the Constitutions had intended the latter, they would have so stated it clearly and emphatically.

While I am on these matters I may as well essay an answer to "A J.W.'s" query, about which I do not think it is possible there can be a moment's doubt. The Constitutions are clear upon the point. "No brother shall be admitted a member of a Lodge without a regular proposition in open lodge, nor until his name, occupation, and place of abode, as well as the name and number of the lodge of which he is or was last a member, or in which he was initiated, shall have been sent to all the members in the summons for the next regular lodge meeting." Here there is no question as between *may* and *must*, for the law lays it down absolutely that the pre-requisite conditions enumerated must be complied with. "No brother shall be admitted" is as absolute a declaration as was ever formulated, and it occurs to me that if any deviation from this

law were brought under the notice of the Board of General Purposes, that body would have no option but to order everything to be done over again *ab initio*, the admission of a brother to be member of a Lodge being in such case null and void. I do not think it possible for "A. J. W.," or any other brother, to err as to the meaning of the law, if he interprets the words I have quoted in the only sense which as plain English they can possibly bear.

I am sorry my letter of last week in reference to "FORTE'S" earlier queries was dispatched so late.

Fraternally yours,

"Q."

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—It is pleasing to note the spirit of inquiry which is actuating your correspondents. I augur from it a closer observance of the Book of Constitutions and of Masonic etiquette than evidently is commonly observed in Lodges.

If A. J. W. will peruse Article I on p 83 of the Constitutions (1867) he will find that no Brother can be admitted a Member of a Lodge without a regular proposition in *open Lodge*, nor until his name, occupation, and place of abode, as well as the name and number of the Lodge of which he is or was a member, or in which he was initiated, shall have been sent to all the members in the summons for the NEXT regular Lodge meeting, at which meeting the Brothers' Grand Lodge Certificate and also the Certificate of his former Lodge is to be produced. This seems to make it imperative upon the Secretary of the Lodge in which the Brother seeks to gain admission as a member to give the particulars above specified in the summons.

Permit me to add that it is manifest from the foregoing rule that the custom, somewhat prevalent, of balloting for joining members immediately after the proposition is *not* in accord with the Book of Constitutions, and therefore irregular.

Yours fraternally,

J. A. C.

SINCERITY, No 174.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I think your reporter has hardly done justice to the support given by our Sincerity brethren to the different Masonic Charitable Institutions. There is, as you are aware, a Chapter bearing the same style and title as the Lodge and working under its auspices, and this Chapter no doubt comprises among its members very many brethren of the parent Lodge. During the four years included in your researches, Sincerity Chapter has been represented at the following Festivals, the names of the Companions who acted as Stewards and the amounts they severally collected being appended.

Institution	Date	Steward	Amount
R.M.B.I.	1876.	Comp. E. C. Mather	£31 5 0
"	1877.	" John Newton	116 0 0
R.M.I.G.	"	" C. H. Webb	61 1 0
R.M.B.I.	1878.	" E. Bowyer	85 0 0
R.M.I.G.	"	" E. C. Mather	86 12 0
			£392 18 0

Several of the Companions hail from other Lodges, and therefore it would be unjust to place the whole of the above amounts to the credit of the Sincerity brethren, but still a portion must be taken to swell the handsome total you gave in your report last week.

Fraternally yours,

AN ADMIRER OF GOOD WORK.

[In giving the names of the Stewards, last week, in report of Sincerity Lodge, an error crept in; for "C. Jas. Perceval," read "C. John Perceval."—ED. F.C.]

DISPOSAL OF LODGE FUNDS.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In your report, last week, of the Sincerity Lodge, you gave an outline of a conversation you had with a brother, who I should say must be no other than "our" old cynic; if not, he must be his counterpart, for the sentiments he expresses are exactly those of a member of my Lodge. I took an opportunity of showing him the letters in which I gave the balance sheets of various Lodges, and which you were pleased to insert some time since. His remark was, "Serve them right; if 'UNION JACK' had any pluck, and the paper was not afraid, they would publish the names in full." I did not tell him who the writer was, or he might have expressed himself a little stronger. Some of our members who were present at the time thought it very "un-Masonic" that such documents should be inserted in a newspaper, and when I defended the point, asked me how I should like it to be known that I was a member of one of the "refreshment Lodges." I replied,—in such a case I should endeavour to reform the ways of the Lodge, and the first step I should take would be to have the details discussed as much as possible. This, if I may judge from the communications

I have by your courtesy received from correspondents, is the opinion of others, who wish me to continue the series of balance sheets, and in each case have sent me materials to work upon. A brother tells me I have caused more than one amount to reach the coffers of our Charities which might otherwise have been absorbed in a less satisfactory manner, and he hopes I will either continue myself, or allow him to try his hand. By all means, with your permission, Bro. Editor, let us both endeavour to "stir up" some of our Lodges. I feel certain that the more we can find who will take an interest in the matter the more certain it is that some good will ensue.

I had wished to have gone through the various remarks which have appeared on the subject in your columns since my last letter, and to have commented thereon; but time will not at present permit. I will therefore give you a balance sheet, one I have repeatedly been requested to send you, and hope that the brother who furnished me with it may be able to make some good use of its publication.

No. 6.

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

RECEIPTS.

Balances forward:—			
General Fund	- - -	64 15 6	
Benevolent Fund	- - -	13 12 9	
			78 8 3
Receipts for the year:—			
Subscriptions and Visitors	- - -	235 10 0	
Initiation Fees	- - -	118 2 6	
Benevolent Fund Subscriptions	- - -	26 17 6	
			380 10 0
			£458 18 3

EXPENDITURE.

Refreshment and Rent	- - - - -	£252 14 3	
Grand Lodge certificates and dues	- - - - -	55 2 0	
Grant to Masonic Charity	- - - - -	10 0 0	
Grants to private individuals and expenses attending same	- - - - -	17 3 9	
P.M.'s jewel	- - - - -	10 10 0	
Tyler	- - - - -	5 8 0	
Printing, postages, &c.	- - - - -	33 2 0	
Secretary's commission	- - - - -	18 18 9	
Secretary, travelling expenses	- - - - -	2 5 0	
Balances forward:—			
General Fund	- - -	31 14 9	
Benevolent Fund	- - -	21 19 9	
			53 14 6
			£458 18 3

Thus, of the total received during the year (£380 10s) only £27 3s 9d was devoted to charity, that is, something like seven per cent. of the whole, while no less than £252 14s 3d figures for refreshment and rent, the latter as I have before pointed out, being in reality on a par with refreshment. This represents close on 67 per cent. of the receipts, and presents, in my opinion, anything but a desirable picture. There is one other item I should like to say a word about, viz., Secretary's commission, which in the year under notice reaches the large amount of £18 18s 9d, in addition to £2 5s for expenses. I do not for one moment wish to dictate to the members what they shall or shall not do with their money, but I think such an item is very unusual. I should like the opinion of other of your correspondents on this subject.

Yours fraternally,

UNION JACK.

CANTERBURY—NEW ZEALAND.

Masonic Ball at Ashburton.—The Somerset Lodge Ball held on 2nd December, at the Town Hall, was a decided success, owing to the arrangements made by the committee. About nine o'clock, dancing commenced, and was kept up until an early hour next morning. Mr. Schwartz's band furnished the music, which was excellent. The hall was handsomely decorated, flags and evergreens, also pot plants and flowers, being freely used. Refreshments were laid out in the gallery, and Mr. Shearman's large dining-room was converted into the supper-room for the occasion, matting being laid across the lawn to the door of the hall. About ninety guests were present, amongst whom were many visitors from the sister Lodges. As this was the first ball of its kind held at Ashburton, the Somerset Lodge have much reason to congratulate themselves on its success.

Thistle Lodge, No. 672, S.C., Ashburton.—The installation of the Officers of this Lodge for the ensuing year was held on 2nd December, at eight o'clock, at the Templars' Hall, Ashburton. Bro. the Rev. James Hill, of Littleton, acted as Installing Officer. The following were duly installed in their respective chairs—Bros. P.M. Joseph Fletcher R.W.M., G. St. Hill D.M., Hurst S.W. Hampton J.W., Garnet Secretary, Quill Treasurer, Nelson S.D., Chapman J.D., T. Smith I.G., G. Shann Tyler, MacFarlane and Ewen Stewards. At a future meeting, Bro. R. Cullen will be installed W.M., and Bro. W. H. Gates Organist. The Lodge being closed, the brethren proceeded to Quill's Hotel, where the annual banquet was held.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Industry Lodge, No. 186.—The installation meeting of this old established and flourishing Lodge was held on Tuesday, the 28th ult., at Freemason's Hall, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's-inn-fields. There were present a very large number of the members, and between fifty and sixty Visitors. The Lodge was opened at 5.30 by the P.M. Bro. Douglas J. Robinson. Amongst those present were Past Masters Alfred Block, John Seex, C. W. Noehmer, George Dyer, H. Bartlett, Thomas Price, T. Mortlock, and Wylie. The Visitors were represented by Bros. C. Sawyer W.M. 1619, T. Bartlett P.M. 813, D. A. Ross S.W. 1216, W. Downing P.M. 20, H. A. Carter 192, Cattle P.M. 1441, E. Moody P.M. Sec. 1426, W. J. Cooper 1668, G. W. Hagall 1539, Skelton P.M. 1056, S. Webb P.M. 193, Benjamin Newnham 1624, A. Town 1381, G. J. Grace P.M. 73, S. W. Sutton 73, F. H. Ebsworth P.M. 73, James Hare Sackville, John Elliot 45, J. Williams 1441, W. E. Wright 1201, Marcus 158, Howard 1623, Henry Reed 463, Simmons 74, Wetherell 1681, Harvey 871, Humphrey 1364, C. F. T. Strube 72, R. Challoner 178, Peter R. Harris 177, W. S. Marshall J.W. 15, Searle, Carter P.M. 382, W. C. Banks S.W. 1223, W. C. Davey 1512, C. Philp P.M. 1550, G. Page P.M. 1209, J. Wright P.M. 1446, R. H. Harvey P.M. 902, W. W. Morgan Sec. 211, W. Hamlyn 1622, N. B. Headon P.M. 1426, James Freeman W.M. 1426 Blackie S.W. 1426, Benningfield 1589, F. T. C. Keoble 1426, T. Chapman 1426, J. Cunningham, Pickford 282, Dr. Dixon P.M. 73, &c. With such an array of brethren our readers will agree with us that the members had exhibited their judgment in fixing the future locale for their meetings at Freemasons Hall. During the past few years the assemblies of this Lodge have been held at various places, but if the success of this gathering is taken into consideration, we think it will be some time ere a change of habitation is again asked for. The Lodge was formally opened, and the W.M. called upon Bro. Mann P.M., who has now held the post of Secretary for ten years, to read the minutes, which were approved by the brethren, and were duly signed as correct. The Auditors' report was read and adopted. The Director of Ceremonies, Bro. Charles Noehmer P.M., then introduced the Senior Warden, Bro. W. H. Hook P.M., as the W.M. elect. Bro. Robinson acted as Installing Master, and, after he had addressed Bro. Hook, and the latter had assented to the usual requisitions, administered the obligation. Lodge was advanced, and a request made that those below the rank of Installing Master would retire. A Board of Masters was opened, and the ceremony was proceeded with. On the re-admission of the brethren the W.M. was saluted in the three degrees and the ceremony completed. Bro. Hook now appointed his Officers:—Bros. Powell S.W., Allison J.W., Lake P.M. Treasurer, Mann P.M. Secretary, Philp S.D., Johnson J.D., Tapps I.G., Noehmer P.M. D.C., Hook jun. Organist, Horsey W.S., Smith A.S., Woodstock P.M. Tyler. Bro. Robinson then, in capital style, delivered the addresses, and took his seat amidst the congratulations of the members and visitors for having so admirably completed the labours of a most successful year. The W.M., on rising, said his first duty was to present to the I.P.M. the elegant jewel which the Lodge had voted. Bro. Hook remarked it was a well-earned recognition for valuable services, and, personally, he was greatly pleased to be the medium of its presentation. After a graceful acknowledgment by Bro. Robinson, two propositions were handed in for additions to the muster roll. Bro. Thos. Mortlock announced his intention to act as Steward at the Festival of the Boys' School, and a sum of twenty guineas was voted to be placed on his list. Some gratuities were voted to those brethren who have charge of the apartments, &c., at Freemasons' Hall, and then "hearty good wishes" were tendered, and the W.M. closed the Lodge. The banquet was served in the Large Hall, and was placed on the table in an unexceptionable style by Bro. Alfred Best, who personally superintended, and was ably seconded by Bro. Dawkins. The W.M., who is famed for his devotion to the science of music, had provided a band of ten performers, under the direction of Mr. C. Adams, and during dinner the following selection of music was played:—

Overture	...	"Tancredi"	...	Rossini
Valse	...	"Wiener Kinder"	...	Strauss
Quadrille	...	"Alhambra"	...	Riviere
Valse	...	"La Serine"	...	Waldteufel
Polka	...	"Oxford and Cambridge"	...	Greave
Valse	...	"Kunstler leben"	...	Strauss
Valse	...	"Soldartenleider"	...	Gung'l
Quadrille	...	"Selected"
Valse	...	"Dreams on the Ocean"	...	Gung'l
Valse	...	"Lily of the North"	...	Marriott
Galop	...	"M.P."	...	Weston

On the removal of the cloth, the W.M. proposed the health of Her Most Gracious Majesty and Prosperity to the Craft, after which the brethren sang the National Anthem with full musical accompaniment. The second toast that was brought under notice was the M.W. the Grand Master, who the W.M. described as a thorough good Mason, who was fitted in every way to govern the Craft. Here Bro. Morton, who possesses a voice of great peculiarity—Bro. Hook must pardon us, if we are in error in calling it a falsetto—sang "Thy Face." His rendering of the song seemed to please the multitude, but certainly was not to our taste; however, this may be bad judgment on our part. The Pro Grand Master, the Deputy, and the other Grand Officers were next complimented, and then came an admirable pianoforte solo, "Irlandais," arranged by Sydney Smith, and skillfully rendered by Bro. F. Smith R.A.M. Bro. Douglas J. Robinson proposed the health of the W.M. He ventured to say that never in the history of this old Lodge had a more genial brother been selected to fill the chair. As one of the musical brethren of the Lodge, Bro. Hook had endeared himself to the members, and all would join heartily in wishing him health and prosperity during his year of office. Miss Jessie Royd now favoured the company with Balfo's song, "Killarney," after which Bro. Hook rose to reply. He felt it a great honour that had been conferred upon him. He should use his utmost

endeavours to keep up the *prestige* the Lodge had so long held. It was an old and influential Lodge; he trusted he might be able to conduct the business in such a way as would enhance its prosperity. A change had been made; they were now located in their old quarters, and that under auspices most favourable and satisfactory to all the members. He would endeavour to advance the interests of all, and thanked the members for electing him. The W.M., on again rising, remarked that the Lodge had not that evening had any new blood infused into it; however, at their last meeting they had the pleasure of initiating two gentlemen, Messrs. Page and Lennard. The present was the first occasion these brethren had had an opportunity of joining in the festivities, and it would give him infinite pleasure to propose their health. After this compliment had been acknowledged, Bro. Hook proposed the health of the Installing Master of the Day, and the Past Masters of the Lodge. After Bro. Carter had favoured the company, Bro. Robinson replied. As Installing Master he returned thanks for the hearty way in which they had received the toast. He referred to what Bro. Mortlock had done in the cause of the Charities, and deemed it a great honour to be able to join the ranks of the P.M.'s of this Lodge. Bro. Bartlett was gratified at being able to be with them once more. The effort he was compelled to make was a great one, but he would strive to say a few words to those assembled. Our esteemed brother then referred to the time when the members met at Dicks' Coffee House. He was gratified at seeing so many present who were entitled to wear the emblem of the Lodge—the Busy Bees. As P.M.'s they felt proud of the badge that distinguished them. The members of The Great City Lodge who were present, they were gratified to see. The brethren of Industry Lodge claimed some sort of relationship with them, inasmuch as they had supported their petition for a warrant of constitution. He could not say the Industry was essentially a bread-and-cheese Lodge, though he well remembered the time when the funds would not permit even that moderate expenditure. He was pleased to know that the efforts of the founders of The Great City Lodge had been so successful, and concluded his remarks by again saying he was proud of his association with his Lodge, and gratified at being present *once more*. Bro. Mann, as Secretary, had had a good deal of experience in the Lodge, and was pleased to see so many visitors and brethren present. Whatever adversities the Lodge had passed through, it unquestionably at the present time was prosperous. Bro. Mortlock would refer to the more immediate object he had in view; that was to solicit the support of the brethren to the Institution he was about to serve a Stewardship for. Ten years ago he brought to the notice of the brethren the claims the Masonic Charities had on their support. He was rewarded, for the Lodge voted him 50 guineas for the Boys' School; the year following they did a like service when he urged the claims of the Girls' School, and two years later the brethren voted him a third amount—£50—towards the funds of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Thus, in the short space of four years the Lodge made itself Vice-President of the three Institutions. Since then they had not been idle; each year £10 or £20 had been voted. He felt assured, from the liberality already evinced by the brethren, that in his present Stewardship he should be supported, and frankly told them he must not go up without a three-figure list. The next toast given was the Visitors—gracefully replied to by Dr. Dickson. Then came Prosperity to the Industry Lodge, and this called forth the oratorical powers of our worthy Bro. Seex, to whom was entrusted the reply. The W.M. called on Bro. Moody to respond for The Charities, and this the energetic Secretary of The Great City Lodge did, much to the edification of the company. The Officers of the Lodge were not overlooked, and, after a reply to their toast by Bro. Philp, Bro. Hook favoured the brethren with the following Masonic lyric:—

Are your glasses charg'd in the West and the South?
The Worshipful Master cries. "They are charg'd in the West,"
"They are charg'd in the South," are the Wardens' prompt replies.
Then to our parting toast to-night, your glasses fairly drain,
Happy to meet, Sorry to part, Happy to meet again.

The Mason feels the noble truth the Scottish peasant told,
That rank is but the guinea's stamp, the man himself's the gold,
With us the rich and poor unite, and equal rights maintain,
Happy to meet, Sorry to part, Happy to meet again.

Dear Brethren of the mystic tie, the night is waning fast,
Our duty's done, our feast is o'er, this song must be our last;
Good night, once more repeat the farewell strain,
Happy to meet, Sorry to part, Happy to meet again.

The singing of Miss Jessie Royd and Bro. Carter was greatly appreciated; indeed, the Musical arrangements throughout were deserving of the highest praise. As may be imagined, it was very late ere the summons for the Tyler was given.

Royal Savoy Lodge, No. 1744.—A meeting was held on Tuesday 28th ult., at Ashley's Hotel, Covent-garden, W.C. Present:—Bros. J. Williams jun. W.M., J. Douglass S.W., F. H. Clomow J.W., W. M. Stiles Sec., Treadwell P.M. Treas., T. J. Hyland J.D., G. H. Deller D.C., A. Holt and J. W. Smith Stewards, W. Cook I.G., W. Jaques Orgt., H. G. Buss Assist. G. Sec., Hon. Member, and about 40 other members. Among the visitors were Bros. J. J. Michael W.M. 1732, &c., R. R. Browning 176, W. Phillips 511, H. Speedy 742, H. W. Blake 834, W. W. Morgan jun. 1385, R. W. Brooks Gooch 1420, A. Thompson 1601, B. Kauffmann 1732, &c. The usual formalities as to opening the Lodge having been observed, the ballot was brought into requisition. The names of seven gentlemen were submitted, and on the result being made known all were declared duly elected—the ballot being unanimous in their favour. The Lodge was then advanced, and after the usual examination Bro. J. W. Smith was raised to the third degree. Bro. R. A. Cole now presented himself as a candidate for the second degree, and that ceremony was worked to his benefit. Lodge was next resumed to the first degree, when Messrs. B. P. George, J. W. Wheeler, and P. Jagels were introduced, and severally received the benefit of Masonic light. The Secretary

announced that he had received the name of one gentleman as a candidate to be balloted for at their next meeting, and after the usual greetings from the visitors, the W.M. closed the Lodge. The brethren adjourned to banquet, and in most cases we think did ample justice to the viands provided. Some, however, seemed to think they were allowed more than breathing time between the different courses. We would remind such that patience is a virtue, and that the delay was perhaps good-naturedly arranged for by Bro. Mitchell, the proprietor, who is too good a caterer to hurry his guests, and thereby bring on that most to be dreaded adjunct of a good dinner—indigestion. At the conclusion of the repast Bro. Willing, who occupied the chair, proceeded with the usual toasts. After that of the Queen and the Craft the National Anthem was sung, and then the health of the Grand Master was enthusiastically received. In introducing the toast of the Pro G.M., the D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Bro. Willing referred with pleasure to the presence of Bro. Buss, the Assistant Grand Sec., whom he characterised as one of the hardest working Masons that had ever been connected with Grand Lodge. He had taken an active part in the consecration of several Lodges in which he (Bro. Willing) and other members of the Lodge took an interest, and was ever ready to help them or any other of the many Lodges on the roll of English Freemasonry, whenever it lay in his power to do so. But what the Craft were more especially indebted to Bro. Buss for, was his willingness at all times to answer every question that might be referred to him, or advise on any matter of difference that might come under his notice. So kindly did he and the other officials in the Grand Secretary's office always receive brethren, and so willing were they to assist in any cause, that he (Bro. Willing) almost thought it sometimes a pleasure to have a grievance in order to spend a short time with Bro. Hervey or Bro. Buss, explaining matters and getting their advice. The members should ever remember that they had a true friend in their Assistant Grand Secretary, and one who would never tire of doing good. Bro. Buss briefly thanked the W.M. and members on behalf of the Grand Officers. He considered the Craft had reason to be proud of having two such noblemen to support the Grand Master as the Earl of Carnarvon and Lord Skelmersdale; at all times either were pleased to devote their energies for the good of Freemasonry. In his official capacity Bro. Buss had frequently to communicate with those noblemen, and invariably replies were received to any question by return post. For those whose time is as fully occupied as must be that of their lordships, to devote such attention to Freemasonry is a sure sign they take a great interest in its welfare. With reference to the remarks of the W.M., as to his giving advice whenever applied to, he had taken delight in doing so, and hoped his opinion would be of some slight service whenever such was asked for. He felt sure he could say the same for Bro. Hervey, and although it was impossible for them always to be correct, he felt that from long experience they were often able to advise as to the best if not the most correct mode of meeting a difficulty. Bro. the Hon. I.P.M. now assumed the gavel. He remarked that although it was usual for the brother in his position to give the next toast he would ask the brethren to allow him to transfer that duty to Bro. Buss, as it was not often he had an opportunity of being among them, and he felt sure that Bro. Buss would do honour to the task. Bro. Buss therefore rose to propose the health of the W.M. He thought he had somewhere heard it mentioned that the brethren knew what was coming when a P.M. took to speaking, and therefore he would not further explain the phenomena. It was a great compliment for a—so to speak—visitor to be called upon to propose the health of the Master. The present was not Bro. Willing's first essay as President of a Lodge. In each of those in which he had fulfilled the duties of Master he had worked in the same earnest way he did in the Royal Savoy, and in each case had earned the good feeling of the members. Bro. Buss complimented Bro. Willing on the efficiency displayed by the Officers, they must be of great service to him. In conclusion he mentioned the fact that Bro. Willing's exertions were not confined to Craft Masonry alone, he having all but reached the top step of the Royal Arch ladder, being M.E.Z. elect of a Chapter at Southend. His services were always ready to be devoted to either Lodge or Chapter. The brethren received the toast with great enthusiasm, and Bro. Willing replied. He thanked the members for their good feeling; he felt it an additional honour to hear the Assist. G. Sec. speak in such favourable terms as he had. He should be only too happy to do anything in his power for the Royal Savoy Lodge or its members. He then proposed the health of the Initiates. It was the proud boast of the Lodge that ever since their consecration they had not had a meeting without some new members being enrolled. The three they had initiated that evening were gentlemen whom he felt sure would prove a credit to the Lodge and Craft generally. Bro. George tendered his thanks, hoping he should in time rise to fill an office in the Lodge. Bro. Wheeler followed, and then Bro. Jazel added his thanks, expressing the pleasure he felt in being permitted to join the Lodge. Bro. Willing considered it would hardly be right if they did not drink the health of Bro. Cole, who although not actually initiated that night, now appeared for the first time at the festive board, there being no banquet on the night on which he was initiated. He felt sure the brethren would accord him as hearty a welcome now as they would have done a month since, had they then had the opportunity. The toast was warmly received, and Bro. Cole replied. He had experienced great pleasure so far as he had gone in Freemasonry, and hoped he might enjoy the company of his brethren on many occasions. The next toast was that of the Visitors. The W.M. greeted them as personal friends; who had come, not to find fault, but to enjoy themselves; he hoped that the members of the Lodge had done everything to bring such a desire to a successful issue. Bro. Buss was called upon to respond to the toast. As an Honorary Member of the Lodge he hardly considered himself a Visitor. He felt an immense amount of pleasure to see that the Lodge was so prosperous. Bro. Michael followed, expressing his hopes that the Lodge would continue its prosperous career. The Officers were next toasted, and each responded, after which the Tyler was summoned and the brethren separated.

PRESENTATION TO BRO. C. GODTSCHALK.

THE half-yearly meeting of Lodge Dundas, 1255, was held at the Huyshe Masonic Temple, on Monday 20th inst. The usual business of the evening having been concluded, the Lodge was called off from labour to refreshment, for which purpose the brethren adjourned to the Globe Hotel, the only indulgence by way of refreshment taken by the brethren of this Lodge between the date of their annual installation banquet, which is in June, and the installation of their W.M. in the following June. The cost of this supper not being defrayed from Lodge funds, but by those partaking.

At the installation in June 1878, a testimonial was voted to Bro. Charles Godtschalk P.M., P.P.G.D., by the united voice of the Lodge. It was decided the presentation should take place at the bi-annual supper, in January 1879, on which occasion there was a large attendance of brethren and visitors, several from distant provinces.

The W.M. of Dundas, Bro. T. J. Smith presided, being supported on his right by the oldest P.M. of Lodge "Dundas" Bro. T. B. Harvey P.P.G.D.C., and upon his left by Bro. Godtschalk. Among the brethren present were Bros. J. E. Carteis P.P.G.S.W., I. Watts P.P.G.T., V. Bird P.P.G.T., L. D. Westcott P.P.G.S. Wks., T. B. Harvey P.P.G.D.C., J. B. Gover P.P.G.A.D.C., S. B. Harvey P.M. and Sec., W. H. Triplett, and S. J. Hearle P.M.'s, and Jno. Pearce I.P.M. 1,255, Bros. G. R. Barrett J.W., Jno. Hammond S.D., and R. E. Holmes I.G. The gift for presentation took the form of a very handsome chaste and elegant P.M.'s jewel, unique in character and appearance. Bro. T. B. Harvey made the presentation. He addressed Bro. Godtschalk as one of his initiates; he was proud to know that his protégé had not only done credit to his Lodge, but had rendered his name widely known by his services to the Craft and to the entire province of Devon in particular. Since Bro. Godtschalk had undertaken the important but honorary office of Representative of our Charity Committee, or, in other words, our Committee of Petitions at the Great Charities in London, we had elected every case we had placed on the lists, whether they were old men, widows, boys or girls. This was not done by the strength of our voting power, but by the tact and judgment displayed by Bro. Godtschalk in dispensing those votes in a judicious manner, and by the influence he possessed with other provinces and large holders of votes. In presenting this jewel to our brother, let me convey to him on your behalf the assurance that it is given with the united voice of the Lodge, as a token of esteem and regard for special services rendered to the Craft, and to show our appreciation of Bro. Godtschalk's Masonic abilities. In doing this I wish him every prosperity, and that this jewel may be handed down by him as a cherished heirloom. Bro. Charles Godtschalk in acknowledging the honour, said it was his opinion when a presentation of any kind was made from a body of one's fellows it should at once indicate to the one to whom it was presented that he had earned the respect and esteem of the many, and if he was to put faith in the words and sentiments they had just heard expressed by Bro. T. B. Harvey he could not doubt their sincerity. A well-known proverb tells us that it is not wise to "Look a gift horse in the mouth." But not for the purpose of merely showing the exception that is said to follow every rule, but for his own satisfaction, he did intend to look his "Gift horse in the mouth." In some Lodges it is customary to present each W.M. retiring with a jewel, but indeed is this custom; infinitely better would it be honoured in the breach. He held that the actual work of a W.M. so far as initiation, passing and raising goes, was merely routine, and that no Brother should occupy the W.M.'s chair who was not prepared to perform that routine work respectably. For this work no presentation should be given: the increased status in the Craft pertaining to those who had the privilege of adding P.M. to their names being in itself sufficient honour. He did not wish them to suppose he would accept this mark of esteem if he had merely scrambled into the chair and done mere routine work and then shuffled out. No, he had been assured the jewel was given for special services rendered, not alone to this Lodge, but to the province of Devon. To this extent did he look his "Gift horse in the mouth," and for this did he accept it. The work he had done was one of charity, and performed out of gratitude for the province that had honoured him beyond his expectations.

THE General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls met on Thursday, at the Freemasons' Hall. There were present—Bros. H. A. Dubois, in the chair, Col. John Creaton, Col. J. E. Peters, A. E. Gladwell, J. J. Berry, John A. Rucker, John Mason, Thomas Cubitt, P. F. Baker, Thos. W. White, J. G. Stevens, Wm. Stephens, Griffiths Smith, G. Bolton, A. F. A. Woodford, Thos. J. Barnes, H. Massey, E. Letchworth, S. Rothenthal, W. F. C. Moutrie, C. J. Perceval, H. Potter, E. Spooner, A. Tisley, and F. R. W. Hedges Sec. A letter was read from the Secretary of the "Princess Alice" Fund at the Mansions House, trusting that the Committee would admit to the Institution the daughter of Captain Grinstead (for whose admission 170 guineas had been paid) notwithstanding she was over seven years of age. The brethren, however, decided that they could not suspend the Laws for that purpose, and in returning a cheque for the amount paid, directed a letter to be written regretting that they were obliged to refuse admission to the unfortunate child. When the petitions of new candidates were considered, it was found that some of these candidates had sisters already in the School, and as the new Laws recently passed provided that two children of the same family should not be in the School at the same time, a question arose whether these petitions could be received. The Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, however, explained that as the new Laws were not yet confirmed, the present petitions were governed by the old Laws, and they were accordingly passed. The brethren passed a vote of regret at the death of Bros. Benjamin Head and John Boyd, two members of the House Committee; the election of two brethren to supply their places was ordered for the next meeting of the General Committee.

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OUR WEEKLY BUDGET.

THE Queen, with the members of the Royal Family and the Grand Duke of Hesse and his children, attended Divine service in Osborne-house on Sunday last. The Prince of Wales left Osborne on Friday, and the next day rejoined the Princess and family at Sandringham. The Duke of Connaught returned to London on Monday from Berlin, and proceeded to Osborne. Cabinet Councils were held on Friday and Saturday, all the Ministers being present, except on Friday, when Lord Cranbrook was absent.

The Serapis, troopship, yesterday embarked at Portsmouth the 29th Regiment, 900 strong, with detachments of other corps, for service in India. Reinforcements for the regiments serving in South Africa, amounting to 500 men, have been ordered to prepare for embarkation for the Cape of Good Hope in March next.

The following appointment has been made:—The Rev. Dr. Lightfoot, Canon of St. Paul's and Margaret Professor of Divinity at Cambridge, to the Bishopric of Durham in succession to Dr. Baring, retired.

The steamship Ontario arrived at Liverpool a few days since with 247 head of cattle from Canada, several of which

were found to be suffering from pleuro-pneumonia, and the whole have been slaughtered by order of the Government inspectors. It is stated that the disease does not exist in Canada, and that the animals must have been infected during their journey to Portland, Maine, where they were embarked.

A fishing boat was run down off Stonehaven by a steamer, and three men were drowned. A police constable, on duty for the first time in Sheerness Dockyard, was found drowned in the basin on Friday.

The cotton factory operatives at Preston, who struck on Friday against a further reduction of wages, after an interview with the employers on the following day, consented to resume work upon the proposed terms.

Unionist caulkers, employed at Messrs. Elder's ship-building yard at Jarrow, have struck work because their employers refused to dismiss a man who transgressed the Union rules by doing more than the prescribed amount of work in the day.

The American Pedestrian, Weston, having reached Penzance, is continuing his 2000 miles walk, and is now returning from Cornwall.

An explosion of gas occurred on Saturday in the Fitzwilliam Colliery, near Wakefield, whereby two men were killed and five others injured. Two colliers were killed and a third dangerously hurt by the fall of a mass of mineral in a pit in the Forest of Dean. Two boys were drowned near Ballynahinch, County Down, while skating on ice which broke under their weight. Similar accidents occurred to two boys at West Malling, Kent, to two lads at Warrington, and to three men on Lake Windermere.

At a meeting of creditors of the Cornish Bank, held on Thursday at Truro, an offer of 16s in the pound was accepted, and resolutions expressing sympathy with Messrs. Tweedy were passed.

Bank rate has been again reduced, the quotation now being 3 per cent. This reduction, added to a more favourable weekly return, and the conclusion of the fortnightly settlement, led to a considerable improvement in the various stock departments. Bank shares have not shown much movement during the week, but gas shares have been very firm all round.

The accounts received from India are satisfactory. General Roberts has had no further difficulty with the hill tribes, and the Ghundzais have proffered their friendship, in which course it is expected that they will be followed by other tribes. Wali Mahomed, a half-brother of Shere Ali, who commanded the Afghan force defeated at the Peiwer Pass, having been summoned to Cabul by Yakob Khan, has preferred to submit himself to General Roberts. Shere Ali is still in Turkestan, and, according to the Russian papers, has been very ill, but intends shortly to proceed to Tashkend. The weather in Afghanistan is unusually mild, and rain is wanted for next year's crops. In France a sudden crisis has arisen. The President, Marshal MacMahon, has refused to sign orders for the dismissal or supersession of several Generals in command of military districts; but it is thought that his reluctance refers rather to a threatened motion in the Chambers for an impeachment of the De Broglie-Fourtou Ministry. The President, however, yesterday formally notified his resignation, and the Chamber of Deputies immediately elected as his successor M. Jules Grévy by 563 votes, General Chanzy receiving 99. The Presidency of the Chamber, vacated by M. Grévy, will, it is confidently expected, be conferred on M. Gambetta. This sudden change of affairs has caused great surprise in Paris, and some anxiety as to the consequences.

We have received copy of the Annual Report, Regulations and List of Governors and Subscribers—corrected to 1st November 1878—of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. One matter in connection with the list we are anxious to draw Bro. Terry's attention to, especially as it has been again and again brought under our notice by brethren, both Metropolitan and Provincial, but particularly the latter. These latter, indeed, may be said to be labouring under a grievance, in so much as, with the List of Governors and Subscribers as at present arranged it is impossible for them, except after an immense deal of trouble, to ascertain the voting strength of their province in respect of this Institution, and it has been suggested that if Bro. Terry would only have his list drawn up on a somewhat similar fashion to those of the Boys' and Girls' Schools—London

first, and then the Provinces in alphabetical order—then at a single glance they could tell what number of votes each province had at its disposal for all three Institutions. To do this would certainly cost some trouble at the outset, but we are sure Bro. Terry would have his reward in the thanks of the whole of the Masonic community, and especially of that numerous and influential section of it which hails from the country. We make no apology for offering this suggestion, as we know Bro. Terry is well assured that what we do is for the general good, and that, as far as we are concerned, we would save trouble rather than cause it. Indeed, our suggestion will, we feel certain, diminish considerably the trouble now experienced in tracing votes.

As stated in our last week's report, the future meetings of the Strong Man Lodge of Instruction will be held at the Sportsman, 315 City-road. The members are likely to find this change beneficial to the Lodge, as its new position is much more convenient than was its old. The room in which the meetings will be held is spacious, and we doubt not that Bro. Spurgin, the proprietor, will do all in his power to make the members comfortable.

One of the characteristics of our so-called Jewish Lodges is the efforts they make to establish and maintain Benevolent Funds. We do not wish it to be thought that there is no such provision for misfortune made in other Lodges; but the few that owe their support chiefly to Israelitish brethren, in most cases, can boast of being far in advance of their fellows, as regards the relief they are able to give, without touching current receipts, to distressed members. With the object of adding to the Fund established in connection with the Lodge of Israel, No. 1502, which meets at Liverpool, the members have, during the period of the Lodge's existence, given an Annual Ball, devoting the proceeds to the Benevolent Fund. This year's gathering, we are informed, is fixed for the 12th instant, at the Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool, where dancing will commence at nine o'clock. The Hon. Sec., Bro. H. M. Silver, 98 Crown-street, Liverpool, will be pleased to supply tickets or any information respecting the ball. We advise the brethren (who by special sanction may appear in Craft clothing) in the neighbourhood of Liverpool to avail themselves of this opportunity of spending a pleasant evening; we are convinced, from our knowledge of the promoters and the success that has attended their previous efforts, that all who attend will thoroughly enjoy themselves, and, in addition, they may be the means of adding to a fund which every true Mason must rejoice to see on so substantial a basis.

We have been told that the report we inserted last week of the "United Masonic Ball" was anything but correct; at least so far as matter of detail is concerned. In it we stated that the duties of M.C.'s were efficiently carried out by Bros. W. Cook and J. Callegari, and this our statement is challenged. We have consulted our reporter, and he informs us that if any but the brethren named acted as M.C.'s it must have been in another room than that in which the dancing took place. He further considers that no other M.C. could have found anything to do, if he had tried, and, so far as he could see, no one tried. Of course we can but believe that the statement to the contrary is correct, but at the same time we cannot account for our reporter leading us astray, unless it be that the presence of his "sisters" must have given him more to attend to than usual. We offer our apology to Bro. Meekham for having omitted mention of his name, and hope he will soon give us an opportunity of testifying more fully as to his ability as M.C.

In recognition of the ability and zeal for Masonry of the Rev. Daniel Ace, D.D., the Supreme Council 33° has recently conferred on him the thirty-first degree.

Bro. Geo. Sanger, of the Hall-by-the-Sea, Margate, has distributed gifts of 1 cwt. of coals to 400 poor people in the borough. This was in fulfilment of a promise made to the magistrates when his license was granted.

AMABEL VAUGHAN.*

IN our issue of the 18th ult., we published some extracts from Bro. Tweddell's Masonic Memoir of Emra Holmes, prefixed to his new book, "Amabel Vaughan," giving, amongst other passages in Bro. Holmes' Masonic career, his controversy with Father Suffield, at that time a Dominican Friar, on "Roman Catholicism versus Freemasonry." The learned and eloquent friar had denounced the Freemasons as all that was bad, atheistic, and revolutionary; and Bros. Tweddell and Holmes replied to his strictures in the columns of a leading north country paper, *The South Durham and Cleveland Mercury*, and in the *Freemason's Magazine*, now defunct.

The following letter from the Rev. R. Suffield, who it appears has since left the Romish Church, addressed to Bro. Holmes's biographer, has been handed to us for publication, and we have great pleasure in complying with Bro. Holmes' request to introduce it to our readers as showing the remarkable conversion of a Romish emissary to the views and principles of our beloved Order, though he has not yet joined our ranks:—

Oak Hill House, Broomhill, Sheffield,

23rd January 1879.

DEAR SIR,—The courtesy of an unknown friend has just secured me the sight of your memoir of Mr. Emra Holmes, at page 52 of the *Freemason's Chronicle*. In that article you allude to the amicably conducted controversy which arose when I, as a Dominican Friar, was founding the Roman Catholic cause at West Hartlepool, and in the year 1867 delivered a lecture on Fenianism, afterwards published, in which to save thousands of innocent and peaceable Irish from the imminent danger then impending over them, in consequence of the rashness of many and the grave faults of a few; and endeavoured to point out that it would not be fair to condemn the mere fact of a secret society, unless we included the most influential secret society in the world, and that just as some Freemason Lodges on the Continent had been interwoven with revolutionary movements, without thereby involving English Freemasons in persecution—so in the Fenian brotherhood, possessing an organisation and unity not quite so complete. Protestants ought not to condemn any Lodges but those proved guilty of treason or conniving at treason, still less to suspect all those vast numbers of Irishmen who, in reluctant obedience to their Church, kept aloof from all the secret societies.

So far, I think that my argument was just, though in my anxiety to save many deserving Irish workmen, threatened with discharge, I may have pushed my apology too far.

The error, which I am glad to be allowed an opportunity of withdrawing, consisted in the statements regarding the Freemasons, wherein I followed the Papal Allocution, and, whilst obeying its commands, was deceived by its mendacity.

The Pope had on various occasions issued criminations and condemnations of the Freemason brotherhood, binding all Roman Catholics, and rendering it impossible for any believing and practical Roman Catholic to be a Freemason. In the year 1865, a Papal Allocution again condemned all secret societies, specifying the Freemason and the Fenian! My charges against the Freemason Society were distinctly stated by me to rest upon authority—an authority I then believed to be overruled by Providence, and to bind us all under pain of sin.

In 1870 the Papal absolution culminated in an impious assumption which happily caused me to investigate and to discern the rotten fallacy of the basis—when I discovered the authority to be an unrighteous assumption over God and man. Whatever in my mind rested on that authority disappeared at once and for ever. When I was the servant of the Roman Church, I acted consistently in warning Roman Catholics away from the only world-wide rival of her antiquity and her extension, the only powerful organisation existing in which no practical Roman Catholic can be found. When acting as a freed man and an Englishman, my earnest wish was to seek admission into a society promulgating the very principles I hold—the worship of God and the service of man; but the fresh start in life necessitated by my secession, did not peculiarly justify me in carrying out my heart's desire. I am glad that your public statement has now enabled me to make the reparation I have often desired.

This letter is entirely at your disposal, and I should be glad if, amongst others, it were seen by Mr. Emra Holmes. And thus you will perceive that, though not a Freemason brother in fact, I am such in spirit.

Believe me, Dear Sir,

Very truly yours,

ROBT. RODOLPH SUFFIELD.

G. M. Tweddell, Esq.

* Amabel Vaughan, and Other Tales, &c. (being the Second Series of Tales, Poems, and Masonic Papers), by Emra Holmes, with a Masonic Memoir of the Author, by George Markham Tweddell. Truro: Lake and Lake, Princes-street.

Fidelity Preceptory, No. 114 (K.T).—The annual meeting or the installation of the E.P., was held at the Masonic Hall, Carlton Hill, Leeds, on Tuesday last, when there was a pleasant gathering of members and visitors. Sir Kt. Charles L. Maon was installed E.P., and he appointed Sir Kts. W. Rowley and W. Paley respectively Constable and Marshal. The ceremonies were performed by E. Sir Kt. J. Marshall (Faith, Bradford), assisted by the outgoing E.P. Sir Kt. Seanor. Amongst the visitors were Sir Kts. H. Smith (Wakefield), Voight (Hull), T. B. Whythead (York), &c.

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, 1st FEBRUARY.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
112—St. Thomas, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C.
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
1572—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
1622—Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell.
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.
308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Rottoms, Eastwood.
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1453—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester.

MONDAY, 3rd FEBRUARY.

45—Strong Man, Sportsman, City-road, at 8.0. (Instruction.)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
186—Industry, Bell Tavern, Carter-lane, Doctor's-commons, at 6.30. (Instruction.)
518—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction.)
704—Camden, Red Cup, Camden Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8. (Instruction.)
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8. (Instruction.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8. (Inst.)
1625—Tredgar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road.
1669—Royal Leopold, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
37—Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moors.
53—Royal Sussex, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath.
61—Probity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax.
119—Sun, Square and Compasses, Freemasons' Hall, Whitehaven.
133—Harmony, Ship Hotel, Faversham.
154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.
156—Harmony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth.
199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover.
236—York, Masonic Hall, York.
264—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, New-road, Batley.
338—Vitruvian, Royal Hotel, Ross, Herefordshire.
381—Harmony and Industry, Smalley's Hotel, Market-street, Over Darwen.
395—Guy, Crown Hotel, Leamington Priors.
408—Three Graces, Private Room, Haworth.
431—St. George, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields.
441—Three Grand Principles, Red Lion Hotel, Petty Curry, Cambridge.
467—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham.
478—Churchill, Masonic Hall, Oxford.
482—St. James, New Inn, Hardsworth, Staffordshire.
597—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead.
613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southampton.
622—St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, Wimborne.
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
850—St. Oswald, Assembly Rooms, Ashbourne, Derbyshire.
1009—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
1015—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire.
1050—Gundolph, Kings' Head Hotel, Rochester.
1051—Rowley, Athenaeum, Lancaster.
1077—Wilton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire.
1108—Royal Wharfedale, Private Room, Boroughgate, Otley, York.
1124—St. Oswald, Wynnstay Arms Hotel, Oswestry.
1180—Forward, Masonic Rooms, New Hall-street, Birmingham.
1211—Goderich, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds.
1239—Wentworth, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.
1261—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1302—De Warren, Masonic Hall, White Swan, Halifax.
1380—Skelmersdale, Queens Hotel, Waterloo, Liverpool.
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8 p.m. (Instruction.)
1519—Albert Edward, Albion Hotel, Chayton-le-Moors, near Accrington.
1542—Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford.
1573—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Caer-street, Swansea.
1575—Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton.
1578—Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales.
1656—Wolsey, White Hart Hotel, Hampton Wick.
1676—St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle.
R. A. 350—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds.
R. A. 605—De Tabley, Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe, Cheshire.
R. A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dowsbury
R. C.—Skelmersdale, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.

TUESDAY, 4th FEBRUARY.

Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
7—Royal York of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7. (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
101—Temple, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
141—Faith, 2 Westminster-chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
172—Old Concord, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
217—Stability, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney. (Instruction.)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)
765—St. James, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark.
860—Dalbousie, Sisters' Tavern, Fownall-road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1261—Golden Rule, Café Royal, Regent-street, W.
1298—Royal Standard, Wellington Club, Upper-street, N.
1381—Kennington, Surrey Tavern, Kennington Oval.
1446—Mount Edgumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1471—Islington, Three Bucks, 23 Gresham-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
1507—Metropolitan, 269 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-street-rd. at 8. (Inst.)
1668—Samson, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1693—Kingsland, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N.
R. A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8.0. (Instruction.)
61—Angel, Three Cups Hotel, Colchester.
70—St. John, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth.
103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
117—Wynnstay, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8. (Instruction.)
120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.
124—Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham.
126—Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley.
158—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness.
209—Etonian, Masonic Hall, Windsor.
226—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough.
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30. (Instruction.)
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon.
265—Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley.
373—Socrates, George Hotel, High-street, Huntingdon.
393—St. David, Freemasons' Hall, The Parade, Berwick-on-Tweed.
493—Royal Lebanon, Spread Eagle, Gloucester.
553—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
936—Northumberland, Assembly Rooms, Westgate-road, Newcastle.

702—Sherborne, Subscription Rooms, Stroud, Gloucestershire.
734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington.
804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant.
847—Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.
897—Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helens, Liverpool.
928—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Petersfield, Hampshire.
948—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard.
960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
986—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston.
1002—Skiddaw, Lodge Room, Market-place, Cockermouth.
1134—Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Salford.
1214—Scarbro, Scarbro Hall, Caledonia-road, Batley.
1241—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar.
1322—Waverley, Caledonia Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne.
1336—Square and Compass, Corn Exchange, Wrexham.
1473—Bootle, 116 Berry-street, Bootle, at 6.0. (Instruction.)
1488—St. Eleth, Castle Hotel, Amlwch.
R. A. 203—St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
R. A. 296—Loyalty, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.
R. A. 600—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Salom-street, Bradford.
R. A. 784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal.
M. M. 161—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, 5th FEBRUARY.

Grand Chapter, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7. (Instruction.)
201—Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
228—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., Camden-town at 8. (Inst.)
538—Lu 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, Earl Russel, Iseldon-road, Holloway, at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1558—Duke of Connaught, Faunce Arms, Kennington Park, at 8. (Instruction.)
1595—Royal Commemoration, Star and Garter Hotel, Putney.
1687—Rothsay, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's-inn-fields.
1707—Eleanor, Angel Hotel, Edmonton, at 8. (Instruction.)
R. A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
81—Doric, Private Room, Woodbridge, Suffolk.
86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescott.
125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe.
128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury, Lancashire.
258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike.
277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham.
298—Harmony, Masonic Room, Ann-street, Rochdale.
326—Moira, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol.
327—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton.
380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds.
387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley.
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne.
417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester.
429—Royal Navy, Royal Hotel, Rarrsgate.
471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Mon.
580—Harmony, Wheat-sheaf, Ormskirk.
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction.)
606—Segontium, The Castle, Carnarvon.
611—Marches, Old Rectory, Ludlow.
645—Humphrey Chetham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
678—Earl Ellesmere, Church Hotel, Kersley, Farnworth, near Bolton.
755—St. Tudno, Freemasons' Hall, Llandudno.
758—Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire.
910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract.
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury.
992—St. Thomas, Griffin Hotel, Lower Broughton.
010—Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship-street, Hull.
013—Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
037—Portland, Royal Breakwater Hotel, Portland. (Instruction.)
063—Malling Abbey, Bear Inn, West Malling, Kent.
085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby.
091—Erme, Erme House, Ivy-bridge, Devon.
107—Cornwallis, Masonic Hall, Erith.
167—Alwrick, Masonic Hall, Clayport-street, Alwrick.
218—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hall, Mossley, near Manchester.
274—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Chester-le-Street.
323—Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea.
335—Lindsay, 20 King-street, Wigan.
354—Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh, Lancashire.
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1363—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester.
479—Halsey, Town Hall, St. Albans.
511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, at 7. (Instruction.)
620—Marlborough, Derby Hall, Tue Brook, Liverpool.
645—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slaithwaite.
R. A. 126—Nativity, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley.
R. A. 221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton.
R. A. 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds.
R. A. 477—Fidelity, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
M. M. 36—Furness, Hartington Hotel, Duke-street, Barrow-in-Furness.

THURSDAY, 6th FEBRUARY.

3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8. (Instruction.)
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction.)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8. (Instruction.)
211—St. Michael, George, Australian Avenue, Barbican, E.C. at 8. (Inst.)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Foigate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1349—Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, E.C. at 6.30. (Instruction.)
1539—Surrey Masonic Hall, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1614—Covent Garden, Ahley's Hotel, Henric-street, Covent Garden, 8. (Inst.)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 9. (Inst.)
R. A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)
M. M.—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-road, Dalston, at 8.30. (Inst.)
24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle.
31—United Industrious, Masonic Hall, Canterbury.
38—Union, Council Chamber, Chichester.
41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath.
50—Knights of Malta, George Hotel, Hinxley, Leicestershire.
116—Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel, Colne.
123—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire.
208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury.
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
266—Naphthalia, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood.
269—Fidelity, White Bull Hotel, Blackburn.
275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South-parade, Huddersfield.
283—Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Haslingden.
289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds.
294—Constitutional, Assembly Rooms, Beverley, Yorks.
295—Combermere Union, Macclesfield Arms, Macclesfield.
300—Minerva, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton-under-Lyne.
309—Harmony, Red Lion, Fareham.
317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
337—Candour, Commercial Inn, Uppermill, Saddleworth.

- 311—Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe, Lancashire.
 316—United Brethren, Royal Oak Inn, Clayton-le-Dale, near Blackburn.
 350—Charity, Grapes Inn, Stonelough, near Manchester.
 360—Pomfret, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton.
 369—Limestone Rock, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Clitheroe.
 425—Cestrian, Grosvenor Hotel, Chester.
 442—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Boroughbury, Peterborough.
 446—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire.
 462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington.
 509—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.
 636—D'Ogile, Masonic Hall, Morpeth.
 659—Blagdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blyth.
 792—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bulling-lane, Grimsby.
 816—Boyd, Spring Gardens Inn, Wardle, near Rochdale.
 913—Pattison, Lord Raglan Tavern, Plumstead.
 974—Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford.
 1012—Prince of Wales, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire.
 1074—Underley, Masonic Room, Market-place, Kirkby Lonsdale.
 1125—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Tiverton, Devon.
 1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
 1231—Savile, Royal Hotel, Eiland.
 1282—Ancholme, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire.
 1284—Brent, Globe Hotel, Topsham, Devonshire.
 1304—Olive Union, Masonic Hall, Horncastle, Lincolnshire.
 1343—St. John, King's Arms Hotel, Grays, Essex.
 1367—Beaminster Manor, White Hart Hotel, Beaminster.
 1384—Equity, Alford Chambers, Widnes.
 1473—Bootle, Town Hall, Bootle, Lancashire.
 1500—Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich.
 1504—Red Rose of Lancaster, Starkies Arms Hotel, Padham, near Burnley.
 1515—Friendly, King's Head Hotel, Barnsley.
 1557—Albert Edward, Bush Hotel, Hexham, Northumberland.
 1576—Dee, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire.
 1639—Watling-street, Cock Hotel, Stoney Stratford, Bucks.
 R. A. 581—Rectitude, Corporation Hotel, Tipping-street, Ardwick, Manchester.
 R. A. 758—Bridgewater, Masonic Hall, Ilkern.
 M.M. 53—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.

FRIDAY, 7th FEBRUARY.

- Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
 25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
 766—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. 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.)
 1153—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
 1260—Hervey, Punch's Tavern, 99 Fleet-street, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
 1288—Finsbury Park Master Masons' Lodge of Inst. Isledon-road, N. 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.)
 1489—Marquess of Ripon, Metropolitan Societies Asylum, Balls Pond Road, N.
 1627—Royal Kensington, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 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.)
 Metropolitan Masonic Benevolent Association, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 8.30.
 41—Friendship, Freemason's Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
 127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate.
 219—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Tadmorden.
 242—St. George, Guildhall, Doncaster.
 306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds.
 401—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Slaidburn.
 404—Watford, Freemasons' Hall, Watford.
 521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield
 539—St. Matthew, Dragon Hotel, Walsall.
 574—Loyal Berkshire of Hope, White Hart Hotel, Newbury
 601—St. John, Wrekin Hotel, Wellington, Salop.
 652—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth.
 680—Softon, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool.
 709—Invicta, Bank-street Hall, Ashford.
 780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
 837—De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon.
 839—Royal Gloucestershire, Bell Hotel, Gloucester.
 998—Welchpool, Railway Station, Welchpool.
 1034—Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill.
 1096—Lord Warden, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal.
 1143—Royal Denbigh, Council Room, Denbigh.
 1333—Athelstan, Town Hall, Atherstone, Warwick.
 1387—Chorlton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton Cum Hardy.
 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
 1528—Fort, Red Lion Hotel, Newquay, Cornwall.
 1561—Morecambe, Masonic Hall, Edward-street, Morecambe, Lancashire
 1648—Prince of Wales, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
 1664—Gosforth, Freemasons' Hall, Higb-street, Gosforth.
 K. T.—Loyal Volunteers, Queens Arms Hotel, George-st., Ashton-under-Lyne,

SATURDAY, 8th FEBRUARY.

- 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
 1426—The Great City, Cannon-street Hotel, E.
 1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)
 1671—Mizpah, Albion Hotel, Aldersgate-street.
 Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.
 R. A. 1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green.
 149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham.
 920—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
 1391—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester.
 1612—West Middlesex, Institute, Ealing.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Tuscan Lodge, No. 14.—A meeting was held on 28th January, at Freemasons' Hall, W.C. Present—Bros. C. H. Turner W.M., John Nidd Smith S.W., Percy Tatham J.W., Samuel Glover Treas., Stanley Robinson Sec., E. Montennis S.D., G. H. Hopkinson J.D., Frank Richardson D.C., W. F. Nettleship Steward, W. B. Liddiard I.G., John Dayly Tyler. The above are the Officers for the year 1879.

Mount Moriah Lodge, No. 34.—The Installation meeting was held on Thursday, the 23rd ult., at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, Bros. H. Perkins W.M., H. Smith S.W., W. B. Date J.W., G. F. Gilbey Treasurer, Ariens P.M. Sec., G. H. Goodey J.D., J. H. Date I.G.; P.M.'s Bros. Parker, Hamilton, and Rixon. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. Messrs. W. H. Wilton and J. E. Hetly were balloted for and duly initiated into the Order. Bro. R. Wainwright 1298 was elected a joining member. A letter of regret for inability to attend was read from Bro. John Hervey G.S. A sum of ten guineas was voted

to assist a distressed brother, late of the Lodge. The reports of the Audit Meeting and the Charity Fund were adopted; they showed a very excellent balance in favour of both Funds. A sum of ten guineas was given to the widow of a late brother of the Lodge. A Board of Installed Masters was opened, and Bro. W. B. Date J.W. and W.M. elect was presented to the Lodge, and installed into the chair by Bro. Ariens P.M. and Sec. in a perfect and impressive manner. A P.M.'s jewel was voted to Bro. Perkins, the retiring W.M. Heartly good wishes were given from the numerous visitors. The newly-installed Master then appointed and invested his Officers:—Bros. Perkins I.P.M., Waylett S.W., G. H. Goodey J.W., Gilbey Treasurer, Ariens P.M. Secretary, Date S.D., Lyon J.D., Pattison I.G., Gilbert P.M. Tyler. Lodge was now closed, and the brethren, fifty-eight in number, partook of a sumptuous banquet and dessert, provided by Bro. A. Best, and superintended by Bro. Dawkins. Grace having been said, the W.M., in appropriate terms, proposed the Loyal toasts. He was eloquent in praise of the M.W.G.M. His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, who, whether in Freemasonry or in any other occupation, was honoured and respected. The Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and rest of the Grand Officers, were duly honoured, and Bro. Perkins P.M. rose: With feelings of great pleasure he had to propose the health of the W.M. All had seen what had been done during his progress in Freemasonry, and he (Bro. Perkins) was sure at the expiration of his year of office he would still merit their approval. Every member was assured he would do all in his power for the welfare of the Lodge. The W.M. thanked Bro. Perkins for the kind manner he had spoken of him. He could see around him faces of many brethren who had worked with him in Freemasonry. He sincerely trusted at the expiration of his year of office to hear the same expressions, and to have the assurance that he had done his duty to their satisfaction. The toast of the P.M.'s was next given; they were all good and true men, and those who were absent were equally worthy of regard. The W.M. referred to the individual qualifications of each; he had great pleasure in proposing the toast, and with it would associate the name of the brother who had just left the chair. All had heard of the manner in which the I.P.M. had discharged his duty; he had much pleasure in placing on his breast the jewel he so well merited. Bro. Perkins had passed the chair of this influential Lodge with every satisfaction, and he trusted he might live long to wear this mark of esteem. Bro. Perkins most cordially thanked the W.M. for his kind expressions, and the manner the toast had been received by the brethren; he felt it a great honour to be ranked among the P.M.'s of the Lodge, which was one of the most honoured in the Craft. He hoped to hand the jewel to his children, who would see with pride the manner in which their father was respected in the Lodge. Bro. Ariens also acknowledged the toast. The health of the Initiates was now given, and they severally responded. The W.M. then proposed the health of the Visitors. They had the pleasure of greeting twenty-six visitors. The Lodge was glad to see among them so many distinguished brethren. He hoped the members would give a hearty reception to the toast. Bro. Thrupp P.G.S. returned thanks, and was followed by Bro. Gardner. The next toast which the W.M. called on the members to honour was the Wardens, Bros. Waylett and G. H. Goodey. Bro. Waylett was one who had been among them for many years. They all looked up to him with respect, and hoped to see him in the chair. The J.W. was equally energetic, and was a good working Mason. The Senior Warden said he was a very old member of the Lodge, but he had been a very lazy one. However, he hoped in future to realise all the kind words the W.M. had said of him, and that he might eventually reach the chair. Bro. G. H. Goodey also replied. The W.M. had now a toast that every Lodge was proud to honour, and that was the health of the Treasurer and Secretary; he would also associate the name of the W.S., Bro. Parker P.M. The members knew their qualifications; without their exertions this influential Lodge would never have attained the position it held. Bro. Parker P.M., in a very humorous speech, said the Lodge, many years since, had been held at the East end of London; truly it might be said it had progressed. He was pleased to see the manner in which Bro. Ariens had done his work. The Lodge is in a good position and owes to no man. The balance is left in the hands of a very good man and Mason, Bro. Treasurer, whose zeal for the Lodge was appreciated by all. Bro. Gilbey was pleased to hear the expressions of Bro. Parker and the W.M., in respect to the balance in hand; he hoped to see it much larger; this he was sure would be the case under the auspices of the W.M., who would do all in his power to assist in carrying out the business of the Lodge. The toast of the press was acknowledged by Bro. H. M. Levy P.M. 188, on behalf of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE. With the toast of the Junior Officers, was coupled the names of Bro. Date S.D., and Patterson I.G., who responded. The Tyler's toast was then honoured, and a very agreeable evening concluded. Among the visitors were Bros. T. H. Cooke P.M. 222, E. W. Thompson 55, Penney 309, Dafield 209, W. Hale P.G.D. Sussex, Hilton P.M. 1361, Gardener 385 Phil. U.S.A., S. Smith 171, D. Betts 1351, Phillips P.M. 173, C. F. Barmeister P.M. 531, Fletcher 180, Lancaster P.M. 1227, R. Baker 188, C. Edwards 231 St. Andrews, Thrupp P.G.S., H. M. Levy P.M. 188.

Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.—Held its usual weekly meeting on Monday last, at Bro. Spurgin's, the Sportsman Tavern, City-road (opposite Messrs. Virtue's printing establishment) Present—Bros. W. Rowley W.M., Hallam sen. S.W., Hallam jun. J.W., Weeden S.D., Gyer J.D., Pelikan I.G., Killick acting Sec., Pearey Preceptor, and a fair muster of brethren. The usual preliminaries having been observed, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Cox being the candidate. Bro. Wood proved his efficiency; Lodge advanced a degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Wood acting as candidate. Lodge was then closed down. Bro. H. Cox P.M. Crystal Palace Lodge, No. 712, and Bro. L. Spurgin, of the Clapton, No. 1365, were elected members. Bro. Hallam sen. was appointed to preside at the next meeting.

Lodge of Economy, No. 76.—At the meeting of this well-known and time immemorial Lodge, which took place on Wednesday, the 29th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Winchester, there was a numerous attendance of influential brethren of the city, neighbouring towns and provinces, to witness the installation of Bro. F. Raymond Bryan, the W.M. elect. Bro. E. Godwin P.M. opened the Lodge in the first and second degrees, and examined Bro. Jacob (a candidate for the M.M. degree), who answered all the questions put to him in a most efficient and satisfactory manner, and, being entrusted with a test of merit, was afterwards raised to the third degree by Bro. Gammon P.M., Royal Kent Lodge of Antiquity, No. 20, who, since his appointment as Surveyor for the Corporation of this City, has become an active working member of the Lodge. The ceremony was performed in an impressive manner. Bro. E. Godwin then resumed the Master's chair, and, assisted by Bro. Everitt P.M. and P.P.S.G.D. as S.W., Bro. Harris P.M. and P.P.S.G.W. as J.W., and Bro. C. Wadham P.M. 622 (Wimbourne), 586, 1112 and P.P.S.G.W. Wilts and Dorset as D.C., proceeded with the installation of Bro. Bryan, who had been unanimously elected Master for the ensuing year. Bro. Godwin himself, and the excellence of his work, are well known in the Province, and we must say the ceremony was carefully and most impressively performed by him, testimony of which was given shortly afterwards by a special vote of thanks being passed and recorded, on the motion of Bro. T. Stophor P.M. (a late Mayor of the city). The W.M. appointed his Officers, and the Lodge was shortly after closed in peace and harmony. The brethren then adjourned to an excellent banquet, prepared by Mrs. Spriggs, the worthy and much respected hostess, at the Royal Hotel, where a very happy evening was spent under the able presidency of the newly-installed W.M. The usual toasts were given, and the most hearty good wishes were expressed for the welfare and prosperity of the last W.M. Bro. Banchard, who recently left the city for New Zealand. On the toast of the W.M., Bro. Godwin paid tribute to Bro. Bryan's excellent qualities, and expressed the great pleasure it had given him to install Bro. Bryan, who was initiated at the same time as himself. Some little amusement was caused in the course of his remarks by Bro. Godwin stopping short, and when, on looking round the room, he found a non-Masonic waiter present, he said it seemed to him as if a spell had been broken, for just now he felt a sort of inspiration which checked his thoughts and words, and now he had found the cause in the covein before them, who then left the room, and the current of electricity, as it were, was again completed. Winchester, as most of our readers know, is full of ancient and interesting relics, and we should not omit to mention that the building, which is now the Royal Hotel, was formerly a convent, and the banquet on Wednesday was served in what used to be the nuns' chapel, where the altar recess and steps are still in existence. Amongst those present, besides those already mentioned, we noticed Bro. E. G. Legge I.P.M. 1196 and Treasurer 1607, Bro. Hickman (son of the D.P.G.M.), Southampton, Bro. Snelling P.P. Grand Officer, Bros. Powell, Goslet, Hall, Gill, Shenton, Carter, Goble, and other brethren well-known in the city and Province.

Lodge of Lights, No. 148, Warrington.—The regular monthly meeting of this Lodge was held at the Masonic Rooms, on Monday evening last. The W.M. Bro. J. Rymer Young, was supported by Bros. C. E. Hindley S.W., Dr. Young J.W., John Bowes P.M. P.P.G.J.W. Cumberland and Westmoreland, James Paterson S.D., John Harding P.M., Dr. Mackie, Fr. Walter, Geo. F. Curzon, Robert Gibbon, A. Crawford, and Thomas Domville Tyler. The Visitors included Bros. E. C. Cooper P.M. 484 Prov. G.S.B., D. W. Finney W.M. 1250 Prov. G. Stew., W. Pollitt P.M. 1250, W. H. Jenkins, J. H. Galloway Treas. 1250. The Lodge was opened in due form, when the minutes of the last regular meeting were read and declared to be correctly recorded. Brother Secretary reported that he had sent the W.M. of the Lodge of Israel, No. 1502, an extract from the minutes relating to the passing of Bro. Flatau, and read that brother's acknowledgment of the same. The ballot was then taken for Mr. Archibald Crawford as a fit and proper person, which proved unanimously in his favour, and he, being present, was initiated by the W.M. in a manner that called forth the congratulations of the "Elder Brethren." The working tools were presented and explained by the J.W., Dr. Young, and the charge was delivered by Bro. Bowes. Hearty good wishes were tendered by the Visitors, and, no other business presenting itself, the Lodge was closed.

Joppa Chapter, No. 188.—The regular convocation was held on Monday, the 27th ult., at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, City. Bros. W. Littan P.Z. M.E.Z., P. Dickinson H., L. Lazarus J., S. V. Abrahams P.Z. Treas., W. H. Gulliford S.E., H. P. Isaac P.S.; P.Z.'s S. Lazarus, L. Lazarus and H. M. Levy; Comps. N. Baum, Boekbinder, G. Ellis, Dewsnap, Gianelli, W. Howard, Morrison, C. Hains, Davis, Brall, Gocheron, N. Baum, &c. The Chapter was opened and the minutes were confirmed. The names of several candidates were on the agenda paper, but Bro. Quincey, 1849, only was in attendance, and he was duly exalted into R.A. Masonry. The working of the M.E.Z., Principals and Officers deserves especial praise. The resignation of two Companions was accepted with regret. The Chapter was then closed and the Companions sat down to a very sumptuous banquet provided by Comp. Jennings, superintended by Comp. Silver. The M.E.Z. in eloquent terms proposed the usual Loyal and R.A. toasts. The M.E.Z. proposed the health of the newly exalted Companion Quincey, who in brief but appropriate terms returned thanks. Comp. S. V. Abrahams P.Z. proposed the health of the Z.; he spoke of the talent exhibited by him, not only on this but on many previous occasions; his perfect working was known and appreciated. Comp. Littan was a true Mason, both in and out of the Chapter, and he would ask them to drink the toast heartily. The M.E.Z. in responding spoke of the harmony that exists in the Chapter; his only aim was for its welfare. Comp. D. Posener S.N.

145 returned thanks as a visitor. He spoke of the great Masonic treat he had received in listening to the beautiful rendering of the ceremony. The toast of the P.Z.'s was replied to by Comp. J. Lazarus P.Z. The health of the H., the J., the P.S., and Officers followed, and after responses, the Janitor's toast was given, and the brethren separated.

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193.—A meeting was held on Wednesday, 29th January, at the Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street. Present—Bros. Maidwell W.M., Wm. Sayer S.W., K. Harris J.W., Thos. W. C. Bush Treas., J. K. Pitt Sec., G. L. Walker S.D., W. Medcalf J.D., Thos. W. Bone I.G. Past Masters Bros. Barnes, Posener, Sayer. Lodge was opened, and the W.M. proceeded with the ceremony of installation, Bro. Sayer acting as W.M. designate. All the brethren who were below the rank of Installed Master having retired, the ceremony was worked in its entirety. The W.M. proceeded to work the ceremony of passing, Bro. Walker being the candidate. Bro. Gottheil gave notice of motion for consideration at the next Lodge meeting, viz., That this Lodge of Instruction having for some time past been in the habit of appointing honorary members unconstitutionally, it is necessary that a Bye-law be made relating to the privileges of those so appointed. Bro. Bone was elected W.M. for Wednesday next.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—At the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, Islington, N. Bro. McMillan W.M., Hallam jun. S.W., Powell J.W., Garrod S.D., Brasted J.D., Weige I.G., Killick Sec., Halford Treas., Percy Preceptor. The ceremonies of initiation and raising were rehearsed, Bros. Ross and Millington candidates. Bro. T. Morrison, of the Commercial Lodge 360 Glasgow, was elected a member. Bro. Hallam jun. will preside on the 8th February. On Saturday the 1st February the Fifteen Sections will be worked by the following members of the Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction:—Bros. Webb W.M., Wallington S.W., Dallas J.W., Percy I.P.M. FIRST LECTURE—Bros. Smyth, Wardell, Dallas, Brasted, Brown, McDonald, T. J. Barnes. SECOND LECTURE—Bros. Forss, C. Lorkin, Job, Turquand, Musto. THIRD LECTURE—Bros. Allen, J. Lorkin, Wallington. The Lodge will be opened at seven o'clock precisely. C. K. Killick P.M. 1693 Hon. Secretary.

Lodge of Union, No. 414.—This Lodge held its monthly meeting on Tuesday, 21st January, at the Masonic Hall, Reading. There were present—Bros. Edward Baker W.M., S. A. Pocock I.P.M., Chas. Oades S.W. W.M. elect, S. Bradley J.W., J. Leaver Sec., Rev. N. T. Garry Chap., C. Stephens S.D., R. C. Mount J.D., S. Wheeler D.C., F. T. Ferguson I.G., M. J. Withers Steward, W. Hemmings Tyler; Past Masters Bros. Weightman, Morris, Moxhay, Long, Strickland, Strachan, Smith, Hounslow, Yotts, Stallwood, and about eighteen members. Visitors—Bros. Harley P.M. 1101, Ivey P.M. and Sec. 1101, Stransom Treas. 1101, Flanagan W.M. 1101, Margrett P.M. 1101, Brown P.M. 1101, Hickie Org. 1101, Rogers 1097, Jones 862, Griffith 355, Lyddon formerly 414, Wilson 574, Shepherd W.M. 945, and others. The Lodge was opened in the first degree. The minutes of the last regular Lodge were read and confirmed. Two gentlemen were balloted for and approved. The Lodge was opened in the second degree. Bros. Armstrong and Webb having proved their efficiency, were passed to the degree of F.C. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Moxhay, the Installing Master, to whom Bro. Oades was presented, for the purpose of receiving the benefit of installation; the whole of the ceremony was conducted admirably by Bro. Moxhay; the charges and addresses were given with his usual perspicuity. The effect was considerably enhanced by the vocal and musical brethren who officiated on the occasion. After the final address of the Installing Master, the W.M. proceeded to appoint and invest his Officers as follows:—Bro. Pocock was invested as I.P.M. at the Board of Installed Masters; S. Bradley S.W., Chas. Stephens J.W., G. Botly P.M. Treas., Rev. N. T. Garry Chaplain, M. J. Withers Sec., R. C. Mount S.D., F. T. Ferguson J.D., A. W. Parry D.C., S. Wheeler I.G., Davis Org., D. H. Witherington First Steward, F. Blackwell second Steward, C. G. Butler third Steward, W. Hemmings Tyler. After closing Lodge, the brethren adjourned to the George Hotel, where an excellent banquet was provided, to which about fifty sat down. On the removal of the cloth, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given by the W.M., with appropriate speeches. The Chaplain, the Vicar of St. Mary's, Reading, proposed the toast of the Masonic Charities. He said that he felt honoured at being entrusted with what he considered was one of the most important toasts of the evening. The outside world sneered at Freemasonry as a sort of mutual admiration society, the end and object of which was to confer decorations and medals for services not very important in themselves, and he said that there was a certain danger lest the sneer might be well founded, but the true end and object of the organisation was charity and brotherly love. Freemasons were reminded of this at their initiation; and the Charities, the welfare of which he advocated, were the practical outcome of that brotherly love; the two extremes of life required support and assistance; and in the Schools and the Benevolent Institution for the Aged both of those extremes were thought of and provided for. He commended them most earnestly to the liberality and support of all present, and suggested that a short account of them should be drawn up and given to every brother on initiation. He concluded by hoping that the Master, who had said that he was about to go up as a Steward for the Benevolent Institution, would be well supported by the Lodge. Bro. C. Smith P.M. responded. The Visitors was proposed by Bro. Strickland P.M., and responded to by Bro. Sheppard W.M. 945. Bro. Pocock P.M. proposed the health of the W. Master, who responded as follows:—Brethren, by your favour I now hold in connection with the Craft the highest position the Lodge

can give; and believe me, when I say that I feel very proud of the office. But as my position has improved, so have my responsibilities increased, and with increased responsibility comes increased need of counsel. To you, Bro. P.M.'s of the Union Lodge. I shall come in every emergency for advice. On you, Bro. Wardens, I depend for assistance in ruling the Lodge, and on you, Brethren of the Lodge generally, I rely for a cordial co-operation in carrying on our work. I am sure you will remember the Lodge is yours and will take a pride in its reputation. Let me now ask every brother who has this day been appointed to office, that he will make himself thoroughly acquainted with the duties appertaining thereto; that he will consider it a privilege as well as a duty to obey all his Lodge summonses, and be in his place at the appointed time, thus exhibiting that punctuality and precision without which good order and good working are alike impossible. I am quite sure they have the principles of the Craft too much in their hearts for them to allow this, my first request, to pass by unheeded. I have one thing more to say before I sit down: if, during the ensuing year, our Lodge summonses should fail to indicate that we have any of those ceremonies for which we usually meet, the brethren must not conclude we are going to have a blank evening. I am told some masters of foxhounds, if they expect a visitor of distinction and are especially anxious to give him some sport, will have in reserve what they technically call a "Bagman," so that if the usual object of pursuit is not discovered, the party in reserve may be produced at the proper moment and the requisite sport obtained; so with our Lodge, if there should be a dearth of candidates, I shall endeavour, with the assistance of the more energetic brethren, to give lectures, sections, &c., and also, if the musical brethren will help, some appropriate music. I want you all to look forward with pleasure to our monthly gatherings, and to feel after they are past that you really have done something towards carrying out the recommendation which terminates our beautiful charge to initiates, which advises, "without neglecting the ordinary duties of life, they will feel themselves called upon to make a daily advancement in Masonic knowledge." Bro. C. Smith P.M. proposed "the Wardens and other officers of the Lodge of Union," in a speech replete with good common sense and sound advice. The Senior Warden (Bro. S. Bradley) in responding to the toast of "The Wardens and Officers of the Lodge," said,—That after the excellent advice of Past Master Smith and the bright example set by the newly installed Master, it behove all the Officers to copy their example, and he believed that he could answer for all the other Officers as well as himself that they would use their best endeavours to maintain the efficiency of the Lodge. He concluded by thanking them for the cordial manner in which they had proposed the Officers' health. The "Tyler's Toast" brought to a conclusion one of the best meetings of the Lodge that had occurred for many years. The Worshipful Master and Brethren of the Grey Friars' Lodge 1101 was given by the W.M., and responded to by Bro. Flanagan W.M. 1101 in a speech full of kindness and brotherly love.

Wiltshire Lodge of Fidelity, No. 663, Devizes.—The annual meeting took place at the Town Hall, Devizes, on Tuesday, the 21st January, for the purpose of installing as Master for the ensuing year Bro. T. H. Chandler P.M. 355 P.P.S.G.W. Wilts, who had filled the office of S.W. There was a considerable muster of the brethren to do honour to the much esteemed W.M. elect, including Bros. J. Wilkie Burman, M.D., W.M., Harry Howse J.W., D. A. Gibbs P.M. Treas., William Nott P.M. P.P.J.G.W. and P.G. Reg. Wilts Sec., J. A. Randell J.D., the Rev. H. Richardson P.M. P.P.G. Ch. Wilts Ch., G. S. A. Waylen Steward Rev. S. F. T. Ravensham P.M. P.G. Ch. Eng., P.P.G. Ch. Wilts, J. Chandler P.M. 355, 663, P.P.S.G.W., J. H. Chandler P.M. P.P.G.S.B. Wilts, Thos. Raymond P.M. P.P.S.G.D. Wilts, H. J. Ward P.M. and other members of the Lodge, whilst amongst the Visitors were Bros. J. V. Toone P.M. 1478 P.P.J.G.D. Wilts, W. H. Dill P.M. 906 P.P.G.P. Somerset, Quartermaster Serjeant Davis and Serjeant Major Archer of the 99th Regiment (from the newly established 38th Brigade Depot at Devizes), and others. After the usual preliminaries the retiring master Bro. Burman duly installed his successor Bro. T. H. Chandler into the chair of K.S., in a Board of twelve Installed Masters. The W.M. appointed and invested the Officers of the lodge for the ensuing year, as follow: Dr. Burman I.P.M., W. H. Burt S.W., H. Howse J.W., Rev. H. Richardson P.M. Chap., D. A. Gibbs P.M. Treas., William Nott P.M. Sec., J. A. Randell S.D., G. S. A. Waylen J.D., S. Badham I.G., Thos. Waite P.M. D.C., F. S. Hancock Steward, J. Hayter Tyler. Addresses to the Officers on their investment were given by Bro. Nott, and the usual addresses to the W.M., Wardens and Brethren by the Installing Master. A cordial vote of thanks was passed to the I.P.M. for his conduct in the chair during the past year. Bro. Nott, on behalf of his daughter Miss L. Nott, presented to the Lodge a handsome Alms Bag, which she had worked in velvet and silver. It was accepted with great pleasure, and the warmest thanks of the Lodge were ordered to be conveyed to her for the same. Before the Lodge was closed the Alms Bag was sent round, as usual, and the proceeds on this occasion were devoted to the funeral expenses of Alice McHugh, daughter of a deceased P.M. of this Lodge, who, until her death on Christmas morning last, had for some years been maintained by the brethren. After the completion of the business and the closing of the Lodge, the brethren adjourned to the Crown Hotel, where Bro. Raymond had provided an excellent banquet, aided, as usual, by liberal contributions of venison and game from Bro. Watson Taylor, of Erlestoke Park. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

Alliance Lodge, No. 667.—The monthly meeting was held at the Masonic Temple, Hope-street, Liverpool, on Tuesday, the 21st ult. This being the meeting for installing the W.M. for the ensuing year, there was a large muster of members and visitors. Earlier in the

same day there was held an emergency meeting, for the purpose of conferring advancement on members, &c., initiated under the Mastership of the retiring W.M. The regular Lodge was opened about 4 p.m. by Bro. Jno. Ellis W.M., supported by the following Officers:—G. S. Willings I.P.M., Henry Firth S.W., J. H. Gregory J.W., T. Peake Sec., T. Ockleshan P.M. Treas., D. Lloyd S.D., A. Bucknall J.D., R. Foulds I.G., James Bailey S.S., Peter Ball P.G.T. Tyler. Past Masters—Bros. John Devaynes, James Bolton, J. E. Jackson P.G. Superintendent of Works, J. E. Skillicorn, W. P. Witter; and Bros. T. R. Willings, James Lees, S. Williams, T. Rood, W. Bramley, R. Darwin, J. W. Broadbent, J. Barker, J. Beck, R. Elliman, J. Sherwin, T. Henry, J. Levy, T. Mason, D. Fowler, B. C. Catley, J. Callow, G. Jackson, R. Wright, R. Morris, J. T. Rogers, William Creak, G. W. Webster, J. Skeaf P.G. Org., &c. Visitors—J. I. Knight P.M. 241, William Tyrer P.P.G.S.W., J. Bell P.G. Steward P.M. 1609, 1356, J. Hocken W.M. 1505, Alexander Cotter P.M. 1264, J. Duncan W.M. 1473, J. Stocker I.P.M. 39, T. Parker P.M. 613, J. W. Parker W.M. 1547, A. Woolrich S.W. 1356, T. Jackson P.M. 580, A. Morrison I.P.M. 1570, P. B. Gee P.M. 1264, W. T. May P.M. 673, J. T. Callow P.G. Treas., B. Marson P.P.G. Steward P.M. 1356, S. M. Davies FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, &c., &c., in all too numerous for us to chronicle. The minutes having been read, the Lodge was advanced to the second degree, and Bro. G. S. Willings took the chair, and obligated Bro. Henry Firth the W.M. elect. The Lodge was worked up to the third, and in due course Bro. Firth was invested and installed into the chair of K.S., and proclaimed the Worshipful Master of the Alliance Lodge for the ensuing twelvemonths; as such receiving the salutations of the brethren. Bro. Willings performed the beautiful and impressive ceremony with care and ability. The W.M. invested his Officers as follow:—John Ellis I.P.M., J. H. Gregory S.W., Thomas Peake J.W., David Lloyd Sec., T. Ockleshan P.M. Treas., A. Bucknall S.D., R. Foulds J.D., James Bailey I.G., James Lees S.S., R. J. Hudson J.S., Peter Ball P.G.T. Tyler. Bro. Willings then gave the ancient charges very eloquently. The remaining business was a motion by Bro. Witter P.M., that a sum of five pounds be voted from the funds of the Lodge towards the relief of the prevailing distress among the poor of Liverpool. The motion was seconded by Bro. Skillicorn P.M., and carried unanimously, a fact which speaks well for the generosity of the Lodge, and substantiates the universal benevolence of Freemasons. The business so far being ended, the W.M. instructed the brethren to cease labour and adjourn to banquet, which was accordingly done. On the removal of the cloth the W.M. proposed the first toast—The Queen, which was loyally received, the brethren singing the National Anthem. Toast number two—the health of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Princess of Wales and the rest of the Royal Family—was equally well received. Bro. Queen sang "God Bless the Prince of Wales," Masonic version, accompanied by Bro. Skeaf on the piano. For the third toast the W.M. had selected Lord Skelmersdale Deputy Grand Master, Prov. Grand Master of West Lancashire, and the rest of Prov. Grand Officers of West Lancashire. The toast was heartily received, and followed by Bros. Queen, Child, Busfield, and Hobart singing a glee, "Hart and Hind are in their lair." Bro. Callow responded for Prov. Grand Officers, and complimented the Lodge on having such an able officer as Bro. Willing, who he was pleased to see perform the installation ceremony. Bro. Skeaf (in response to the unanimous call of the brethren) also replied, first individually, and then on behalf of Prov. Grand Lodge. Bro. Jackson also replied: He thought that the brethren had not a proper conception of the mission of the Craft, and regretted the temerity exhibited by Freemasons with reference to imparting any information to their families or friends with regard to the working and principles of the Order. He thought the more people knew of our Institution the better it would be for the Order, and the more it would be appreciated. He believed the extraordinary mystery which brethren wished to cast round Freemasonry did more mischief to us as a body than the general body of the Craft were aware of. Other Prov. Grand Officers replied to this toast, but pressure on our space compels us to curtail this report. The Worshipful Master next submitted the toast of the West Lancashire Educational Institution, and in doing so said: It was a toast every Brother was deeply interested in. This noble Charity had grown from a small beginning to a vast and prosperous establishment, having an invested capital of £14,000 to fall back on. Yet there was room for every brother's energy, to further the interests of so good an institution. He next exhorted the brethren to contribute, every man according to his ability; he united with the toast the name of Bro. J. I. Knight P.M. 241. The toast was cordially received, and Bro. Queen sang a song (composed by Bro. Skeaf)—"Masonry, Friendship, and Brotherly Love." Bro. J. I. Knight returned thanks; he characterized our Masonic Charities as the brightest figures on the roll of Freemasonry. He regretted that he had not been advised that he was to respond to so important a toast, as a little preparation would have enabled him to produce some interesting statistics. He however made a strong appeal on behalf of the Institution. The W.M. gave the fifth toast on the list, the Hamer Benevolent Fund, which is also a Provincial Charity, worthy of the cordial support of the brethren. He united the name of Bro. Callow P.G.R. with the toast. After a glee by the musical brethren, "The Mighty Conqueror," Bro. Callow returned thanks. He regretted he was not more conversant with the details of this Institution. It was anticipated the Secretary would have been present. He urged the brethren to greater zeal in contributing to this excellent institution. The I.P.M. next proposed the health of the Worshipful Master, who he was pleased to see in that exalted position in his mother Lodge. Bro. Firth had worked hard, and deserved well the confidence reposed in him. He had followed him (the I.P.M.) step by step until he arrived where he was pleased—and he knew all were pleased—to see him that night. He now asked them to drink to his very good health. Song—"Come into the garden, Mand"—Bro. Busfield. The W.M. thanked the brethren for the honour done him in electing him to his present exalted office, as well as for the manner the toast had

been received. He thanked Bro. Ellis for his kind remarks, and was happy to occupy the chair in a Lodge like the Alliance, in which there was so much good feeling. He hoped for the continued peace and prosperity of the brethren, and trusted his efforts to discharge his trust would be crowned with success. The W.M. next proposed the health of the I.P.M., and spoke of the zeal which characterized Bro. Ellis's year of office, and the high appreciation entertained by the members for his efforts. He now had the pleasure of presenting him with a P.M.'s jewel, as a mark of the regard of the brethren, and trusted he might live long to wear it. The toast was then warmly received, with Masonic honours. Bro. Ellis expressed his gratitude for the kindness shown him by Officers as well as by brethren during his term of office; he felt greatly indebted for the mark of esteem shewn in the presentation just made. He had endeavoured conscientiously to perform his duty to all. The next toast was that of the Installing Master (Bro. Willings) who the W.M. complimented very justly and very highly. The toast was warmly received. During the interval, Bro. Hobart sang "The British Lion," and Bro. Willings replied, in a very unassuming manner, thanking the brethren for their expressions of appreciation and regard. The health of the Officers was next given. The W.M. felt he had a staff of brethren with whose aid he would be able to administer the affairs of the Lodge satisfactorily. The toast was very heartily drunk, and Bros. S.W. and J.W. responded. The health of the Musical Brethren was cheerfully received, and responded to by Bros. Skeaf P.G. Organist and Busfield, after which Bro. Skillicorn favoured the Brethren with "Tom Bowling," and Bro. Busfield gave "My Pretty Jane." The W.M. proposed the health of the Visitors, with whose presence he was very gratified. He trusted, during his year of office, to see as many as could favour him with a visit. The toast was heartily received, and was responded to by Bros. Geo and Jackson. Bro. Skeaf obliged with "Auld Lang Syne," which ushered in the time for the Tyler's toast, when, by command of the W.M., the brethren were called from refreshment to labour. It was proposed by Bro. Ellis, and duly seconded, that the report and balance sheet, as tendered by the Treasurer, be taken as read,—Carried. The Lodge was then closed and the brethren separated.

High Cross Lodge, No. 754.—The first regular meeting of the New Year took place on Wednesday 22nd ult., at the Seven Sisters' Hotel, Tottenham. Present:—Bros. H. Stephens W.M., all the Officers, and a good muster of the P.M.'s and Brethren; also several Visitors, amongst whom were Bros. Killick P.M. No. 1693, G. H. Patmore 228, Moseley 228, &c. The second degree was conferred on Bro. Theakstone, and the W.M. then proceeded to raise Bro. Dolman to the third degree rendering that ceremony in a most impressive manner. The other business being disposed of, the Lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to the spacious banquetting room, newly built by the host Bro. Oddy, who in addition has recently enlarged the Lodge room, making it replete with every comfort and convenience for Masonic meetings. After partaking of an excellent dinner and removal of the cloth the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given, Bro. W. Dance P.M. proposed the health of the W.M., remarking that he had just completed half of his year of office, and during that time had acquitted himself in such a manner, both in and out of the Lodge, as to gain the universal esteem of the brethren. The W.M. thanked Brother Dance and the brethren for the kind feeling they had at all times evinced towards him. With the assistance of his Officers, who had so well supported him, the time had passed pleasantly and harmoniously, and he should regret when his year of office expired. The health of the visitors was responded to by Bro. Killick P.M., who said he had visited many Lodges, and could safely say he had never seen a higher class of working than he had witnessed that evening, both by the W.M. and his Officers. The Tyler's toast finishing the proceedings.

William Preston Lodge of Instruction, No. 766.—A meeting was held on Friday, 24th January, at Feathers' Tavern, Upper George-street, Edgware-road. Present—Bros. Colonel Adair W.M., Hill S.W., Tate J.W., Braun Hon. Secretary, Rudderforth Preceptor, Godden S.D., Richards J.D., Hayes Assistant Secretary, Kennard Steward, Cave I.G., Maidwell W.M. of Egyptian Lodge, No. 27, West, Reid, Darker, Easton, Hixon, Webb, Tribbell, March, Nichols, Chipper, &c. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed—Bro. Maidwell candidate. Bro. Maidwell now took the chair and rehearsed the Installation ceremony, Bro. Richards the W.M. elect of the Egyptian Lodge, No. 27, being candidate. Bro. Richards was elected a member, and Bro. Hill appointed W.M. for Friday 7th Feb. Votes of thanks were passed, to be recorded on the minutes to Bros. Adair and Maidwell, for the manner in which they rehearsed their respective ceremonies.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—On 24th January, at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge. Present—Bros. May W.M., Goss S.W., Blasby J.W., Costelow S.D., Talbot J.D., Gunner Hon. Sec. I.G., Rice P.M. Preceptor, Erwin, Tucker Treas., Franckel, Pearson, &c. Lodge was opened, and the minutes of last meeting were read, confirmed, and signed. The ceremony of initiation was then ably rehearsed, with Bro. Erwin as candidate. The brethren were called to refreshment. When labour was resumed, Lodge was advanced to the second degree, when Bro. Franckel volunteered as a candidate to be raised, and having shown his proficiency retired, while Lodge was advanced. Upon his re-admission, the ritual was rehearsed, and Lodge was resumed to the first degree, when Bro. Goss was re-elected W.M. for the ensuing meeting.

New Concord Lodge of Instruction, No. 813.—A meeting was held on Wednesday, 29th January, at the Jolly Farmers,

Southgate-road, Islington. Present—Bros. Byng W.M., R. Pearcy S.W., Rev C. J. Stevens J.W., W. H. Main Treasurer and Secretary, Swales S.D., Powell J.D., Cusworth Preceptor, Potter I.G.; Bros. Halford P.M., McMillan and Fysh. After preliminaries, Bro. Pearcy, with the assistance of the brethren, worked the first section. Lodge opened in the second, and the ceremony of installation was ably rehearsed by Bro. Byng. Lodge resumed, when Bro. Pearcy worked the fourth section of the first lecture. Bro. Powell was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—Held its meeting on Tuesday evening last, at Bro. Smyth's Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston. Bros. Smyth W.M., Polak S.W., Williams J.W., J. Lorkin S.D., Bonner J.D., Carr I.G., Dallas Secretary, Smyth Treasurer, P.M. Wallington Preceptor; Bros. Wyman, Collins, Moss, Wardell, Brasted, C. Lorkin, Giller, Allen, Kershaw, and others. The Lodge was opened and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed—Bro. Christian candidate. Bro. C. Lorkin worked the first, second, and third sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Arrowsmith, of Lodge No. 733, was elected a member. A vote of thanks was passed to the W.M. for his able working in the chair, for the first time. Bro. Polak was elected W.M. for next Tuesday.

Whittington Lodge of Instruction, No. 862.—Held its weekly meeting on Wednesday, 29th January, at Bro. Hyde's, Red Lion, Poppins-court, Fleet-street. Bro. Evans of the mother Lodge as W.M., Hallam S.W., Brown J.W., Tate S.D., Abell J.D., Pate I.G., Long Preceptor, and others. After the confirmation of the minutes of previous meeting, the ceremony of initiation was performed by the W.M., Bro. Hallam jun. being the candidate. The first section of the lecture was worked by Bro. Hallam, second by Bro. Brown, third and fourth by Bro. Tate, and fifth by Bro. Hallam jun. Two new members were elected, and Bro. Hallam W.M. for the ensuing week. A vote of thanks having been unanimously accorded to the W.M. for his able performance of the duties of the chair for the first time, the Lodge was closed.

Doric Lodge of Instruction, 933.—At the meeting of this Lodge, on Friday, the 17th ult., at the Duke's Head, Whitechapel-road, Bro. I. P. Cohen P.M. occupied the chair, assisted by the following Officers:—Bros. B. Candick P.M. preceptor, Green S.W., Mansfield P.M. J.W., Whaley S.D., Moss J.D., McDonald I.G., W. Musto P.M. Hon. Secretary. Among others present were Bros. Ellis, Wooldridge, Richards, Hopkins, West, T. J. Barnes P.M., Tyars, C. Veal, Wells, and Stephens. Preliminaries were duly observed, and Bro. Wooldridge was raised; the ceremony being very ably rendered by Bro. Cohen. Bro. T. J. Barnes worked the first section of the lecture. Lodge was then closed down, and the same brother worked the 1st and 2nd sections of the second lecture, with the assistance of the brethren. On the motion of Bro. Candick, seconded by Bro. Ellis, a sum of five guineas was placed on Bro. Barnes' list as Steward for the Festival of the R.M.B. Institution. Bro. Barnes thanked the brethren for their generous support; it was no personal advantage he sought, but support for a most deserving institution. He urged all who were so disposed to assist, pointed out the great need of support coming in just now, as upon striking the annual balance of the accounts very little cash remained in hand. It is gratifying to know that several answers were made to this appeal. Bros. Tyars and Whaley were elected members.

Duke of Connaught Lodge of Instruction, No. 1524.—Held at Havelock Tavern, Albion-road, Dalston, Wednesday, 29th January. Bros. A. R. Olley W.M., McDowell S.W., Dignam J.W., J. Lorkin S.D., W. Ferrar I.G., Fieldwick Preceptor, G. Ferrar Treasurer, Williams Secretary; and Bros. Jones, C. Lorkin, O. Dietrich, and many other brethren. After preliminaries, the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Williams candidate. Bro. O. Dietrich worked the first section of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was resumed to the first degree. Bro. McDowell worked first, Dignam second, A. R. Olley third sections of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. McDowell was unanimously elected W.M. for Wednesday week. The Fifteen Sections will be worked in the above Lodge of Instruction on Wednesday evening, 5th February, at seven o'clock precisely. Bro. W. Fieldwick W.M., Slaiter S.W., C. Lorkin J.W., W. H. Lee I.P.M. FIRST LECTURE—Bros. McDowell, Dignam, A. R. Olley, Brasted, W. H. Lee P.M., McDonald, W. Musto P.M. SECOND LECTURE—Bros. O. Dietrich, C. Lorkin, McMillan S.W., Slaiter, Stephens. THIRD LECTURE—Bros. J. Lorkin, D. Moss, Wallington P.M.

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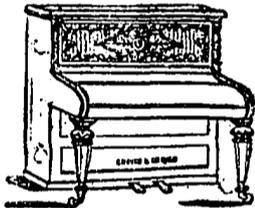
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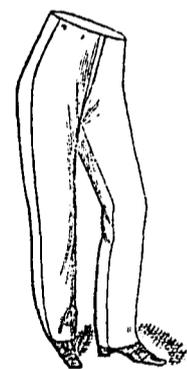
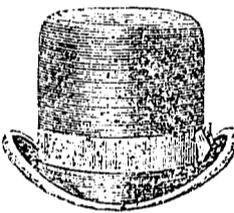
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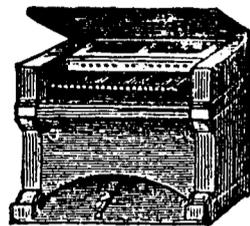
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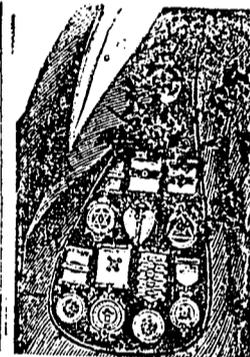
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