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## ANALYSIS OF THE SUBSCRIPTION LIST, R.M.B.I.

AS regards our Charitable Institutions, the year 1879 has opened most auspiciously. We were fully prepared to hear Bro. Terry announce a list not greatly, if at all, in excess of last year's contribution. We pointed out in the week preceding the Festival of our youngest Institution that the circumstances of the time were not favourable, while it was well known there was widely-prevalent distress in the Province whose Grand Master had so kindly taken upon himself the duties of chairman on the occasion. We were, therefore, the more agreeably surprised when a result was announced which not only transcended the most sanguine hopes we had permitted ourselves to form, but likewise far exceeded anything which had ever previously been done at a Festival of any of our Institutions. There is no doubt this brilliant success is due to the zeal and energy of the East Lancashire Stewards, who, to the number of seventy-nine, supported their Prov. G. Master to the extent, as stated by Bro. Terry, of just £3,542, though, as will be seen hereafter, our figures do not exactly tally, and including a certain sum yet to be received, represent very nearly £200 more than he has given the Province credit for. There is only one instance in which an individual Province has achieved a greater feat, and that was in the year 1869, when a supreme effort was made to clear off the mortgage on the Boys' School building, and Bro. Binckes was able to announce at the Festival of that Institution that East Lancashire, led by the late Bro. Stephen Blair, its G. Master, with the magnificent donation of a thousand guineas, and supported by the Prov. G. Lodge to the extent of 500 guineas, and Bros. Callender and Wike with one hundred guineas each, contributed £3,885, the thirty-five other Stewards raising among them 2000 guineas. Thus East Lancashire has been surpassed at this Festival only by itself ten years since at another Festival, and there is no other Province in the country which can proudly point to two such unprecedented achievements as the contribution in 1869 to one of our Institutions of £3,885, and in 1879 of £3,738 7s 6d, according to our reckoning—to another. But the Prov. G. Master of East Lancashire was also loyally supported by the Metropolis and twenty-nine other Provinces, who among them, gave in round figures £10,000. We congratulate our R.W. Bro. Lieut.-Col. Starkie on a success so brilliant, and we trust, if this is an earnest of the influence he is able to exercise, that we shall find him again assuming the responsibilities of a chairman at other of our Festivals. We also congratulate East Lancashire particularly, and the Craft generally, on the result of the gathering, and we trust the Chairman and his Board of Stewards will not regard it as idle flattery if we affirm that never were votes of thanks, such as were passed to them by the Committee of the R.M.B.I. on the day after the Festival, more richly deserved. We now proceed to our customary analysis.

The grand total as announced by Bro. Terry in the course of the evening of the 12th instant, when the toast of Prosperity to the Institution had been given, was stated as £13,875 10s 6d, with fifteen lists outstanding. We have cast and re-cast the figures as they appeared in our columns last week, and we find they amount to £13,726 11s 6d. There is, however, a sum of £400 which Bro. Terry took credit for, but which was not included in the list, for the very important reason that it had not been received. It has, how-

ever, been definitively arranged that the £400 in question shall find its way into the coffers of the R.M.B.I. as soon as it can be forwarded, so that, according to our calculation, the amount of Bro. Terry's list must be stated as £14,126 11s 6d, and there are other lists yet to come. However, the figures we propose dealing with are those which appeared last week, and the sum of these, as we have stated already, is £13,726 11s 6d, London being answerable for £6,153 9s, and the Provinces for £7,573 2s 6d. London was represented by 115 Stewards, three of whom were unattached, while 106 represented 102 Lodges, and the remaining six as many Chapters. As there were at the time ten lists still to be sent in, the £6,153 9s is the aggregate of the lists of 105 Stewards. Of the component parts of this sum, the following are the most considerable. Bro. T. J. Barnes, the able Preceptor, who acted as Steward for the Doric, No. 933, has outdistanced all his Metropolitan brethren, having won the place of honour in the commonest of canters with £325 10s. Bro. Clement Breden, who was Steward for the Merchant Navy, No. 781, comes second with the goodly amount of £178, and then close together appear Bro. Robbins of University Lodge, No. 1,118, with £157 10s, and Bro. J. Freeman, of The Great City, with £151 2s. The two next, also very close together, are Bro. G. T. H. Seddon, of Sincerity, No. 174, with £135 10s, and Bro. F. Brown, of the Loyalty, No. 1607, with £134 18s 6d. Bro. W. W. Medcalf, of Mizpah, No. 1671, figures well with £120 15s. At his heels is Bro. Joseph Stock, of the Perfect Ashlar, No. 1178, with £118 3s 6d, and then well together, Bro. Thos. Goode, of Finsbury Park, No. 1,288, with £116; Bros. A. L. Annett, of the St. James Union, No. 180, and John A. Rucker, of Prince of Wales, No. 259, each with £115 10s; Bro. K. R. Murchison, of the Friends in Council, No. 1383, with £113 18s; Bro. J. L. Mather, of the Islington, No. 1471, with £113 8s; Bro. Robert H. Halford, of the United Strength, No. 228, with £112 1s; Bro. G. M. Felton, of the Cripple-gate, No. 1613, with £111 6s; Bro. J. W. Robinson, of the Royal Commemoration, No. 1585, with £110 14s; Bro. John G. Stevens, acting independently, with £110; Bro. Charles Dairy, of Faith, No. 141, with £107 10s; Bro. Rev. Dr. Brette, of the Aldersgate, with £106 11s 6d; Bro. J. H. Southwood, of the John Hervey, No. 1260, with £105; Bro. W. Maple, of the Canonbury, with £100 16s; and Bro. W. H. Bateman, one of two Stewards representing Fortitude and Old Cumberland, with £100. As the other Steward, Bro. A. H. Lilley, had a list of fifty guineas, and Comp. Joseph Clever, of the Prudence Chapter, No. 12, one of thirty guineas, this old Lodge has worthily borne out its reputation as a liberal subscriber to our Charities. Of young Lodges, the Anchor, No. 1704, was represented by Bro. J. Bagot Scriven; All Saints No. 1716, by Bro. John Dennis; King's Cross, No. 1732, by Bro. W. M. Stiles; and the St. Leonard, No. 1766, consecrated only last year, by Bro. W. Beesley, whose list, though it amounted to £40 8s only, must be looked upon as a fair commencement. The East takes the lead among the Metropolitan Lodges, but West, South and North are well represented. It is a result that is eminently satisfactory when we find 102 London Lodges represented, and that not only do our oldest Lodges uphold their fame as supporters of our Institutions, but likewise that their youngest sisters imitate the laudable example thus set them. Of those that were unrepresented, many of course have figured at other recent Festivals, while others will do yeoman service at that of the Boys' or Girls' School. Of those who are as in-

variably absent as some we might mention are present, we prefer to say nothing. If they are content with the ignominy which attaches to them, we shall not trouble ourselves to disturb their equanimity.

The Provinces now claim our attention. Thirty out of the forty-four, including districts not possessing a Grand Lodge, are represented in the list, the fourteen absentees comprising as usual Bedfordshire (5 Lodges)—when, to make an atrocious pun, will our Beds brethren, now lying so cosily dormant in their beds, wake up to a sense of their duty?—Cambridgeshire (4 Lodges), Cheshire (37 Lodges), Cornwall (28 Lodges), Devon (47 Lodges), Durham (25 Lodges), Herefordshire (4 Lodges), Northumberland (18 Lodges), North Wales and Shropshire (25 Lodges), South Wales, Eastern Division (13 Lodges), Staffordshire (21 Lodges), Channel Islands, Jersey, and Isle of Man. As regards the last three, there is nothing strange in their being rarely, if ever, represented at our Charity Festivals. They are out of the way, to say the least. With the other eleven, the case is different, and as they look to receive help in time of need, so we expect them to render it under similar conditions. Nine of the above do this cheerfully, according to their means, though their names are wanting in the present list. Thus Cheshire, with an Educational Institute of its own, has been nevertheless represented moderately at all the Festivals in the last four years. Cornwall was represented by its Prov. G.M. and Bro. Hughan at the Benevolent Festival last year, the amount it contributed being £570, while in 1876 Bro. Hughan was Steward and took up between £400 and £500. In this case, too, the recent disastrous Bank failure may not improbably have had something to do with its absence. Herefordshire was modestly represented at the Girls' Festival, and has also figured on previous occasions. Devon is absent, but only for the second time in thirteen Festivals. Durham gave £155 8s to the Boys' last July, about the same sum in 1877, more liberally in 1876, and still more liberally the preceding year. Northumberland has been an absentee at all the Festivals which have been held since that of the Boys' School in 1877, and it strikes us that it is nearly time some of its Lodges bestirred themselves again. North Wales and Salop figured last year at the Boys' School for £169, and at the Girls' for ten guineas. It supported the same two in 1877, and its Lodges are raising, if they have not already raised, the *Watkin Testimonial*. South Wales East was very fairly represented at the School Festivals last year, and Staffordshire, as we must all remember, did its duty admirably under its late Grand Master, the late Earl of Shrewsbury and Talbot, and sent up a fair list at the Benevolent Festival last year, besides a small contribution to the Boys' School in July. Even Cambridgeshire emerged last year from its state of torpor, and a member of one of its Lodges twice served as Steward for the School Festivals, but Beds apparently neither does nor cares aught for the Charities.

Turn we now to the Contributing Provinces. First in order is Berks and Bucks, which is down for the handsome sum of £336 7s, the joint contributions of seven Stewards representing five out of the nine Berkshire Lodges, none of the eight Bucks Lodges having been at the pains to send up Stewards. Under these circumstances the honour of the achievement must be awarded to the former county. We are given to understand there is a strong undercurrent of ill-feeling exhibited by some of the Bucks towards the Berks brethren or Lodges, and it may come within the scope of our duty to offer a few sharp comments on the subject. What are the grounds of this ill-feeling is not material at this moment, but we must remark that no Province has a more zealous and able Grand Master, or one that deserves to be treated with greater loyalty than Berks and Bucks, of which Sir Daniel Gooch has been the ruler for upwards of ten years. We are prepared to find greater or less discontent everywhere, and when we learn that it is groundless, we are equally prepared to lend our assistance in stamping it out. The Etonian No. 209, and Windsor Castle No. 771, both of Windsor, the Union No. 414, of Reading, the Loyal Berkshire L. of Hope No. 574, of Newbury, and the Vale of White Horse Lodge No. 1770, of Farringdon, are the five Lodges which uphold the fair fame of Berkshire. The first of these sent up two Stewards, of whom Bro. Dick Radclyffe furnished a list of £136 12s 6d, part of which was raised by the ticket system; the last followed its example, and though the youngest Lodge in the Province—having, indeed, been con-

secrated only a short time since—contributed, per Bros. J. Blandy Jenkins and R. Bradley, a total of £68 5s. Brethren of the Vale of White Horse, this is a most excellent beginning, and we trust that without detriment to yourselves and your belongings, you will find it in your power to continue as you have begun. Bristol (eight Lodges) has one representative, whose list amounted to £15 15s. Last year one of its members took up £134 15s to the Benevolent, and in 1877, when its Prov. G. Master, the Earl of Limerick, filled the office of Steward to this same Institution, it contributed by his hands the sum of £161 8s. Bro. McKay did the honours for Cumberland and Westmoreland, with its nineteen lodges: his list amounted to £63 2s. The same Brother was Steward at the last Boys' Festival, when the amount of his list was £150. Derbyshire (nineteen Lodges) was not unrepresented, a brother of No. 731, the Arboretum of Derby, being down for £23 8s 6d. Last year its Prov. G. Master, the Marquis of Hartington, and another brother, together handed in £170. It figured likewise, though for smaller amounts, at the Girls' Festival in May last, and that of the Boys in July. For Dorsetshire its Dep. G. Master, Bro. Gundry, acted as Steward, but the amount of his list was not stated, as it had not been received. We may anticipate, however, a good one, as the Province has always been to the fore on these occasions. Last year, Bro. J. M. P. Montagu was its Steward for all three Institutions, and took up £150 to the Benevolent, £116 11s for the Girls, and £401 12s for the Boys, or a total of £668 3s for the year. Essex, which has had the misfortune to lose its G. Master lately, was nevertheless represented by Comp. Rev. H. J. Hatch, of the Priory Chapter No. 1000, Southend, with a list of £11. It figured at the Boys' Festival last July for over £233, and has been creditably represented at other Festivals. Gloucestershire (fourteen Lodges), though it distributed no less a sum than £727 among our Institutions last year, has three Stewards, representing two Lodges, and their joint lists amount to £148 12s. Hants and Isle of Wight, with its thirty Lodges, has only been once absent at the last thirteen Festivals. Its contributions, in this instance, amount to £187 8s 6d, the result of the joint efforts of three Stewards, representing as many Lodges, namely, the Newport No. 151, one of the Aldershot Lodges No. 723 (Panmure), and a Portsmouth No. 1428, the United Service. Three of the eleven Lodges in Herts are represented by as many Stewards, the aggregate of their lists being £144 1s. It will be in the recollection of our readers that at the Benevolent Festival last year this little county headed the Provinces, with a total of over £645, subsequently raised to £660; it was represented for a small amount both at the Boys' and Girls' Festivals. It has given over £1,815 since January (inclusive) 1875, having been absent only once in thirteen Festivals. The Hitchin, Berkhamstead, and Cheshunt Lodges uphold the credit of the county on this occasion. Kent, with its forty-three Lodges, has six of them represented by as many Stewards, the total of their lists being £432 4s; Bro. H. M. Baker, of the Corinthian No. 1208, of Dover, taking the lead with £202 18s, Bro. A. H. Des Barres being next with a very useful £95 7s 6d. We are also gratified at finding Bro. Joynes Emmerson, of the Cinque Ports No. 1206, Sandwich, among the Stewards, with, we presume, a personal contribution of ten guineas. We now come to East Lancashire, with its eighty-nine Lodges and an array of seventy-nine Stewards, loyally banded together to support Bro. Lt.-Col. Starkie, its Grand Master, who occupied the chair. The total amount contributed, we find to be £3,338 7s 6d, but there is a further £400, bequeathed by a deceased brother, to be received; and, from the list we published last week, there would seem to be twelve of the Stewards who have not as yet sent in their lists. At all events, East Lancashire will certainly figure this year for £3,738 7s 6d, if not for a greater sum. Fifty of its Lodges and one Chapter were represented—some by three, four, or even more brethren. The Prov. G. Master's personal donation was a hundred guineas, P. Grand Lodge gave five hundred guineas, P.G. Chapter fifty guineas, and P.G. Mark Lodge, by Bro. Brockbank, sixty guineas. Of the other lists, Bro. Hine, representing Lodges Nos. 64 and 1,009, is to the fore with £300; Bro. Jas. Newton, of No. 37, follows with £210; Bro. C. F. Matier, of No. 645, has furnished £137 11s; Bro. J. F. Tweedale, of Nos. 64 and 277, £120 1s 6d; Bro. G. F. East, of No. 163, £115 10s; Bro. E. Ashworth, on behalf of Nos. 64, 274, and 1697, £105. Bro. T. Chorlton, of

No. 152, just misses by a few shillings being a three-figure man, his total being £99 15s. West Lancashire, though only one of its eighty Lodges is down for £35 18s, is a liberal supporter of our Institutions, as our readers are well aware. Last year its contributions to the three Institutions were only a little short of £480, the year before it gave nearly £640, and what it did for Lord Skelmersdale in 1876, is still within the recollection of its friends and admirers. Leicestershire and Rutland (10 Lodges), by the hands of two Stewards, one acting for the Province, and the other on his own account, is entered for £125 14s. It gave the Girls' School last year £233 16s, and, in 1877, over £400 to the Boys' School,—an excellent testimony to the worth of the Province. Lincolnshire, again, rarely misses an opportunity of lending a helping hand, and, though its four Stewards, representing three out of its twenty Lodges, are only entered for £68 14s 6d, it figured at all the Festivals in 1877; in 1876 it gave the Girls over £573, and in 1875 the Benevolent received £573. Middlesex is a regular contributor. Seven of its twenty-nine Lodges, and one of its nine Chapters, together with one Steward acting independently, contribute amongst them £440 7s. One entry in the list deserves especial notice. It is described as "The First Labour of an Entered Apprentice," and is the contribution of Bro. Marshall, a member of the Royal Hanover, No. 1,777, of Hounslow, one of our youngest Lodges. This raises the amount given by this Province to over £4,581 for the thirteen Festivals, or, an average of over £352 per Festival. Monmouthshire, with its eight Lodges, appears for £136 10s, contributed by the hands of Bros. W. Williams, for the Province, and W. Watkins, for No. 1429. Its Grand Master represented it at the Boys' Festival last year, when his list was £166 19s, and in 1877 it gave two hundred guineas to the Benevolent. Last year Northamptonshire and Hunts very liberally supported its G. Master, the Duke of Manchester, who presided at the Festival of this Institution, its contribution, including His Grace's personal donation, reaching £300. It has also contributed on other occasions, and, in this instance, the Eleanor Cross, No. 1764, Northampton, consecrated only last year, and, therefore, the youngest of its Lodges, is entered for £50, by the hands of Bro. Hamilton W. Parker. This augurs a busy and useful future for so young a Lodge. Norfolk (fifteen Lodges) with Bro. Barwell as Steward for the whole Province, and Bro. W. A. Tyssen. H. Amherst for Lodge No. 52, the Union of Norwich, gives £306 12s. At the Boys' Festival last year it figured for over £279, and in 1877, when Lord Suffield, its G.M., presided at the Girls' Festival, it supported him to the extent of £210. Of Notts, with its nine Lodges, we can only say that one of them, No. 402 of Nottingham, is entered, but the amount of the list has not yet been returned. However, though till lately it has laboured under the serious drawback of having no Provincial organisation, it has been represented at one or more of the Festivals in 1875-6-7-8. Three of the nine Oxfordshire Lodges—the Apollo University No. 357, and the Churchill No. 478, both of Oxford, with the Marlborough No. 1399, of Woodstock, appear in last Wednesday's list, but one of the three has not furnished his statement. So far £41 18s, is the contribution of this Province. At the same time it has given at the last twelve Festivals £1,186, or an average of nearly £100 per Festival. We wish we could point, as we said on one occasion last year, to as satisfactory a result in the case of Cambridgeshire, the other University County. With the Pro Grand Master to preside over it, it is to be expected that Somersetshire should take a prominent part on these occasions, and Captain Perkins, representing the Province, is entered for £38 17s. At the Girls' Festival in May last, when the Earl of Carnarvon presided, it gave £318 3s. It supported the Benevolent in 1877 to the extent of over £253, while, when its Grand Master was chairman at the Boys' Festival in 1875, it contributed over £540, with one list still to be handed in. There is, in fact, but one occasion, as far as we can call to mind, since the beginning of 1875, when this Province with its nineteen Lodges has been unrepresented. The Province of South Wales W. Division, with nine Lodges, is entered for the handsome sum of £225. Last year it figured for £236 5s at the Girls' Festival. It has likewise contributed separately or conjointly with the Eastern Division of the County to at least one Festival in 1877, 1876, and 1875. Thus there can be no gainsaying the fact of its liberality towards our Institutions. Three of the nineteen Suffolk Lodges, No. 81 of Woodbridge, No. 114 of Ipswich, and No. 1452

of Lowestoft, together give £171 2s. Considering that it has been absent only once in the last thirteen Festivals this must be regarded as a most liberal Contribution. Four Surrey Lodges out of eighteen sent Stewards to Bro. Terry's Festival on Wednesday, and the aggregate of their contributions amounted to £164 11s. If we say that it has not been absent from a single Festival since the CHRONICLE came into being, it will be enough to prove that Surrey both knows and fulfils its duties. The Royal York, No. 315 of Brighton, by the hands of two of its members, has done duty for Sussex, with its 20 Lodges, and their lists amount together to £126. Last year it distributed over £200 among our three Charities, and in 1877 over £662. One Warwickshire Lodge out of thirty sends £38 17s. Last year it gave over £423 between the Boys' and Girls' Schools; in 1877 it distributed among the three Institutions close on £600; while in the year previous it gave to the Boys' School £2,000, and to the Girls £262 10s. Wilts with its ten Lodges is down for £237 10s, and has been represented at eleven out of the last thirteen Festivals. Moreover it has invariably done well, having given the Girls' School £267 5s in May last, and the Benevolent at the last Festival £164 11s. In 1877, it gave at the three Festivals £538 10s, the Benevolent receiving the lion's share in the shape of £273. Worcestershire with ten Lodges has been, to use a hackneyed phrase, conspicuous by its absence from all the Festivals of the last four years. On this occasion, the Kidderminster Lodge, Hope and Charity No. 377, has assumed the rôle of Provincial representative, and its Steward is entered for forty guineas exactly. This is a small, but by no means despicable beginning, and, as it follows close upon the installation of a new Prov. G. Master, let us hope we may regard it as an earnest of what we are to expect under the reign of Sir E. A. H. Lechmere, Bart., M.P. Now that No. 377 has done something to efface the stigma which must necessarily attach to a regular and persistent neglect of certain important duties, let us hope the other Lodges will follow the good example that has been set them, and will occasionally send up representatives. Both Bros. Hedges and Binckes, we feel heartily assured, will welcome them most cordially at their Festivals now rapidly approaching, and Bro. Terry will, doubtless, be glad of similar assistance on future occasions. There only now remain two Provinces to notice, and one of those, namely, West Yorkshire, may be dismissed in a very few words. In the period we have glanced at, it has only missed being represented once, and that was at the Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls—we were under the impression it had been represented at the twelve Festivals held in 1875-6-7-8, but this turns out to have been erroneous. However, in that time it contributed just over £6,712, and the sum of £550, contributed at last Wednesday's Festival, has raised this to £7,262, which gives an average of over £605 for each of the twelve Festivals. Of this, the Benevolent has received, omitting odd shillings, £2,495 at its five Festivals; the Girls' School, £2,320, at three of its four Festivals; and the Boys' School, £2,445 at its four Festivals. We admit that West Yorkshire, with its sixty-six Lodges, is one of our strongest Provinces; at the same time, an average contribution of £110 per Lodge, in the period we have been considering, must be written down as in the highest degree commendable. Turn we from this agreeable picture to the state of things in the adjacent Province of North and East Yorkshire, in which lies the ancient City of York, with all its proud traditions of Freemasonry, dating back to an antediluvian, if not to a pre-Adamite period, which boasts of that important seaport—Hull, and that fashionable watering-place—Scarborough. It has twenty-six Lodges, and what do our readers imagine this influential and fairly numerous Province has done for our Charitable Institutions in the period beginning 1st January 1875 to date? It has given, so far as we can ascertain—for two lists were outstanding, and the amounts are not entered in some of the published lists to which they severally belong—just a little over £418, or an average of slightly over £16, that is, taking the present number of Lodges—though four have been created since 1876—as the basis of reckoning, not quite *five-and-twenty shillings per Festival*. As a matter of fact, and as far as the published lists enable us to judge, only four Lodges have done anything at all; and, if we excuse the third Scarborough Lodge, created only a short time, on the score of its hardly having had time yet to look about, we find there are no less than *twenty-one* Lodges in North and East Yorkshire which have rendered no pecuniary assistance whatever to our Schools and Bene-

volent Institution since the close of 1874—at least, on these important occasions. We have heard that Bro. J. Pearson Bell, the Deputy Prov. G. Master, has in hand a scheme by which the Province should be a regular contributor to the Charities. We know, too, there are some few brethren, such as he and Bro. J. Thompson, of Hull, P. Prov. G.S.B., who take an active part in supporting them; but what are they likely to be able to effect, if the rest of the Province, including its chief, is so utterly indifferent to the heavy requirements of our Institutions? However, let us give due honour to the four Lodges which have not lost sight of the fact that there are central Masonic Charities, which are sorely in need of help to be administered regularly every year. Whether one, or more than one Lodge contributed at the Girls' Festival in 1875 does not appear, the amount being entered to the credit of North and East Yorkshire, without further definition. Apart from this, we find that the Humber Lodge, No. 57, Hull, has been represented at five Festivals, and its contributions at four were £111 11s, the amount contributed on the fifth occasion being unstated. Minerva No. 250, also of Hull, has figured five times, and given altogether £138 9s. Denison, No. 1248, of Scarborough was on the list of the Boys' School in 1877, but the amount of its list is unstated. The Eboracum, No. 1611, of York, founded only in 1876, has sent up Stewards to five different Festivals since its foundation: twice in 1877, twice in 1878, and on this occasion; the amount of its contributions being £133 10s. Thus, the two senior Hull Lodges, a Scarborough Lodge—not, however, the oldest—and the junior York Lodge—the senior can find time and means for making a fuss over its centenary, and receiving American Knight Templar Pilgrims, but appears to be indifferent to the claims of our Charities on all English Masons—are the only Lodges in North and East Yorkshire which have figured in the lists published in THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE of the last thirteen Festivals. We have hinted at this before; we trust the present hint may prove more effectual.

Further sums of £10 10s from Bro. P. C. F. Tatham, of Tuscan Lodge No. 14, and £10 10s from Bro. Joseph E. Turner, of Lodge Universal, No. 181, have been received by Bro. Terry in respect of last Wednesday's Festival. This raises the London total, as stated in our Analysis, to £6,174 9s.

### CORRESPONDENCE.

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### ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

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

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—It was only yesterday afternoon that I found myself in a position to justify a definite correction of a statement which has obtained wide-spread publicity, through the columns of both the Masonic and ordinary daily press.

Messrs. Willis, Percival and Co. were the bankers of this Institution, and the late Bro. S. Tomkins, a partner, was neither Trustee nor Treasurer, as he was to Grand Lodge and the other Masonic Institutions, and it is held that this Institution has no *locus standi* as a claimant on the private estate. The information, therefore, should be:—The claims of all the Masonic bodies on the estate of Messrs. Willis, Percival and Co. have been paid in full,—with the exception of that of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

In consequence of the loss thus sustained, in amount £894, and on that account alone, we are compelled to obtain assistance from our present bankers to discharge the bills for the past quarter.

Surely under these exceptional circumstances, we have the best possible basis for an exceptionally urgent appeal for sympathy, and for increased practical support in our hour of need.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

FREDERICK BINCKES,

Secretary.

6 Freemasons' Hall, W.C., 19th February 1879.

### INCOME OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

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

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In reference to the very useful tabular statement, in your last issue, showing the past year's incomes of our Institutions, have you not been misinformed as to the income of the Boys' School? The report of the Audit Committee gives the receipts as £12,618 6s 7d, whilst the CHRONICLE states them as £13,130 18s 7d, a difference of £512 12s 0d. If you could give an explanation of this discrepancy in your next you would doubtless oblige others than,

Yours fraternally,

A LIFE GOVERNOR.

14th February 1879.

### ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION FESTIVAL.

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

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Although the success of the Festival of the Benevolent Institution was financially very great, and all praise should be given to those who laboured so hard to achieve the result, yet I am sorry to note the fact that the Prov. G. Master of East Lancashire was but meagrely supported by the prominent present and past Grand Officers who reside in and about London. I should have thought an effort would have been made by those in authority to welcome the brother who came from so great a distance, and the Stewards, 60 in number, who accompanied him.

I do not wish to make invidious comparisons, but cannot refrain from noticing the fact that the prominent members of one Masonic organisation, which has recently come very much to the front (having this year three members belonging to its highest grade adorned with the purple), were conspicuous by their absence. I hope this was only the result of accident, and not designedly done to ignore the claims of Masonic charity, or yet to slight a brother Mason who does not happen to belong to their community.

Forgetting any apparent neglect, the East Lancashire men have a right to feel proud of the result, and the commercial community in that district need not be ashamed to vie with their aristocratic southern brethren in the support of our valued Institutions.

Yours fraternally,

HAUTE GRADE.

### THINGS ONE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW.

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

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The London Masonic Charity Association have kindly undertaken to assist the cases of C. F. Frost and F. A. Giles, candidates for election into the Boys' School, and of E. E. Williams into the Girls' School. Subscribers are requested to forward their votes to the Secretary, Bro. Alfred Tisley, of No. 1, Clifford's Inn. A Brother Alfred Tisley, of Long Ditton, Surrey, has, in the same generous spirit, recommended the case of Percy Herbert Stone, as worthy of support. One would like to know if the Bro. Alfred Tisley of Clifford's Inn, and Bro. Alfred Tisley of Long Ditton, are one and the same person, and, if identical, in what proportion the votes forwarded to the Secretary of the London Masonic Charity Association are to be divided amongst the various candidates? (1) Will the boy P. H. Stone be allowed a third, or the residue after securing the election of the other two boys? (2) What steps will be taken by the executive of the L.M.C.A. to make this arrangement known to the subscribers?

I read the appeal of Bro. Perceval in the interest of the boys Frost and Giles, inserted in your issue of the 1st instant. Could you also find room for epistolary addresses from the friends and supporters of the other candidates? There are many on the list to whom such insertions would be of inestimable value.

Yours truly and fraternally,

FORTE.

19th February 1879.

The statement contained in our issue of the 8th inst., to the effect that the amount due to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys at the time of the failure of Messrs. Willis, Percival and Co., had been paid in full out of the estate of the late Bro. S. Tomkins, who was a member of that firm, as well as the amounts due to Grand Lodge, Grand Chapter, and the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, turns out to have been erroneous. The Boys' School was paid the composition of nine shillings in the pound, as arranged to be paid by the Bank which purchased the business of the defunct Bank; and as the amount standing to its credit at the time of the failure was stated in Grand Lodge to be £1,560, this Institution will be a loser to the extent of between £850 and £900. In fact, this is the only Institution which will sustain any loss, as Grand Lodge, and Chapter, and the Benevolent have been paid in full, while the Girls' had borrowed a sum considerably in excess of the balance to its credit. This will have to be borne in mind as a strong reason for supporting Bro. Binckes when the Festival of the Institution of which he is Secretary is at hand.

## INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &amp;c.

## EGYPTIAN LODGE, No. 27.

THOUGH not so old a Lodge as its place on the roll of Grand Lodge might justify us in supposing, the Egyptian has a very respectable antiquity to boast of. It follows a 1724 Lodge, and precedes one of 1725, while the date of its own Constitution belongs to the year 1755. Still the work that it does entitles it to all praise, and is in every respect worthy of the high position it holds. It includes among its members several brethren of great ability, who have taken the greatest pride in the fulfilment of their duties. Some of them have been honoured with the recognition of Grand Lodge, while the others, from the oldest to the youngest, are never weary of contributing in their several positions, and as far as in them lies, to uphold the prosperity of the Lodge. We have glanced through a former Masonic journal for the records of this Lodge's proceedings, and as far back as 1858, when it was located at the George and Blue Boar, in Holborn, we find the accounts given of it were invariably satisfactory. Bro. Buss, the Assistant Grand Secretary and Treasurer of the Lodge, was even then a Past Master and Secretary, and the latter office, after filling it for four and twenty years, was only vacated by him in order that he might undertake the duties of Treasurer. Bro. J. Coutts P.G.P., who is deservedly one of the most popular, as he undoubtedly is one of the ablest, of its members, filled the office of Junior Deacon in 1863, and was twice unanimously elected to be its Worshipful Master—for the years 1867 and 1868. Bro. C. B. Payne, the present Grand Tyler, was Senior Deacon in 1859, and in due course rose to be Master, fulfilling the duties of the chair in the year 1862. Bro. Buss's predecessor in the Treasurership, the late Bro. B. P. Todd, held that office almost the whole time that Bro. Buss was Secretary. Bro. Todd was W.M. in 1851, the year of the Great Exhibition, and by a singular coincidence, was presented by the Lodge with a very handsome testimonial on the 1st May 1862, the opening day of the International, or second Great Exhibition held in this country. Moreover, the late distinguished Bro. John Savage, Past G. Deacon and a member of the Board of General Purposes, as well as of the General Committee of Grand Chapter, was an honorary member, and for the long period of thirty-two years played the part of Installing Officer, and inducted the successive Masters during that period into the Chair of the Lodge, his immediate successor, Bro. John Coutts, to whom we have already alluded, fulfilling those duties, as recently as the year 1876, the installation meeting in that year being the first that was held after Bro. Savage's decease. The Lodge, too, has been laudably active in the support of our Masonic Institutions, and is at the present time a Vice Patron of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and a Vice-President—and no doubt very soon will be a Vice-Patron—of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. About the beginning of 1875, it started a Benevolent Fund of its own, and in a very few months the contributions thereto exceeded £150, of which £100 was straightway invested. The relief it has administered in cases of distress has been both liberal and frequent. In short, the Egyptians are worthy of the scientific fame of the ancient people after whom they are named, as they are of the reputation for generosity which distinguishes the modern people to whom its members belong. However, before we proceed to recount the events of its latest meeting, we will mention in the order of their occurrence a few particulars which will doubtless prove of interest to our readers. In 1859, when the Lodge met at the George and Blue Boar, the Installation Meeting of the Lodge was, on the motion of Bro. Buss, changed from the month of January to February. At the installation of Bro. Payne, in 1862, Bro. Savage was assisted in his duties as Installing Officer by Bro. Jos. Smith as S.W., the late Bro. Farnfield Assistant Grand Sec. as J.W., so that all three chairs were occupied by "Purple Brethren." The same three brethren acted together at the first installation of Bro. Coutts in 1867, with the slight difference that Bro. Farnfield was S.W., and Bro. Smith J.W. In 1863 the Lodge moved its quarters to Anderton's Hotel, where it has ever since remained. This year, too, Bro. Payne on retiring from the chair, was presented with a handsome Past Master's jewel, in token of his services as Worshipful Master, and a few months later the late Bro. Todd, Treasurer, acting on behalf of the Lodge, presented a very valuable gold watch to Bro. Buss, as a recognition of his services to the Egyptians. It was also in the same year that, on appeal being made for a member to serve as Steward at the Festival of the Benevolent Institution, it was incidentally mentioned that a lady had served on one of those occasions; on which Bro. Todd announced that his daughter should act as Steward of the Lodge, and he promised to constitute her a Life Governor. In 1867 and 1868 we come across the name of our "literary brother"—Bro. H. M. Levy, then, as now, P.M. No. 188—among the Visitors; and Bro. Levy, we are told, contributed to the amusement of those present, by giving imitations of different well-known theatrical artists. In one account he is described as "our facetious friend." In the latter year the Lodge contributed to the Grand Master (Zetland) Commemoration Fund. In January 1869, Bro. C. Atkins, one of the present P.M.'s, was raised to the sublime degree, and Bro. Harrison, another of the P.M.'s, was J.D. At the installation meeting this year, Bro. Coutts completed his second year as W. Master, and was presented with an elegant gold jewel, together with a P.M.'s apron and collar, with jewel attached, in token of his admirable efficiency in the chair. The cost of this testimonial was defrayed partly out of the Lodge funds, and partly by subscription among the members. In 1870, Bro. Green, now a P.M., was initiated, and the following P.M.'s were among the subordinate Officers, namely:—Harrison S.D., Atkins J.D., and Lambie I.G. It was announced, with justifiable pride, in the course of this year, that the Lodge was a

Vice-President of all the Masonic Institutions. Bro. C. Atkins filled the chair in 1874. In 1875, in the Mastership of Bro. S. R. Lambie, the last who was installed in office by the late Bro. John Savage, Bros. Green, Walker, and Maidwell were respectively Senior Warden, Senior Deacon, and Master of Ceremonies. The year 1876, may justly be described in the records of the Lodge as the "Grand Pursuivants' year." At the installation of Bro. Green as W.M., the ceremony was performed by Bro. J. Coutts P.G.P., assisted by Bro. Jos. Smith P.G.P. as Senior Warden, and the late Bro. John Boyd P.G.P. as J.W.; there being likewise present Bros. J. Wright G. Pursuivant and E. P. Albert Assist. G.P., T. Cubitt P.G.P., W. Ough Past G.P., and W. T. Howe then Prov. G.P. Middlesex, and now G. Pursuivant. In short there were present no less than eight Grand, Past Grand, Assistant Grand and Prov. Grand Pursuivants on the occasion. It is also noteworthy that the Secretaries to all three Institutions—Bros. Terry, Binckes, and the late R. W. Little "assisted" at this meeting. Bro. Walker was installed Worshipful Master in 1877, and Bro. Maidwell was his successor in the year following. It now remains for us to note the proceedings of the late auspicious gathering at Anderton's on the 6th inst., when Bro. W. Richards was installed in office as Master. The Lodge was opened by Bro. Maidwell W.M., who was supported by Bros. W. Richards S.W. and W.M. elect, Chapman J.W., H. G. Buss Assist. Grand Secretary P.M. and Treasurer, J. B. Poole P.M. Secretary, Past Masters—Bros. D. Jacobs, J. Coutts P.G.P., C. B. Payne Grand Tyler, Charles Atkins, Green, W. H. Gibbon, Harrison, S. R. Lambie and Walker, other Officers, members, and visitors to the number of 104, of whom no less than fifty-seven were visitors, and amongst whom were Bros. H. M. Goodman W.M. 147, T. Bull P.M. 145, H. F. Masters 145, T. F. K. Smith W.M. elect 144, E. P. Barlow P.M. 15, W. H. Gray S.W. 704, C. H. Webb W.M. 1607, H. Massey P.M. 619, A. Furness 1421, A. Pendlebury P.M. 1056, R. Green W.M. 1524, W. H. Lee P.M. 1524, W. C. Hollands P.M. 1321, E. Berger S.W. 435, J. T. Smith 157, C. G. Butler W.S. 414, J. Lloyd J.D. 1201, N. T. Hooper I.G. 435, W. Dodd P.M. 1194, W. Sumner 877, W. H. G. Radderforth S.D. 12, J. W. Webster 807, A. J. Berry Sec. 1695, Charles Corrick 101, S. Rushton Org. 1677, A. W. Wells J.D. 299, W. T. Howe G.P., E. P. Albert P.G.P., W. W. Morgan Sec. 211, J. H. Southwood W.M. 1260, W. Smeed 1585, J. Anley 177, W. H. Ellis 554, Thos. Cubitt P.G.P., Thos. E. Purcell P.M. 861, J. H. Watts P.M. 1201, Chas. Daniel P.M. 65, F. Spurrell P.P.G.W. Kent, W. N. Waghorn P.M. 946, W. Dance I.P.M. 754, T. Mills P.M. 299, William Musto P.M. 1349, J. Kennard 145, P. Harvey P.M. 299, Alex. Jones 1612, M. Leslie 1604, A. Richards 254, Thomas D. Hume P.M. 209, James Reid 72, Alexander Reid 1287, George Tedder 11, H. Brookman 1541, Stephen Wood 1446, R. S. White 340, C. Bennett, George McGowan, F. Binckes P.M. Grand Stewards, &c. Formalities over, Bro. Richards was presented for installation, and duly installed by Bro. Maidwell, —who is not only letter perfect in his knowledge of the ritual, but has likewise a good voice and delivery, and an impressive manner,—the board of Installed Masters numbering no less than thirty-five. At the conclusion of the ceremony Bro. Richards was proclaimed and saluted, and then appointed and invested the following brethren as his Officers for the current year, namely—Bros. Chapman S.W., Coulson J.W., Maidwell I.P.M., H. G. Buss Assistant Grand Secretary P.M. Treasurer, Poole P.M. Secretary, Kemp [nominated] Senior Deacon, Cathbertson Junior Deacon, Grammer I.G., Murch M.C., D. Jacobs P.M. W.S., King Assist. M.C., and Potter Tyler. The Lodge then confirmed the grant of £25 out of the Benevolent Fund to a distressed brother. £2 was voted to a brother in distress lately a member of the Lodge, and after considerable discussion, it was agreed to place on Bro. Maidwell's list for the approaching Festival of the Girls' School the sum of fifteen guineas. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet, under the presidency of Bro. Richards W.M. The usual toasts were given in due order, Bros. Buss Ass. G. Sec. and Howe G.P. responding for that of the Grand Officers present and past. Bro. Maidwell I.P.M. proposed the health of the W. Master, of whose work they had as yet had but little experience, but so far as they had had the opportunity of judging, what he had done that evening had been perfect. The W. Master, in reply, said it was not his forte to make long speeches, and he should content himself with saying that during the years he had been a member of the Egyptian he had spent many happy hours and made many firm friends. He had now received the highest honour it was in the power of the Lodge to bestow, and he should do his utmost to merit the confidence reposed in him. He then proposed the health of Bro. Maidwell, and in doing so expressed the great pleasure it gave him to present that brother with a Past Master's jewel in token of the valued services he had rendered during his year of office, and he trusted Bro. Maidwell might live many years to wear it. Bro. Maidwell excused himself for any shortcomings in his speech on the score of the novelty of his position as a Past Master. He deeply appreciated this testimony to his labours. He had been so constantly a visitor, that at last he began to be ashamed of himself for so often coming in that capacity. Hence he joined the Lodge, and in every office he had held had striven to do his duty to the best of his ability. Bro. Binckes acknowledged the toast of the Masonic Charities, and bore his testimony to the high observance by the Egyptians of the great Masonic principle of Charity. Bro. Maidwell then announced that his list for the Girls' School Festival amounted already to 112 guineas. Bro. Buss replied for the P.M.'s, Treasurer, and Secretary, and took occasion to warn the Lodge against being too liberal in the dispensation of their funds. If they could afford to give even fifty guineas to the Charities he never would stand in the way, but with too great liberality their funds would very soon be exhausted. Bros. Poole and D. Jacobs also responded, the latter assuring those present that in his capacity of W.S. he should lay himself out to promote the happiness of the brethren. The S.W. responded for the Officers, and the Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close.

## TRANQUILLITY LODGE, No. 185.

THE annual Festival of this Lodge was celebrated at the Guild-hall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C., on Monday, the 17th inst., in the presence of some eighty brethren, including P.M.'s and Visitors. Bro. David Posener W.M. opened the Lodge at about three p.m., and shortly after conferred the third degree upon Bro. Calver. Hitherto the room looked almost empty, but as the period drew nigh in which it was arranged the ceremony of the evening would take place, Visitors, Past Masters and members made their appearance. Among the first named were Bros. T. Cubitt P.G.P., E. P. Albert P.G.P., Spiegel W.M. 188, Bassington W.M. 205, Lazarus W.M. 1017, J. D. Barnett W.M. Sampson, Dr. Mikley P.M. 449, E. Jacobs P.M. 1614, &c., &c. The Past Masters of the Lodge present were—Bros. Saul Solomon, M. Harris, R. Z. Bloomfield, N. Moss, John Constable, J. H. Ross, J. D. Barnett, N. Gluckstein, E. Gottbeil. Bro. George Pare S.W. and W.M. elect was then presented, to receive at the hands of his predecessor the benefit of installation. In due course a Board of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. Pare was elevated to that rank, and placed into the chair in conformity with ancient rite. The newly Installed Master appointed his Officers as follow:—Bros. D. Posener I.P.M., W. D. Bailey S.W., F. Croaker J.W., John Peartree P.M. Treas., P. Levy Sec., George Bilby P.M. Org., W. Bush S.D., J. Barber J.D., Staley I.G., B. D. Barnett D.C., Sol. Barnett W.S. The selection seemed to give general satisfaction. The Installing Master next addressed the W.M., Wardens and Brethren, upon their respective duties, the principles, aims and objects of the Order, with intelligent appreciation of what was intended to be conveyed, to which the assembly listened with breathless attention, and at the end gave vent to hearty cheers and applause. The auditors' report having been read, was unanimously adopted. From it we learn that the receipts during the past year amounted to £397 16s 2d, and the expenditure £317 11s 1d, leaving a balance of £50 5s 1d. The financial condition is stated to be as follows:—Lodge Fund £201 1s 8d, Benevolent Fund £851 1s, a state of affairs with which the members have every reason to be satisfied, especially as half yearly subscriptions were then due, and indeed were being paid simultaneously with the rendering of the accounts. In pursuance of notice of motion given by Bro. John Constable P.M. at a previous meeting, to the effect that the sum of ten guineas be voted from Lodge Fund to each of the Royal Masonic Institutions for Boys, Girls and Aged Annuitants, the proposition was submitted for consideration. Several of the old Past Masters objected to the grant, not from any feeling of antipathy either to the proposer or the Institutions, but actuated by motives of economy and over anxiety as to the future prospects of the Lodge should the time arrive when the present favourable conditions might possibly decline. The resolution was, however, in the end agreed to, and the thirty guineas voted. The W.M. then in suitable terms addressed Bro. Posener, and placed upon his breast a handsome and elaborately wrought gold Past Master's jewel, voted by the brethren in testimony of the high esteem in which the retiring W.M. is held, and as a slight acknowledgment of services rendered by him during his year of office. Bro. Posener feelingly accepted the gift, but failed to find words which might adequately represent his sense of their kindness and goodwill, or express the gratitude by which he was animated. A luxurious banquet followed, and after the removal of the cloth, Deum Landate was sung, to which succeeded the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. To that of the Queen and the Craft followed the National Anthem. Next came the Most Worshipful the Grand Master H.R.H. Prince of Wales, followed by a glee, "The Red Cross Knight," by the eminent and highly skilled vocalists, Bros. Moss, Barnett, Konningham, and De Lacy. Then came the Pro Grand Master, followed by "There was once a time, my darling," by Bro. Kenningham. The Deputy Grand Master and the rest of the Grand Officers Past and Present next received attention, and with this toast was coupled the names of the two P.G.P.'s, Bros. T. Cubitt and E. P. Albert, who briefly replied. The I.P.M. next asked to be allowed the use of the gavel, and taking possession of that emblem of power, said it seemed only a short while ago when the gavel was handed to him, but the time had flown so quickly that already he had to deliver it to a far better (oh! oh!)—well, he would say a younger and more able brother, who, he was sure, would carry on the affairs of the Lodge to the satisfaction of the brethren, and to judge from past experience of his work in the various offices through which the W.M. had passed, would give *éclat* to the Lodge of Tranquillity. He would, therefore, ask that the health might be drunk with best wishes for a prosperous year of office. Song, "From Rock to Rock," by Bro. E. Moss. Bro. Pare, in reply, said he felt his a most difficult task that evening. At the moment when his long cherished ambition was gratified, and he had reached the highest and proudest position in the Lodge, he was inspired with diffidence as to his ability to carry out the duties devolving upon him satisfactorily to himself and the brethren. He was, however, very sensible of the kind feeling and expressions of goodwill by which his election was accompanied, and trusted when the time arrived for his leaving the chair, he might, by his conduct during the year, have secured the right to the same fraternal kindness he had experienced in the past. He could assure them that his best attention would be devoted, both to the interests of the Lodge and the comforts at the festive Board. The W.M. then proposed the Visitors, coupling with it the names of Bros. Spiegel, Lazarus, Bassington, and Barnett, all W.M.'s of sister Jewish Lodges. Glee, "The Sailor's Song," by the professionals. Bro. Lazarus, in thanking the brethren for his hearty reception, remarked that it was now many years since he had the pleasure of visiting this Lodge, and could not help noticing the marks of progress evident in all its affairs. The ordinary working in any Lodge was expected to run smoothly, but in all his experience he had never listened with more pleasure than he had that evening during the ceremony of installation, which was rendered in a manner rarely surpassed. He was also gratified with the way in which the

Lodge supported the Charities. The toast of the Past Masters was then given, followed by song, "Old Simon the Cellarer," by Bro. De Lacy. Bro. Posener replied. Bro. Saul Solomon P.M. and President of the Benevolent Fund, replying to that toast said, the subject was certainly not new, but it was not obsolete. He was pleased on that occasion that it was not his duty to make an appeal, yet he trusted the Fund would not be neglected by the Lodge, for if one were to fail the other would infallibly fail with it. It was a happy circumstance that of late there had been no claim upon its resources, but who knows how soon its aid might be called into requisition, and occasion arise to afford relief, as had been done in the past. He hoped the Fund would continue to grow, from donations and interest on capital. He had never heard of any Brother making even the slightest return to the Fund, although, through its instrumentality, many had been able to lay the foundation of renewed prosperity. Nevertheless, he trusted they would always be in a position to render substantial assistance to needy brethren who in the time of prosperity participated with them in the privileges and enjoyments of the Lodge, not by doling out small sums, but giving such amounts as would secure another chance of regaining, at least in some degree, their former social position. He could not leave this subject that night without asking all to join him in an attempt at "gilding refined gold." He desired to speak of Bro. John Constable. The advent of that Brother was a blessing to the Lodge. It was he who rescued the Lodge from comparative obscurity, and by introducing fresh blood and vigour, in the shape of candidates, consisting of his own personal friends, of which he possesses a wonderful number,—and who can deny him anything,—he raised it to its present proud pre-eminence and usefulness. In all his life, he had never come across any one with such indomitable energy and perseverance in the cause of Charity; with such unselfish effrontery; to whom a negative is half an affirmative, and who takes a shake of the head to imply a no! and who has scarcely a compeer whom the orphan and widow have more reason to bless. Bro. Constable was loudly called upon; after some hesitation, he rose and said, that from the remarks of Bro. Solomon, it might be inferred he was a pachydermatous animal, but he could assure them that to compliment he was perfectly invulnerable, however, he did not disdain praise where merited. The good natured sarcasms indulged in by Bro. Solomon, in regard to his published History of the Lodge, did not affect him in the least, for it took a vast deal of chaff to disturb his equanimity. He had always endeavoured to work for the benefit of the Lodge and the Charities; how he had succeeded, they best knew. He hoped to be actuated by the same motives and principles in future as in the past. The pleasure of the evening was considerably marred when Bro. Phil. Levy, Sec., rose to reply to the toast of Secretary and Treasurer, for he announced that the truly beloved Bro. John Peartree P.M. and Treas. was then lying stricken with a highly dangerous malady, which, it was feared, might prove fatal. For twenty years he, in conjunction with the Treasurer, had worked and given their best attention to promote the interests of the Lodge, and this absence under such sad circumstances had cast a gloom upon him. He, however, prayed the G.A.O.T.U., in his goodness, would see fit to restore their Brother to health and activity. Bro. Constable, who is acting Treas., most feelingly joined in that prayer, and spoke of the kindness of heart and general impulse by which every action of Bro. Peartree was guided. The Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close.

## ST. DAVID'S LODGE, No. 1147.

THE Festival of St. John was celebrated on 13th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester. Bros. T. Elliott W.M., E. Williams I.P.M., Ishmael Davies S.W., John Taylor J.W., W. Hadden Sec., J. O. Evans S.D., F. Griffin J.D., R. Barlow Treas., A. Ehrenbach Org., J. B. Seel I.G., J. Sly Tyler. Past Masters—Ellis Jones, T. R. Williams, J. W. Jones, T. Gibson, T. R. Peel, and Bros. E. Staveley, R. Brown, M. Fairweather, H. Elliott, F. Sternberg, T. Chadwick, R. Renshaw, E. Tootill, &c. Visitors—Bros. John Barkor P.M., C. Heywood P.M. 645 P.P.G.Reg., W. Harding P.M. 1496 P.P.G.S.D. West Lancashire, W. Scott Brown P.M. 999, G. Atkinson W.M. 323, H. Wylie, Morris Jones, T. J. Cowen Sec. 1161, S. M. Davies FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, &c. The Lodge was opened about three p.m., and the minutes of last meeting read and ratified. All being in readiness for the important event of the day, the W.M. elect, Bro. Ishmael Davies, was introduced to the Installing Master, Bro. Ellis Jones P.M., by Bro. T. Elliott, the retiring W.M. The customary interrogations having been satisfactorily answered by Bro. Davies, he was solemnly obligated. The Lodge was advanced to the third degree, and all below the degree of W.M. having retired, the W.M. elect was introduced to a board of Installed Masters, invested, and installed. On the re-admission of the brethren, Bro. Ishmael Davies was proclaimed Worshipful Master of the St. David's Lodge for the ensuing twelve months, and as such received the salutations of the brethren. This portion of the ceremony was conducted by Bro. T. R. Peel P.M., who in turn relinquished the post to Bro. E. Williams P.M., and the I.P.M. With their assistance the W.M. invested his Officers as follow:—Bros. T. Elliott I.P.M., John Taylor S.W., William Hadden J.W., J. O. Evans Sec., R. Barlow S.D., J. B. Seel J.D., F. Griffin Treas., T. R. Williams P.M. D.C., A. Ehrenbach Org., E. Staveley I.G., H. Elliott, F. J. Brown, J. Palmer Stowards, J. Sly Tyler. The ceremony so far being successfully performed, the final charges were ably given by Bro. T. R. Williams P.M. Other business being completed, the Lodge was closed in harmony, and the brethren adjourned to the Queen's Hotel, where a most *récherché* banquet was provided. The *menu* was excellently entered, and the waiting was everything that could be desired. After the removal of the cloth the W.M. rose to propose the first toast. In doing so he referred in a touching manner to the poignant grief Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen had undergone in consequence of the death of her beloved

daughter. The toast was loyally received, the brethren joining in the National Anthem. Toast No. 2 every Mason received with great joy, as it related to the Sovereign Head of the Craft. His Royal Highness has proved himself a good and hearty Mason. The toast was heartily received, the brethren singing "God bless the Prince of Wales." Bro. S.W. had the honour to propose the next toast, which he said was one of the most important of the evening, the Earl of Carnarvon is one of the great lights in Masonry. The toast was received with full honours. The W.M. rose to propose the health of the Deputy Grand Master Lord Skelmersdale and the Officers of Grand Lodge past and present. He felt the Grand Lodge Officers did their duty in endeavouring to promote what was at once the grandest Institution, to us as Masons and humanity at large. The toast was drunk with twenty-one gans. The fifth toast on the list was proposed by Bro. Williams, who said—The W.M. has entrusted me with the gavel to propose a toast which is justly esteemed in this Province the great toast of the evening. To-night, especially, can we drink it with more than ordinary enthusiasm. Through our Prov. Grand Master, East Lancashire has greatly signalized herself in London, and, as a result, the whole Masonic world will know how deeply Col. Starkie is esteemed in his Province and among the Craft in England and Wales. It is gratifying to know that our respected Provincial G. Master had brought into the R.M.B.I. more money by far than any brother who has held a like position at any time. Not only on this occasion has the Province responded to the urgent appeal of the great central Charities; some years ago the Prov. G. Master made an appeal on behalf of the R.M.I. for Boys, and East Lancashire answered with over one-third of the amount subscribed. They would do their Prov. G. Master a great injustice if they did not drink most heartily to the toast. Bro. Peel proposed the health of the Deputy Prov. G. Master, the Prov. G. Officers of East Lancashire, and other Provinces past and present. In introducing this toast he regretted that Bro. Mellor was prevented from being with them, yet he was with their every effort in the spirit of the Craft. He was glad to have the presence of so many Prov. Officers, and pleased to see Bro. Barker, who had always taken much interest in the St. David's Lodge. Bro. Heywood was also well known to all, and highly appreciated for his many Masonic virtues, and his inseparable connexion with everything charitable. Bro. Harding, from West Lancashire, had been in the habit of coming among them, and who they were always pleased to see. Their wish was that West Lancashire might prosper in the future as it had in the past. The toast was drunk with full Masonic honours. Bro. Ehrenbach kindly favoured the brethren with an overture on the piano. Bro. E. Heywood, in response to the last toast, said—It was with sincere gratitude he responded. It was apparent to him that they were thoroughly acquainted with the deep interest the Deputy Prov. G. Master took in the Craft of the Province; it was gratifying to the Prov. G. Master and his Deputy to know the high esteem in which they were held by the brethren. It was pleasing to him to announce that the Province was increasing in wealth. Bro. Harding also returned thanks. He regretted there were not more West Lancashire Prov. Officers present to witness the magnificent hospitality of the St. David's Lodge. He was proud of being under the directorship of Lord Skelmersdale. Every East Lancashire Mason must feel proud of their chief, who as chairman for the R.M.B.I. surpassed all their expectations. It must be very gratifying to the brethren of East Lancashire to have such an able Prov. G. Master, and a very great honour for any man to be at the head of so loyal a Province. He was very pleased to see the able manner in which the Installation Ceremony had been performed. Nothing could have been better done. He always liked to see work in a Lodge, and he congratulated the Past Masters who took part in the ceremony on their efficiency. Bro. T. Elliott I.P.M. considered it unfortunate that it fell to his lot to propose the most important toast of the evening, the health of the Worshipful Master of St. David's Lodge, Bro. Ishmael Davies. He congratulated the members of the Lodge on the very happy selection they had made in the appointment of this worthy Brother to the important position he had attained that day. It sometimes occurred that Masters were selected to preside over a Lodge through private partiality or personal influence, but in the appointment of Bro. Davies to the exalted post, they had unanimously endeavoured to recognise integrity, ability, and Masonic zeal. Their W.M. was initiated under the banner of the Red Dragon, and he believed he was correct in saying that almost from his earliest days in the Craft he had held Office, discharging his duties with assiduity and punctuality, until he had attained the high distinction of holding the most important Office in a Craft Lodge. Their W.M. understood the responsibility devolving upon him in his high capacity, and it was most consoling that they had perfect confidence that the same ability and zeal which characterized him in the minor Offices would be brought into requisition in the government of the Lodge. With these assurances of Bro. Davies' eminent qualifications it was but natural to anticipate a most enjoyable and prosperous year. These remarks were frequently applauded, and the toast was drunk with enthusiasm and full Masonic honours. Bro. Ellis Jones kindly favoured the brethren with a Welsh song, which was highly appreciated. The Worshipful Master suitably acknowledged the kind way in which the toast had been proposed and received. To be elected to the exalted position of W.M. in a Masonic Lodge, he considered an honour not to be lightly esteemed, but to be appointed to the high Office by the members of the St. David's Lodge, was an honour that could not be exaggerated. The able and highly respected founders of St. David's Lodge, most of whom he rejoiced to see among them that night, chose a name held in deep veneration by Welshmen to designate it—a name synonymous with devotion, zeal, virtue, and unbounded benevolence. They were taught that the good St. David lived for the happiness and weal of humanity, and died to live for ever as the patron Saint of Wales. Their Lodge, bearing in view the noble virtues of one so pre-eminent, and the universal aspect of the Order, is debarred from ever entertaining a sectional or clanist principle in its administration. As a highly Cosmopolitan

Lodge they greeted all Nationalities in the Craft, and in Lodge as brethren in the truest sense of the word. It was very satisfactory to know that the Lodge was highly prosperous, that the Officers were in perfect accord with the brethren, and that the members have every confidence in their Officers. The Lodge may be justly termed now, as it always has been, a happy family. The prominent position that the St. David's Lodge has attained among the Lodges of this City of Manchester, is characteristic of its motto, *y Ddraigloch Delyry Lychwynn*, or, in more familiar language, "The Red Dragon leads the Van." He trusted the prosperity of the past would be a guarantee for the future, and hoped that the brethren would continue in those excellent Masonic traits which were the power of the Fraternity, and which could not fail to ensure the admiration of the outside world. Again he thanked them heartily, and trusted that his term of Office would prove satisfactory to the brethren, conduce to each others happiness and the prosperity of the Lodge. By request of the D.C. the brethren adjourned, for coffee. On the W.M. resuming the chair, Bro. Past Master Gibson proposed the sister Lodges of Wales. Bro. Gibson regretted he had not a more intimate knowledge of the working of the Welsh Lodges, but if all the Lodges were founded and their affairs managed as ably as the St. David's, there was reason for congratulation. Bro. Gibson bore out the remarks of the W.M. with reference to the Cosmopolitan nature of his Lodge, he being an initiate in that Lodge as well as P.M. He regretted that there was no representative from North or South Wales present, but he was sure the toast would be cordially drunk. At this stage a part song was given in Welsh, "Pennillion to Lili-lon," by the W.M., and Bro. Ellis Jones P.M., J. W. Jones P.M., T. R. Williams P.M., J. O. Evans Sec. Bro. J. W. Jones P.M. had a great amount of pleasure in responding to the last toast. He knew the Masonic principle was ably carried out in all Lodges in Wales, as they recognised no sect, no politics, no illegitimate exclusiveness on national grounds. Taking this Lodge, as instituted by Welshmen, it was only fair to deduce that everything was carried on very satisfactorily, or the brethren would not be so harmonious and so much in accord. The proposer of the toast undoubtedly felt the high honour of being initiated in this Lodge, and becoming in due course one of its Past Masters. As a Past Master of the Lodge he was very proud, and believed the Welsh brethren esteemed the honour of belonging to the Craft as much as any could. He was glad to say that Masonry in Wales was progressive, and was very happy to inform them it was doing its work in breaking down many barriers, and blending in sure brotherhood bodies of the community which might otherwise be estranged. Bro. E. Williams was entrusted with the gavel to propose the health of the Visitors, which he did very ably, and extended a cordial welcome to all, both in the Lodge and round the festive board. He, as well as the other members of the Lodge, was sorely disappointed in receiving the announcement at the last hour of the inability of W. Bro. Bulkeley Hughes, Deputy Prov. G.M. of North Wales and Shropshire, to attend. He was with them last year. They also felt the absence of Bros. Spaul, J. Sides, Davies, and Thomas, of Oswestry. He united with the toast the names of their respected Bro. Barker and Bro. Heywood, and would be glad to hear from any Brother who would kindly respond, as he did not know all the Visitors who had honoured the Lodge with their presence that day. The toast was drunk with Masonic honours. Bro. T. Elliott kindly favoured with a song. Bro. Atkinson returned thanks. He bore testimony to the bounteous hospitality of the St. David's Lodge, and expressed the great pleasure he had derived from being present and seeing the able working of the Officers. Bros. Harding and Heywood spoke to the same purport, after which Bro. Jones proposed the Masonic Charities, and with great ability urged their claims on all present. He coupled with the toast the name of Bro. C. Heywood, which was heartily received. Bro. Howardine kindly favoured with a song, and Bro. Heywood replied to the last toast in a most exhaustive manner, but we regret we have not space to report his speech. The W.M. proposed the health of the Past Masters in very complimentary terms, and said at all times they attended their duties in Lodge. Bro. Elliott again favoured the brethren with a song, after which he, as the junior Past Master, returned thanks. As the time was quickly drawing on which would compel many to leave, Bros. E. Williams and Gibson briefly replied, and thanked the brethren for the honour done. Bro. Williams proposed the Masonic Press, and united Bro. Davies' name, in connection with THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE. Bro. Davies returned thanks. Bro. Ellis Jones, in proposing the health of the Officers of the Lodge, said his warmest feelings were centred in this toast, as upon the Officers of the Lodge a deal depended. He advocated giving merit its just reward, and would not extol or promote unless deserving. In a splendid manner he propounded the glorious principles of the Craft, and made each and all feel the deep responsibility of being Masons, and especially Officers in a Masonic Lodge. The toast was cheerfully drunk. The S.W. contented himself with stating he would do his duty, and was followed by Bros. J.W. and Sec. Bro. Ehrenbach Org. felt confident that a good Mason required no incentive to do his duty; as regarded himself, it was a pleasure for him to do his. He felt pleased to be among the brethren; they were especially happy. It was a source of pleasure for him to see Bro. Davies present, as the representative of the Press, which meant freedom, liberty, and was an indication of a Nation's greatness. He wished all Nations and Communities would follow the light that England held up to them. The Tyler's toast brought a most enjoyable evening to a termination.

We must ask our correspondent "UNION JACK" and others to excuse their communications being held over, the pressure on our space lately has precluded our publishing their letters. We have also several reports of Lodge meetings which we are unable to insert this week.

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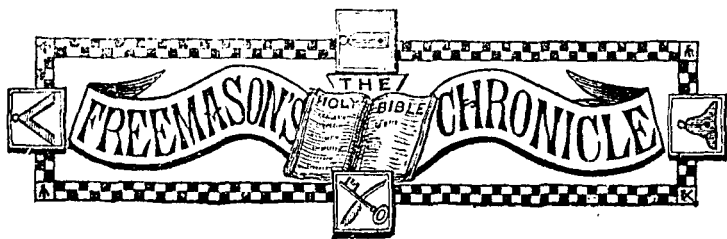
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**T**HE Lodge of Benevolence met on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall, and was numerously attended. Amongst the brethren present were Bros. J. M. Clabon (President), Joshua Nunn (Senior Vice-President), James Brett (Junior Vice-President), Dr. Jabez Hogg P.G.D., Rev. A. F. A. Woodford P.G.C., A. J. Duff Filer P.G.S.B., R. H. Giddy D.G.M. Griqualand, W. T. Howe G.P., C. A. Cottebrune P.G.P., John Hervey G.S., H. G. Buss Assist. G. Sec., J. M. Case P.G.D., A. A. Pendlebury, S. Rawson P.D.G.M. China, E. P. Albert P.G.P., James Mason P.G.S.B., and the following elected members of the board: W. Mann P.M. 186, Henry Garrod P.M. 749, Henry Bartlett P.M. 147, C. F. Hogard P.M. 205, W. Christian P.M. 1662, Charles Atkins P.M. 27, W. H. Perryman P.M. 3, and H. Massey P.M. 619. The amount of £580, recommended to the G.M., and granted at last Lodge, was first confirmed, and the sum of £542 was voted to twenty-seven out of thirty new cases.

**CONSECRATION OF A LODGE AT BOW.**

**O**N Monday afternoon, Bro. James Terry P.G.J.W. Herts, consecrated the Coborn Lodge, No. 1804, at the Vestry Hall, Bow, in the presence of a large number of visiting brethren. As the need for a Lodge in this district of the metropolis was great, a petition emanated from the All Saints and Tredegar Lodges, praying for a warrant, naming Bro. C. A. Heimann, P.G.D. Treasurer Japan, as the first Master, and Bros. F. J. Hunt and W. H. Farnfield as first Senior and Junior Wardens respectively. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M. of England graciously granted the prayer of the petition, and nomi-

nated Bro. Terry to perform the ceremony, which he did carefully and impressively. The ceremony of consecration commenced shortly after five o'clock, the following brethren being present—Bros. W. R. Marsh 1672, B. Cundick 141, A. Ellis 933, T. Bates 1716, J. K. Coleman 1716, C. Blain 171, L. Potts 1716, G. Huggett 1625, T. C. Thornicroft 1401 Japan, J. Kift 749, G. J. Shipway 813, F. S. Cozens 907, H. Alcock 162, H. Catter 554, C. Brown 1362, H. Ashton 1185, H. Clarke 114, Chaplin Henry 201, M. Joseph 176, F. Farmer 29, C. B. Payne 27, E. J. A. King 1625, R. H. Halford 228, S. A. Thompson 9, and A. Rumbold 1602. The brethren assembled in the ante-room, and walked in procession to the Lodge room, and the consecrating Officer having taken the chair, appointed Bros. H. Clarke D.C., W. M. Marsh S.W., Cundick J.W., J. K. Coleman I.G., and G. Harrison Tyler. The Lodge was then opened in the three degrees, after which the W.M. addressed the brethren on the nature of the meeting, and afterwards offered up the prayer. After the transaction of some formal business, the acting Secretary, Bro. J. Dennis read the petition and warrant, upon which the presiding Officer enquired of the brethren if they approved of the Officers named in the petition and warrant, to which they assented in Masonic form. The Consecrating Officer then delivered a beautiful oration on the nature and principles of Freemasonry, and, at its close, Bros. H. Ashton, J. Kift, and Chaplin Henry, under the direction of Bro. F. H. Cozens, Organist, sang the anthem from the 133rd Psalm, "Behold how good and joyful a thing it is, brethren, to dwell together in unity." After the first portion of the dedication prayer, the *omnes*, "So mote it be," and the *sanctus*, "Glory be to Thee, O Lord," were beautifully rendered. After the invocation, the Consecrating Officer read 2 Chron. chap. ii. verses 1 to 16. The Lodge-board was then uncovered, and the Consecrating Officer and Wardens *pro tem* carried the elements of consecration three times round the Lodge (solemn music being played), and halting at the east at each perambulation. During the first circuit, the brethren sang:—

"When once of old in Israel,  
Our early brethren wrought with toil,  
Jehovah's blessing on them fell,  
In showers of corn, and wine and oil."

On arriving at the east, the Consecrating Officer strewed corn, the emblem of plenty, the musical response being, "Glory be to God on high." During the second circuit of the Lodge, the brethren sang:—

"When there a shrine to Him alone  
They built, with worship sin to foil;  
On threshold and on corner-stone  
They poured out corn and wine and oil."

The Consecrating Officer poured out wine, the emblem of joy and happiness, the musical response being the same as before. During the third circuit the brethren sang:—

"And we have come, fraternal band,  
With joy and pride, and prosperous spoil;  
To honour him by votive hand,  
With streams of corn and wine and oil."

The Consecrating Officer then poured out oil, the emblem of unity, the musical response being as before. The Lodge having been dedicated, the following anthem was sung: "Glory be to God on High, peace on earth, goodwill towards man." The Consecrating Officer then carried the censor three times round the Lodge, solemn music being played during his progress, after which he constituted the Lodge. *Boyc's* anthem "I have surely built Thee an house to dwell in," was splendidly rendered, the full rich bass of Bro. Chaplin Henry telling to good effect. The benediction was then pronounced, and the Lodge was resumed to the second, and the installation of Bro. C. A. Heimann proceeded with, all brethren below the rank of W.M. withdrawing. The brethren being re-admitted, the W.M. appointed the following as his Officers for the ensuing year:—F. J. Hunt S.W., W. H. Farnfield J.W., P. Edinger Treasurer, J. Dennis Secretary, Dr. Talbot S.D., G. T. Seaborne J.D., J. K. Coleman I.G., G. Harrison Tyler.

The W.M. proposed a vote of thanks to Bros. Terry and Clarke for so kindly coming forward to consecrate the Lodge that day. He could speak for himself, and no doubt for all the brethren present, that he felt exceedingly gratified at all they had witnessed. On his return to Japan he would carry back with him many useful and important lessons. Bro. Farnfield seconded the motion, and it was carried with acclamation. Bro. Terry, returning thanks on behalf of himself and Bro. Clarke, said it had afforded them much pleasure to perform the consecration ceremony that day; he most sincerely hoped that the new Lodge would make its mark at the East of London, as the other Lodges had done. The W.M. on his return to Japan would, he felt sure, carry back with him lessons which he would not easily forget. He also felt certain that still greater honours awaited him in that country. The Secretary (Bro. Dennis) here announced that the W.M. had given a cheque for £25 towards the furniture for the Lodge.

The Lodge was shortly afterwards closed in due form, and the brethren dined together in the ante-room, a most excellent repast being provided, it comprised most of the delicacies of the season. Bro. Heimann W.M. presided, and on the removal of the cloth the toast of the Queen was most loyally responded to, the National Anthem being sung by Bros. Ashton, F. B. Cozens, J. Kift, and Chaplin Henry. The W.M. gave the Prince of Wales G.M. of England. He alluded to the wonderful growth of Lodges since His Royal Highness had become G.M., and stated that since his Installation, seven years ago, 400 Lodges had been opened. The toast was drunk with Masonic fire, *Hobbs' ode*, "Hail to thee, Albert," being sung, Bro. F. B. Cozens taking the solo part. The W.M. next proposed the R.W. Pro G. and D.G. Masters and the rest of the G. Officers, he would couple with it the name of Bro. Farman. New Nautical ditty, "True to the core" (*Oduardo Barri*), Bro. C. Henry. Bro. Farman briefly responded, thanking the brethren for the honour



they had conferred upon him in coupling his name with the toast; he could only say that when Bro. Terry made his report to Grand Lodge on the working of the Coborn Lodge, it would be a favourable one. He could say the Lodge was worthy of praise, for all the ceremonies had been beautifully worked. He wished the new Lodge every possible success. Bro. Terry proposed the health of the W.M. Bro. Heimaun, and in doing so alluded to his having travelled many thousands of miles in order to be installed under the Grand Lodge of England. He did not doubt that when he returned to Japan still greater honours would await him. Bro. Heimaun had the satisfaction of being installed the first Master of the new Coborn Lodge, and he (Bro. Terry) hoped there would always be found equally worthy Masters to preside over it. He hoped that the W.M.'s health would be spared him, so that when he returned from Japan he would be enabled to preside over the Lodge with credit to himself and the Craft in general. Glee, "By Celia's Arbour" (*Horsley*). The W.M. expressed his thanks for the honour that had been done him; he hoped that when he returned from Japan, which he thought would be in a year hence, he would have around him a good working Lodge, and he then would feel in a fair way to success. He felt much indebted to the Officers of All Saint's Lodge, and also to the Tredegar Lodge, for the kind assistance he had received at their hands, which he would not easily forget. He was exceedingly sorry he should not be able to be with the Lodge during the whole term of office, but he felt sure that those who he would leave in charge would carry on the duties devolving upon them with credit, and satisfaction to their brother members. The W.M. proposed the toast of the evening, the Consecrating Officers, observing that he did so with peculiar pleasure, seeing they had carried out the ceremony in a most beautiful manner. He was sure that all who witnessed it must have been greatly impressed, seeing the lessons taught and expounded were exceedingly sublime. The toast was Masonically received. Glee—"Hart and hind are in their lair"—*Sir H. R. Bishop*.

Bros. Terry and Clarke responded, expressing the pleasure it gave them to be present that day, and adding that from what they had witnessed of the W.M.'s working, they felt sure the Lodge would make its mark in the district. The W.M. proposed the toast of the Visitors, coupling with it the names of Bros. Marsh, Candick, Anning, Alcock, Thornicroft and Coleman. Each of the brethren named responded. Bro. Marsh thanked the founders of the Lodge for the magnificent reception they had accorded the Visitors. As he was daily expecting a Warrant for the consecration of a Lodge at Bromley, of which he was to be the W.M., he would secure to them and his Brother Visitors an equally cordial reception. Bro. Coleman observed that the All Saints Lodge, of which he was a member, had during its sixteen months' existence, paid into the Benevolent Fund upwards of £160, and he hoped the Coborn Lodge would beat that sum. The W.M. proposed the Treasurer and Secretary, coupled with the name of Bro. Dennis. Humorous song, Bro. J. Kift. Bro. Dennis responded, and amidst loud applause declared he would work hard on behalf of the Lodge, and that he would do all he could, and see that none but proper men were brought forward for initiation. The W.M. proposed the Officers of the Coborn Lodge, which was drunk most enthusiastically. Part song,—"The hunt is up"—*J. L. Hatton*. Bro. Hart thanked the brethren for the honour they had done him in placing him in the proud position of S.W.; he assured them he would do his best to become a hard working Officer of the Lodge. Bro. Farnfield also responded; for the last sixteen years he had noticed that the East of London was very much neglected in the matter of Lodges. Since that time he had seen several Lodges opened, and was exceedingly gratified to assist in the opening of another one that day. He believed there was plenty of room for it, and that it would grow and flourish. If the Chairman would allow him, he would be happy to become the first Steward of the Lodge, and should the W.M. return by the time he should have to present himself at Grand Lodge, they would go hand in hand together. The All Saints Lodge, since its formation, had been enabled to contribute £170 to the Benevolent Institution, and he saw no reason why the Coborn Lodge should not in the course of twelve months do the same. If he could in any way help the Lodge he would, either by taking the chair or filling any subordinate position, for in so doing he felt he must be but doing his duty. Bros. Dr. Talbot, Seaborne and G. Hockett also responded, the last-named brother stating that he would be pleased to assist in the new Lodge, in whatever position the brethren liked to place him. The W.M. proposed the Masonic Charities, with which he would couple the name of Bro. Terry, Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons. Bro. Terry, in responding, said he could not help referring to the magnificent sum paid in at the Anniversary of the Institution the previous week, it being about £14,000, the largest sum that had ever been received at any previous Festival. Although the distress was great in the provinces, East Lancashire had contributed £3,540, besides her previous contributions in former years. The Province, however, was to be highly honoured for doing what it did. The £14,000 had been raised by 171 Stewards, and he had no doubt that when all the lists were in, the sum would reach £14,250. He was pleased to announce that the East of London contributed as much money to the Institution as any other district. Since the All Saints Lodge had been opened, it had sent up three Stewards, and a fourth was coming up. They had, therefore, much cause for thankfulness, for, although the wise men came from the east, the rich men also appeared to live in it. He felt sure that Bro. Farnfield would prove himself as able a Steward for the Coborn Lodge as he had been of the All Saints. The Tyler's toast closed the proceedings, which were very enjoyable throughout.

#### DEATH.

FYSH.—On Monday, 17th February, at Southgate Road, the beloved Wife of Bro. WILLIAM FYSH.

#### AMOY—CHINA.

THE 11th of December 1878 will long be remembered in the annals of festivity as connected with the port of Amoy. Covers were laid in the auditorium of the theatre for a large number of diners who met together on that evening to celebrate one more triumph of Masonry, and to do honour to some distinguished Masons, officers of the District Grand Lodge of Hongkong, who had come up specially to assist in the various ceremonies consequent upon the foundation of the *Ionic* and *Corinthian* Lodges of Amoy. At half-past eight p.m. everything was ready; and the company, resplendent in the jewels and general regalia of the Order, fell upon the tempting viands which were rapidly set before them. We must remark that W. Bro. T. D. Boyd, chairman elect, was unfortunately prevented by illness from being present, and that his place was taken by W. Bro. H. A. Sidford, who, on the removal of the cloth, rose to propose the first toast—"The Queen and Craft," which was followed by "God save the Queen." W. Bro. Sidford then rose to propose the toast of "The Most Worshipful the Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales." To judge from a very important document in H.R.H.'s hand-writing that had come to his hands that day, the Prince was enjoying very good health. He was sure the brethren present would join in wishing their M.W. Grand Master many long years of rule over the Craft. Song—God bless the Prince of Wales. The next toast—"The District Grand Master, the Deputy District Grand Master, and the Officers of the District Grand Lodge of Hongkong," was given. Bro. Sidford acknowledged, in eloquent terms, the assistance they had day received from Bro. Adams in the solemn services of the Consecration; he trusted that, as their previous work had received the highest approval and confirmation it was in the power of the authorities to bestow, they would continue to merit the approbation of the Grand Lodge, and the testimony of a good conscience. W. Bro. Adams, in acknowledging the compliment, reviewed the progress of Masonry in the Province, and expressed the satisfaction he felt at finding the young plants giving such evidence of vigorous growth. He pointed out, however, one serious omission in the Official Toasts, as printed on the list before him, and could only attribute this to the fact, as he had been given previously to understand, that W. Bro. Sidford had himself compiled the list, but it was his happy privilege to supply the deficiency, by calling on the Brethren present to charge their glasses and unite with him in acknowledging the undoubted services that their first Master had given to the Craft. Nothing that he, V.W. Bro. Adams, or the Masons of Amoy and the District could say in praise of W. Bro. Sidford's exertions would be sufficient to defray the debt of gratitude they owed him, and, in saying that, he was sure he expressed the universal opinion, and might safely leave the toast with them. W. Bro. Sidford, in acknowledging the toast, said that the omission in the list was not accidental, as all the reward he could wish for was this realisation of his fondest hopes. The success of the enterprise was so fully assured now, as to render it unnecessary for him to say more than this: Our success in the future will now depend upon the individual exertions of each member of the Craft in Amoy, and that with two Lodges working in fraternal rivalry side by side no doubts of failure could arise. He must, however, give one word of advice, and as our Order has been founded with so much unanimity and concord, so might it long continue; and the word of advice was this:—Let the Non-Masons of Amoy see from the outward conduct of the Masons that there was something more than a *grip* and *token* in Masonry. Up-hill work, honest hard work was still before one and all, and this was not yet the occasion at which we were to rest on our laurels. Before resuming his seat W. Bro. Sidford stated that he was aware that the *Ionic Lodge* of Amoy had already done good work outside Masonry. The D.D.G. Master proposed the health of the newly installed Masters, and alluded in feeling terms to the absence of their esteemed and worthy Bro. Boyd; he was confident that still retaining the services of such a worthy and distinguished Brother as the Immediate Past Master of the *Ionic* they had a pillar of wisdom and strength sufficient to uphold the two edifices so substantially founded in their midst, and had no doubt but that when he came again, to consecrate the *Corinthian Lodge*, two such tables as they all sat at now would not be large enough to afford them sitting-room. He coupled with this toast the name of W. Bro. Leigh, the Worshipful Master of the *Corinthian Lodge*. W. Bro. Leigh in reply said:—"Worshipful Sir, Very Worshipful Sir, and Brethren. I have very great pleasure, as Master of the *Corinthian Lodge*, in rising to thank you for the honour you have done W. Bro. Boyd of the *Ionic Lodge* and myself in proposing our healths, and for the cordial manner in which the toast has been received. I know I express the feeling of all the Brethren when I say, I much regret the absence of W. Bro. Boyd on this occasion, as also the cause of that absence. Had Bro. Boyd been here I am sure he would have discharged the duty which has devolved on me in a far nobler manner than I can hope to do. Brethren,—In the Old Book it is written:—"Let not him that putteth on the armour boast like him that taketh it off"—Our W. Bro. Sidford has borne the brunt of the battle, and has worthily and nobly won his spurs. He has, almost unaided, inaugurated Freemasonry in Amoy, has established the *Ionic*, and collected sufficient material for the erection of the *Corinthian*, the second Lodge of Amoy. I enter upon my duties as Master of the *Corinthian Lodge* with a considerable amount of diffidence, as although a very old Mason, I have been so many years disconnected with Masonic work, as my remembrances of the work carried on in the *Old Zealand* of Hongkong under the Mastership of Right W. Bro. Mercer are somewhat faded. I only found out this afternoon that I am quite a distinguished individual, and may be pardoned for feeling a little proud of my position. Standing, as I now do, in the presence of the Very Wor. the Deputy District Grand Master and other Brethren of the District Grand Lodge, who have favoured us with their presence, I am the oldest Mason in the assembly. Brethren, I consider it an honour. It may seem a little strange after my statement of diffidence when I now say I enter upon my year of office confidently, yet it is so; the few

months we have been working hard have recalled many of the old duties; the foundation has been so well laid by W. Bro. Sidford, I have a staff of Officers on whom I can firmly rely for assistance, and Brethren of the *Corinthian Lodge*, I look to you for your good-will and cordial support. I hope the *Ionic* and *Corinthian Lodges* so intimately connected in their inauguration, may ever strive to rival each other in furthering the grand object of the Craft, and while brotherly love and concord prevail in our midst, may we all be inspired with a laudable ambition to strive constantly and earnestly, as I know W. Bro. Boyd and I shall, to promote the prosperity of our respective Lodges. On behalf of W. Bro. Boyd and myself, I again thank you for the honour you have done us."

The newly initiated Brethren were next proposed in a humorous speech by W. Bro. Sidford, but words of friendly fraternal advice were not wanting, for, as he said, he felt a responsibility that few Masters could feel, seeing so many infants present that had been placed in the *N. E. Corner* by himself, and he was sure they would still continue to unite with him in forming a column of mutual fraternal support, and that the Masonic enthusiasm now existing had not yet approached its culminating point; onward and upward was still our motto. In reply to this toast Bro. Bruce said:—"I beg to thank you on behalf of the newly initiated Brethren, and myself as *the infant*, for the cordial manner in which you received the last toast. I feel sure that I express the sentiments of all when I say that we have already derived some benefit, moral and mental, from Freemasonry, and we hope for much more in the future. I therefore wish to record our sense of indebtedness to those who initiated the idea of having a Lodge in Amoy, without whose zeal and energy years might have elapsed before we could have emerged from utter darkness to the privilege of studying the Craft. Among the many good things taught by Masonry, it is very evident from what we have heard to-night that the ability to make a speech is included, but my short apprenticeship must be my excuse for not having acquired the accomplishment, and I can only repeat our thanks for your kind reception of the last toast. There are some of us who, before their initiation, expected to get toasted in a very different manner."

The W. Master then called upon Bro. Giles to propose toast No. 6, "Our visiting Brethren." Upon which Bro. Giles said:—"There has devolved upon me this evening the very pleasing task of proposing as a toast *Our visiting Brethren*. In an open-handed and hospitable community such as that of Amoy and Kulangsoo, I feel that the bare mention of such a toast as this would be sufficient to secure its reception. Such a course however is wholly out of keeping with my present purpose. For, as I take it, the wording of this toast includes every Brother who is not a resident member of our community. Consequently it must include the Very W. Deputy District Grand Master, and his colleagues of the District Grand Lodge of Hongkong. And it is not as if those Brethren had merely run down by an afternoon train to assist in the various ceremonies which have taken place to-day, and were to return to-night to their own comfortable beds by the twelve o'clock express;—in fact I find by referring to my watch that they would hardly catch it now if they tried. I must call upon you to remember that these worthy Brethren, in coming from Hongkong to Amoy at this season of the year, did so in the teeth of our terrible North-east Monsoon. I need not dilate upon the well-known quality of steamer tea and coffee, and such other miseries, which, exclusive of sea-sickness, travellers by sea are compelled to endure. I may remark, however, that the stout ship "*Yesso*," commanded by my friend Capt. Ashton, by which the majority of those Brethren arrived, is regarded by some timid navigators in the light of a respectable coffin. No! no! Messrs. Douglas Lapraik might object to that, and I beg to retract it all. The "*Yesso*" is a noble ship, and Bro. Ashton is a noble Captain. I have travelled by her and hope to do so again. The fact is I am but an indifferent sailor, and heartily sympathise with all others who are so. With these points in view, I now beg to bring to your favourable attention the toast of our visiting Brethren." W. Bro. Cox in reply said:—"W. Sir and Brethren,—I am much pleased that the privilege of returning thanks has been deputed to me, as I have been for some time in communication with W. Bro. Sidford in regard to various details in connection with your Masonic work, and have moreover enjoyed the privilege of attending some of your meetings, while your other visitors who arrived to-day were lying in Swatow harbour. I know that I express the sincere feelings of my other Brethren from Hongkong in stating that we have received a truly fraternal welcome, and that you have made us feel quite at home, because we are amongst Brethren. It has given your visiting Brethren great pleasure to see the very satisfactory Masonic progress made in so short a time in Amoy. It is an evidence of the power and vigour of Masonry, perhaps the most conservative of all institutions, that, while old established ideas and practices in connection with almost every other Society are dissolving in the light of recent scientific discoveries, it still preserves the old energy and vitality, and is spreading out its branches in every part of the world. Let us hope that the worthy example thus set in Amoy may be followed in the other coast ports, so that wherever a steamer stops in China a Mason travelling may find a Lodge, a Mason's home. I thank you very cordially on behalf of the visiting Brethren, and assure you the kind reception you have given them makes their visit one of the most pleasant reminiscences of their Masonic career. After one or two other toasts the proceedings terminated."

#### PRESENTATION TO BRO. W. H. DEAN, P.M. 417, P.P.G.S.B. DORSET.

A NUMBER of brethren, from various Lodges of Instruction, assembled at a banquet at the Masonic Hall, Air-street, Regent-street, on Thursday the 13th inst., for the purpose of presenting to Bro. W. H. Dean an elegant and chased gold P.M.'s jewel, with an engrossed testimonial, in neat oak frame, with the following inscription:—"We, who have hereto subscribed our names, are desirous of presenting Bro. W. H. Dean, P.M. 417 and P.P.G.S.B.

Dorset, with a P.M.'s jewel, in token of personal esteem, and the high appreciation of his admirable working of the ceremony of installation in several Lodges of Instruction in London. It not being the custom of his own Lodge to present a jewel, we take this opportunity of showing our mutual and fraternal regard to Bro. Dean, knowing how faithfully and zealously he has performed his duties as W.M. of his Lodge during the past year, and also for the efficient and highly creditable manner in which he installed his successor." Here follow the names of fifty-two brethren, comprising several P.M.'s and W.M.'s.

The inscription on the jewel is as follows:—

"Presented to Bro. W. H. Dean, P.M. 417, P.P.G.S.B. Dorset, As a token of regard, by several brethren attending London Lodges of Instruction, 13th February 1879."

Bro. B. H. Swallow, P.M. 1563 and P.P.G.J.D. Middlesex, acted as President, with Bro. J. B. Docker J.W. 1687 as Vice-President. A capital banquet was served, and it reflected the highest credit on Bro. Nichols. On the cloth being removed, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. Bro. P.M. Swallow, in a brief but highly complimentary speech, stated the great pleasure he felt on behalf of the subscribers to the testimonial to place the jewel on Bro. Dean's breast, wishing him a long life of happiness, and trusting they would all have the pleasure of his society for many years to come. Bro. Dean said he hardly knew how to find words to express his sense of gratitude for the very distinguished and unexpected honour they had just conferred on him; indeed, he might call it a triple honour, by inviting him to the splendid banquet, presenting him with the very handsome jewel, and also the testimonial, which he should highly value. As he looked over the names of his friends and brothers he could see many distinguished and excellent working Masons, whom he had the honour and pleasure of meeting for instruction for many months past, and by whom he had attained the knowledge to enable him to conduct the business of his Lodge with credit to himself, and he believed to the satisfaction of all his brethren. The splendid jewel he should ever wear, with pride and pleasure. As it was not the custom to present a jewel in his own Lodge, he felt he could accept this token of regard with the greater amount of honour, although he felt he hardly deserved so much at their hands. This evening was one of the happiest he had ever spent in his life; he should never forget the many pleasant hours he had enjoyed among his London brethren, who had at all times treated him with the greatest courtesy. He was about leaving London for a few months; and should look forward with the greatest pleasure to his return among them. The health of the President was proposed by Bro. P.M. Cameron, and that of the Vice-President by Bro. R. M. Dean. Bros. Swallow and Docker each replied, and this brought an exceedingly pleasant evening to a close. Bros. Burrows and Wilson presided at the piano, and there were some capital songs, well rendered by some of the brethren.

#### CENTENARY OF THE BRUNSWICK LODGE, No. 159.

ONE hundred year ago yesterday, the warrant of the Brunswick Lodge, No. 159, Plymouth, was dated and issued by the Grand Secretary, Bro. James Jones. The document—which is still preserved—was signed by the Duke of Athole, Grand Master, and by the D.G.M., Wardens and Secretary. Singular to state, though regularly signed, sealed, and delivered, it is said to have been chartered by "The Right Worshipful and Most Noble Prince John, the third Duke, Marquis and Earl of Athole," and yet, as a matter of fact, that nobleman died some five years before. Other warrants have been found containing a similar error, but the explanation is easy. A portion of the warrants being printed, or engraved, and the third duke being succeeded by the fourth Duke of Athole, it was not considered necessary to have the words altered! For some years, however, a warrant issued by the same authority for New York was considered spurious because a deceased duke was declared to be the authority for its regularity. Originally the Brunswick Lodge met at Workington, in Cumberland, but early this century was held at Plymouth Dock, meeting in 1813 at the Phoenix Inn, and afterwards at the Market House Inn, when the name of the town was changed to Devonport. Subsequently the members met in Union-street, Plymouth, and afterwards assembled in the hall occupied by the Metham Lodge, Stonehouse, but for the past few years their meetings have been held in the Masonic Hall, Union-street, Plymouth, in which the Charity Lodge assembles. The number of the Brunswick Lodge from 1779 to 1813 was 208, whilst under the Grand Lodge according to the old constitutions (known as the Ancients). At the union of the two Grand Lodges in December 1813, it was agreed that the number of the Lodges under each Grand Lodge should be arranged alternately, the first number falling to the Ancients, and that of 260 to the Brunswick Lodge. In 1832 by the moving up of the numbers it was raised to 185, and in 1863 it became 159—its present number. So far the following Lodges in Devonshire have obtained warrants for the members to wear centenary medals (the first four had the privilege of selecting the design):—39, St. John the Baptist, Exeter, warranted 1731; 70, St. John, Masonic Temple, Plymouth, 1759; 105, Fortitude, ditto, 1759; 112, St. George's, Exeter, 1762; 189, Sincerity, St. George's Hall, Stonehouse, 1769; 202, Friendship, St. Stephens-street, Devonport, 1771. It is hoped that the Brunswick Lodge will succeed in obtaining a warrant for a centenary medal, in which case it will form the seventh so distinguished in Devonshire. In the neighbouring Province of Cornwall there are but two Lodges that have obtained the much-coveted honour.

One feature in connection with Freemasonry in the Three Towns is worthy of notice, viz. that each Lodge assembles either in a Masonic Hall of its own or in a private room; and, there being fifteen Lodges in Plymouth, Devonport, and Stonehouse, this may be taken as evidence of the desire of the members of the Craft to prove worthy of their principles.—*We tern Morning News*, 17th February.

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, 22nd FEBRUARY.

- 1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Piccadilly, at 7. (Instruction.)
- Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.
- 1402—Wharfedale, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone.
- R. A. 178—Harmony, Royal Hotel, Wigan.
- R. A. 309—Affability, Station House Hotel, Bottoms, Stansfield.

MONDAY, 24th FEBRUARY.

- 4—Royal Somerset House and Inverness, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 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 Cap, Camden Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
- 1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8. (Instruction.)
- 1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8. (Instruction.)
- 1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Anihurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30. (In.)
- 1615—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square.
- 1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8. (Inst.)
- 1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)
- 1632—Stuart, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell.
- 48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead.
- 62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester.
- 148—Lights, Masonic Hall, Warrington.
- 72—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
- 999—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
- 1177—Tenby, Royal Assembly Rooms, Tenby, Pembroke.
- 1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8 p.m. (Instruction.)
- 1611—Eboracum, Queen's Hotel, Micklegate, York.
- R. A. 241—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
- R. A. 418—Regularity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax.
- K. T.—Faith, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford.

TUESDAY, 25th FEBRUARY.

- 14—Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7. (Inst.)
- 65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Loadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
- 92—Moira, Criterion, Piccadilly, W.
- 141—Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
- 145—Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
- 186—Industry, Freemason's Hall, W.C.
- 205—Israel, Cannon-street Hotel.
- 551—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney. (Instruction.)
- 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)
- 860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)
- 1106—Urban, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, E.C.
- 1446—Mount Edgecumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
- 1471—Islington, Three Bucks, 23 Gresham-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
- 1472—Healey, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
- 1507—Metropolitan, 269 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)
- 1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st. rd., at 8. (In.)
- 1744—Royal Savoy, Ashley's Hotel, Covent Garden.
- 24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle, 7.30. (In.)
- 117—Wynstay, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8. (Instruction.)
- 241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30. (Instruction.)
- 253—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby.
- 299—Emulation, Bull Hotel, Dartford.
- 310—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle.
- 357—Apollo University, Masonic Hall, Oxford.
- 573—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen.
- 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
- 1016—Elkington, Masonic Rooms, New-street, Birmingham.
- 1358—Torbay, Town Hall, Paignton.
- 1609—Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
- 1675—Ancient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
- 1707—South Down, Music Room, Hurstpierpoint. (Consecration.)
- R. A. 153—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness.
- R. A. 721—Grosvenor, Eastgate-row-north, Chester.
- R. A. 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, 26th FEBRUARY.

- 193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7. (Instruction.)
- 201—Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
- 212—Euphrates, Masons' Hall, Basinghall-street, E.C.
- 228—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8. (In.)
- 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
- 538—La Tolérance, Green Dragon, Maddox-street, W., at 7.45. (Inst.)
- 781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. at 7.30. (Instruction.)
- 802—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8. (Instruction.)
- 1044—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 Russell, Isledon-road, Holloway, at 8.0. (Instruction.)
- 1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)
- 1558—Duke of Connaught, Faucon Arms, Kennington Park, at 8. (Instruction.)
- 1707—Eleanor, Angel Hotel, Edmonton, at 8. (Instruction.)
- 1768—Progress, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- R. A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
- Langthorne Masonic Charitable Association, Swan Hotel, Stratford. (Anniversary Dinner at 7.)
- 32—St. George, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool.
- 117—Salopian of Charity, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury.
- 163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
- 220—Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, Lancashire.
- 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds.
- 439—Scientific, Masonic Room, Bingley.
- 442—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Boroughbury, Peterborough. (Instruction.)
- 724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
- 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction.)
- 996—Soudes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk.
- 1039—St. John, George Hotel, Lichfield.
- 1083—Townley Parker, Mosley Hotel, Beswick, near Manchester.
- 1119—St. Bode, Mechanic's Institute, Jarrow.
- 1219—Strangeways, Empire Hotel, Strangeways, Manchester.
- 1294—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction.)
- 1283—Ryburn, Private Rooms, Town Hall-street, Sowerby Bridge.
- 1392—Egerton, Stanley Arms Hotel, Stanley-street, Bury, Lancashire.
- 1511—Alexandria, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull, at 7.0. (Instruction.)
- 1566—Killington, Bell Hotel, Maidenhead.
- 1633—Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
- 1723—St. George, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall-square, Bolton.
- R. A. 42—Unanimity, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire.
- R. A. 280—Prosperity, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield.
- R. A. 503—Belvitère, Star Hotel, Maidstone.
- R. A. 1356—De Grey and Ripon, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
- M.M.—Northumberland and Berwick, Masonic Hall, Maple-st., Newcastle.
- R.C.—Philips, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster.

THURSDAY, 27th FEBRUARY.

- General Committee, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
- 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, Loadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction.)
- 65—Prosperity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
- 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
- 99—Shakespeare, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
- 211—St. Michael, George, Australian Avenue, Barbican, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)
- 435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
- 1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
- 1349—Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
- 1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, E.C. at 6.30. (Instruction.)
- 1563—City of Westminster, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, Regent-street, W.
- 1614—Covent Garden, Ashley's Hotel, Henrietta-street, Covent Garden, 8. (Inst.)
- 1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 9. (In.)
- R. A. 217—Stability, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
- R. A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)
- R. A. 766—William Preston, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C.
- 79—Imperial George, Assheaton Arms Hotel, Middleton, Lancashire.
- 100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor Hotel, Quay, Great Yarmouth.
- 111—Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Archer-street, Darlington.
- 203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
- 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
- 286—Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Bacup.
- 348—St. John, Bulls Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton.
- 591—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
- 784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal.
- 807—Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich.
- 904—Phoenix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham.
- 935—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford.
- 966—St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek, Stafford.
- 1313—Fermor, Masonic Hall, Southport.
- 1325—Stanley, 214 Gt. Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
- 1450—Ashbury, Justice Birch Hotel, Hyde-road, West Gorton, near Manchester.
- 1505—Emulation, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
- 1612—West Middlesex, Feathers Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
- 1626—Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Maple street, Newcastle.
- R. A. 216—Sacred Delta, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
- R. A. 369—Northampton, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton.
- R. A. 431—Orle, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, North Shields.
- R. A. 1086—Waltton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.
- M. M. 31—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.

FRIDAY, 28th FEBRUARY.

- House Committee, Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Croydon, at 3.
- Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
- 25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
- 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
- 569—Fitzroy, Head Quarters, Hon. Artillery Company, City-road, E.C.
- 766—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. 8. (Inst.)
- 834—Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-road. (Instruction.)
- 902—Burgoyne, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
- 933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction.)
- 1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction.)
- 1153—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
- 1260—John Horvey, Punch's Tavern, 99 Fleet-street, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
- 1283—Finsbury Park M.M., Earl Russell, Isledon-road, N. at 8. (Instruction.)
- 1298—Royal Standard, Alwyn Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
- 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
- 1612—E. Carrarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulbourn-rd. N. Kensington, at 7.30. (Inst.)
- London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-street, E.C., at 6.
- R. A. 70—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8. (Inst.)
- R. A. 1471—North London, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st. rd., at 8. (Inst.)
- 780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
- 810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton.
- 1385—Gladsmuir, Red Lion, Barnet.
- 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
- 1621—Castle, Crown Hotel, Bridgnorth.
- 1712—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle.
- R. A. 61—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax.
- R. A. 242—Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster.
- R. A. 680—Sefton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
- R. C. 20—Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle.

SATURDAY, 1st MARCH.

- General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
- 142—St. Thomas, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C.
- 1572—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
- 1622—Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell.
- 1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Piccadilly, at 7. (Instruction.)
- Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.
- R. A. 975—Rose of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
- 1223—Amherst, Kings Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent.
- 1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester.

UNITED STRENGTH LODGE, No. 228.

ON Tuesday, 11th inst., at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street. There was a good muster of members and visitors. The Lodge was opened by Bro. R. H. Halford W.M., supported by the following Past Masters of the Lodge:—Jas. Terry P.P.G.J.W. Herts, Jas. Hill, Jas. Hillhouse, R. Griggs, J. White. Bros. Suare S.W., R. Peary J.W., T. A. Winsland P.M. Treas., J. Crump P.M. Sec., G. H. Patmore S.D., A. H. Hickman J.D., H. W. Alford D.C., Bro. Hunter officiating as I.G., W. Steedman Tyler; about thirty members were also present. The Lodge being opened, the minutes of last meeting were read and approved. The auditors' report was brought up and read; the result gave great satisfaction. The Lodge was advanced, and Bro. Logan was raised to the sublime degree by the W.M., in a very impressive manner. Lodge being resumed, Bro. Jas. Hill P.M. presented Bro. R. Peary the W.M. elect, to receive the benefit of installation, which ceremony Bro. R. H. Halford performed in a manner which proved that he had studied this beautiful Masonic ceremony to perfection, and great praise is due to him for the effective manner in which he gave the charges. The W.M. appointed and invested his Officers as follow:—Bros. Suare S.W., Patmore J.W., Winsland P.M. Treas., J. Crump P.M. Sec., D. Davies P.M. Assistant Sec., Hickman S.D., Alford J.D., A. Trewinard D.C., Bellott A.D.C., Hunt I.G., Terry P.M. Steward, Hunter A.S., Steedman Tyler. The ballot was then brought into requisition for the admission of Mr. Thomas Green; the result proved unanimous, and the W.M. at once set to work, and gave proof of his fitness for his high office by initiating Mr. Green into the mysteries of Freemasonry. The Lodge was afterwards closed, and the brethren sat down to an excellent banquet, to which ample justice was done. Grace having

been said, the W.M. proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts, with a few remarks appropriate to each. These were severally honoured. In speaking to Bro. Initiate, the W.M. said he hoped Brother Green would in time become one of the shining lights in Freemasonry, and a credit to his mother Lodge. In reply, Bro. Green was very proud in becoming a member of the Lodge, and hoped he might be amongst the most respected of its brethren. Bro. Halford, in proposing the health of the W.M., felt sure Bro. Percy would have the interest of the Lodge at heart, he had known him over twenty years; six years ago that night he was initiated into Freemasonry. Though not gigantic in stature, the W.M. had a large heart, and it was one of the proudest moments of his (Bro. Halford's) life when he placed him in the position of W.M. of this Lodge; all sincerely hoped he would live many years to enjoy the honour of the office. The W.M., in replying, thanked Bro. Halford for his flattering remarks; he assured the brethren he would devote his energies to promote the success of the Lodge. The next toast was the health of the I.P.M.; they all knew how he had performed the duties of the chair, and the manner in which he had conducted the installation ceremony was sufficient to prove to the brethren how worthy he was to receive the P.M.'s jewel voted by the Lodge, also a collar and jewel presented by the members, which the speaker had now the pleasure of presenting him with; he also expressed the hope that he would live long to enjoy the fruits of his labours. Bro. Halford could hardly find words sufficient to express his feelings at the kindness shown him. He was very proud of these marks of their approbation; he thanked the W.M. and brethren very cordially, and assured them he would do all that lay in his power to further their interests. The Visitors' toast was responded to by Bro. A. Grace P.M. P.P.G.D.C. Hants, who thanked the W.M. and brethren for the honour done the Visitors; he congratulated the members in having such a W.M. to preside over them, and also on the excellent manner in which the business of the Lodge was conducted. The Charities, Officers, and Tylers' toasts brought a pleasant evening to a close. The following contributed to the enjoyment of the evening:—Bros. Parry, Jackson, C. Halford, Hickman, Davies, and Pearce, with songs and recitations. The following were the Visitors, twenty in number:—Bro. S. Andrews, Combermere, N. S. Wales, A. Grace P.M. P.G.D.C. Hants., Harmony 309, W. Underwood P.M. Dalhousie 860, Cundick P.M. 1241, H. W. Parker W.M. Pomfret 360, J. Stock W.M. Perfect Ashlar 1178, Hunter W.M. Crusaders 1677, A. W. Fenner S.D. Upton 1227, J. Garrod D.C. High Cross 754, A. T. Pearce Carnarvon 1572, W. F. Garrod Crusaders 1677, A. Henson Asaph 1319, W. A. Shaw Islington 1471, C. T. Smith The Great City 1426, J. S. Lear Villiers 1174, H. Parry Crusaders 1677, B. Jackson Crusaders 1677, J. G. Tongue Polish National 534, H. N. Mills Globe 23, Thos. H. Cox Ivy 1441.

#### WINDSOR CASTLE LODGE, NO. 771.

THE annual meeting took place at the Masonic Hall, St. Alban's street, Windsor, on Tuesday the 11th of February. The events celebrated were the installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. Fleck S.W., and the re-opening of this beautiful hall after the recent restoration and re-decoration, and the general business of the Lodge as set forth in the agenda. It may be mentioned that the original fabric was constructed by the famous Bro. Sir Christopher Wren, the builder of St. Paul's Cathedral, in the latter part of the 17th century, and who was the leading Freemason of his time. The outer walls are considered fine specimens of brickwork (at least in the Province of Berks and Bucks). The beautiful curves and niches being at the present time as finely pointed and as sharply defined as when (more than two hundred years ago) the building was pronounced as finished by its illustrious architect. The fabric originally was built for schools in connection with the parish church of New Windsor, and continued to be used as such until about the year 1859 or 1860. In the year 1863, the freehold was purchased by the brethren of the Windsor Castle Lodge, under the auspices of Bro. Devereux P.M., who was supported by the subscriptions of numerous and influential brethren of the Lodge. The plans and decorations, to utilize the fabric as a Masonic Hall, submitted by the late Bro. Edgington P.P.G.S.W. Berks and Bucks, were approved of by the appointed committee. The work proceeded, and, in 1864, the beautiful temple was opened and re-consecrated by the then Acting Grand Master of the Province, Bro. Æneas J. McIntyre, the Grand Registrar of England, and during the Mastership of our late respected W.M. Bro. Captain W. Farrer, of Willowbrook, Eton. Since that period the Lodge has held its meetings. But time will fade and dim the fairest of structures; so, after the lapse of fourteen years, our W.M. Bro. W. Valentine Brown, conceived the idea that the Hall should be renovated and re-decorated during his year of office. He accordingly appealed to the brethren of his Lodge, who responded with handsome donations. Encouraged also by subscriptions from the Windsor Castle Chamber, 771, and the brethren of the Etonian Lodge, who held their meetings in the roof, the work was completed, and has secured to the Lodge the warmest thanks and congratulations. A leading feature in the decoration, is the sunlight in the centre of the building, in which is represented the letter "G," which, by its light, reflects the beautiful tessellated pavement, and the stalls for the brethren, with their miniature columns on either side. Rising higher, is the overhanging cornice which supports the ribbed roof, and which in its turn represents the blue ethereal sky, dotted with golden stars; the W.M.'s chair stands in a stately niche, while two grand columns, arched canopy and emblematic keystone, form the central attraction of the bijou hall. Bros. Wm. and J. Goddard contracted for the work, and the artist, Mr. Bell, of Reading, superintended the same, and to him thanks must be accorded. The Lodge was opened at 3.30. Mr. Francis Spooner Kitto, of Slough, was duly initiated, and Bros. Vogel and Spooner raised to the sublime degree, while Bro. Dr. W. Brown Holderness, of the Socrates Lodge, No. 373, was unanimously elected a joining member. The installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. Fleck, was per-

formed by Bro. John S. Tolley, P.M. and Sec., assisted by Bro. Powell. The W.M. Bro. Fleck then appointed his Officers for the ensuing year as follow:—Bros. W. S. Cantrell S.W., J. S. Barton J.W., J. Whitehouse Treas., J. S. Tolley Sec., F. Manley S.D., R. G. Barton J.D., J. Goddard I.G., G. H. Powell D.C., R. Hannis A.D.C., J. Ashby 1st Steward, F. Willett 2nd Steward, C. W. Seymour 3rd Steward, Chas. Nowell Tyler. The following brethren were present:—Bros. W. V. Brown P.M., W. H. Cutler P.P.G.S.W., E. Grisbrook P.P.G.D., W. H. Bingham P.P.G.D., J. S. Tolley P.M. P.Z. 771 P.P.G.D., L. M. Nixon W.M. 1501, G. H. Powell P.M. 209, C. Jones, T. V. Davison, J. Spooner, W. Vogel, Ralph Thorowgood, Welham Clarke, W. D. Goertz, J. Johnson, T. Kemsley, W. Goddard, J. Whitehouse, F. Willett, J. Ashby jun., Thorpe Briggs. Visitors—J. Wilson P.M. 209, R. Roberts W.M. 209, R. C. Hallowas 33, W. Seward 1612, W. Wheeler P.M. 60, H. Norman, T. Smith, J. Thornton, P. Lovegrove 209, W. Mason 771, and Granville Wilkin 209. At the conclusion of the ceremonies, the W.M. presented, in the name of the Lodge, a beautiful jewel to Bro. W. V. Brown, the I.P.M., in recognition of his services as W.M., and as a mark of the esteem and regard of the brethren of the Lodge. After Lodge was closed, the brethren adjourned to the Castle Hotel, where a banquet was most elegantly served by Bro. T. Kemsley, the proprietor, who more than pleased his guests, 43 in number, by the elegant repast provided for them. After the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts, the brethren separated at an early hour, after having celebrated a most enjoyable Masonic festival.

**Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.**—At Bro. Spurgin's, the Sportsman, City-road, on Monday, the 17th instant. Present—Bro. Stock W.M., W. Rowley S.W., H. Hall J.W., Tolmie Preceptor, Fenner Sec., Willison S.D., W. Burtle J.D., Wilson I.G., also Bros. Isaac, J. W. Smith, Sillis, Spurgin, Pelikan, Hallam sen., Gush, Simpson, Weedon, Fox, Percy, Hyland, Trewinnard, Hallam jun., King, Killick, W. W. Morgan jun. Lodge was opened to the third degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed by the W.M. in an excellent manner, Bro. Pelikan as candidate. The Traditional History was given. Bro. Isaac worked the first, Bro. Tolmie the second, the W.M. the third sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge resumed, and Bros. Fox and Simpson, of the Jordan Lodge No. 201, were elected members. Bro. Rowley was elected W.M. for next Monday.

**Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, No. 65.**—Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, 18th February. Bros. Daniel W.M., Hollands S.W., Maidwell J.W., King S.D., Hammond I.G., Richards, Moss, Roberts, Ruddleforth, Wiseman. The third degree was rehearsed, Bro. Roberts candidate; also the ceremony of passing, Bro. Moss candidate. Bro. Wiseman of No. 65 was elected a member of this Lodge of Instruction. Bro. Hollands was appointed W.M. for the ensuing Tuesday. A vote of thanks was recorded on the minutes to Bro. Sparrow for his kindness and attention to the Brethren for the short time he was Preceptor to this Lodge of Instruction.

**Northern Counties Lodge, No. 406.**—A meeting of this Lodge took place on the 6th, at the Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne. Bro. R. L. Armstrong P.G.P. in the chair, supported by W. Monday I.P.M., J. Page S.W., R. G. Salmon J.W., J. Ridsdale P.M. Treasurer, G. W. Lax Secretary, S. M. Harris S.D., G. Darnford J.D., J. S. B. Bell I.G., McDonald and Hume Stewards, G. S. Sims Tyler. The Lodge being opened, and all formalities gone through, three brethren were passed to the degree of F.C. by the W.M., most impressively. On the motion of the Treasurer, £5 5s was voted to the Local Distress Fund. No other business offering itself, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment. The Visitors were Bros. Bell S.W. 1626, R. Simons J.W. 1626, and J. Wood S.D. 48. A complimentary benefit to Bro. Professor Sinclair, the magician and ventriloquist, was given on Wednesday evening, the 12th, at the Town Hall, Newcastle-on-Tyne. A very large audience being present, the entertainment, which was of an unusually select and varied character, was under the patronage of the Right Hon. Earl Percy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Ald. Robinson the Mayor of Newcastle, and the Mayoress, Bro. J. G. Youll the Sheriff of the town, the Worshipful Master, Officers, and Brethren of the Lodges in the Province. The concert was altogether of a refined kind, and the audience expressed its gratification in a hearty manner.

**Lodge of Union, No. 414.**—Held an emergency meeting on Tuesday, the 11th of February, at the Masonic Hall, Reading. Present—Bros. Charles Oades W.M., R. Bradley P.M. acting S.W., Charles Stephens J.W., M. J. Withers Sec., R. C. Mount I.P.M. 1328 S.D., F. J. Ferguson J.D., A. W. Parry D.C., F. Blackwell Steward, S. Wheeler jun. I.G., W. Hemmings Tyler; Past Masters Bros. Pocock, Morris Yetts; Bros. D. Webb, C. G. Butler, W. Hart, J. H. Hawkes, J. W. Martin, J. E. Sydenham, H. Higgs, W. C. Hewitt. Visitors—Bros. J. G. Shanks P.M. 189, P.P.G.W. Devon, W. P. Ivy P.M. Sec. 1101, J. H. Hawkes Steward 1101, R. Dowsett J.D. 1101. Mr. Edward Davis and Mr. C. G. Field were initiated, the ceremonies being performed by the W.M. in a clear and correct manner; the charge after initiation was beautifully given. Lodge was closed according to ancient form.

This Lodge held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, the 18th of February, at the Masonic Hall as above. Present—Bros. Charles Oades W.M., Samuel Bradley S.W., Charles Stephens J.W., M. J. Withers Sec., F. Blackwell Steward (acting) S.D., F. J. Ferguson J.D., A. W. Parry D.C., D. H. Witherington and G. C. Butler Stewards, S. Wheeler jun. I.G., W. Hemmings Tyler; Past Masters Bros. E. Baker I.P.M., S. A. Pocock, A. M. Yetts, J. Long 663, R. Bradley Pro. G. Sec. Berks and Bucks, G. S. Stallwood 558, J. Weightman. Members—Bros. C. G. Hawkes, F. McDowell, D. Webb, H. G. Armstrong, W. C. Moffatt, H. Higgs, W. Donaldson,

Visitors—Bros. W. P. T. Phillips P.M. 81, P.G.S.W. Suffolk, W. P. Phillips 81, F. W. White 1101, T. N. Willoughby 1572, W. P. Ivey P.M. Sec. 1101. After preliminaries, Bros. H. G. Armstrong and Doran Webb were raised to the sublime degree. The prognostications respecting the working of the present W.M. were more than verified; from the catechism to the end of the lecture on the tracing board in the third degree, there was not a slip; the Officers were all up to their work. The Visitors expressed their gratification for the excellent working, both of the W.M. and Officers.

**Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193.**—Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street, on Wednesday. Bros. T. W.C. Bush W.M., Moss S.W., W. Sayer J.W., Biddle S.D., Walker J.D., E. Gotthel and T. J. Barnes P.M.'s, Fells I.G., J. K. Pitt Sec., &c., &c. The third ceremony was rehearsed, Bro. Fells candidate. Bro. T. J. Barnes worked the first section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Biddle was elected W.M. for the next meeting. Bro. Gotthel's notice of motion was duly carried. The Lodge meeting will be held at Bro. Maidwell's, Hercules Tavern, on Wednesday next, at seven o'clock, when the annual dinner will be served.

**St. Peter's Lodge, No. 481.**—The regular meeting of this Lodge took place on the 10th, at the Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne, the W.M., Bro. R. Eynon P.P.G.P. in the chair, J. Watson S.W., J. Usher J.W., G. Thompson P.P.G.S.W. Treasurer, E. Gibbins Secretary, J. Duckett S.D., E. B. Trard as J.D., R. Ferry Organist, T. Printer I.G., Stafford Steward, and Sims Tyler. Past Masters J. Cook P.P.G.S.W., J. Spearman P.P.G.P., R. L. Armstrong P.G.P. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes of last meeting confirmed. The Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge were then announced, and received by the brethren in due form. One gentleman was then initiated into our Society, and one brother raised to the third degree, both ceremonies being very creditably given by the W.M. The Provincial G.S.W. complimented the Lodge on its work, and expressed the satisfaction the P.G. Officers felt at their visit. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment, when the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given with all honours. The health of the Visitors was responded to by Bro. Robertson P.G.S.W. Some capital harmony contributed to the enjoyment of the evening. The Visitors were Bros. Adam Robertson P.G.S.W., J. Ridsdale P.G.J.W., G. Anderson P.G. Treasurer, R. L. Armstrong P.G.P., B. Ord P.G.O., W. M. Bell W.M. 1557, Charles Sinclair P.M. 212, M. J. Keany 541, S. M. Harris S.D. 406, &c.

**Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.**—At the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew-bridge, on Friday, 14th inst. Present—Bros. Roe P.M. W.M., Gunner S.W., Talbot J.W., Franckel S.D., Pearson J.D., Harrison I.G., Tucker Treas., Hogg P.M. 1349, Goss I.P.M. 780, Kyezor, Skinner, Erwin, Gow, Gilbert, Blasby, Dorey, &c. Lodge was opened with due observance of ancient custom. Bro. P.M. Hogg, who was introduced to the W.M. and brethren by Bro. Franckel, worked the three sections of the first Lecture, to the great advantage of those present, who at the proper time carried unanimously a cordial vote of thanks to the worthy P.M. for the instruction imparted to them; and expressed a sincere wish to see him enrolled amongst their number, so that they might frequently receive the benefit of his Masonic knowledge: to this he made a happy reply. Bro. Gunner brought forward the case of an aged P.M. of a country Lodge (Province of Hants), who was in distressed circumstances. The appeal met with a hearty response, a sum being voted from the Lodge funds, and a voluntary subscription added, with hearty good wishes for our brother's future prospects. Lodge was then closed.

**Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.**—On Tuesday, at the Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston. Bros. J. Lorkin W.M., Carr S.W., Christian J.W., Forss S.D., Polak J.D., Smyth I.G., Dallas Sec., Smyth Treas., P.M. Wallington Preceptor; Bros. Williams, Allen, Finch, Jones, Weige, Wyman, Collins, Fieldwick, and others. Ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Fieldwick candidate. The W.M. worked the first, and Bro. Fieldwick the second sections of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bros. Gray of Lodge 1385, and Clark of Lodge 1178, were elected members. Bro. Carr was appointed W.M. for next meeting.

**Gladsmuir Lodge, No. 1385.**—A meeting was held on Friday, 31st January, at the Red Lion Hotel, Barnet. Present—Bros. R. F. Young W.M., Venables S.W., Gray J.W., P.M. Lowthin Treas., P.M. Askew Sec., Euerby S.D., Allen J.D., Yolland D.C., Parrott Steward, Brittain as I.G., Goddard Tyler. Past Masters Bros. Edwards, Livingston, Cutbush; Bros. Triggs, J. E. Wilkin, M. E. Wilkin, Schmidt, Lewis, Whitehouse, Hopkin, Ashforth, and Evans. Visitors—Bros. Terry R.M.B.I., Breasy G.S. Lodge, Swann, Andrews, Campkin, Willson, and Cox 403, P.M. Hunt 194, P.M. Edwards, Marks 1479, Godfrey P.M. 1261, Hasfield 1585, Weld 1579, White 697, Neale 1208, Briggs and Andrews 25, Olney 504, Whaley 176. Bro. P.M. Young installed Bro. Venables into the chair of K.S., according to ancient custom, after which Bro. Venables, in the name of the Lodge, presented a P.M.'s jewel to the I.P.M., and a Secretary's and P.G.D.'s combination jewel to Bro. P.M. Askew P.P.G.D., on his resigning the Secretaryship, which post he had held for the past five years. The Lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren retired to the banquet to enjoy the good things that Bro. Fisher had provided.

**United Service Chapter, Royal Arch, No. 1,428.**—The consecration of this Chapter took place in the Freemasons' Hall, Portsmouth, on Wednesday, the 12th inst. The ceremony was performed by M.E. Comp. W. W. B. Beach M.P., and among those present were Comps. W. Hickman H., and G. S. Lancaster J. of the Province, and several Present and Past Officers, including Comps. M. E. Frost Treas., H. Cawte, H. M. Emanuel, G. F. Lancaster, and R. Osborne. The musical arrangements, under the direction of Bro.

Osborne, were very effective. The Officers installed were Comps. J. R. Wilson, H. W. Townsend, and J. Lind principals, J. Williams S.E., G. S. T. Bourke S.N., G. F. Lancaster Treasurer, J. Johns P. Soj. The cornucopia and other articles required for the ceremony of consecration were lent by Comps. H. M. Emanuel and Sons, goldsmiths, Portsea. At the conclusion of the ceremony a banquet was served by Comp. G. F. Sherman, of the Hard, Portsea, whose catering was, as usual, highly appreciated by the company, which was presided over by the Prov. Grand Superintendent. The customary toasts were duly honoured.

**Royal Military Lodge of Instruction, No. 1449.**—On 17th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Canterbury. Present—Bros. Lagden W.M., Tyler S.W., Cattelle J.W., E. Beer Treas., Carter Sec., Howarth S.D., Vantier J.D., Naylor P.M. D.C., Turner P.M. Steward, Eaton I.G., Miskin Tyler. Visitors—Bros. Neill 1536, Richards 1313. The Lodge was worked in the first, second, and third degrees, and the questions leading from first to second to third degree were given and answered by the brethren generally, the working tools of the three degrees were explained. The Lodge was regularly lowered and closed in due form.

**Albert Edward Lodge, No. 1557.**—The regular meeting of this Lodge took place on Thursday, the 7th inst., at the Bush Hotel, Hexham. The Lodge was opened by Bro. W. M. Bell, the Worshipful Master, supported by Bros. R. Humphry P.M. 97 as I.P.M., Rev. G. Robinson S.W., Turner Treas. as J.W., J. Nicholson Sec., S. M. Harris as S.D., J. Pervis J.D., J. Johnson I.G., and B. Ord W.M. 1427. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The Lodge was then opened in the second and third degrees, and two brethren were raised to the sublime degree of M.M. by Bro. Ord W.M. 1427, who, on the invitation of the W.M., conferred the degree in a most impressive and perfect manner. Apologies were tendered for the non-attendance of several Officers. No other business offering itself, the Lodge was closed, after which the brethren partook of refreshments. The nights of meeting of this Lodge will in future be the first Friday in the month, instead of the first Thursday.

**West Middlesex Lodge, No. 1612.**—This Lodge held a meeting on Saturday, the 8th of February, at the Institute, Ealing. Present—Bros. Thomas Kingston W.M., Henry Kasner S.W., J. Chambers Roe P.M. Secretary, H. E. Tucker Treasurer, J. Green S.D., S. Dyer J.D., W. Seward jun. D.C., J. W. Fisher Steward, Thomas Bourne I.G., Harrison Tyler, F. Delevanté Org. Past Master Bro. A. Beasley I.P.M. Visitors—Bros. J. Headon J.W. 1425, T. Youens 1287, J. Murch 27. Business—Lodge was opened, and minutes read and confirmed. The W.M. invested Bro. Bourne as I.G., that Brother having been prevented attending the installation meeting through serious illness. Bro. Youens exhibited his proficiency, was entrusted and retired. Lodge was advanced, and brother Youens was passed. One candidate was proposed for initiation. Notice of motion was given by Bro. Kasner S.W. to alter Bye-Law No. 9, after which Lodge was closed. The brethren adjourned to the Feathers' Hotel, where an excellent repast was served by the host, Bro. Stephens. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts having been duly honoured, Bro. Beasley I.P.M. rose and proposed the health of the W.M., who suitably replied. The health of Bro. H. Youens, the initiate at the last meeting, was given and responded to. The W.M. next proposed the Visitors. The toast was received most cordially, and after responding the W.M. proposed the health of the I.P.M. Bro. Beasley, the Father of the Lodge. Bro. Beasley thanked the brethren for the cordial reception given the toast; he had worked very hard in forming the Lodge, and during his two years as W.M.; at the same time, he was at the service of the brethren whenever they might call upon him to discharge any duty, from the lowest office upwards. In reference to the health of the "Officers of the Lodge," given in flattering terms by the W.M., Bro. Chambers Roe P.M. Secretary, said he could endorse all that Bro. Beasley had said regarding the foundation of the Lodge; he had worked hand and glove with Bro. Beasley. He would take that opportunity of announcing to the brethren that if he would retire, or shut his ears—that at the meeting in April a testimonial would be presented to Bro. Beasley in acknowledgment of his services. Bro. Kasner S.W., Tucker Treasurer, Green, and other Officers having replied, the Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings. The evening was enlivened by some excellent singing by Bros. Beasley, Watkin Browne, Kasner, Clarke, Green, Henry Youens, T. Youens, and others.

**West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1612.**—The weekly meeting was held on Thursday evening, the 13th inst., at the Feathers Hotel, Ealing. Present—Bros. Seward jun. W.M., Wright S.W., Barr J.W., Green S.D., Porter J.D., Wells I.G., and Tucker Treas. and Preceptor; also Bros. Clark, Tink Brown, &c., &c. After opening, the W.M. worked the ceremony of initiation. Bro. Tink Brown candidate. Bro. Tucker Preceptor now took the chair, and opened up, and Bro. Brown was duly raised. Lodge resumed, and Bro. Seward re-occupied the chair. Bro. Wright was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week.

**North London Chapter of Improvement.**—Has commenced working, under the Warrant of the Islington Chapter 1471; the Companions will meet every Friday evening, at eight, at the Crown and Woolpack, St. John-street-road, near the Angel. Comps. J. L. Mather Z. 1471 Preceptor, R. H. Halford N. 223 Treasurer, C. K. Killick P.S. 223 S.E. The proceedings will be brought to a termination at 9.30.

**Metropolitan Mark Lodge of Instruction.**—A meeting was held on Wednesday evening, 12th, at Harp Hotel, Jermyn-street. Present—Bros. J. Mander W.M., Copeland S.W., Smallpeice J.W., E. Baber Sec., Treadwell S.D., and others. The ceremony of advancement was ably rehearsed. This Lodge of Instruction meets regularly every Wednesday evening at 8 p.m.

**Ancient Carthage Lodge, No. 1717.**—A meeting was held on the 7th February, at the Masonic Hall, Strada Sy Aly Azaz, Tunis. North Africa. Present—Bros. A. M. Broadley D.G.S.W. Malta W.M., J. H. Stevens S.W., Dr. A. Perrini J.W., M. Lombrosa Secretary, A. Blanch Treasurer, G. Pentecost S.D., P. M. Paleologo J.D., V. C. Clement D.C., Dr. Cassanello and V. Finzi Stewards, M. de Gallais I.G., J. Eymou Tyler. Past Masters Bros. Sulena, Vais and Marpargo, and fifty members of the Lodge. Visitors—Bros. Dr. Funaro, W.M. of the Italian Lodge "Risorgimento," the Wardens, Officers, and thirty-five members—Chev. Felice 30°, Dr. Zorafu 30°, and others. This was a solemn meeting of this Lodge, held in memory of one of its founders and honorary P.M., W. Advocate Natale Lenghi (33° Italy), and Principal H. of the "Ancient Carthage" Royal Arch Chapter, who died, after a painful illness, on the 3rd inst. The Lodge-room was crowded to excess, more than 100 Masons being present, most of them in deep mourning. The canopy over the W.M.'s throne was draped in black, and in the centre of the Lodge was placed a catafalque covered by a costly pall, on which various Craft and R.A. emblems were embroidered in gold, and which has been purchased by the Ancient Carthage Lodge, to be used at the funerals of its members. W. Bro. Lenghi was buried in the Jewish Cemetery at Tunis, on the 4th inst., the funeral being attended by more than 2000 persons. The coffin was borne by relays of the Masonic brethren, the pall bearers being six W.M.'s or P.M.'s of Tunisian Lodges, together with Sir Richard Wood K.C.M.G., C.B., Her Britannic Majesty's Agent and Consul-General at Tunis; Bro. the Chevalier Tulin de la Tunisie (No. 1717), Consul-General of the German Empire; the Chevalier Theodore Ronstan, Consul-General of France; the Chevalier Paul Grande, Vice-Consul of Italy, and the Chevaliers I. Cesana and D. Mangano. The brethren were distinguished by wearing a spring of acacia. At the meeting of the Lodge the catafalque was adorned with the regalia of the deceased. The Lodge being duly opened, the funeral oration was pronounced in Italian by the W.M. Bro. Broadley. It contained a sketch of the Masonic career of the deceased Brother, who had been initiated thirty-five years ago in an Italian Lodge at Susa, in the Regency of Tunis. W. Bro. Lenghi founded the Lodge "Caprera," at Alexandria, in 1863, of which he became W.M., and two years later he joined as an active member the English Lodge "Hyde Clarke," No. 1082, to which he rendered very material assistance. At Alexandria he was elected Grand Master of the Egyptian Order of Memphis, and received successively the 30th, 31st, 32nd, and 33rd degrees of the Italian Scottish Rite. He took a very active part in the Masonic Charities of Egypt. In 1877 he assisted the Chev. Edward Rosenbusch D.D.G.M. of Malta and W. Bro. Broadley to found the Ancient Carthage Lodge. He received the R.A. degree in June last, and became the Second Principal of the Chapter, which he attended as recently as the 30th November 1878. The remarks of the W.M. were listened to with marked attention, and the peroration produced much emotion amongst the brethren. The funeral oration being concluded, W. Bro. Dr. Funaro expressed, in appropriate terms, the sympathy of the sister Lodge Risorgimento, and was followed by the Chev. Felice 30°, a relative of the deceased. The brethren then maintained silence for some minutes, and it was ordered that the Lodge remain in mourning till the month of April. A vote of thanks was accorded to W. Bro. Baron Castellinovo, M.D., for his unremitting professional attention to the deceased; to Bros. Attia and Catalanotti, of Lodge Risorgimento, for their exertions as to the organisation of the funeral, and to the W.M. for his care and attention in arranging the ceremonies, both at the interment and as regards the funeral service in the Lodge. The charitable collection amounted to £1 10s, and the Lodge was closed at 8 p.m. At the regular meeting of the 8th inst., the W.M. initiated Mr. Ludwig Aron, of Tunis and Manchester, a partner in the firm of S. Hinrichsen and Co., and at an emergent meeting on the following day, Mr. Antonio Ronzetti.

**Eleanor Cross Lodge, No. 1764.**—It was our pleasure in September last to record the consecration of what at the time promised to be a most successful Lodge. The whole of the proceedings on that occasion were arranged and carried out with such thoroughness as not to leave a doubt that this addition to our roll of Lodges started under most favourable auspices, nor from the number of nominations handed in after the more important business of the day was there any fear that the officers would lack opportunity of showing their capabilities. The best proof that the former of these surmises is correct, is to be found in the fact that at the Festival of the Benevolent Institution, held last week, the Lodge was represented by a Steward whose list reached the handsome total of £50; while the general aspect of the Lodge evinces a like state of prosperity. As regards the other point; the members have been obliged to hold three emergency meetings, in addition to the regular monthly ones, on each of which occasions there have been candidates for one or other of the degrees. From our experience, the new members could not have been more impressively received in any Lodge than they were in this, and we hope the ceremonies in which they took part have made a favourable impression on their minds; if they have not, it certainly cannot be from a want of efficiency on the part of the Officers who conducted the proceedings. At the regular meeting, held at the Masonic Hall, Northampton, on the 18th inst., Bro. M. A. Boémé P.P.G.D.C. the W.M. opened the Lodge, supported by Bros. Butler Wilkins Dep. Prov. G.M. as P.M., Rev. S. J. W. Sanders S.W., H. J. Atkins J.W., Rev. S. Wathen Wigg Chaplain, Henry Brown Secretary, H. Hill S.D. and Organist, H. Spoor J.D., E. Morris I.G., Kirby and Dean Tylers. The visitors were Bros. Cotton P.M. 360, and W. W. Morgan jun., FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE. The usual preliminary business having been disposed of, the Lodge was advanced, and Bros. Manning and Barnes were raised to the degree of M.M., the ceremony being performed in the case of the former by the W.M., and in that of the latter by Bro. Butler Wilkins. Lodge was closed down, and the Secretary announced that the Pomfret Lodge had voted its thanks to the members of the Eleanor Cross for their vote of £10 towards the expense of decorating the hall. On the motion of the

J.W., this letter was ordered to be recorded on the minutes. Three names were handed in for ballot at the next meeting, and then the Lodge was closed. The brethren adjourned to supper, and spent the remainder of the evening in a very enjoyable manner. Bro. Wig proposed the health of the W.M., expressing the great pleasure it afforded the members to hear that Brother confer the third degree, as he had done that evening. After a brief reply Bro. S.W. gave the newly raised brethren, advising them now that they had attained the summit of Craft Masonry to study the ceremonies they had gone through; by so doing they would enter on a very interesting research. Bro. Barnes acknowledged the toast, and then Bro. Johnston proposed that of the Visitors, to which Bros. Cotton and Morgan replied. The W.M. next gave the health of his Officers, thanking them for the assistance they had rendered him in the various ceremonies he had conferred since the consecration of the Lodge. We must not forget to mention that the decoration of the hall so far has been tastefully carried out, and when completed, which we understand will shortly be the case, the brethren of Northampton will have one of the neatest halls we know of.

**Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement.**—Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, on Tuesday. Present—Comps. Rev. C. W. Arnold Gd. 1st A.S., G.J. of Surrey, Z. 1395, Spencer Compton G.H. of Surrey P.Z. 370, Rev. A. Hill Z. 754, Wainwright P.Z. 370, E. H. Thiellay Z. 145, 1423, Wood Z. 538, Lindus P.Z. 538, Brown P.S. 538, Clarke G.D.C. Surrey, Stephens Z. 874, P.Z. 862, Haslett, Middleton, Lawrence, Darcy, Briggs, Walker, Postans, Gompertz, Bull, Massa, Wyer. Comp. Stephens rehearsed the ceremony of installation of Officers; afterwards the ceremony of exaltation. Clarke Z., Brown H., Stephens J., Wyer P.S., Walker N., Massa candidate. Comps. Arnold, Wainwright, Compton and Thiellay were elected members, which compliment they acknowledged. The election of Officers for ensuing fortnight then took place, with the following result:—Gompertz Z., Wyer H., Lawrence J., Walker N., Wainwright P.S. Chapter was then closed.

An especial Grand Lodge of the Province of Sussex will be held at the Music Room, Hurstpierpoint, on Tuesday next, for the purpose of consecrating the South Down Lodge, No. 1797. Lodge will be opened at three o'clock under the direction of the Prov. Master, Bro. Sir Walter Wyndham Burrell, Bart. The ceremony of consecration and installation will be performed by Bro. J. H. Scott, the Deputy Prov. G.M., assisted by the Provincial Grand Officers. Bro. G. Kelly King P.G.S., P.M. 4 and 1541 is the W.M. designate. We wish our brethren and the new Lodge a prosperous career.

Bro. James Terry will rehearse the ceremony of Consecration at the La Tolerance Lodge of Instruction, No. 538, Green Dragon, 2 Maddox street, W., on Ash Wednesday, 26th inst. Lodge will be opened at 7 o'clock prompt; Craft clothing.

In consequence of the lamented death of Mrs. Fysh, the Annual Supper of the Percy Lodge of Instruction, which was to have been held on Monday, has been postponed. Due notice will be given of a fresh date.

On Tuesday, 11th inst., a meeting of Freemasons was held at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, to consider the proposal of Hertfordshire Provincial Lodge that the restoration of the west front of St. Albans Abbey be undertaken by the Freemasons of England. Bro. Clabon P.G.D. presided during the earlier part of the proceedings, and afterwards the chair was taken by Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn P.G. Chaplain, of Suffolk. Bro. Keyser, of the Hertfordshire Provincial Lodge, explained the steps which had been taken, and said the proposals put forward were either to restore the central west porch at a cost of £2,500, or the side porches, costing £2,000; or the entire west front, at an estimated expenditure of £9,000. Bro. Keyser mentioned that he had received the patronage of the Prince of Wales and Prince Leopold, who each had sent £5, while several noblemen and gentlemen had also subscribed to the fund. Ultimately a resolution was passed to undertake the work, the extent of which will depend upon the manner in which the appeal is responded to by the individual members of the various Lodges throughout the country. The proposal for the restoration to be undertaken by the Freemasons is based upon the argument that St. Albans Abbey is a national monument, and on account of the fact that St. Alban is the first reputed martyr Freemason in England.—*Sunday Times*.

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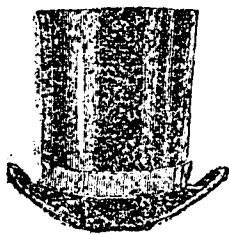
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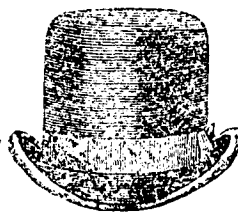
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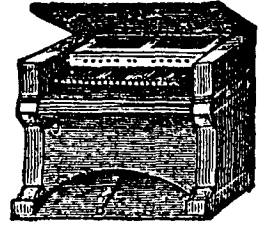
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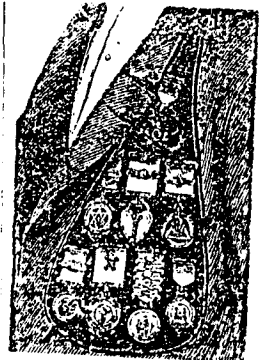


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